

- ~~(i) Hospitals and related institutions;~~
- ~~(ii) Residential treatment centers;~~
- ~~(iii) Freestanding medical facilities;~~
- ~~(iv) Freestanding ambulatory care facilities;~~
- ~~(v) Home health agencies;~~
- ~~(vi) Residential service agencies;~~
- ~~(vii) Chronic disease centers;~~
- ~~(viii) Hospice care facilities;~~
- ~~(ix) Comprehensive physical rehabilitation facilities;~~
- ~~(x) Nursing homes; and~~
- ~~(xi) Assisted living programs; and~~

~~(3) Develop recommendations to implement the use of computerized technology to increase nursing productivity and the quality of patient care.~~

~~(h) The Task Force shall submit a final report to the General Assembly on or before January 10, 2003.~~

Article - Health Occupations

8-7B-01.

(a) There is a Statewide Commission on the Crisis in Nursing.

(d) The Commission shall:

(1) Convene a crisis in nursing summit to respond to the nursing shortage in the State;

(2) In addition to the issues identified and prioritized as a result of the summit convened under item (1) of this subsection, determine the current extent and long-term implications of the growing nursing personnel shortage in the State, including:

(i) An evaluation of mechanisms currently available in the State and elsewhere intended to enhance education, recruitment, and retention of nurses in the workforce and to improve quality of care;

(ii) An assessment of the impact of shortages in nursing personnel on access to, and the delivery of, quality patient care;

(3) Develop recommendations on, and facilitate implementation of, strategies to reverse the growing shortage of qualified nursing personnel in the State, including: