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Section

1 **Staffing Plan Disclosure Act.**

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms used in this section, including the following: core staffing plan; non-managerial core staff; inpatient care unit; staffing hours per patient day; and patient acuity tool.

Subd. 2. Hospital staffing report. Provides that the chief nursing executive or designee of every hospital licensed under section 144.50 will develop a core staffing plan for each care unit.

Subd. 3. Standard electronic reporting developed. (a) Requires hospitals to submit core staffing plans to the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) by January 1, 2014, and requires MHA to post each hospital's core staffing plan on its Minnesota Hospital Quality Report Web site by April 1, 2014.

(b) Requires that on a quarterly basis, MHA include each hospital's actual direct patient care hours per patient per unit. Requires that beginning July 1, 2014, and quarterly thereafter, hospitals must submit direct patient care reports to MHA.

2 **Study.** Requires MDH to convene a working group to study a correlation between nurse staffing levels and patient outcomes. A report is due to the legislature by January 15, 2015.

3 **Appropriation; nursing staffing.** Appropriates from the general fund \$187,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$65,000 in fiscal year 2015 to the commissioner of health to conduct the study required under section 2.