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Study and report on home care nursing workforce shortage. Directs the commissioner of heath to establish a working group to study and report on the shortage of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses available to provide low-complexity regular home care services to clients who need these services, especially clients covered by medical assistance. Lists representatives who must be included in the working group.

Requires the commissioner of health to convene the first meeting of the working group and to provide staff support and meeting space. Requires the commissioners of health and human services to provide technical assistance regarding data on workforce shortages, and directs the home care and assisted living program advisory council to provide advice and recommendations.

Lists working group duties, and requires a report with findings, recommendations, and draft legislation by January 15, 2018, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees governing health and human services policy and finance.