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Brief Description: Creating health skills panels in local areas to address health care personnel shortages.

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Finds that health skills panels comprising local health employers, local education and training providers, and local labor representatives are an effective way to identify needs and address health workers shortages at the local level.

Requires the board to work with local work force development councils to address health care personnel shortages. The board shall provide support for the expansion of activities of existing health skills panels and work with areas that do not have health skills panels to establish such entities.