§ 812. Health training program for secondary school students. 1. The commissioner, in cooperation with the board of regents, is authorized and directed to establish and develop a program of credit for health training for those secondary school students evidencing an interest to pursue a health care services career. Such program may be instituted by any school district seeking to provide its secondary school students with an opportunity to participate in a health care facility or agency training program wherein its secondary school students shall receive academic credit for work related training received at health care facilities or agencies.

2. The board of regents shall establish criteria to be used by school districts participating in such program for the selection of eligible secondary school students seeking placement in a health training program subject to availability of placement openings.