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**Amendment**

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5525

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***"An Act Establishing A Children's Behavioral Health  
Advisory Committee To The State Advisory Council On  
Children And Families."***

1 After line 83, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 4. (a) There is established a Children's Behavioral Health  
3 Council which shall advise the appropriate state departments and the  
4 General Assembly on the delivery of behavioral health services to  
5 children in this state. The council shall consider all relevant reports  
6 and ongoing work addressing children's behavioral health needs and  
7 services in Connecticut and make recommendations concerning the  
8 coordination of and access to a range of behavioral health services for  
9 children in the state.

10 (b) The council shall be composed of the following members: (1) The  
11 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of  
12 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
13 services and public health or their designees; (2) the Commissioners of  
14 Children and Families, Social Services, Education, Mental Health and  
15 Addiction Services, Mental Retardation and Public Health or their

16 designees; (3) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or  
17 said secretary's designee; (4) the executive director of the Commission  
18 on Children or said director's designee; (5) the Child Advocate or said  
19 advocate's designee; (6) two community providers of children's  
20 behavioral health services, one each to be appointed by the president  
21 pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
22 Representatives; (7) two representatives of Medicaid managed care  
23 companies or their subcontractors, one each to be appointed by the  
24 minority leader of the Senate and the majority leader of the House of  
25 Representatives; and (8) two family representatives of children  
26 currently receiving behavioral health services, one each to be  
27 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate and the minority leader  
28 of the House of Representatives.

29 (c) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
30 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the council  
31 from among the members of the council. Such chairpersons shall  
32 schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall be held no later  
33 than June 1, 2000.

34 (d) Not later than February 1, 2001, the council shall submit a report  
35 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
36 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
37 human services and public health, in accordance with the provisions of  
38 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The council shall terminate on the  
39 date that it submits such report or February 1, 2001, whichever is  
40 earlier.

41 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that sections  
42 1 to 3, inclusive, shall take effect July 1, 2000."

43 Strike out line 84 in its entirety