



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 4852

Offered by:

REP. EBERLE, 15th Dist.

To: Senate Bill No. 423

File No. 245

Cal. No. 499

***"An Act Establishing An Advisory Commission On
Multicultural Health."***

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(NEW) (a) There is established an Advisory Commission on
4 Multicultural Health. The mission of the advisory commission shall be
5 the elimination of disparities in health status among the state's cultural
6 and ethnic communities and the overall improvement of the health of
7 state residents. The advisory commission shall consist of:

8 (1) One member appointed by the president pro tempore of the
9 Senate, who shall be a member of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus
10 of the General Assembly;

11 (2) One member appointed by the speaker of the House of
12 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the National
13 Association for the Advancement of Colored People;

14 (3) One member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,

15 who shall be a representative of an advocacy group for Native
16 Americans;

17 (4) One member appointed by the minority leader of the House of
18 Representatives, who shall be a representative of an advocacy group
19 for Asian-Americans;

20 (5) One member appointed by the Governor, who shall be a
21 representative of an advocacy group for Hispanics;

22 (6) The chairperson of the Connecticut African-American Affairs
23 Commission;

24 (7) The chairperson of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs
25 Commission;

26 (8) The chairperson of the Statewide Multicultural Health Steering
27 Committee;

28 (9) The executive director of the Permanent Commission on the
29 Status of Women; and

30 (10) Eight members of the public, representing diverse multicultural
31 and multiethnic backgrounds, two of whom shall be appointed by the
32 president pro tempore of the Senate, two of whom shall be appointed
33 by the speaker of the House of Representatives, two of whom shall be
34 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, and two of whom shall
35 be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

36 (b) All initial appointments to the advisory commission shall be
37 made not later than November 1, 2000. The term of each appointed
38 member of the advisory commission shall be coterminous with the
39 term of the appointing authority or until a successor is chosen,
40 whichever is later. During the period commencing on the date that all
41 initial appointments to the advisory commission are made and ending
42 on October 31, 2001, the chairperson of the Statewide Multicultural
43 Health Steering Committee shall serve as chairperson of the advisory
44 commission. On and after November 1, 2001, the members of the

45 advisory commission shall annually elect a chairperson by majority
46 vote.

47 (c) The advisory commission shall: (1) Advise the Commissioner of
48 Public Health and the director of the Office of Multicultural Health
49 within the Department of Public Health concerning the preparation
50 and implementation of reports and strategic plans and the
51 coordination of issues and policies related to the functions of the Office
52 of Multicultural Health under section 19a-4j of the general statutes; (2)
53 develop a multicultural health promotion plan in conjunction with the
54 Commissioner of Public Health and monitor the implementation of
55 such plan; and (3) make recommendations to the commissioner and
56 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
57 cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning
58 multicultural health issues, policies and programs.

59 (d) The Office of Multicultural Health within the Department of
60 Public Health shall provide such staff as is necessary for the
61 performance of the functions and duties of the advisory commission."