



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 423

LCO No. 1729

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

An Act Establishing An Advisory Commission On Multicultural Health.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) There is established an Advisory Commission on
2 Multicultural Health. The commission shall consist of fifteen members,
3 appointed as follows: (1) One member appointed by the speaker of the
4 House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of the
5 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; (2) one
6 member appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
7 shall be a member of the Black and Hispanic Caucus of the General
8 Assembly; (3) one member appointed by the minority leader of the
9 House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of an
10 advocacy group for Asian Americans; (4) one member appointed by
11 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a representative of an
12 advocacy group for Native Americans; (5) one member appointed by
13 the Governor, who shall be a representative of an advocacy group for
14 Hispanics; (6) the chairperson of the Connecticut African-American
15 Affairs Commission, or the chairperson's designee; (7) the chairperson
16 of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission, or the

17 chairperson's designee; and (8) eight members of the public,
18 representing diverse multicultural and multiethnic backgrounds, two
19 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of
20 Representatives, two of whom shall be appointed by the president pro
21 tempore of the Senate, two of whom shall be appointed by the
22 minority leader of the House of Representatives, and two of whom
23 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

24 (b) The advisory commission shall: (1) Develop a multicultural
25 health promotion plan in conjunction with the Commissioner of Public
26 Health; (2) oversee the implementation of such plan; and (3) make
27 recommendations to the commissioner and the joint standing
28 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
29 relating to public health concerning multicultural health issues,
30 policies and programs.

31 (c) The Office of Multicultural Health within the Department of
32 Public Health shall provide such staff as is necessary for the
33 performance of the functions and duties of the advisory commission.

PH Committee Vote: Yea 18 Nay 4 JF

GAE Committee Vote: Yea 18 Nay 4 JF