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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

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

1 Section 17a-215a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) There is established an Advisory Commission on Services and
4 Supports for Persons With Developmental Disabilities. The
5 commission shall consist of: (1) One member appointed by the speaker
6 of the House of Representatives and one member appointed by the
7 president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be members of the
8 General Assembly; (2) one member appointed by the minority leader
9 of the House of Representatives and one member appointed by the
10 minority leader of the Senate, who shall be members of the General
11 Assembly; (3) a representative of the Governor; (4) the Secretary of the
12 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee; (5) the

13 Commissioner of Mental Retardation, or the commissioner's designee;
14 (6) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the
15 commissioner's designee; (7) the Commissioner of Children and
16 Families, or the commissioner's designee; (8) the Commissioner of
17 Social Services, or the commissioner's designee; (9) the Commissioner
18 of Education, or the commissioner's designee; (10) the director of the
19 Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, or the
20 director's designee; (11) the director of the Council on Developmental
21 Disabilities established pursuant to the federal Developmental
22 Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, as from time to time
23 amended, or the director's designee; (12) the director of the Bureau of
24 Rehabilitation Services of the Department of Social Services, or the
25 director's designee; and [(10)] (13) sixteen persons who shall be
26 individuals with developmental disabilities who do not have a
27 condition defined as mental retardation pursuant to section 1-1g,
28 representatives of providers of services to such individuals, or
29 members of the families of or advocates for such individuals, three of
30 whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of
31 Representatives, three of whom shall be appointed by the president
32 pro tempore of the Senate, three of whom shall be appointed by the
33 minority leader of the House of Representatives, three of whom shall
34 be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, and four of whom
35 shall be appointed by the Governor.

36 (b) The advisory commission shall advise the [Commissioner of
37 Mental Retardation] joint standing committees of the General
38 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health,
39 human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
40 concerning the need for services and supports for individuals with
41 developmental disabilities who do not have a condition defined as
42 mental retardation pursuant to section 1-1g. Such advice shall include,
43 but not be limited to, (1) defining the population to be served, (2)
44 identifying the types of services and supports needed, (3) identifying
45 how such services and supports can best be delivered, and (4)

46 identifying the costs of such services and supports.

47 (c) The advisory commission shall meet regularly until its
48 termination under this subsection and may, from time to time, invite
49 individuals representing persons with other forms of disabilities to
50 attend such meetings. Not later than January 1, 2003, the advisory
51 commission shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations
52 under subsection (b) of this section to the joint standing committees of
53 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
54 health, human services and appropriations and the budgets of state
55 agencies, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. The
56 advisory commission shall terminate upon submission of the report
57 required by this subsection or on January 1, 2003, whichever is earlier.

58 [(c)] (d) The Department of Mental Retardation shall, within
59 available appropriations, provide such staff as is necessary for the
60 performance of the functions and duties of the advisory commission.

PH *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, Department of Social Services

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

The bill revises the membership and duties of the Advisory Commission on Services and Supports for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. Added to the commission are the directors (or designees) of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OP&A) and the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services of the Department of Social Services (DSS). Both representatives of OP&A and DSS that will serve on the commission can do so within their respective job responsibilities and any impact to the agencies can be absorbed within the anticipated budgetary resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1250

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**SUMMARY:**

This bill revises the membership and duties of the Advisory Commission on Services and Supports for Persons With Developmental Disabilities. It increases membership from 27 to 30 by adding the directors of (1) the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities, or his designee; (2) the Council on Developmental Disabilities, or his designee; and (3) the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services of the Department of Social Services.

Instead of advising the mental retardation commissioner, the bill requires the commission to advise the Public Health, Human Services, and Appropriations committees on the need for services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities who are not mentally retarded.

The bill requires the commission to meet regularly and allows it to invite those representing persons with other forms of disabilities to attend the meetings. By January 1, 2003, the commission must report its findings and recommendations to the legislative committees named above. The bill specifies that the commission ends on the later of the report submission date or January 1, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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