



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 716**

LCO No. 3401

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
RETARDATION HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP.***

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

1       (NEW) The Commissioner of Mental Retardation, in collaboration  
2       with the Board of Trustees for Community-Technical Colleges and the  
3       Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System, shall  
4       establish a higher education partnership for the purpose of offering  
5       student internships in the areas of: (1) Personal care assistants for  
6       persons with mental retardation and families of such persons; (2)  
7       leisure coaches for municipalities providing services to persons with  
8       mental retardation and families of such persons; and (3) after-school  
9       care programs to assist persons with mental retardation and families of  
10      such persons. Such internships shall be made available within  
11      available appropriations of the Department of Mental Retardation. The  
12      commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of  
13      the general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this section.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Department of Mental Retardation to establish a partnership with the Board of Trustees for Community-Technical

Colleges and the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University system to offer internships, funded by the Department of Mental Retardation, for personal care assistants for families, leisure coaches for municipalities and after-school care programs to assist families and persons with mental disabilities.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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