



General Assembly

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Amendment

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6461

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Cal. No. 257

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAMP HARKNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE."

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (a) There shall be a Camp Harkness Advisory
4 Council that shall have responsibility for the oversight of Camp
5 Harkness, including responsibility for addressing concerns with
6 respect to the overall operation of the camp and the health and safety
7 of persons who use the camp. The council shall consist of: (1) Two
8 members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
9 one of whom shall represent persons who use Camp Harkness and the
10 parents or guardians of such persons and one of whom shall represent
11 the Family Support Council established pursuant to section 17a-219c of
12 the general statutes; (2) two members appointed by the president pro
13 tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall represent persons who use
14 Camp Harkness and the parents or guardians of such persons and one
15 of whom shall represent the Southeastern Connecticut Association for
16 the Retarded; (3) one member appointed by the minority leader of the

17 House of Representatives who shall represent persons who use Camp
18 Harkness; (4) one member appointed by the minority leader of the
19 Senate who shall represent persons who use Camp Harkness; (5) one
20 member appointed by the first selectman of the town of Waterford;
21 and (6) two members appointed by the board of selectmen of the town
22 of Waterford, who shall represent the Camp Harkness Booster Club.
23 The initial appointments to the council shall be made not later than
24 August 1, 2001, to serve for a term of three years. Members appointed
25 after such initial appointments shall serve for a term of three years.
26 The council shall meet at such times and places as the council may
27 determine and shall select its own chairperson. Council members shall
28 serve without compensation. The director of Camp Harkness shall act
29 as liaison to the council. The manager of Harkness Memorial State Park
30 shall designate a representative who shall act as liaison to the council.

31 (b) The advisory council shall:

32 (1) Hold regular public meetings to discuss issues relating to the
33 operation of Camp Harkness and the health and safety of persons who
34 use the camp;

35 (2) Work with state agencies and private organizations that use the
36 camp to ensure public health and safety, proper facility maintenance
37 and effective programming, and work with such other boards and
38 commissions as the council deems appropriate;

39 (3) Improve communications with the public and state agencies,
40 boards and commissions in order to ensure the promotion of camp
41 facilities and programming, the promulgation of information
42 regarding camp services and efficient camp operations;

43 (4) Review Camp Harkness usage and develop year-round camp
44 use guidelines;

45 (5) Plan for the future of Camp Harkness;

46 (6) Facilitate problem resolution with respect to the camp;

- 47 (7) Review camp rules, regulations and procedures; and
- 48 (8) Study the financial structure of Camp Harkness.
- 49 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001."