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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING CAREER LADDER PROGRAMS FOR
CRITICAL EMPLOYMENT AREAS."**

1 After line 60, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 3. Section 19a-89a of the general statutes is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a) The Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Labor
5 Department and the State Board of Examiners for Nursing, shall
6 establish [a] an electronic database on nursing personnel and, as
7 determined by the Department of Public Health in consultation with
8 the Labor Department and the board, other health care personnel to
9 ensure that adequate demographics on nursing and other health care
10 personnel are readily available and to assist the department, the board,
11 other state agencies, employers of nurses and other health care
12 workers, educational institutions and professional and health care
13 industry associations and societies in assessing the availability of
14 nursing and other health care personnel, planning for [nurse] staffing

15 patterns and practices, and in developing and implementing their
16 respective programs and activities.

17 (b) The database on nursing and other health care personnel
18 described in subsection (a) of this section shall include demographic
19 data on (1) the number of licensed nurses and other health care
20 workers in different licensure and certification categories, as
21 applicable, and (2) the number of individuals enrolled in nursing or
22 other health care training programs at regional vocational-technical
23 schools or other institutions of higher education in this state. Such
24 demographic data shall include, but not be limited to, data on age, race
25 and ethnic background, sex, educational level attained, place of
26 residence, field of practice, whether the individual is currently
27 employed, and if so, whether full time or part time and whether the
28 individual is retired. In establishing the database, the department shall
29 obtain any relevant demographic data that may be available from
30 other state and federal agencies.

31 (c) The Department of Public Health shall conduct biennial analyses
32 of data collected pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section and
33 shall prepare reports of such analyses.

34 (d) The Department of Public Health shall collaborate with
35 hospitals, nursing homes, home health care agencies, hospices, nurses,
36 physicians and their respective trade associations in data collection
37 and analysis pursuant to subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section and,
38 except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, shall make all data
39 collected and any reports analyzing such data available to the public.

40 (e) The name, address and other personally identifiable information
41 of individuals obtained by the Department of Public Health for
42 purposes of establishing and maintaining the database described in
43 subsection (a) of this section shall be confidential and shall not be
44 subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Nothing
45 in this section shall prohibit the Department of Public Health from
46 publishing statistical compilations and reports that do not in any way

47 identify individuals.

48 (f) The department shall implement the database as described in
49 subsections (a) and (b) of this section not later than May 1, 2002.

50 Sec. 4. The sum of two hundred five thousand dollars is
51 appropriated to the Department of Public Health, from the General
52 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, for the purposes of
53 establishing and maintaining the database authorized under section
54 19a-89a of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

55 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage."