



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 162**

February Session, 2002

Substitute Senate Bill No. 99

*Senate, March 26, 2002*

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 substitute bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPINAL CORD INJURY RESEARCH BOARD.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) There is established a  
2 Spinal Cord Injury Research Board to research, review and solicit, from  
3 public and private agencies, organizations and qualified research  
4 institutions, grants and other funding to cooperatively conduct spinal  
5 cord injury research in Connecticut and to build awareness for the  
6 need for such research.

7 (b) The research board shall consist of members who volunteer to  
8 serve collaboratively in seeking spinal cord research funding for  
9 research opportunities and prevention education for the state,  
10 appointed by the Governor as follows: One person from The  
11 University of Connecticut Medical School; one person from the Yale  
12 University School of Medicine; one person from Gaylord Hospital; one  
13 person from the Hospital for Special Care; one person from the Eastern

14 Paralyzed Veterans Association; and one person from the Connecticut  
15 Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association.

16 (c) The research board shall establish policies and procedures for the  
17 administration of the board and shall conduct the research and  
18 solicitation of grants and other funding for spinal cord research studies  
19 within this state.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2002

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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:**

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	Current FY \$	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
GF - Uncertain	UConn Health Ctr.	-	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill establishes a Spinal Cord Injury Research Board for the purposes of soliciting grants and other funds to conduct spinal cord injury research and building awareness of the need for such research. The Board consists of six volunteer members appointed by the Governor.

While there are no costs associated with the establishment of the board, the bill is unclear as to the source of funding for any potential administrative costs.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPINAL CORD INJURY RESEARCH BOARD AND SPINAL CORD INJURY RESEARCH ACCOUNT*****SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes a six-member Spinal Cord Injury Research Board to solicit grants and other funds from public and private agencies, organizations, and qualified research institutions in order to cooperatively conduct spinal cord injury research in Connecticut and build awareness of the need for such research. (While the bill establishes the board only to solicit funds for research, it states that the board's members volunteer to seek funds for both research and prevention education.) It can solicit funds only in Connecticut.

The governor appoints the board members from the: (1) University of Connecticut Medical School, (2) Yale University School of Medicine, (3) Gaylord Hospital, (4) Hospital for Special Care, (5) Eastern Connecticut Paralyzed Veterans Association, and (6) Connecticut Chapter of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association. The board establishes its administrative policies and procedures.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25      Nay 0