



**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF HIV AND AIDS PROGRAMS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public  
2 Health shall conduct an evaluation of the current system of HIV and  
3 AIDS programs, and shall develop a plan for improvements to such  
4 system. The commissioner shall assemble all interested parties for  
5 purposes of the evaluation and recommendations, including, but not  
6 limited to, (1) the Commissioners of Social Services, Correction and  
7 Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the Secretary of the Office  
8 of Policy and Management, (2) representatives from a needle exchange  
9 program, the Connecticut Positive Action Coalition, the Connecticut  
10 AIDS Residence Coalition, the Harm Reduction Coalition, the  
11 Connecticut HIV Prevention Community Planning Group, the Center  
12 for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, the Ryan White Title I  
13 Planning Councils and the New Haven Mayor's Task Force on AIDS,  
14 and (3) persons living with HIV or AIDS.

15 (b) The evaluation prepared pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
16 section shall develop an integrated HIV and AIDS prevention services  
17 and care plan to: (1) Examine programs in various state agencies to  
18 ensure that (A) there is no duplication of services, (B) the best service  
19 delivery system is in place, and (C) the best standard of care is being  
20 practiced in all state agency programs; (2) determine how state dollars  
21 are allocated to HIV and AIDS programs and services; (3) develop and

22 recommend cost-effective legislation or administrative regulations, or  
23 both, for programs, policies or procedures that help people living with  
24 HIV and AIDS and help to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS; and  
25 (4) review and integrate into the HIV and AIDS prevention service and  
26 care plan funding recommendations made by the Ryan White Title I  
27 Planning Councils and the Connecticut HIV Prevention Community  
28 Planning Group.

29 (c) On or before January 1, 2004, the Commissioner of Public Health  
30 shall submit a report on the evaluation and any recommendations to  
31 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
32 cognizance of matters relating to public health, appropriations and the  
33 budgets of state agencies and human services, in accordance with  
34 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**LM**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**APP**     *Joint Favorable*