



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 553

LCO No. 4605

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CAMP HARKNESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-217a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) There shall be a Camp Harkness Advisory Committee to advise
4 the Commissioner of Mental Retardation with respect to issues
5 concerning the health and safety of persons who attend and utilize the
6 facilities at Camp Harkness. The advisory committee shall be
7 composed of [~~eleven~~] twelve members as follows: (1) The director of
8 Camp Harkness, who shall serve ex officio, one member representing
9 the Southeastern Connecticut Association for the Retarded, one
10 member representing the Southbury Training School, one member
11 representing the Association for Retarded Citizens of New London
12 County, one consumer representing persons who use the camp on a
13 residential basis and one member representing parents or guardians of
14 persons who use the camp, all of whom shall be appointed by the
15 Governor; (2) one member representing parents or guardians of
16 persons who use the camp, who shall be appointed by the president

17 pro tempore of the Senate; (3) one consumer from the Family Support
18 Council established pursuant to section 17a-219c representing persons
19 who use the camp on a day basis, who shall be appointed by the
20 speaker of the House of Representatives; (4) one member representing
21 the board of selectmen of the town of Waterford, who shall be
22 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; (5)
23 one member representing the Camp Harkness Booster Club, who shall
24 be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (6) one member
25 representing the Connecticut Institute for the Blind and the Oak Hill
26 School, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives; and (7) one member representing the United Cerebral
28 Palsy Association, who shall be appointed by the minority leader of
29 the Senate.

30 (b) The advisory committee shall promote communication
31 regarding camp services and develop recommendations for the
32 commissioner regarding the use of Camp Harkness.

33 (c) Not later than October 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the
34 advisory committee shall submit a report to the commissioner and to
35 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
36 cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning the status of
37 Camp Harkness. Such report shall be submitted in accordance with
38 section 11-4a.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To include a representative from the Association for Retarded Citizens of New London county on the Camp Harkness Advisory Committee.

[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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