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**"AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE UNDERWRITING
AND BENEFITS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 38a-981 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2003*):

6 (b) (1) An insurance institution or a third-party administrator
7 providing insurance or administrative services with respect to an
8 employer's employee benefit plan which provides its employees with
9 health benefits shall, upon written request of an exclusive bargaining
10 agent for such employees, provide such bargaining agent with
11 information regarding description of health benefits available to such
12 employees, claim experience regarding such benefits and the cost to
13 the employer for such coverage or administrative services, as the case
14 may be, for employees in the bargaining unit represented by such

15 bargaining agent. If such employees constitute a subgroup of a
16 multibargaining unit group, the information provided by the insurer
17 shall, upon written request of the exclusive bargaining agent for the
18 subgroup, include a description of available health benefits, claim
19 experience regarding such benefits and the cost to the employer for
20 such coverage or administrative services, as the case may be, for the
21 entire multibargaining unit group or for subgroups within the
22 multibargaining unit group. A copy of such information shall be
23 provided at the same time to the employer by the insurance institution
24 or administrator. Such information shall be made available to the
25 bargaining agent and the employer only if the bargaining agent agrees
26 in writing to pay all reasonable costs, as determined by the insurance
27 institution or administrator, that are incurred by the insurance
28 institution or administrator in developing and distributing the
29 information. The information provided to such agent shall relate to the
30 group of employees as a whole and shall not include any information
31 relating to specific individuals. No requests made pursuant to this
32 subdivision may seek information which relates to a period of time
33 more than twenty-four months prior to the date such request was
34 made.

35 (2) Prior to providing any information pursuant to subdivision (1) of
36 this subsection, an insurance institution or third-party administrator
37 may require the bargaining agent requesting such information to
38 provide evidence in writing that such bargaining agent is currently
39 designated or certified by the proper state or federal authority as the
40 exclusive bargaining representative or agent of the employees who are
41 the subject of the request."