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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CENTER FOR ADULTS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of
2 Public Health, in conjunction with The University of Connecticut
3 Health Center, shall establish an adult sickle cell center to improve
4 access to the most current treatment, technology and services for
5 adults with sickle cell disease.

6 (b) The department may apply for, accept and expend such funds as
7 may be available from federal, state or other sources and may enter
8 into contracts to carry out the responsibilities of the center.

9 (c) The sickle cell center shall be located at The University of
10 Connecticut Health Center, and shall provide, within available
11 appropriations, (1) urgent care for adults over sixteen years of age, (2)
12 health maintenance care, (3) new patient evaluations, (4) patient
13 counseling and sickle cell education, (5) inpatient consultations, (6)
14 professional education, (7) research center for new treatments and pain
15 management, (8) specialized clinics, (9) chronic transfusion services,

16 (10) support groups for those affected by sickle cell disease, (11)
17 computer-based education and consultation, (12) psychiatry services,
18 including stress management and family counseling, and (13) a
19 vocational training center for patients.

20 (d) On or before January 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the
21 Commissioner of Public Health shall report, in accordance with the
22 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Governor and
23 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
24 cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning the activities
25 of the sickle cell center, including the services offered and the number
26 of persons served.

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

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