



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6623

House of Representatives, April 20, 2005

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. SAYERS of the 60th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACADEMIC DETAILING PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2006,
2 The University of Connecticut Health Center shall establish and
3 operate a two-year pilot program, in not more than two municipalities,
4 to allow appropriately qualified and trained academic detailers to visit
5 licensed physicians in their offices to provide unbiased, evidence-
6 based information on the diagnosis and treatment of selected illnesses,
7 including information pertaining to the use of pharmaceuticals to
8 assist the physicians in improving the quality of patient care and
9 making cost-effective prescribing decisions for various diseases, while
10 simultaneously focusing on patient outcomes. The program shall
11 target illnesses based on explicit criteria such as practice variation,
12 patient outcomes, resource utilization, the availability of clinical
13 guidelines based on systematic reviews of randomized trials with
14 consistent results and opportunities for improvement. The health

15 center shall consider the following criteria in selecting physicians who
 16 may participate in the program: (1) The nature of the clinical issue
 17 being addressed; (2) whether the physician has a sufficient number of
 18 patients whose care involves the specific clinical issue; and (3) whether
 19 the physician has an opportunity for improved performance by
 20 participating in the program.

21 (b) The University of Connecticut Health Center shall evaluate the
 22 pilot program established under this section and shall submit a report
 23 of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
 24 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 25 public health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, not
 26 later than December 31, 2008, in accordance with the provisions of
 27 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

28 (c) For purposes of this section, "appropriately qualified and trained
 29 academic detailer" means an advanced practice registered nurse or
 30 physician assistant with at least five years of clinical experience who
 31 has received training in quality improvement strategies, health
 32 communications and the use of pharmaceuticals, and who participates
 33 in ongoing training with respect to each clinical guideline that is being
 34 promoted by the program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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:

Agency Affected	Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
University of Connecticut Health Center	Cost	Significant	Significant

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires the University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC) to establish a two-year pilot program to allow certain academic pharmaceutical detailers to visit physicians in order to provide information concerning the treatment of certain illnesses. UCHC must establish which diseases to target as well as what physicians participate. UCHC must evaluate the pilot program and submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2008. The establishment, oversight and evaluation of this pilot program is expected to cost the UCHC between \$200,000 and \$300,000 annually.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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