



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 795

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1296

Senate, May 24, 2005

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN RESEARCH OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Insurance Commissioner, in
2 consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall study the
3 feasibility of the establishment of a Medical Malpractice Premium
4 Relief Fund for the provision of professional liability insurance
5 premium assistance to obstetricians and gynecologists who practice in
6 association with a research department of a university in this state, and
7 at least twenty-five per cent of whose annual caseload or caseload
8 served by the university consists of Medicaid patients. The study shall
9 include the amount of premium assistance to be provided, eligibility
10 requirements for premium assistance, and sources of funding for such
11 assistance. The Insurance Commissioner shall report findings and
12 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General
13 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance and

14 public health, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes,
15 not later than January 15, 2006.

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

APP *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	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Public Health, Dept.; Insurance Dept.	Various - None	None	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Insurance Commissioner in consultation with the Public Health Commissioner, to study the feasibility of creating a Medical Malpractice Premium Relief Fund. It is anticipated that both the Department of Insurance (DOI) and the Department of Public Health will be able to implement the provisions of the bill within available resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN RESEARCH OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the insurance commissioner, in consultation with the public health commissioner, to study the feasibility of creating a Medical Malpractice Premium Relief Fund to help obstetricians and gynecologists pay for their medical malpractice insurance if (1) they practice in association with a research department of a Connecticut university and (2) at least 25% of the patients they or the university serves on an annual basis are Medicaid recipients.

The study must include the amount of premium assistance, eligibility requirements, and funding sources. The insurance commissioner must report findings and recommendations to the Public Health and Insurance and Real Estate committees by January 15, 2006.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

On April 20, the Senate referred the bill (File 244) to the Public Health Committee, which reported it out unchanged on April 28. On May 11, the Senate referred it to the Appropriations Committee, which reported out a substitute bill on May 18. The substitute replaced the original bill that established a fund to assist certain obstetricians and gynecologists with their malpractice insurance premiums.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 10 Nay 6

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 17 Nay 6

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 24 Nay 8