



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5912

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AN ACT PROMOTING STEM CELL RESEARCH IN THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) There is established a
2 Connecticut Advanced Cell Advisory Council. Said council shall
3 consist of the chairperson of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, or
4 said chairperson's designee, and twelve members appointed as
5 follows: Four by the Governor, two by the president pro tempore of
6 the Senate, two by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one by
7 the majority leader of the Senate, one by the majority leader of the
8 House of Representatives, one by the minority leader of the Senate and
9 one by the minority leader of the House of Representatives. Ten of
10 such appointed members shall (1) possess knowledge, skill and
11 expertise in the field of embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem cell
12 research, (2) be working as researchers or scientists or in other
13 capacities, for academic institutions, industry, nonprofit organizations
14 or government to advance embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem
15 cell research in the state, and (3) have favorable reputations for such
16 knowledge, skill, expertise and experience. Two of such appointed
17 members shall be experienced in the field of commerce, trade and
18 business. All appointments to the committee shall be made by
19 November 1, 2005. Each appointed member shall serve for a term of
20 four years. Any vacancy on the council shall be filled by the appointing
21 authority.

22 (b) The chairperson of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, or the
23 chairperson's designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the council
24 and shall schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall be held
25 not later than December 1, 2005.

26 (c) Not later than June 30, 2006, and annually thereafter, the
27 Connecticut Advanced Cell Advisory Council shall submit a report to
28 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
29 cognizance of matters relating to commerce and public health, in
30 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
31 Said report shall (1) include an analysis of the status of embryonic,
32 adult and umbilical cord stem cell research in the state, and (2)
33 examine and identify specific ways to improve and promote for profit
34 and not-for-profit embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem cell
35 research in the state, including, but not limited to, identifying both
36 public and private funding sources for such research, maintaining
37 existing embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem cell related
38 businesses, recruiting new embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem
39 cell related businesses to the state and recruiting scientists and
40 researchers in such field to the state.

41 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) There is established the
42 "Stem Cell Research Fund", which shall be a separate, nonlapsing fund
43 managed by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated. The fund may
44 contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund and
45 any funds received from any public or private contributions, gifts,
46 grants, donations, bequests or devises. Investment earnings credited to
47 the assets of the fund shall become part of the assets of the fund. The
48 moneys in the fund shall be used by Connecticut Innovations,
49 Incorporated to advance embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem cell
50 research in Connecticut pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Any
51 balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year shall be
52 carried forward in the account for the next fiscal year.

53 (b) Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated shall use the moneys in
54 the Stem Cell Research Fund, on the recommendation of the

55 Connecticut Advanced Cell Advisory Council, to (1) develop a
 56 program to encourage the donation of funds to supplement state
 57 appropriations to the Stem Cell Research Fund, (2) establish and
 58 administer a stem cell research grant program under which grants
 59 shall be provided to research institutions for the advancement of
 60 embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem cell and related research, (3)
 61 establish a separate peer review committee that shall review grants
 62 under said program, (4) establish and administer a stem cell research
 63 facilities fund for the construction of laboratory and related space, and
 64 (5) establish and administer a program for the purpose of investing in
 65 embryonic, adult and umbilical cord stem cell related businesses. The
 66 Commissioner of Public Health, or said commissioner's designee, shall
 67 be an ex-officio member of the peer review committee established
 68 under subdivision (3) of this subsection. Connecticut Innovations,
 69 Incorporated, shall carry out the provisions of this subsection in
 70 conjunction with other state, quasi-public agency and federal
 71 programs. The board of directors of Connecticut Innovations,
 72 Incorporated shall adopt written procedures, in accordance with the
 73 provisions of section 1-121 of the general statutes, for the allocation
 74 and expenditure of moneys under this section.

75 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The sum of ten million dollars is
 76 appropriated to the Stem Cell Research Fund established pursuant to
 77 section 2 of this act, from the General Fund, for each fiscal year, from
 78 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, until the fiscal year ending June 30,
 79 2015, inclusive.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

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