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Committee Bill No. 6624

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING EVIDENCE-BASED STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR PHYSICIANS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
2 Health shall establish an ad hoc committee for the purpose of assisting
3 the commissioner in examining and evaluating the feasibility of
4 developing and implementing written evidence-based standards of
5 practice for licensed physicians to be used (1) by the Department of
6 Public Health as a guide for taking disciplinary action against licensed
7 physicians, and (2) in civil actions alleging that personal injury or
8 wrongful death resulted from the negligence of a health care provider,
9 as defined in section 52-184b of the general statutes, to determine
10 whether there are grounds for a good faith belief that there has been
11 negligence in the care or treatment of the claimant.

12 (b) (1) The ad hoc committee shall be appointed by the
13 commissioner and shall consist of (A) two members who are
14 employees of the Department of Public Health, (B) three physicians
15 recommended by the Connecticut Medical Society, one of whom
16 works in private practice, one of whom works in the public sector and

17 one of whom is an educator, and (C) three attorneys with expertise in
18 medical malpractice recommended by the Connecticut Bar
19 Association, one of whom works in private practice, one of whom
20 works in the public sector and one of whom is an educator. The
21 Commissioner of Public Health, or a designee, shall be an ex-officio
22 member with full voting rights.

23 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health may expand the
24 membership of the ad hoc committee to include representatives from
25 related fields if the commissioner decides such expansion would be
26 useful.

27 (c) On or before February 1, 2006, the Commissioner of Public
28 Health shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
29 statutes, the results of the examination, with specific recommendations
30 for statutory changes, to the Governor and the joint standing
31 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
32 relating to public health.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To study the feasibility of establishing written evidence-based standards of practice for physicians.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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