



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6624**

January Session, 2005

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**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 to facilitate the Department  
6 of Public Health's review of complaints that are filed with the  
7 department against physicians.

8 (b) (1) The ad hoc committee shall consist of the chairpersons and  
9 ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General  
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, or  
11 their designees, and eight members appointed by the commissioner  
12 (A) two of whom are employees of the Department of Public Health,  
13 (B) three of whom are physicians recommended by the Connecticut  
14 Medical Society, one who works in private practice, one who works in  
15 the public sector and one who is an educator, and (C) three of whom  
16 are attorneys with expertise in medical malpractice recommended by  
17 the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association. The Commissioner of  
18 Public Health, or a designee, shall be an ex-officio member with full  
19 voting rights.

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

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

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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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