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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RED RIBBON COMMISSION ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND CARE IN CONNECTICUT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-256 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 The Commissioner of Social Services may administer, within  
4 available appropriations, a program providing payment for the cost of  
5 drugs prescribed by a physician for the prevention or treatment of  
6 acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or human  
7 immunodeficiency virus (HIV infection). The commissioner shall  
8 determine specific drugs to be covered and may implement a  
9 pharmacy lock-in procedure for the program. The commissioner shall  
10 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
11 carry out the purposes of this section. The commissioner may  
12 implement the program while in the process of adopting regulations,  
13 provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is published in the  
14 Connecticut Law Journal [within] not later than twenty days [of] after  
15 implementation. The regulations may include eligibility for all persons

16 with AIDS or HIV infection whose income is below four hundred per  
17 cent of the federal poverty level. [The] Beginning July 1, 2005, the  
18 commissioner shall, within available federal resources, purchase and  
19 maintain insurance policies for eligible clients, including, but not  
20 limited to, coverage of costs associated with such policies, that provide  
21 a full range of HIV treatments and access to comprehensive primary  
22 care services as determined by the commissioner and as provided by  
23 federal law, and may provide payment, determined by the  
24 commissioner, for (1) drugs and nutritional supplements prescribed by  
25 a physician that prevent or treat opportunistic diseases and conditions  
26 associated with AIDS or HIV infection; (2) ancillary supplies related to  
27 the administration of such drugs; and (3) laboratory tests ordered by a  
28 physician.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 19a-112a of the general statutes is  
30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
31 *1, 2005*):

32 (b) (1) For the purposes of this section, "protocol" means the state of  
33 Connecticut Technical Guidelines for Health Care Response to Victims  
34 of Sexual Assault, including the Interim Sexual Assault Toxicology  
35 Screen Protocol, as revised from time to time and as incorporated in  
36 regulations adopted in accordance with subdivision (2) of this  
37 subsection, pertaining to the collection of evidence in any sexual  
38 assault investigation.

39 (2) The commission shall recommend the protocol to the Chief  
40 State's Attorney for adoption as regulations in accordance with the  
41 provisions of chapter 54. Such regulations shall specify a treatment  
42 protocol for sexual assault victims that includes the provision of  
43 nonoccupational post-exposure prophylaxis for human  
44 immunodeficiency virus, as recommended by the National Centers for  
45 Disease Control. The commission shall annually review the protocol  
46 and may annually recommend changes to the protocol for adoption as  
47 regulations.

48       Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Correction shall  
49       make available to all inmates of the Department of Correction gender  
50       appropriate condoms.

51       Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) No funds appropriated to the  
52       Department of Public Health for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006,  
53       and June 30, 2007, shall be used for the purpose of providing HIV  
54       counseling and testing to inmates of the Department of Correction.

55       Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The sum of \$500,000 appropriated to  
56       the Department of Public Health in sections 1 and 11 of house bill 6671  
57       of the current session, for AIDS Services, shall be transferred to the  
58       appropriation to the department in said sections, for Needle and  
59       Syringe Exchange Program.

60       Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
61       study the feasibility of offering incentives to local and regional boards  
62       of education that offer a comprehensive program of instruction in  
63       human sexuality for tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students, taught  
64       by legally qualified teachers. For purposes of this section, a  
65       "comprehensive program of instruction in human sexuality" is a  
66       program that includes information about abstinence and  
67       contraception.

68       (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

69       (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

70       (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

71       (3) One each appointed by the majority and minority leaders of the  
72       Senate and the House of Representatives;

73       (4) The Commissioners of Education and Public Health, or the  
74       commissioners' designees;

75       (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1)

76 to (3), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of  
77 the General Assembly.

78 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than  
79 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
80 filled by the appointing authority.

81 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
82 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
83 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
84 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later  
85 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

86 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
87 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
88 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

89 (g) Not later than January 1, 2006, the task force shall submit a  
90 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
91 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
92 relating to education and public health, in accordance with the  
93 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall  
94 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2006,  
95 whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	17b-256
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	19a-112a(b)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the recommendations of the Red Ribbon Commission on the Improvement of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care in Connecticut.

*[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.]*