



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 206**

February Session, 2006

Senate Bill No. 581

*Senate, March 29, 2006*

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF  
ESTABLISHING A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE LINE FOR HEALTH  
INSURANCE MATTERS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Insurance Commissioner,  
2 the Commissioner of Social Services and the Healthcare Advocate shall  
3 jointly study the feasibility of establishing a toll-free telephone number  
4 for the purpose of assisting residents of this state in obtaining advice  
5 and information on health benefits and other matters pertaining to  
6 health insurance.

7 (b) Not later than January 1, 2007, said commissioners and the  
8 Healthcare Advocate shall submit a report on their findings and  
9 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General  
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance in  
11 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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

**INS**      *Joint Favorable*

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:

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill requires the Insurance Commissioner, the Commissioner of Social Services and the Healthcare Advocate to study the feasibility of establishing a toll-free telephone number in order to assist Connecticut residents in obtaining advice and information on health benefits. It is anticipated that all three agencies involved will be able to implement the provisions of the bill within existing resources.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18    Nay 0    (03/16/2006)