



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5791

LCO No. 2820

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TEEN BODY-WISE PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2006, the Commissioner of Public Health shall establish and operate a
3 two-year pilot program designed to help girls age twelve to seventeen,
4 inclusive, develop and maintain good nutrition, healthy eating habits,
5 positive body image, self-confidence and self-esteem. Such program
6 shall include group and individual nutrition education and counseling,
7 physical exercise, body and self image coaching and self-esteem
8 building.

9 (b) The commissioner shall (1) establish eligibility criteria for
10 participation in the program, (2) establish an application process for
11 the program, and (3) prescribe application forms.

12 (c) The commissioner may contract with individuals, groups or
13 organizations for the provision of necessary services in furtherance of
14 program objectives, including, but not limited to, program facilitators,
15 certified fitness specialists, personal trainers, registered dieticians and
16 licensed counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists and physicians.

17 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall evaluate the pilot
18 program authorized by this section and shall submit a report of the
19 commissioner's findings and recommendations to the joint standing
20 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
21 relating to public health, not later than January 1, 2009, in accordance
22 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

23 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of ___ dollars is appropriated
24 to the Department of Public Health, from the General Fund, for the
25 fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for purposes of establishing and
26 operating the teen body-wise pilot program authorized by section 1 of
27 this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a pilot program to help teenage girls develop and maintain a healthy relationship with food, a positive body image and solid self-esteem.

[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.]