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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE STEM CELL RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-32f of the 2006 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) (1) There is established a Stem Cell Research Advisory  
5 Committee. The committee shall consist of the Commissioner of Public  
6 Health and eight members who shall be appointed as follows: Two by  
7 the Governor, one of whom shall be nationally recognized as an active  
8 investigator in the field of stem cell research and one of whom shall  
9 have background and experience in the field of bioethics; one each by  
10 the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House  
11 of Representatives, who shall have background and experience in  
12 private sector stem cell research and development; one each by the  
13 majority leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, who shall  
14 be academic researchers specializing in stem cell research; one by the

15 minority leader of the Senate, who shall have background and  
16 experience in either private or public sector stem cell research and  
17 development or related research fields, including, but not limited to,  
18 embryology, genetics or cellular biology; and one by the minority  
19 leader of the House of Representatives, who shall have background  
20 and experience in business or financial investments. Members shall  
21 serve for a term of four years commencing on October first, except that  
22 members first appointed by the Governor and the majority leaders of  
23 the Senate and House of Representatives shall serve for a term of two  
24 years. No member may serve for more than two consecutive four-year  
25 terms and no member may serve concurrently on the Stem Cell  
26 Research Peer Review Committee established pursuant to section 19a-  
27 32g. All initial appointments to the committee shall be made by  
28 October 1, 2005. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing  
29 authority.

30 (2) On and after July 1, 2006, the advisory committee shall include  
31 eight additional members who shall be appointed as follows: Two by  
32 the Governor, one of whom shall be nationally recognized as an active  
33 investigator in the field of stem cell research and one of whom shall  
34 have background and experience in the field of ethics; one each by the  
35 president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the House of  
36 Representatives, who shall have background and experience in private  
37 sector stem cell research and development; one each by the majority  
38 leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, who shall be  
39 academic researchers specializing in stem cell research; one by the  
40 minority leader of the Senate, who shall have background and  
41 experience in either private or public sector stem cell research and  
42 development or related research fields, including, but not limited to,  
43 embryology, genetics or cellular biology; and one by the minority  
44 leader of the House of Representatives, who shall have background  
45 and experience in business or financial investments. Members shall  
46 serve for a term of four years, except that (A) members first appointed  
47 by the Governor and the majority leaders of the Senate and House of  
48 Representatives pursuant to this subdivision shall serve for a term of

49 two years and three months, and (B) members first appointed by the  
50 remaining appointing authorities shall serve for a term of four years  
51 and three months. No member appointed pursuant to this subdivision  
52 may serve for more than two consecutive four-year terms and no such  
53 member may serve concurrently on the Stem Cell Research Peer  
54 Review Committee established pursuant to section 19a-32g of the 2006  
55 supplement to the general statutes. All initial appointments to the  
56 committee pursuant to this subdivision shall be made by July 1, 2006.  
57 Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

58 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall serve as the  
59 chairperson of the committee and shall schedule the first meeting of  
60 the committee, which shall be held no later than December 1, 2005.

61 (c) All members appointed to the committee shall work to advance  
62 embryonic and human adult stem cell research. Any member who fails  
63 to attend three consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per  
64 cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to  
65 have resigned from the committee.

66 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, it shall not  
67 constitute a conflict of interest for a trustee, director, partner, officer,  
68 stockholder, proprietor, counsel or employee of any eligible institution,  
69 or for any other individual with a financial interest in any eligible  
70 institution, to serve as a member of the committee. All members shall  
71 be deemed public officials and shall adhere to the code of ethics for  
72 public officials set forth in chapter 10. [No] Members may participate  
73 in the affairs of the committee with respect to the review or  
74 consideration of grant-in-aid applications, including the approval or  
75 disapproval of such applications, except that no member shall  
76 participate in the affairs of the committee with respect to the review or  
77 consideration of any grant-in-aid application filed by such member or  
78 by any eligible institution in which such member has a financial  
79 interest, or with whom such member engages in any business,  
80 employment, transaction or professional activity.

81 (e) The Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee shall (1) develop,  
82 in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, a donated  
83 funds program to encourage the development of funds other than state  
84 appropriations for embryonic and human adult stem cell research in  
85 this state, (2) examine and identify specific ways to improve and  
86 promote for-profit and not-for-profit embryonic and human adult stem  
87 cell and related research in the state, including, but not limited to,  
88 identifying both public and private funding sources for such research,  
89 maintaining existing embryonic and human adult stem-cell-related  
90 businesses, recruiting new embryonic and human adult stem-cell-  
91 related businesses to the state and recruiting scientists and researchers  
92 in such field to the state, (3) establish and administer, in consultation  
93 with the Commissioner of Public Health, a stem cell research grant  
94 program which shall provide grants-in-aid to eligible institutions for  
95 the advancement of embryonic or human adult stem cell research in  
96 this state pursuant to section 19a-32e, and (4) monitor the stem cell  
97 research conducted by eligible institutions that receive such grants-in-  
98 aid.

99 (f) Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated shall serve as  
100 administrative staff of the committee and shall assist the committee in  
101 (1) developing the application for the grants-in-aid authorized under  
102 subsection (e) of this section, (2) reviewing such applications, (3)  
103 preparing and executing any assistance agreements or other  
104 agreements in connection with the awarding of such grants-in-aid, and  
105 (4) performing such other administrative duties as the committee  
106 deems necessary.

107 (g) Not later than June 30, 2007, and annually thereafter until June  
108 30, 2015, the Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee shall report, in  
109 accordance with section 11-4a, to the Governor and the General  
110 Assembly on (1) the amount of grants-in-aid awarded to eligible  
111 institutions from the Stem Cell Research Fund pursuant to section 19a-  
112 32e, (2) the recipients of such grants-in-aid, and (3) the current status of  
113 stem cell research in the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-32f