



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1316

Senate, March 27, 2007

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Office of Health Care Access
2 shall use its investigative powers authorized under section 19a-633 of
3 the general statutes to conduct a needs-based analysis of The
4 University of Connecticut Health Center facilities plan. Such analysis
5 shall consider (1) the plan's proposal for (A) remodeling the existing
6 John Dempsey Hospital, and (B) a replacement hospital, (2) the
7 projected need for hospital beds in central Connecticut over the next
8 ten years, (3) the needs of the health center for a modernized academic
9 medical facility, and (4) other factors that the Commissioner of Health
10 Care Access may deem appropriate.

11 (b) Not later than January 1, 2008, the Office of Health Care Access
12 shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
13 statutes, report its analysis pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to

14 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
15 cognizance of matters relating to higher education, public health,
16 finance, revenue and bonding and appropriations.

17 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of ninety million six hundred
18 sixty-eight thousand three hundred eighty-eight dollars is
19 appropriated to The University of Connecticut Health Center, from the
20 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for operating
21 expenses, of which the sum of ten million five hundred thousand
22 dollars shall be used for fringe benefits for employees of John
23 Dempsey Hospital.

24 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of ninety-one million nine
25 hundred fifty-seven thousand eight hundred ninety-one dollars is
26 appropriated to The University of Connecticut Health Center, from the
27 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for operating
28 expenses, of which the sum of ten million five hundred thousand
29 dollars shall be used for fringe benefits for employees of John
30 Dempsey Hospital.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

HED *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
UConn Health Center	GF - See Below	See Below	See Below
Office of Health Care Access	GF - Cost & Revenue Gain	\$250,000 to \$400,000	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The Office of Health Care Access would incur a one-time cost of \$250,000 - \$400,000 to retain outside professional services needed to assist in studying projected hospital bed need in central Connecticut over the next ten years. Actual costs would vary with the scope of the study.

The state would experience an offsetting revenue gain, as these costs would be recouped via a hospital assessment, partially borne by John Dempsey Hospital.

It is anticipated that the Office will be able to conduct an analysis of the University of Connecticut Health Center (UCHC) facilities plan, as specified in the bill, utilizing its existing staff resources.

The bill further appropriated \$90,668,388 in FY08 and \$91,957,891 in FY09 for Operating Expenses for UCHC, and specifies that \$10.5 million of these dollars in each year are to support fringe benefits for employees of John Dempsey Hospital. HB 7077, the Governor’s recommended biennial budget, includes \$80,168,388 in FY08 and \$81,457,891 in FY09 for UCHC Operating Expenses. Therefore, this bill represents an additional appropriation of \$10.5 million for UCHC in each year of the biennium.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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HEALTH CENTER.***

SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/13/2007)