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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS AND
COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH CENTERS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
2 Health shall establish a committee to assist the commissioner in
3 examining and evaluating methods to strengthen and expand the
4 delivery of care provided through school-based health clinics. The
5 committee shall hold its first meeting not later than July 15, 2007. The
6 committee shall focus on (1) strategies for maximizing reimbursement
7 from insurers and third party payors, (2) enhancements to the
8 standard model for full-time comprehensive school-based health
9 clinics, (3) stable funding sources for school-based health clinics, (4)
10 resource leveraging to expand oral health services at school-based
11 health clinics, and (5) licensing requirements for school-based health
12 clinics. Other topics may be included at the discretion of the
13 commissioner and the committee.

14 (b) (1) The committee shall consist of the Commissioners of Public
15 Health and Social Services, or their designees, and the following
16 members appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health (A) two

17 employees of the Department of Public Health, (B) one employee of the
18 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services recommended
19 by the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, (C) one
20 employee of the Office of Policy and Management recommended by
21 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and (D) three
22 school-based health clinic providers recommended by the Connecticut
23 Association of School-Based Health Centers.

24 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health may expand the
25 membership of the committee to include representatives from related
26 fields if the commissioner decides such expansion would be useful.

27 (c) On or before December 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Public
28 Health shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
29 statutes, the results of the examination, with specific recommendations
30 for any necessary statutory or regulatory changes as well as budgetary
31 recommendations to implement such changes, to the Governor and the
32 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
33 of matters relating to public health.

34 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Funds appropriated to the
35 Department of Public Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009,
36 and each fiscal year thereafter, for the establishment and operation of
37 new school-based health clinics shall be awarded on a competitive
38 basis, through the grant program established under section 3 of this
39 act.

40 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) On or before July 1, 2008,
41 the Department of Public Health shall establish and administer a
42 competitive grant program to award grants to municipalities for the
43 establishment and operation of new school-based health clinics.

44 (b) Municipalities may apply for a grant pursuant to this section at
45 such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of Public Health
46 prescribes. In determining whether to award a municipality a grant for
47 a new school-based health clinic, the commissioner shall consider, at a

48 minimum, the following municipal indicators: (1) Median family
49 income, (2) parental education, (3) parental occupation, (4) percentage
50 of children living in families with a single parent, (5) percentage of
51 public school children eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals
52 pursuant to federal law and regulations, (6) percentage of children
53 whose families speak a language other than English at home, (7)
54 number of students attending school in the area to be served by the
55 school-based health clinic, (8) status as a priority school district under
56 section 10-266p of the general statutes, (9) designation as a health
57 professional shortage area or a medically underserved area, and (10)
58 community support for school-based health clinics.

59 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of two million five hundred
60 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Public Health,
61 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for
62 school-based health clinics, for the purpose of establishing and
63 operating the grant program authorized by section 3 of this act.

64 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of five hundred thousand
65 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Public Health, from the
66 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for school-based
67 health clinics, for the purpose of expanding and enhancing mental
68 health services provided by such clinics.

69 Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of five hundred thousand
70 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Public Health, from the
71 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, to provide
72 grants to community-based health centers for expansion of services for
73 medically underserved populations.

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, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section

Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To enhance and expand services provided by school-based and federally qualified health clinics.

[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.]