



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7366**

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**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 committee established  
2 pursuant to section 51 of public act 06-195 shall assist the  
3 commissioner in examining and evaluating methods to strengthen and  
4 expand the delivery of care provided through school-based health  
5 clinics. The committee shall hold its first meeting not later than July 15,  
6 2007. The committee shall focus on (1) strategies for maximizing  
7 reimbursement from insurers and third party payors, (2)  
8 enhancements to the standard model for full-time comprehensive  
9 school-based health clinics, (3) stable funding sources for school-based  
10 health clinics, (4) resource leveraging to expand oral health services at  
11 school-based health clinics, and (5) licensing requirements for school-  
12 based health clinics. Other topics may be included at the discretion of  
13 the 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 representing priority school  
23 districts described in section 10-266p of the general statutes.

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 nine million dollars is  
 60 appropriated to the Department of Public Health, from the General  
 61 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for school-based health  
 62 clinics, for the purpose of establishing and operating the grant  
 63 program authorized by section 3 of this act.

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

69       Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of nine million dollars is  
 70 appropriated to the Department of Public Health, from the General  
 71 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, to provide grants to  
 72 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

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