



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 7366**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS.**

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

15 (b) On or before December 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Public  
16 Health shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general  
17 statutes, the results of the examination and evaluation pursuant to  
18 subsection (a) of this section, including recommendations for statutory  
19 changes to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the  
20 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public

21 health.

22 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 51 of public act 06-  
23 195 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
24 *from passage*):

25 (b) (1) The ad hoc committee shall consist of the Commissioners of  
26 Public Health and Social Services, or their designees, and the following  
27 members appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health (A) two  
28 employees of the Department of Public Health, (B) one employee of the  
29 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services recommended  
30 by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, (C) one  
31 employee of the Office of Policy and Management recommended by  
32 the Office of Policy and Management, [and] (D) three school based  
33 health center providers recommended by the Connecticut Association  
34 of School Based Health Centers, and (E) three school-based clinic  
35 providers representing priority school districts described in section 10-  
36 266p of the general statutes.

37 Sec. 3 (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Funds appropriated to the  
38 Department of Public Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009,  
39 and each fiscal year thereafter, for the establishment and operation of  
40 new school-based health clinics shall be awarded on a competitive  
41 basis, through the grant program established under section 4 of this  
42 act.

43 Sec. 4 (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) On or before July 1, 2008,  
44 the Department of Public Health shall establish and administer a  
45 competitive grant program to award grants to municipalities for the  
46 establishment and operation of new school-based health clinics.

47 (b) Municipalities may apply for a grant pursuant to this section at  
48 such time and in such manner as the Commissioner of Public Health  
49 prescribes. In determining whether to award a municipality a grant for  
50 a new school-based health clinic, the commissioner shall consider, at a  
51 minimum, the following municipal indicators: (1) Median family  
52 income, (2) parental education, (3) parental occupation, (4) percentage

