



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 1046

LCO No. 5805

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT EXAMINING THE LICENSURE SYSTEM FOR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FACILITIES.

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 for the purpose of assisting the
3 commissioner in examining and evaluating the existing licensure
4 system for facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of
5 Children and Families. The committee shall focus on (1) the most
6 appropriate system of licensure for such facilities, including, but not
7 limited to, the feasibility and appropriateness of transferring licensing
8 responsibilities for such facilities to the Department of Public Health,
9 and (2) what resources would be necessary in order to transfer
10 licensing responsibilities for such facilities to the Department of Public
11 Health or to successfully implement any other recommended changes
12 to the existing licensure system. Other topics may be included at the
13 discretion of the commissioner.

14 (b) (1) The committee shall be appointed by the commissioner and
15 shall consist of (A) two members of the Department of Public Health,
16 (B) two members of the Department of Children and Families, (C) the

17 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or a designee, and
18 (D) the Child Advocate, or a designee. The Commissioners of Public
19 Health and Children and Families, or their designees, shall be ex-
20 officio members with full voting rights.

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

24 (c) On or before January 1, 2008, the Commissioner of Public Health
25 shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes,
26 the results of the examination, with specific recommendations for
27 statutory changes, to the Governor and the joint standing committee of
28 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
29 health and children and families.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To examine the current licensure system for facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Children and Families and to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of transferring licensing responsibilities for such facilities to the Department of Public Health.

[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.]

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