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Special Act No. 08-4

**AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH
CENTER.**

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Office of Legislative Management shall, within available appropriations, contract with the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering to act as an independent monitor regarding the implementation of recommendations set forth in the needs-based analysis of The University of Connecticut Health Center facilities plan, in accordance with the provisions of special act 07-10, as amended by section 90 of public act 07-1 of the June special session and section 60 of public act 07-5 of the June special session. Such recommendations shall be implemented as Phase 1, that The University of Connecticut Health Center and a regional hospital or hospitals develop a mutually agreed upon vision and set of guiding principles that will form the basis for establishing affiliation agreements between the health center and such regional hospital or hospitals as partners, and Phase 2, that the health center and a regional hospital or hospitals articulate affiliation agreements that detail the working relationships between the health center and a regional hospital or hospitals as partners to support excellence in medical education in the state. The independent monitor

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shall (1) periodically report on progress and outcomes of the process of implementing the recommendations described as Phases 1 and 2, pursuant to this subsection, to the General Assembly to ensure that the best interests of the state are taken into consideration, (2) attend meetings between The University of Connecticut Health Center and the regional hospital or hospitals, as appropriate, (3) attend meetings concerning the progress of implementing such recommendations with the health center, at least monthly, (4) provide information, upon request, to the health center and the regional hospital or hospitals concerning issues under discussion as part of the implementation of such recommendations, including, but not limited to, national benchmarking data and practices, provided the requester pays the monitor for the provision of such information, and (5) review and provide comments on any draft work products concerning the development of the vision and guiding principles, as recommended as Phase 1, and any draft concerning detailed affiliation agreements between the health center and any regional hospital partner, as recommended as Phase 2.

(b) As part of the implementation of the recommendation described as Phase 1 in subsection (a) of this section, the guiding principles shall, at a minimum, include: (1) (A) What the health center's role is in the state, (B) the value of the education programs provided by the health center and the need for the expansion of such programs, and (C) the potential for collaborative research between the health center and a regional hospital or hospitals to enhance the health of the community and promote economic development in the state; (2) the identification of ways to strengthen medical education in this state; and (3) the identification of any other issues to be addressed by the health center and the regional hospital or hospitals. Not later than June 30, 2008, the independent monitor shall issue a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, detailing the process of implementation of the recommendation described as Phase 1 in said

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subsection (a), including the role played by the independent monitor in such implementation, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education, public health, finance, revenue and bonding, and appropriations and to The University of Connecticut Health Center, the Office of Policy and Management, and any regional hospital involved in the implementation of the recommendation described as Phase 1 in said subsection (a).

(c) As part of the implementation of the recommendation described as Phase 2 in subsection (a) of this section, The University of Connecticut Health Center and a regional hospital or hospitals shall seek to articulate affiliation agreements that detail the working relationships between the health center and a hospital or hospitals as partners to support excellence in medical education. Such agreements shall (1) clearly define (A) the governance structures between the health center and the regional hospital partner or partners, (B) financial commitments between the health center and regional hospital partner or partners, and (C) commitments from a regional hospital partner or partners to the academic and research mission of the health center, and (2) include decisions concerning the availability and type of clinical facilities and clinical services on the health center campus that should be constructed or renovated and how any such facilities would be financed, operated and managed by the health center and a regional hospital partner or partners. Not later than January 30, 2009, the independent monitor shall issue a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, detailing the process of implementation of the recommendation described as Phase 2 in said subsection (a), including the role played by the independent monitor in such implementation, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education, public health, finance, revenue and bonding, and appropriations and to The University of Connecticut Health Center,

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the Office of Policy and Management, and any regional hospital involved in the implementation of the recommendation described as Phase 2 in said subsection (a).

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