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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

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

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of
2 Policy and Management shall establish a committee, in accordance
3 with subsection (b) of this section, to assist the secretary in examining
4 and evaluating the existing licensure system for facilities under the
5 jurisdiction of the Department of Children and Families. The
6 committee shall focus on the (1) most appropriate system of licensure
7 for such facilities, including, but not limited to, the feasibility and
8 appropriateness of transferring licensing responsibilities for such
9 facilities to the Department of Public Health, and (2) resources
10 necessary to transfer licensing responsibilities for such facilities to the
11 Department of Public Health or to successfully implement any other
12 recommended changes to the existing licensure system. At the
13 discretion of the secretary, the committee may focus on additional
14 topics.

15 (b) (1) The committee shall be appointed by the secretary and shall
16 consist of (A) two members who are employees of the Department of

17 Public Health, (B) two members who are employees of the Department
18 of Children and Families, and (C) the Child Advocate, or a designee. In
19 addition, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the
20 Commissioner of Public Health and the Commissioner of Children and
21 Families, or their designees, shall be ex-officio members of the
22 committee with full voting rights.

23 (2) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may
24 expand the membership of the committee to include representatives
25 from related fields if the secretary believes that such expansion would
26 be beneficial to the work of the committee.

27 (c) On or before January 1, 2009, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
28 and Management shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
29 general statutes, the results of the examination, with specific
30 recommendations for statutory changes, to the Governor and the joint
31 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
32 matters relating to public health and human services.

33 Sec. 2. Section 17a-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the
34 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

35 (a) (1) The name of the Department of Children and Families facility
36 at Connecticut Valley Hospital shall be Riverview Hospital for
37 Children and Youth.

38 ~~[(b)]~~ (2) The name of the Department of Children and Families
39 facility in the city of Middletown shall be the Connecticut Juvenile
40 Training School.

41 ~~[(c)]~~ (3) The name of the Department of Children and Families
42 facility in the town of East Windsor shall be the Connecticut Children's
43 Place.

44 ~~[(d)]~~ (4) The name of the Department of Children and Families
45 facility in the town of Hamden shall be High Meadows.

46 [(e)] (5) The name of the Department of Children and Families
47 facility in the town of Hartland shall be the Wilderness School.

48 (b) (1) On or before July 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Children and
49 Families shall apply to the Department of Public Health for licensure
50 of Riverview Hospital for Children and Youth. The Commissioner of
51 Children and Families shall apply for renewal of such license annually.

52 (2) Prior to January 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Public Health shall
53 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for
54 the purpose of licensing Riverview Hospital for Children and Youth.
55 Such regulations shall establish minimum standards for such license.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17a-32

Statement of Purpose:

To: (1) Examine the current licensure system for facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Children and Families and determine the feasibility and appropriateness of transferring licensing responsibilities for such facilities to the Department of Public Health; and (2) require the Commissioner of Children and Families to apply to the Department of Public Health for licensure of Riverview Hospital for Children and Youth.

[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.]