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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE NURSING HOME FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-339 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 (a) There is established a Nursing Home Financial Advisory
4 Committee to examine the financial solvency of nursing homes on an
5 ongoing basis and to support the Departments of Social Services and
6 Public Health in their mission to provide oversight to the nursing
7 home industry [which] that promotes the financial solvency of and
8 quality of care provided by nursing homes. The committee shall
9 consist of [seven] eight members: The Commissioner of Social Services,
10 or [his] the commissioner's designee; the Commissioner of Public
11 Health, or [his] the commissioner's designee; the Secretary of the Office
12 of Policy and Management, or [his] the secretary's designee; the State
13 Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee; the director of the Office of
14 Fiscal Analysis, or [his] the director's designee; the executive director
15 of the Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority, or [his]
16 the executive director's designee; and one representative of nonprofit

17 nursing homes and one representative of for-profit nursing homes
18 appointed by the Governor.

19 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services and the Commissioner of
20 Public Health shall be the chairpersons of the committee. Any vacancy
21 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

22 (c) The committee may examine and audit the financial and other
23 records related to the operation of any: (1) Nursing home facility, as
24 defined in section 19a-521; (2) parent company, subsidiary, affiliate or
25 joint venture, or any combination thereof, of any such nursing home
26 facility; and (3) nursing facility management services, as defined in
27 section 19a-561 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes. In order
28 to carry out the committee's prescribed mission as set forth in
29 subsection (a) of this section, the committee may issue subpoenas,
30 order the production of books, records and other documents,
31 administer oaths and take testimony under oath. The committee may
32 request the Attorney General to petition the Superior Court for such
33 order as may be appropriate to enforce the provisions of this section.
34 The committee, upon receipt of a report relative to the financial
35 solvency of and quality of care provided by nursing homes in the state,
36 shall recommend appropriate action for improving the financial
37 condition of any nursing home that is in financial distress to the
38 Commissioner of Social Services. The committee may recommend that
39 the Commissioner of Social Services seek the appointment of a receiver
40 for a nursing home facility pursuant to section 19a-543.

41 (d) Not later than January 1, [1999] 2009, and annually thereafter,
42 the committee shall submit a report on its activities to the joint
43 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
44 matters relating to human services and public health and to the select
45 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
46 relating to aging, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

47 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated
48 to the Department of Social Services, from the General Fund, for the

49 fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose of funding the
50 activities of the Nursing Home Financial Advisory Committee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	17b-339
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide greater accountability and oversight of state spending on nursing home facilities by enhancing the duties performed by the Nursing Home Financial Advisory Committee.

[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.]