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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STRATEGY BOARD.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a  
2 Community-Based Health and Human Services Strategy Board that  
3 shall make recommendations concerning a long-term funding solution  
4 for the provision of state-funded, community-based health and human  
5 services. Such board shall consist of the following voting members  
6 who shall be appointed as follows: (1) Two by the Governor, one of  
7 whom shall be a provider of health and human services and one of  
8 whom shall be a parent of a child or adult with disabilities; (2) one by  
9 the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall have  
10 knowledge in the area of social services; (3) one by the president pro  
11 tempore of the Senate, who shall have knowledge of the labor market;  
12 (4) one by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who  
13 shall have knowledge of economics; (5) one by the majority leader of  
14 the Senate, who shall have knowledge of Medicaid policy; (6) one by  
15 the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall have  
16 knowledge of bonding; (7) one by the minority leader of the Senate,

17 who shall have knowledge of purchase of service agreements or  
18 education; (8) one by the chief executive officer of the Connecticut  
19 Community Providers Association; (9) one by the executive director of  
20 the Connecticut Association of Nonprofits; (10) one by the executive  
21 director of The Arc of Connecticut; (11) one by the executive director of  
22 SEIU 1199; and (12) one by the executive director of Council 4  
23 AFSCME. The following persons, or their designees, shall be ex-  
24 officio, nonvoting members of such board: The Secretary of the Office  
25 of Policy and Management, the Executive Director of the Court  
26 Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch and the  
27 Commissioners of Developmental Services, Mental Health and  
28 Addiction Services, Children and Families and Social Services.

29 (b) All initial appointments to the board shall be made not later than  
30 August 1, 2008. Any vacancy thereafter shall be filled by the  
31 appointing authority. The members appointed by the speaker of the  
32 House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate  
33 shall each serve as cochairpersons of such board. Such cochairpersons  
34 shall convene the first meeting of the board not later than October 1,  
35 2008.

36 (c) The board may, within available appropriations, contract with  
37 consultants having expertise in the areas of economics, labor, higher  
38 education or accounting to assist the board in carrying out its duties,  
39 and it may receive funds from any public or private source to carry out  
40 its activities.

41 (d) The board shall make recommendations to the Governor and the  
42 General Assembly concerning the development of a state-wide  
43 strategic plan for the continued provision of state-funded, community-  
44 based health and human services. Such recommendations shall  
45 include: (1) Strategies to provide consistent funding for the provision  
46 of such services and cost-of-living and other fiscal adjustments in  
47 payments to providers of such services using an indexing option such  
48 as the Consumer Price Index, the Medical Consumer Price Index, the

49 Home Health Market Basket administered by the federal Centers for  
50 Medicare and Medicaid Services, or any other indexing option used in  
51 this state or other states; (2) a budget to implement the indexing option  
52 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection that is recommended by  
53 the board; and (3) a budget and plan for stabilizing the service delivery  
54 system until such indexed payments are allocated.

55 (e) The board shall conduct research and an analysis that concerns  
56 the problem of the delivery and funding of health and human services.  
57 Such research and analysis shall include: (1) An analysis of the  
58 comparative cost of providing such services in the private and public  
59 sectors, including statistics on the wages and benefits of private sector,  
60 public sector and private sector unionized employees in the human  
61 services field; (2) the impact of standard wage legislation in the state;  
62 (3) a comparison of the compounded Medical Consumer Price Index to  
63 the cost-of-living allocations made to providers of services over the  
64 previous twenty-year period; (4) an analysis of the percentage increase  
65 in the cost of health insurance, workers' compensation insurance,  
66 property casualty insurance and energy costs since 2000, and a  
67 projection of the percentage increase of such costs until 2013; (5)  
68 projected labor market trends until 2013; and (6) any other additional  
69 research or analysis the board deems necessary to accomplish the  
70 board's duties described in subsection (d) of this section.

71 (f) Not later than January 1, 2009, and each January first thereafter,  
72 the board shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the  
73 general statutes, that details the board's: (1) Proposed budget  
74 recommendations, as described in subsection (d) of this section; (2)  
75 research and analysis, as described in subsection (e) of this section; and  
76 (3) proposed policy changes to the Governor and the joint standing  
77 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
78 relating to appropriations, public health and human services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a Community-Based Health and Human Service Strategy Board that will help to ensure continued funding of certain health and human services.

*[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.]*