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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) There shall be a Health and
4 Human Services Cabinet. The chairpersons of the cabinet shall be the
5 Governor or the Governor's designee, the Senate chair of the joint
6 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
7 matters relating to human services, or the Senate chair's designee, and
8 the House of Representatives chair of the joint standing committee of
9 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
10 appropriations, or the House of Representatives chair's designee. The
11 cabinet shall consist of the Commissioners of the Department of
12 Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Department of

13 Developmental Services, the Department of Social Services, the
14 Department of Public Health, the Department of Children and
15 Families, and the Department of Correction, or the commissioners'
16 designees, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
17 secretary's designee, the Executive Directors of the Judicial Branch
18 Court Support Services Division and of the Children's Trust Fund or
19 the executive directors' designees, and the following appointees: (1)
20 Two by the Governor, one of whom shall be a provider of health and
21 human services and one of whom shall be a parent of a child or adult
22 with disabilities; (2) one by the president pro tempore of the Senate,
23 who shall have knowledge of the labor market; (3) one by the speaker
24 of the House of Representatives, who shall have knowledge in the area
25 of social services; (4) one by the majority leader of the House of
26 Representatives, who shall have knowledge of economics; (5) one by
27 the majority leader of the Senate, who shall have knowledge of
28 Medicaid policy; (6) one by the minority leader of the House of
29 Representatives, who shall have knowledge of mental health issues; (7)
30 one by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall have knowledge of
31 purchase of service agreements; (8) one by the speaker of the House of
32 Representatives upon the recommendation of the chief executive
33 officer of the Connecticut Community Providers Association; (9) one
34 by the president pro tempore of the Senate upon the recommendation
35 of the executive director of the Connecticut Association of Nonprofits;
36 (10) one by the majority leader of the House of Representatives upon
37 the recommendation of the executive director of The Arc of
38 Connecticut; (11) one by the majority leader of the Senate upon the
39 recommendation of the president of SEIU 1199; (12) one by the
40 minority leader of the Senate upon the recommendation of the
41 executive director of Council 4 AFSCME; and (13) one by the minority
42 leader of the House of Representatives upon the recommendation of
43 the Connecticut Nonprofit Human Services Cabinet.

44 (2) All initial appointments to the cabinet shall be made not later
45 than July 1, 2008. Any vacancy thereafter shall be filled by the
46 appointing authority. The cochairpersons shall convene the first

47 meeting of the cabinet not later than August 1, 2008.

48 (3) The cabinet may, within available appropriations, contract with
49 consultants having expertise in the areas of economics, labor, higher
50 education or accounting to assist the board in carrying out its duties,
51 and it may receive funds from any public or private source to carry out
52 its activities.

53 (4) The cabinet shall be located within the Office of Policy and
54 Management for administrative purposes only.

55 (b) (1) On or before December 15, 2008, with respect to not-for-profit
56 community providers providing services under purchase of service
57 agreements, the cabinet shall: (A) Identify funding issues, (B) develop
58 proposed budget recommendations, (C) categorize community
59 providers by function, financial status, constituency served or any
60 other relevant category that will demonstrate the financial status of
61 any community provider or groups of community providers, and (D)
62 identify best practices regarding funding and funding structures in this
63 state or other states. For purposes of subparagraph (c), "financial
64 status" means the ability of the community provider to appropriately
65 meet the needs of its clients and its mission in a sustainable way.

66 (2) On or before June 1, 2009, the cabinet shall: (A) Conduct a
67 statewide assessment of the system structure serving the state, (B)
68 assess the contracting processes and make suggestions for
69 streamlining, transparency and accountability, (C) identify a
70 sustainable funding structure (D) develop results based accountability
71 measures for reporting progress in implementing a plan for the
72 policies and initiatives stated in subdivision (3) of this subsection and
73 subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive of this subdivision.

74 (3) On or before January 1, 2010, the cabinet shall establish an
75 integrated strategic plan for serving Connecticut's health and human
76 service needs that shall include, but not be limited to, identifying an
77 integrated, outcome-based service system that maximizes federal and
78 state funding, a sustainable funding structure that specifically

79 addresses long-term funding solutions for not-for-profit community
 80 providers providing services under purchase of service contracts,
 81 methods for interdepartmental cooperation, methods for colocation of
 82 services, cooperative programming, and cooperative purchasing
 83 agreements.

84 (c) No later than December 31, 2012, the cabinet shall recommend to
 85 the Governor, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 86 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and human
 87 services, a governance plan that identifies the appropriate coordinating
 88 entity to implement the statewide Health and Human Services Plan.
 89 The cabinet shall terminate upon submission of such
 90 recommendations."

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