AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2009) (a) The Commissioners of Social Services and Administrative Services and the Comptroller, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall develop a plan to (1) implement and maintain a prescription drug purchasing program and procedures to aggregate or negotiate the purchase of pharmaceuticals for pharmaceutical programs benefiting state-administered general assistance, HUSKY Plan, Part B, Charter Oak Health Plan and ConnPACe recipients, inmates of the Department of Correction, and persons eligible for coverage under the group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plans procured under section 5-259 of the general statutes, and (2) have the state join an existing multistate Medicaid pharmaceutical purchasing pool. Such plan shall determine the feasibility of subjecting some or all of the component programs set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection to the preferred drug lists adopted pursuant to section 17b-274d of the general statutes.

(b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit the plan authorized by subsection (a) of this section, including (1) a timetable for its implementation, (2) anticipated costs or savings resulting from
its implementation and maintenance, (3) a timetable for achievement of any such savings, and (4) proposed legislative recommendations necessary to implement such plan to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, not later than December 31, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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

| Section 1 | July 1, 2009 | New section |

PH Joint Favorable Subst.