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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 Commission on Nonprofit Health and Human Services. The
3 commission shall examine the adequacy of funding provided to
4 nonprofit providers of health and human services under purchase of
5 service contracts. For purposes of this section, "purchase of service
6 contract" (1) means a contract between a state agency and a private
7 provider organization or a municipality for the purpose of obtaining
8 direct health and human services for agency clients and generally not
9 for administrative or clerical services, material goods, training or
10 consulting services, and (2) does not include a contract with an
11 individual.

12 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
14 secretary's designee;

15 (2) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
16 commissioner's designee;

17 (3) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's
18 designee;

19 (4) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the
20 commissioner's designee;

21 (5) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or
22 the commissioner's designee;

23 (6) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
24 designee;

25 (7) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
26 designee;

27 (8) The executive director of the Court Support Services Division of
28 the Judicial Branch, or the executive director's designee;

29 (9) The Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
30 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
31 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, or the chairperson's
32 designee;

33 (10) The House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
34 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
35 services, or the chairperson's designee;

36 (11) The Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
37 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
38 government administration and elections, or the chairperson's
39 designee;

40 (12) The House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the
41 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
42 health, or the chairperson's designee;

43 (13) Two appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall have
44 knowledge of the state's labor market and one of whom shall have
45 knowledge of Medicaid policy;

46 (14) Three appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate,
47 one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Association
48 of Nonprofits, one of whom shall be a representative of a nonprofit
49 service provider that is under contract with the Department of
50 Children and Families and one of whom shall be a representative of
51 persons who are recipients of benefits under health and human
52 services programs;

53 (15) Two persons appointed by the speaker of the House of
54 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the
55 Connecticut Community Providers Association and one of whom shall
56 be a representative of a nonprofit service provider that is under
57 contract with the Department of Social Services;

58 (16) Two persons appointed by the majority leader of the Senate,
59 one of whom shall be a representative of the American Federation of
60 State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 4 and one of whom
61 shall be a representative of a nonprofit service provider that is under
62 contract with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
63 Services;

64 (17) Two persons appointed by the majority leader of the House of
65 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the Service
66 Employees International Union, District 1199 and one of whom shall
67 be a representative of a nonprofit service provider that is under
68 contract with the Department of Correction or Court Support Services
69 Division of the Judicial Branch;

70 (18) Two persons appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,
71 one of whom shall have knowledge of economics and one of whom
72 shall be a representative of a nonprofit service provider that is under
73 contract with the Department of Public Health; and

74 (19) Two persons appointed by the minority leader of the House of
75 Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the
76 Connecticut Nonprofit Human Services Cabinet and one of whom
77 shall be a representative of a nonprofit service provider that is under
78 contract with the Department of Developmental Services.

79 (c) Any member of the commission appointed under subdivisions
80 (9) to (12), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
81 of the General Assembly.

82 (d) All appointments to the commission shall be made not later than
83 June 1, 2010. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

84 (e) The Governor and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall
85 select the chairpersons of the commission from among the members of
86 the commission. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of
87 the commission, which shall be held not later July 1, 2010.

88 (f) The commission shall be located within the Office of Policy and
89 Management for administrative purposes only.

90 (g) The commission shall analyze the adequacy of funding provided
91 to nonprofit providers of health and human services under purchase of
92 service contracts. Such analysis shall include, but not be limited to: (1)
93 A comparison of the costs of services provided by a state agency with
94 the costs of services provided by a private provider, including a
95 comparison of wages and benefits for private union employees, private
96 nonunion employees and state employees; (2) the potential impact of
97 standard wage legislation on health and human services programs; (3)
98 the cost increases associated with the administration of health and
99 human services programs between 2000 and 2009, including increases
100 in the cost of employees' health insurance, workers' compensation
101 insurance, property casualty insurance and utilities; (4) the projected
102 costs associated with the administration of health and human services
103 programs through December 31, 2014; (5) a projection of cost savings
104 that may be achieved by serving individuals who are recipients of

105 benefits under health and human services programs in their
106 communities rather than in institutions; (6) sources of revenue for
107 health and human services programs; and (7) other issues that the
108 commission deems necessary to accomplish its purpose.

109 (h) (1) Not later than October 1, 2010, the commission shall submit a
110 preliminary report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
111 of the general statutes, on its findings and recommendations to the
112 Governor and to the joint standing committees of the General
113 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
114 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies for review and
115 comment. Such preliminary report shall include, but not be limited to,
116 recommendations for budget, policy and statutory changes that can be
117 effectuated to improve funding for nonprofit providers of health and
118 human services under purchase of service contracts.

119 (2) Not later than January 1, 2011, the commission shall submit a
120 final report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
121 general statutes, to the Governor and to the joint standing committees
122 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
123 human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.
124 Such final report shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations
125 for budget, policy and statutory changes that can be effectuated to
126 improve funding for nonprofit providers of health and human services
127 under purchase of service contracts. The commission shall terminate
128 on the date that it submits such final report or January 1, 2011,
129 whichever is later.

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

Statement of Purpose:
To establish a commission to examine the adequacy of funding provided to nonprofit providers of health and human services under purchase of service contracts.

[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.]