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Committee Bill No. 5618

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL TO PROMOTE ENHANCED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) There is established
2 within the Department of Public Health an advisory committee that
3 shall promote enhanced communication and collaboration between the
4 Department of Public Health, municipal health departments and local
5 health districts.

6 (b) The committee shall consist of ten members, with five appointed
7 by the Commissioner of Public Health and five appointed by the
8 executive director of the Connecticut Association of Directors of
9 Health. The Commissioner of Public Health shall select a chairperson
10 of the committee from among the committee membership. The
11 committee shall meet at such times as it deems necessary.

12 (c) The committee shall: (1) Evaluate (A) the allocation of public
13 health resources among the Department of Public Health, municipal
14 health departments and local health districts; (B) the implementation

15 of state and federal policies affecting municipal health departments
16 and local health districts; and (C) policy changes proposed by the
17 Department of Public Health, municipal health departments or local
18 health districts; and (2) establish criteria (A) for prior review by the
19 committee of any Department of Public Health application for federal
20 funds or grants, (B) that permit committee review of any Department
21 of Public Health application for federal funds or grants after the
22 department's submission of the application to federal authorities in
23 cases where prior review of such application is impracticable due to
24 time constraints or other exigent circumstances, and (C) that exempt
25 certain Department of Public Health applications for federal funds or
26 grants from the committee review process.

27 (d) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this
28 section, (1) the Department of Public Health shall submit any proposed
29 application for federal funds or grants to the advisory committee
30 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and said
31 committee shall review and approve the goals and proposed allocation
32 of funds set forth in the proposed application, and (2) no federal funds
33 or grants for which the department has applied may be disbursed or
34 otherwise utilized unless the advisory committee has reviewed and
35 approved, by not less than a two-thirds majority of the committee, the
36 goals and proposed allocation of funds as set forth in the application.

37 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection
38 (d) of this section, in the event that the advisory committee is unable to
39 secure a two-thirds majority for the approval of the Department of
40 Public Health's application for federal funds or grants, the chairperson
41 of said committee, after consultation with the committee, may approve
42 such application with such modifications as may be determined by the
43 committee.

44 (f) The Department of Public Health shall, within available
45 appropriations, provide administrative support to the advisory
46 committee.

47 (g) Not later than January 1, 2012, and annually thereafter, the
48 chairperson of the advisory committee shall report, in accordance with
49 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
50 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
51 matters relating to public health on the activities of the advisory
52 committee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2011	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish an advisory committee that will promote enhanced communication and collaboration between the Department of Public Health, municipal health departments and local health districts.

[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.]

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