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**"AN ACT CONCERNING DELAYS IN THE EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION PROCESS FOR STUDENTS SUSPECTED OF REQUIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 10-76i of the general statutes is  
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
5 *passage*):

6 (a) There shall be an Advisory Council for Special Education which  
7 shall advise the General Assembly, State Board of Education and the  
8 Commissioner of Education, and which shall engage in such other  
9 activities as described in this section. On and after July 1, 2010, the  
10 advisory council shall consist of the following members: (1) Nine  
11 appointed by the Commissioner of Education, (A) six of whom shall be  
12 (i) the parents of children with disabilities, provided such children are  
13 under the age of twenty-seven, or (ii) individuals with disabilities, (B)  
14 one of whom shall be an official of the Department of Education, (C)

15 one of whom shall be a state or local official responsible for carrying  
16 out activities under Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento  
17 Homeless Assistance Act, 42 USC 11431 et seq., as amended from time  
18 to time, and (D) one of whom shall be a representative of an institution  
19 of higher education in the state that prepares teacher and related  
20 services personnel; (2) one appointed by the Commissioner of  
21 Developmental Services who shall be an official of the department; (3)  
22 one appointed by the Commissioner of Children and Families who  
23 shall be an official of the department; (4) one appointed by the  
24 Commissioner of Correction who shall be an official of the department;  
25 (5) a representative from the Office of Protection and Advocacy for  
26 Persons with Disabilities; (6) a representative from the Parent  
27 Leadership Training Institute within the Commission on Children; (7)  
28 a representative from the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services within the  
29 Department of Social Services; [(5)] (8) five who are members of the  
30 General Assembly who shall serve as nonvoting members of the  
31 advisory council, one appointed by the speaker of the House of  
32 Representatives, one appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
33 Representatives, one appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
34 Representatives, one appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
35 Senate and one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; [(6)] (9)  
36 one appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate who shall be  
37 a member of the Connecticut Speech-Language-Hearing Association;  
38 [(7)] (10) one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall  
39 be a public school teacher; [(8)] (11) one appointed by the minority  
40 leader of the Senate who shall be a representative of a vocational,  
41 community or business organization concerned with the provision of  
42 transitional services to children with disabilities; [(9)] (12) one  
43 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives who shall be  
44 a member of the Connecticut Council of Special Education  
45 Administrators and who is a local education official; [(10)] (13) one  
46 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives who  
47 shall be a representative of charter schools; [(11)] (14) one appointed by  
48 the minority leader of the House of Representatives who shall be a  
49 member of the Connecticut Association of Private Special Education

50 Facilities; [(12)] (15) one appointed by the Chief Court Administrator of  
51 the Judicial Department who shall be an official of such department  
52 responsible for the provision of services to adjudicated children and  
53 youth; [(13)] (16) seven appointed by the Governor, all of whom shall  
54 be (A) the parents of children with disabilities, provided such children  
55 are under the age of twenty-seven, or (B) individuals with disabilities;  
56 and [(14)] (17) such other members as required by the Individuals with  
57 Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et seq., as amended from time  
58 to time, appointed by the Commissioner of Education. Appointments  
59 made pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be representative  
60 of the ethnic and racial diversity of, and the types of disabilities found  
61 in, the state population. The terms of the members of the council  
62 serving on June 8, 2010, shall expire on June 30, 2010. Appointments  
63 shall be made to the council by July 1, 2010. Members shall serve two-  
64 year terms, except that members appointed pursuant to subdivisions  
65 (1) to (3), inclusive, of this subsection whose terms commenced July 1,  
66 2010, shall serve three-year terms and the successors to such members  
67 appointed pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this  
68 subsection shall serve two-year terms."