



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5527

House of Representatives, April 10, 2012

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER, E. of the 38th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY HEALTH CARE REFORM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public Health
2 shall convene a working group to be comprised of the Commissioner
3 of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee; the president of the
4 Connecticut Public Health Association, or the president's designee;
5 and representatives of hospitals, health care providers, community
6 health centers and local health departments. The working group shall
7 study and make recommendations concerning: (1) Opportunities for
8 funding to strengthen community health programs under the Patient
9 Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148; (2) incentives for
10 wellness initiatives; (3) potential changes to health care delivery
11 systems; and (4) issues relating to chronic disease. Not later than
12 January 1, 2013, the working group shall report its findings to the
13 Special Advisor to the Governor on Healthcare Reform and the joint
14 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of

15 matters relating to public health.

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

PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Public Health to convene a working group tasked to make recommendations to the Special Advisor to the Governor on Healthcare Reform and the Public Health Committee regarding funding opportunities to strengthen community health programs and other health care related issues.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

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