



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 65**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 55

*Senate, March 21, 2012*

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
PHARMACEUTICAL AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17b-274d of the 2012 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (b) The Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee shall be  
5 comprised as specified in 42 USC 1396r-8 and shall consist of  
6 [fourteen] fifteen members appointed by the Governor. [Five] Six  
7 members shall be physicians licensed pursuant to chapter 370,  
8 including one general practitioner, one pediatrician, one geriatrician,  
9 one psychiatrist, one child psychiatrist and one specialist in family  
10 planning, four members shall be pharmacists licensed pursuant to  
11 chapter 400j, two members shall be visiting nurses, one specializing in  
12 adult care and one specializing in psychiatric care, one member shall  
13 be a clinician designated by the Commissioner of Mental Health and  
14 Addiction Services, one member shall be a representative of

15 pharmaceutical manufacturers and one member shall be a consumer  
 16 representative. The committee may, on an ad hoc basis, seek the  
 17 participation of other state agencies or other interested parties in its  
 18 deliberations. The members shall serve for terms of two years from the  
 19 date of their appointment. Members may be appointed to more than  
 20 one term. The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
 21 designee, shall convene the committee following the Governor's  
 22 designation of appointments. The administrative staff of the  
 23 Department of Social Services shall serve as staff for said committee  
 24 and assist with all ministerial duties. The Governor shall ensure that  
 25 the committee membership includes Medicaid participating physicians  
 26 and pharmacists, with experience serving recipients of medical  
 27 assistance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-274d(b)

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In the introductory paragraph of section 1, the phrase "2012 supplement to the" was inserted after the first "the" for accuracy.

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

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

This bill adds a child psychiatrist to the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee. There is no fiscal impact.

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

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 55*****AN ACT EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill adds a child psychiatrist to the membership of the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics (P & T) Committee, increasing the committee's membership to fifteen. The committee, established pursuant to federal law, oversees the development and maintenance of the Department of Social Services' preferred drug list for Medicaid.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****P & T Committee Membership***

By law, the governor appoints the P & T committee members, who serve two-year terms. The committee currently includes one psychiatrist, as well as four other doctors (a general practitioner, pediatrician, geriatrician, and specialist in family planning); four pharmacists; two visiting nurses (one specializing in adult care and one in psychiatric care); a clinician designated by the Mental Health and Addiction Services commissioner; a pharmaceutical manufacturers representative; and a consumer representative.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/09/2012)