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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD AND AN EMERGENCY
SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 19a-178a of the 2012
2 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

4 (a) There is established within the Department of Public Health an
5 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.

6 (b) The advisory board shall consist of members appointed in
7 accordance with the provisions of this subsection and shall include:
8 [the] The Commissioner of Public Health, [and] or the commissioner's
9 designee; the department's emergency medical services medical
10 director, or [their designees] the medical director's designee; and the
11 president of each regional emergency medical services council. The
12 Governor shall appoint the following members: One [person from each
13 of the regional emergency medical services councils; one] person from
14 the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health; three persons from

15 the Connecticut College of Emergency Physicians; one person from the
16 Connecticut Committee on Trauma of the American College of
17 Surgeons; one person from the Connecticut Medical Advisory
18 Committee; one person from the Emergency Department Nurses
19 Association; one person from the Connecticut Association of
20 Emergency Medical Services Instructors; one person from the
21 Connecticut Hospital Association; two persons representing
22 commercial ambulance providers; one person from the Connecticut
23 Firefighters Association; one person from the Connecticut Fire Chiefs
24 Association; one person from the Connecticut Chiefs of Police
25 Association; one person from the Connecticut State Police; and one
26 person from the Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and
27 Control. An additional eighteen members shall be appointed as
28 follows: Three by the president pro tempore of the Senate; three by the
29 majority leader of the Senate; four by the minority leader of the Senate;
30 three by the speaker of the House of Representatives; two by the
31 majority leader of the House of Representatives and three by the
32 minority leader of the House of Representatives. The appointees shall
33 include a person with experience in municipal ambulance services; a
34 person with experience in for-profit ambulance services; three persons
35 with experience in volunteer ambulance services; a paramedic; an
36 emergency medical technician; an advanced emergency medical
37 technician; three consumers and four persons from state-wide
38 organizations with interests in emergency medical services as well as
39 any other areas of expertise that may be deemed necessary for the
40 proper functioning of the advisory board.

41 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Office of Emergency Medical
42 Services, established pursuant to section 19a-178 of the general
43 statutes, shall study the establishment of an emergency services policy
44 council. Not later than January 1, 2013, the office shall report, in
45 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
46 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
47 cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning the results
48 of such study. Such report shall include, but not be limited to,

49 recommendations concerning the emergency services policy council's
50 potential role in (1) training and certification of emergency medical
51 technicians, and (2) the development of emergency services policies,
52 procedures and clinical protocols.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	19a-178a(a) and (b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To change the member appointments in the emergency medical services advisory board and to require the Office of Emergency Medical Services, within the Department of Public Health, to study the establishment of an emergency services policy council.

[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.]