



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 277

LCO No. 1591

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL TO PROMOTE
COLLABORATION BETWEEN LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established,
2 within the Department of Public Health, an advisory council to
3 promote communication and collaboration between the Department of
4 Public Health, local health departments and health districts.

5 (b) The council shall advise the Department of Public Health on
6 matters that include, but are not limited to: (1) Strategies for increasing
7 available resources for the department, local health departments and
8 health districts; (2) methods for improving collaboration, cooperation
9 and communication between the department, local health departments
10 and health districts; (3) methods for improving the state's public health
11 policies and emergency preparedness; and (4) the allocation of funding
12 for local health departments and health districts.

13 (c) The council shall consist of the following members:

14 (1) One representative of a hospital in the state, appointed by the

15 speaker of the House of Representatives;

16 (2) One local health director from a municipality or health district
17 that serves a population of not more than twenty-five thousand,
18 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

19 (3) One representative of the Connecticut Conference of
20 Municipalities, appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives;

22 (4) One local health director from a municipality or health district
23 that serves a population of not less than seventy-five thousand,
24 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

25 (5) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Directors of
26 Health, appointed by the minority leader of the House of
27 Representatives;

28 (6) One health director from a municipality or health district that
29 serves a population of not less than twenty-five thousand nor more
30 than seventy-five thousand, appointed by the minority leader of the
31 Senate;

32 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
33 designee;

34 (8) One representative of the Department of Public Health,
35 appointed by the commissioner; and

36 (9) Two representatives of schools of public health at institutions of
37 higher education in the state, appointed by the Governor.

38 (d) All appointments to the council shall be made not later than July
39 1, 2012. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

40 (e) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
41 designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the council. The chairperson
42 shall schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall be held not

43 later than July 1, 2012. The council shall meet not less than once per
44 calendar quarter.

45 (f) The Department of Public Health shall, within available
46 appropriations, serve as administrative staff of the council.

47 (g) Not later than January 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the
48 council shall report on its findings and recommendations to the joint
49 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
50 matters relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of
51 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish an advisory council to promote collaboration between the Department of Public Health, local health departments and 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.]