



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5538

House of Representatives, April 17, 2013

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. JOHNSON of the 49th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE CENTERS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2014,
2 the Commissioner of Public Health shall establish a pilot program in
3 five school districts in the state for school-based health centers. Not
4 later than July 1, 2013, said commissioner, in consultation with the
5 Commissioner of Education, shall select the five school districts in
6 which to establish the pilot program. The pilot program may include,
7 but need not be limited to: (1) Extended hours of operation for each
8 school-based health center; (2) the provision of services to students
9 outside the school district in which the school-based health center is
10 located; (3) the provision of behavioral health services and health care
11 services other than those typically provided by school-based health
12 centers; (4) community outreach relating to services provided by the
13 school-based health centers involved in the pilot program; and (5) the
14 receipt of reimbursement for services from private insurance.

15 (b) Not later than July 15, 2014, and annually thereafter until
16 termination of the pilot program, the Commissioner of Public Health
17 shall evaluate the pilot program established under subsection (a) of
18 this section and shall submit a report, in accordance with the
19 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, of the
20 commissioner's findings and recommendations to the joint standing
21 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
22 relating to public health, education, children and appropriations.

23 (c) The pilot program established in accordance with this section
24 shall terminate not later than January 1, 2017.

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

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	250,000 - 2.5 million	500,000 - 5 million

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish a school based health center (SBHC) pilot program in five school districts, which would cost from \$250,000 to \$2.5 million in FY 14 (reflecting half-year implementation) and \$500,000 to \$5 million in FY 15 dependent upon the scope of the pilot that DPH adopts. Under the bill, the pilot program may include (1) extended hours of operation for each SBHC, (2) the provision of services to students outside the school district in which the SBHC is located, (3) the provision of behavioral health services and health care services other than those typically provided by SBHCs and (4) community outreach relating to services provided by SBHCs in the pilot program. Also listed in the bill is (5) the receipt of reimbursement for services from private insurance. Per CGS Sec. 38a-472e, each Connecticut-licensed health insurer, at the request of one or more SBHCs, must offer to contract with the SBHC or SBHCs to reimburse enrollees for covered health services. This offer must be made on terms and conditions similar to contracts offered to other health care service providers.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future until the pilot program's termination, not later

than 1/1/17.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5538*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE CENTERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner, by January 1, 2014, to establish a pilot program in five school districts for school-based health centers. The DPH commissioner must consult with the education commissioner and select the five participating school districts by July 1, 2013 (presumably, districts with existing school-based health centers).

Under the bill, the pilot program may include (1) extended operating hours, (2) service provision to students outside the school district, (3) provision of behavioral health and other health care services other than those typically provided by school-based health centers, (4) community outreach related to service provision, and (5) private insurance reimbursements.

The DPH commissioner must annually evaluate the program, starting no later than July 15, 2014, until it ends. She must report her findings and recommendations to the Appropriation, Children, Education, and Public Health Committees. The program terminates no later than January 1, 2017.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 9 (04/01/2013)