



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 914

January Session, 2013



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF THE USE OF PESTICIDES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to examine information concerning medically accepted principles
3 regarding the health effects of the use of pesticides, including any age
4 dependent effects. Such examination shall include, but not be limited
5 to: (1) The review of peer-reviewed studies, journals, articles, digests
6 and similar literature concerning possible pesticide-based origins for
7 human diseases and chronic ailments, including, but not limited to,
8 asthma, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, autism, cancer,
9 diabetes and neurodegenerative conditions; (2) the development of a
10 readily understandable model and written explanation of the typical
11 chemical and geological processes that occur when pesticides are
12 applied on school grounds, municipal parks and residential properties
13 in Connecticut; and (3) the acquisition of reliable and up-to-date
14 information concerning the median frequency of pesticide applications
15 at schools in Connecticut, the customary methods employed for such
16 applications, the type of pesticides used in such applications and the
17 general reasons for such applications.

18 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

19 (1) The Deputy Commissioner of Environmental Quality at the

20 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;

21 (2) The director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station,
22 or the director's designee;

23 (3) One appointed by the president of the Connecticut Academy of
24 Science and Engineering;

25 (4) One appointed by the director of the Center for Integrative
26 Geosciences at The University of Connecticut;

27 (5) One appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health, who shall
28 have considerable experience and expertise in the field of
29 epidemiology;

30 (6) One appointed by the director of the Connecticut Controlled
31 Substances and Toxicology Laboratory, who shall have considerable
32 experience and expertise in the field of chemical toxics; and

33 (7) One appointed by the president of the Connecticut State Medical
34 Society, who shall have considerable experience and expertise in the
35 field of endocrinology.

36 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
37 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
38 filled by the appointing authority, as applicable.

39 (d) The members of the task force shall select the chairpersons of the
40 task force, from among the members of the task force. Such
41 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which
42 shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this
43 section.

44 (e) The administrative and legal staff of the joint standing committee
45 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
46 environment shall serve as administrative and legal staff of the task
47 force.

48 (f) Not later than February 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a
49 report on its examination to the joint standing committees of the
50 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
51 environment, planning and development, children and education, in
52 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
53 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
54 February 1, 2014, whichever is later.

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

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*