



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1070

January Session, 2013



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) There is established a
2 School Nurse Advisory Council. The advisory council shall advise the
3 Commissioners of Public Health and Education concerning
4 professional development for school nurses, school nurse staffing
5 levels, the delivery of health care services by school nurses in schools
6 and other matters that affect school nurses.

7 (b) The advisory council shall consist of the following members
8 appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health not later than thirty
9 days after the effective date of this section:

10 (1) One school nurse who is a member of the American Federation
11 of Teachers Connecticut;

12 (2) One school nurse who is a member of Council 4 of the American
13 Federation of State County and Municipal Employees;

14 (3) One school nurse who is a member of the Connecticut Education
15 Association;

16 (4) One representative of the Association of School Nurses of
17 Connecticut;

18 (5) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Public
19 School Superintendents;

20 (6) One representative of the Connecticut Federation of School
21 Administrators; and

22 (7) The Commissioners of Public Health and Education, or the
23 commissioners' designees, who shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members
24 and shall attend meetings of the advisory council.

25 (c) Members shall receive no compensation except for
26 reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in performing their
27 duties.

28 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall schedule the first
29 meeting of the advisory council, which shall be held not later than
30 sixty days after July 1, 2013. The members shall elect the chairperson of
31 the advisory council from among the members of the council who are
32 school nurses. A majority of the council members shall constitute a
33 quorum. A majority vote of a quorum shall be required for any official
34 action of the advisory council. The advisory council shall meet upon
35 the call of the chairperson or upon the majority request of the council
36 members.

37 (e) Not later than January 1, 2014, and not less than annually
38 thereafter, the advisory council shall submit a report on its
39 recommendations to the Commissioners of Public Health and
40 Education and to the joint standing committees of the General
41 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
42 education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
43 general statutes. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,
44 recommendations concerning: (1) Professional development for school
45 nurses; (2) school nurse staffing levels; and (3) the delivery of health
46 care services by school nurses in schools.

47 (f) The Commissioner of Public Health shall notify each local and
48 regional board of education of the advisory council's recommendations

49 not later than thirty days after the commissioner's receipt of the
50 advisory council's report containing such recommendations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*