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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) As used in sections 19a-6i of
2 the general statutes, as amended by this act, 19a-7d of the general
3 statutes, as amended by this act, and 19a-638 of the general statutes, as
4 amended by this act, "school-based health center" has the same
5 meaning as provided in 42 USC 1397jj(c)(9), as amended from time to
6 time.

7 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 19a-6i of the general statutes is
8 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
9 *1, 2013*):

10 (a) There is established a school-based health center advisory
11 committee for the purpose of assisting the Commissioner of Public
12 Health in developing recommendations for statutory and regulatory
13 changes to improve health care through access to school-based health
14 centers, as defined in section 1 of this act.

15 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 19a-7d of the general statutes is
16 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
17 *1, 2013*):

18 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health may establish, within
19 available appropriations, a program to provide three-year grants to
20 community-based providers of primary care services in order to
21 expand access to health care for the uninsured. The grants may be
22 awarded to community-based providers of primary care for (1)
23 funding for direct services, (2) recruitment and retention of primary
24 care clinicians and registered nurses through subsidizing of salaries or
25 through a loan repayment program, and (3) capital expenditures. The
26 community-based providers of primary care under the direct service
27 program shall provide, or arrange access to, primary and preventive
28 services, referrals to specialty services, including rehabilitative and
29 mental health services, inpatient care, prescription drugs, basic
30 diagnostic laboratory services, health education and outreach to alert
31 people to the availability of services. Primary care clinicians and
32 registered nurses participating in the state loan repayment program or
33 receiving subsidies shall provide services to the uninsured based on a
34 sliding fee schedule, provide free care if necessary, accept Medicare
35 assignment and participate as Medicaid providers, or provide nursing
36 services in school-based health centers, as defined in section 1 of this
37 act. The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
38 provisions of chapter 54, to establish eligibility criteria, services to be
39 provided by participants, the sliding fee schedule, reporting
40 requirements and the loan repayment program. For the purposes of
41 this section, "primary care clinicians" includes family practice
42 physicians, general practice osteopaths, obstetricians and
43 gynecologists, internal medicine physicians, pediatricians, dentists,
44 certified nurse midwives, advanced practice registered nurses,
45 physician assistants and dental hygienists.

46 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 19a-638 of the general statutes is
47 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

48 1, 2013):

49 (b) A certificate of need shall not be required for:

50 (1) Health care facilities owned and operated by the federal
51 government;

52 (2) The establishment of offices by a licensed private practitioner,
53 whether for individual or group practice, except when a certificate of
54 need is required in accordance with the requirements of section 19a-
55 493b or subdivision (9) or (10) of subsection (a) of this section;

56 (3) A health care facility operated by a religious group that
57 exclusively relies upon spiritual means through prayer for healing;

58 (4) Residential care homes, nursing homes and rest homes, as
59 defined in subsection (c) of section 19a-490;

60 (5) An assisted living services agency, as defined in section 19a-490;

61 (6) Home health agencies, as defined in section 19a-490;

62 (7) Hospice services, as described in section 19a-122b;

63 (8) Outpatient rehabilitation facilities;

64 (9) Outpatient chronic dialysis services;

65 (10) Transplant services;

66 (11) Free clinics, as defined in section 19a-630;

67 (12) School-based health centers, as defined in section 1 of this act,
68 community health centers, as defined in section 19a-490a, not-for-profit
69 outpatient clinics licensed in accordance with the provisions of chapter
70 368v and federally qualified health centers;

71 (13) A program licensed or funded by the Department of Children
72 and Families, provided such program is not a psychiatric residential

73 treatment facility;

74 (14) Any nonprofit facility, institution or provider that has a contract
75 with, or is certified or licensed to provide a service for, a state agency
76 or department for a service that would otherwise require a certificate
77 of need. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to a short-
78 term acute care general hospital or children's hospital, or a hospital or
79 other facility or institution operated by the state that provides services
80 that are eligible for reimbursement under Title XVIII or XIX of the
81 federal Social Security Act, 42 USC 301, as amended;

82 (15) A health care facility operated by a nonprofit educational
83 institution exclusively for students, faculty and staff of such institution
84 and their dependents;

85 (16) An outpatient clinic or program operated exclusively by or
86 contracted to be operated exclusively by a municipality, municipal
87 agency, municipal board of education or a health district, as described
88 in section 19a-241;

89 (17) A residential facility for persons with intellectual disability
90 licensed pursuant to section 17a-227 and certified to participate in the
91 Title XIX Medicaid program as an intermediate care facility for the
92 mentally retarded;

93 (18) Replacement of existing imaging equipment if such equipment
94 was acquired through certificate of need approval or a certificate of
95 need determination, provided a health care facility, provider,
96 physician or person notifies the office of the date on which the
97 equipment is replaced and the disposition of the replaced equipment;

98 (19) Acquisition of cone-beam dental imaging equipment that is to
99 be used exclusively by a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 379;

100 (20) The partial or total elimination of services provided by an
101 outpatient surgical facility, as defined in section 19a-493b, except as

102 provided in subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of this section and section
103 19a-639e;

104 (21) The termination of services for which the Department of Public
105 Health has requested the facility to relinquish its license; or

106 (22) Acquisition of any equipment by any person that is to be used
107 exclusively for scientific research that is not conducted on humans.

108 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioners of Public
109 Health and Education shall jointly, in consultation with the school-
110 based health center advisory committee established pursuant to
111 section 19a-6i of the general statutes, as amended by this act, develop a
112 plan concerning school-based health centers. Such plan shall consider
113 and recommend actions to: (1) Establish and implement uniform
114 standards for the operation of school-based health centers; (2) establish
115 and implement uniform standards for the provision of health care
116 services offered by school-based health centers, including, but not
117 limited to, behavioral health services and dental services; (3) establish
118 staffing ratios of licensed health care providers to school students for
119 school-based health centers; (4) ensure each school student has access
120 to the services provided by a school-based health center; (5) establish
121 mechanisms for school-based health centers to receive reimbursement
122 for services from private health insurance and Medicaid; (6) coordinate
123 services provided by school-based health centers with health care
124 services provided by community-based health care providers; and (7)
125 establish reporting requirements for school-based health centers.

126 (b) Not later than December 1, 2014, the Commissioners of Public
127 Health and Education shall jointly submit the plan described in
128 subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with the provisions of
129 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
130 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
131 health and education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	19a-6i(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	19a-7d(a)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	19a-638(b)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To adopt the federal definition of "school-based health center" and to require the Commissioners of Public Health and Education to establish a plan for school-based health centers.

[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.]