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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an
4 advisory council on pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder
5 associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute
6 neuropsychiatric syndrome to advise the Commissioner of Public
7 Health on research, diagnosis, treatment and education relating to said
8 disorder and syndrome.

9 (b) The advisory council shall consist of the following members,
10 who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health:

11 (1) An immunologist licensed and practicing in the state who has
12 experience treating persons with pediatric autoimmune

13 neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections and
14 pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome and the use of intravenous
15 immunoglobulin;

16 (2) A health care provider licensed and practicing in the state who
17 has expertise in treating persons with pediatric autoimmune
18 neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections and
19 pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome and autism;

20 (3) A representative of the Connecticut branch of the P.A.N.D.A.S.
21 Resource Network;

22 (4) An osteopathic physician licensed and practicing in the state
23 who has experience treating persons with pediatric autoimmune
24 neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections and
25 pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome;

26 (5) A health care provider licensed and practicing in the state who
27 has expertise in treating persons with Lyme disease and other tick-
28 borne illnesses;

29 (6) A medical researcher with experience conducting research
30 concerning pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder
31 associated with streptococcal infections, pediatric acute
32 neuropsychiatric syndrome, obsessive-compulsive disorder, tic
33 disorder and other neurological disorders;

34 (7) A certified dietitian-nutritionist practicing in the state who
35 provides services to children with Autism spectrum disorder,
36 attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and other neuro-
37 developmental conditions;

38 (8) A representative of a professional organization in the state for
39 school psychologists;

40 (9) A child psychiatrist who has experience treating persons with
41 pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with

42 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute neuropsychiatric
43 syndrome;

44 (10) A representative of a professional organization in the state for
45 school nurses;

46 (11) A pediatrician who has experience treating persons with
47 pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with
48 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute neuropsychiatric
49 syndrome;

50 (12) A representative of an organization focused on Autism;

51 (13) A parent with a child who has been diagnosed with pediatric
52 autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal
53 infections or pediatric acute neuropsychiatric syndrome and Autism;
54 and

55 (14) A social worker licensed and practicing in the state.

56 (c) A representative of the Department of Education Bureau of
57 Special Education shall be a member and the chairpersons of the joint
58 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
59 matters relating to public health, or the chairpersons' designees shall
60 be members of the task force.

61 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
62 designee, shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the task force
63 and shall attend all meetings of the advisory council.

64 (e) Any member of the task force appointed under subsection (c) of
65 this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

66 (f) All appointments to the advisory council shall be made not later
67 than thirty days after the effective date of this section.

68 (g) Members shall receive no compensation except for
69 reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in performing their

70 duties.

71 (h) The Commissioner of Public Health shall schedule the first
72 meeting of the advisory council, which shall be held not later than
73 September 1, 2013. The members shall elect the chairperson of the
74 advisory council from among the members of the council. A majority
75 of the council members shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of a
76 quorum shall be required for any official action of the advisory
77 council. The advisory council shall meet upon the call of the
78 chairperson or upon the request of a majority of council members.

79 (i) Not later than January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the
80 advisory council shall report, in accordance with the provisions of
81 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
82 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
83 health. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,
84 recommendations concerning: (1) Practice guidelines for the diagnosis
85 and treatment of said disorder and said syndrome; (2) mechanisms to
86 increase clinical awareness and education regarding said disorder and
87 said syndrome among physicians, including pediatricians, school-
88 based health centers and providers of mental health services; (3)
89 outreach to educators and parents to increase awareness of said
90 disorder and said syndrome; and (4) development of a network of
91 volunteer experts on the diagnosis and treatment of said disorder and
92 said syndrome to assist in education and outreach."

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Sec. 501 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |