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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 19a-6i of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

5 (a) There is established a school-based health center advisory
6 committee for the purpose of [assisting] advising the Commissioner of
7 Public Health [in developing recommendations for] on matters relating
8 to (1) statutory and regulatory changes to improve health care through
9 access to school-based health centers, and (2) minimum standards for
10 the provision of services in school-based health centers to ensure that
11 high quality health care services are provided in school-based health
12 centers.

- 13 (b) The committee shall be composed of the following members:
- 14 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
15 who shall be a family advocate or a parent whose child utilizes school-
16 based health center services;
- 17 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
18 shall be a school nurse;
- 19 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
20 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a school-based health
21 center that is sponsored by a community health center;
- 22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
23 a representative of a school-based health center that is sponsored by a
24 nonprofit health care agency;
- 25 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a school-based health
27 center that is sponsored by a school or school system;
- 28 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
29 a representative of a school-based health center that does not receive
30 state funds;
- 31 (7) Two appointed by the Governor, one each of whom shall be a
32 representative of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy
33 of Pediatrics and a representative of a school-based health center that
34 is sponsored by a hospital;
- 35 (8) One appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health, who shall
36 be a representative of a school-based health center that is sponsored by
37 a local health department;
- 38 [(1)] (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
39 designee;
- 40 [(2)] (10) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the

41 commissioner's designee;

42 [(3)] (11) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
43 Services, or the commissioner's designee;

44 [(4)] (12) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's
45 designee; [and]

46 (13) The executive director of the Commission on Children, or the
47 executive director's designee; and

48 [(5)] (14) Three school-based health center providers [who] one of
49 whom shall be the executive director of the Connecticut Association of
50 School-Based Health Centers and two of whom shall be appointed by
51 the board of directors of the Connecticut Association of School-Based
52 Health Centers.

53 (c) The committee shall meet not less than quarterly. On or before
54 January 1, [2012] 2014, and annually thereafter, the committee shall
55 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on its
56 activities to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
57 having cognizance of matters relating to public health and education.

58 (d) Administrative support for the activities of the committee may
59 be provided by the [Connecticut Association of School-Based Health
60 Centers] Department of Public Health.

61 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public Health,
62 in consultation with the Commissioner of Children and Families and
63 the school-based health center advisory committee, established
64 pursuant to section 19a-6i of the general statutes, as amended by this
65 act, shall study the provision of behavioral health services by school-
66 based health centers in the state, provided the Department of Public
67 Health receives private or federal funds for the purpose of conducting
68 such study. For purposes of this section, "school-based health center"
69 means a health clinic, licensed by the Department of Public Health
70 pursuant to section 19a-491 of the general statutes, that provides health

71 care services to students at a school.

72 (b) Not later than February 1, 2014, the Commissioner of Public
 73 Health shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
 74 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
 75 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health
 76 concerning the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
 77 section, provided the commissioner conducts such study. Such report
 78 shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) Recommendations for
 79 standards concerning the provision of behavioral health services at
 80 school-based health centers; (2) recommendations for oversight of the
 81 provision of behavioral health services at school-based health centers;
 82 (3) the estimated cost for all school-based health centers in the state to
 83 provide the recommended behavioral health services; (4) a description
 84 of the behavioral health services currently provided at school-based
 85 health centers; and (5) recommendations for maximizing
 86 reimbursement for such behavioral health services by private
 87 insurance and social service programs, including medical assistance
 88 programs administered by the Department of Social Services."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	19a-6i
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section