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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1070

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	less than 1,000	less than 1,000

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill creates a School Nurse Advisory Council, which could result in potential cost, estimated to be less than \$1,000 annually, to reimburse various agency staff for mileage reimbursement.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the rate of mileage reimbursement.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1070*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill creates a School Nurse Advisory Council to advise the Department of Public Health (DPH) and State Department of Education (SDE) commissioners on matters that affect school nurses, including their professional development, staffing levels, and delivery of health care services.

Under the bill, the DPH commissioner appoints the council's six voting members. The DPH and SDE commissioners, or their designees, are ex-officio, nonvoting members.

The council must report at least annually on its recommendations concerning the matters specified above to the DPH and SDE commissioners and the Public Health and Education committees. The first report is due January 1, 2014.

The bill requires the DPH commissioner to notify local and regional school boards of the advisory council's recommendations not later than 30 days after she receives council reports.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURE

The bill requires the DPH commissioner to appoint the council's voting members, within 30 days after July 1, 2013. The appointments are as follows:

1. one school nurse who is a member of the American Federation of Teachers Connecticut,

2. one school nurse who is a member of Council 4 of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees,
3. one school nurse who is a member of the Connecticut Education Association,
4. one representative of the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut,
5. one representative of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, and
6. one representative of the Connecticut Federation of School Administrators.

The DPH and SDE commissioners, or their designees, are ex-officio, nonvoting members and must attend the council's meetings.

Council members must elect a chairperson from among the members who are school nurses.

The DPH commissioner must schedule the first council meeting, to be held not later than 60 days after July 1, 2013. The council must meet upon the call of the chairperson or upon the request of a majority of the members. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum, and a majority vote of a quorum is needed for any official council action.

The bill provides that council members are not paid for their service, except for reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0 (04/02/2013)