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"AN ACT IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY OF NURSING HOME OPERATIONS."

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- 1 In line 69, strike "ten" and insert "fifty" in lieu thereof
- 2 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
3 internal references accordingly:
- 4 "Sec. 501. Section 17b-339 of the 2014 supplement to the general
5 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
6 (*Effective from passage*):
- 7 (a) There is established a Nursing Home Financial Advisory
8 Committee to examine the financial solvency of nursing homes on an
9 ongoing basis and to support the Departments of Social Services and
10 Public Health in their mission to provide oversight to the nursing
11 home industry on issues concerning the financial solvency of and
12 quality of care provided by nursing homes. The committee shall
13 convene not later than August 1, 2014, and consist of the following

14 members: The Commissioner of Social Services, or [his] the
15 commissioner's designee; the Commissioner of Public Health, or [his]
16 the commissioner's designee; the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
17 Management, or [his] the secretary's designee; the executive director of
18 the Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority, or [his] the
19 director's designee; the [president of LeadingAge Connecticut, Inc. or
20 the president's designee; and the executive director of the Connecticut
21 Association of Health Care Facilities, or the executive director's
22 designee] Long-Term Care Ombudsman and two members appointed
23 by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative of not-for-
24 profit nursing homes and one of whom shall be a representative of for-
25 profit nursing homes. In addition, the Labor Commissioner may
26 appoint a nonvoting member to the committee. The Commissioner of
27 Social Services [or his designee] and the Commissioner of Public
28 Health, or [his designee] their designees shall be the chairpersons of
29 the committee.

30 (b) The committee [, upon receipt of a report relative to the financial
31 solvency of and quality of care provided by nursing homes in the state,
32 shall recommend appropriate action for improving the financial
33 condition of any nursing home that is in financial distress] shall (1)
34 evaluate any information and data available, including, but not limited
35 to, (A) quality of care, (B) acuity, (C) census, and (D) staffing levels of
36 nursing homes operating in the state to assess the overall
37 infrastructure and projected needs of such homes, and (2) recommend
38 appropriate action consistent with the goals, strategies and long-term
39 care needs set forth in the strategic plan developed pursuant to
40 subsection (c) of section 17b-369 to the Commissioner of Social Services
41 and the Commissioner of Public Health. The Commissioner of Social
42 Services shall submit quarterly reports to the committee concerning
43 pending nursing home requests for interim rate increases. Such reports
44 shall, without identifying any requesting facility by name, list the
45 amount of each increase requested, the reason for the request and the
46 rate that will result if the request is granted.

47 (c) Not later than January 1, [2010] 2015, and annually thereafter, the
 48 committee shall submit a report on its activities to the joint standing
 49 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 50 relating to aging, appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
 51 human services and public health, in accordance with the provisions of
 52 section 11-4a.

53 (d) Not later than [January 1, 2010] October 1, 2014, and quarterly
 54 thereafter, the committee shall meet with the chairpersons and ranking
 55 members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
 56 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the
 57 budgets of state agencies, human services and public health [, and the
 58 Long-Term Care Ombudsman] to discuss activities of the committee
 59 relating to the financial solvency of and quality of care provided by
 60 nursing homes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	17b-339