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"AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF STROKE CENTERS."

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

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study stroke. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, a
5 review of: (1) The feasibility of adopting a nationally recognized stroke
6 assessment tool; (2) establishment of care protocols for emergency
7 medical service organizations relating to the assessment, treatment and
8 transport of persons with stroke; (3) establishment of a plan to achieve
9 continuous quality improvement in the care provided to persons with
10 stroke and the system for stroke response; and (4) the feasibility and
11 costs of establishing and maintaining a state-wide, hospital stroke
12 designation program administered by the Department of Public
13 Health.

14 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

15 (1) Two representatives of the American Academy of Neurology,
16 one of whom shall also be a representative of a hospital that is not
17 certified as a stroke center, appointed by the speaker of the House of
18 Representatives;

19 (2) Two representatives of the Stroke Coordinators of Connecticut,
20 one of whom shall also be a representative of a hospital that is not
21 certified as a stroke center, appointed by the president pro tempore of
22 the Senate;

23 (3) Two representatives of the Connecticut College of Emergency
24 Physicians, one of whom shall also be a representative of a hospital
25 that is not certified as a stroke center, one each appointed by the
26 majority leader of the House of Representatives and the majority
27 leader of the Senate;

28 (4) One representative of the American Heart Association,
29 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

30 (5) One representative of the Connecticut Hospital Association,
31 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

32 (6) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
33 designee;

34 (7) Two members appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health;
35 and

36 (8) One member representing the Emergency Medical Services
37 Advisory Board, appointed by the Governor.

38 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
39 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
40 filled by the appointing authority. The Commissioner of Public Health,
41 or the commissioner's designee, shall schedule the first meeting of the
42 task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the
43 effective date of this section. A majority of the task force members shall
44 constitute a quorum. A majority vote of a quorum shall be required for

45 any official action of the task force.

46 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall select a chairperson of
47 the task force from among the members of the task force.

48 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
49 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
50 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

51 (f) Members shall receive no compensation except for
52 reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in performing their
53 duties.

54 (g) Not later than January 15, 2016, the task force shall submit a
55 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
56 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
57 relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section
58 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
59 that it submits such report or January 15, 2016, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section