



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5903

January Session, 2015



AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Public Health shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social
3 Services and representatives of the Connecticut Hospital Association
4 and within available appropriations, study chronic obstructive
5 pulmonary disease.

6 (b) Not later than February 1, 2016, the commissioner shall report, in
7 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
8 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
9 cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning the results
10 of the study described in subsection (a) of this section. Such report
11 shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) Hospitalization and
12 hospital readmission rates for persons with chronic obstructive
13 pulmonary disease in the state; (2) a description of current activities by
14 state agencies to promote awareness and education by health care
15 providers and the general public on chronic obstructive pulmonary
16 disease, including, but not limited to, (A) the causes of the disease, (B)
17 the importance of early diagnosis and treatment, (C) effective
18 prevention strategies, and (D) management of the disease; (3) an
19 assessment of the need for community-based services for persons

20 having the disease; and (4) recommendations concerning (A) the
21 necessity and feasibility of conducting a needs assessment with respect
22 to the disease, (B) hosting an annual summit on the disease, (C)
23 development of a pilot program to determine best practices and
24 outcomes and to lower hospital readmission rates for persons with the
25 disease, and (D) identification of the amount of funding and potential
26 funding sources for the pilot program described in subparagraph (C)
27 of this subdivision.

28 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall, within available
29 appropriations, post on the Department of Public Health's Internet
30 web site information concerning chronic obstructive pulmonary
31 disease from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
32 and other information that the commissioner believes may aid persons
33 with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in talking with such
34 persons' health care providers about the disease.

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

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*