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**Proposed Bill No. 815**

LCO No. 3002



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE POLICY AND COST  
CONTAINMENT.**

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

- 1 That title 19a of the general statutes be amended to establish the
- 2 Connecticut Health Policy Commission as an independent state agency
- 3 that shall: (1) Be responsible for monitoring and reporting on health
- 4 care cost, delivery and payment trends and making recommendations
- 5 regarding policy changes to reduce health care cost growth and
- 6 improve the quality of health care; (2) establish state-wide benchmarks
- 7 for health care cost growth; (3) identify health care providers that
- 8 exceed the benchmarks for health care cost growth and require such
- 9 providers to implement a performance improvement plan developed
- 10 by the commission; (4) collect detailed cost and expenditure data from
- 11 health care providers; (5) monitor and review the impact of health care
- 12 market changes; (6) review and analyze each proposed merger or
- 13 acquisition involving a health care provider and, if it is determined
- 14 that the merger or acquisition is likely to significantly impact health
- 15 care competition or the ability to meet the benchmarks for health care
- 16 cost growth, conduct a cost and market impact analysis to be provided

17 to the Attorney General and the Office of Health Care Access.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish an independent entity to monitor and report on health care market trends and establish cost growth benchmarks with accountability measures.