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**"AN ACT MAKING MINOR REVISIONS TO VARIOUS BOARDS
AND COMMISSIONS STATUTES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 10a-1a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (a) There shall be a Board of Regents for Higher Education who
7 shall serve as the governing body for the regional community-technical
8 college system, the Connecticut State University System and Charter
9 Oak State College. The board shall consist of twenty-one members who
10 shall be distinguished leaders of the community in Connecticut. The
11 board shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic diversity.
12 The voting members shall not be employed by or be a member of a
13 board of trustees for any independent institution of higher education
14 in this state or the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut

15 nor shall they be [employed by or be elected officials of any public
16 agency, as defined in subdivision (1) of section 1-200] public officials or
17 state employees, as such terms are defined in section 1-79, during their
18 term of membership on the Board of Regents for Higher Education.
19 The Governor shall appoint nine members to the board as follows:
20 Three members for a term of two years; three members for a term of
21 four years; and three members for a term of six years. Thereafter, the
22 Governor shall appoint members of the board to succeed such
23 appointees whose terms expire and each member so appointed shall
24 hold office for a period of six years from the first day of July in the year
25 of his or her appointment. Four members of the board shall be
26 appointed as follows: One appointment by the president pro tempore
27 of the Senate, who shall be an alumnus of the regional community-
28 technical college system, for a term of four years; one appointment by
29 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a specialist in the
30 education of children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, for a
31 term of three years; one appointment by the speaker of the House of
32 Representatives, who shall be an alumnus of the Connecticut State
33 University System, for a term of four years; and one appointment by
34 the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be an
35 alumnus of Charter Oak State College, for a term of three years.
36 Thereafter, such members of the General Assembly shall appoint
37 members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms expire
38 and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of four
39 years from the first day of July in the year of his or her appointment.
40 The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the student advisory
41 committee created under section 10a-3 shall serve as members of the
42 board. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the faculty advisory
43 committee created under section 10a-3a shall serve as ex-officio,
44 nonvoting members of the board for a term of two years and, in their
45 respective roles as chairperson and vice-chairperson, shall be excluded
46 from any executive session, as defined in section 1-200, of the board.
47 The Commissioners of Education, Economic and Community
48 Development and Public Health and the Labor Commissioner shall
49 serve as ex-officio, nonvoting members of the board.

50 Sec. 502. Section 4a-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the
51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

52 There shall be a State Insurance and Risk Management Board
53 consisting of [eleven] twelve persons whom the Governor shall
54 appoint subject to the provisions of section 4-9a. Four of such
55 appointees shall be public members and [seven] eight shall be
56 qualified by training and experience to carry out their duties under the
57 provisions of sections 4a-20 and 4a-21. The Comptroller shall be an ex-
58 officio voting member of said board and may designate another person
59 to act in his or her place. Not more than [six] eight appointed members
60 of said board shall, at any time, be members of the same political party.
61 Said appointed members shall receive no compensation for the
62 performance of their duties as such but shall be reimbursed for their
63 necessary expenses. [The Governor may fill any vacancy on said board
64 for the unexpired portion of the term.] The board shall meet at least
65 once during each calendar quarter and at such other times as the
66 chairperson deems necessary. Special meetings shall be held on the
67 request of a majority of the board after notice in accordance with the
68 provisions of section 1-225. A majority of the members of the board
69 shall constitute a quorum. Any member who fails to attend three
70 consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all
71 meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have
72 resigned from office. [No member shall serve more than two full
73 consecutive terms which commence on or after July 1, 1983.] Said
74 board shall be within the Department of Administrative Services,
75 provided the board shall have independent decision-making authority.
76 Said department shall provide staff support for the board.

77 Sec. 503. Section 46a-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the
78 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

79 There is established a Board of Protection and Advocacy for Persons
80 with Disabilities, [hereinafter] otherwise referred to in this section as
81 the advocacy board. The advocacy board shall advise the executive
82 director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with

83 Disabilities on matters relating to advocacy policy, client service
84 priorities and issues affecting persons with disabilities. Said advocacy
85 board shall consist of fifteen members appointed by the Governor and
86 be comprised of ten persons with disabilities or a parent or guardian of
87 a person with a disability, at least four of whom shall represent
88 developmentally disabled persons, and five persons who are
89 knowledgeable in the problems of persons with disabilities, including
90 the state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator and the
91 chairperson for the advisory board of the protection and advocacy for
92 individuals with mental illness program. The Governor or the
93 Governor's designee shall serve on the board as a nonvoting member.
94 No officer or employee of a state or private agency providing services
95 to persons with disabilities other than the chairperson for the advisory
96 board of the protection and advocacy for individuals with mental
97 illness program, if applicable, may serve as a member of the advocacy
98 board. [The initial terms of the members of said advocacy board shall
99 terminate on July 1, 1979, and thereafter the terms of the members of
100 said advocacy board shall be coterminous with the term of the
101 Governor.] The Governor shall appoint one of the members of said
102 board to serve as chairperson. All members of the advocacy board
103 shall serve without compensation but shall be compensated for
104 necessary expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties as
105 board members.

106 Sec. 504. Section 19a-14 of the general statutes is amended by adding
107 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

108 (NEW) (f) (1) Upon the issuance of a complaint under this chapter
109 concerning any board or commission listed in subsection (b) of this
110 section, or upon the filing of a petition for a declaratory ruling with, or
111 the initiation of a proceeding for declaratory ruling by, any such board
112 or commission pursuant to section 4-176, such board or commission
113 shall notify the department of such complaint, petition or initiation of a
114 proceeding.

115 (2) The Commissioner of Public Health or his or her designee may,

116 not later than fifteen calendar days after receipt of the notice described
 117 in subdivision (1) of this subsection, notify such board or commission
 118 that the decision rendered by such board or commission in such matter
 119 shall be a proposed decision and that the commissioner or his or her
 120 designee shall render the final determination of the matter. The board
 121 or commission in making any such proposed decision shall comply
 122 with the requirements set forth in section 4-179. The commissioner or
 123 his or her designee may approve, modify or reject the proposed
 124 decision or remand the proposed decision for further review or for the
 125 taking of additional evidence. Any party to the matter may file written
 126 exceptions to the proposed decision not later than thirty days after the
 127 proposed decision is issued by the board or commission. The decision
 128 of the commissioner or his or her designee shall be the final decision in
 129 accordance with section 4-180 and for purposes of reconsideration in
 130 accordance with section 4-181a or appeal to the Superior Court
 131 pursuant to section 4-183."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	10a-1a(a)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	4a-19
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	46a-9
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	19a-14