



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5457

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AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL HEALTH DIRECTORS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-244 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 On and after October 1, 2010, any person nominated to be the
4 director of health shall (1) be a licensed physician and hold a degree in
5 public health from an accredited school, college, university or
6 institution, or (2) hold a graduate degree in public health from an
7 accredited school, college or institution. The educational requirements
8 of this section shall not apply to any director of health nominated or
9 otherwise appointed as director of health prior to October 1, 2010. The
10 board may specify in a written agreement with such director the term
11 of office, which shall not exceed three years, salary and duties required
12 of and responsibilities assigned to such director in addition to those
13 required by the general statutes or the Public Health Code, if any. [He]
14 Such director shall be removed during the term of such written
15 agreement only for cause after a public hearing by the board on
16 charges preferred, of which reasonable notice shall have been given.
17 [He shall devote his entire time to the performance of such duties as
18 are required of directors of health by the general statutes or the Public
19 Health Code and as the board specifies in its written agreement with
20 him;] Such director shall serve in a full-time capacity, shall not engage

21 in private practice and shall act as secretary and treasurer of the board,
22 without the right to vote. [He] Such director shall give to the district a
23 bond with a surety company authorized to transact business in the
24 state, for the faithful performance of [his] such director's duties as
25 treasurer, in such sum and upon such conditions as the board requires.
26 [He] Such director shall be the executive officer of the district
27 department of health. Full-time employees of a city, town or borough
28 health department at the time such city, town or borough votes to form
29 or join a district department of health shall become employees of such
30 district department of health. Such employees may retain their rights
31 and benefits in the pension system of the town, city or borough by
32 which they were employed and shall continue to retain their active
33 participating membership therein until retired. Such employees shall
34 pay into such pension system the contributions required of them for
35 their class and membership. Any additional employees to be hired by
36 the district or any vacancies to be filled shall be filled in accordance
37 with the rules and regulations of the merit system of the state of
38 Connecticut and the employees who are employees of cities, towns or
39 boroughs which have adopted a local civil service or merit system
40 shall be included in their comparable grade with fully attained
41 seniority in the state merit system. Such employees shall perform such
42 duties as are prescribed by the director of health. In the event of the
43 withdrawal of a town, city or borough from the district department, or
44 in the event of a dissolution of any district department, the employees
45 thereof, originally employed therein, shall automatically become
46 employees of the appropriate town, city or borough's board of health.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	19a-244

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