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***Raised Bill No. 5536***

LCO No. 2372



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A DIABETES ACTION PLAN.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-6q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the  
4 Lieutenant Governor, or the Lieutenant Governor's designee, and local  
5 and regional health departments, shall, within available resources,  
6 develop a plan that is consistent with the Department of Public  
7 Health's Healthy Connecticut 2020 health improvement plan and the  
8 state healthcare innovation plan developed pursuant to the State  
9 Innovation Model Initiative by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
10 Services Innovation Center. The commissioner shall develop and  
11 implement such plan to: (1) Reduce the incidence of chronic disease,  
12 including, but not limited to, chronic cardiovascular disease, cancer,  
13 lupus, stroke, chronic lung disease, diabetes, arthritis or another  
14 chronic metabolic disease and the effects of behavioral health  
15 disorders; (2) improve chronic disease care coordination in the state;  
16 and (3) reduce the incidence and effects of chronic disease and

17 improve outcomes for conditions associated with chronic disease in  
18 the state.

19 (b) The commissioner shall [, on or before January 15, 2015, and  
20 biennially thereafter,] biennially submit a report, in consultation with  
21 the Lieutenant Governor or the Lieutenant Governor's designee, in  
22 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a to the joint standing  
23 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
24 relating to public health concerning chronic disease and  
25 implementation of the plan described in subsection (a) of this section.  
26 The commissioner shall post each report on the Department of Public  
27 Health's Internet web site not later than thirty days after submitting  
28 such report. Each report shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) A  
29 description of the chronic diseases that are most likely to cause a  
30 person's death or disability, the approximate number of persons  
31 affected by such chronic diseases and an assessment of the financial  
32 effects of each such disease on the state and on hospitals and health  
33 care facilities; (2) a description and assessment of programs and  
34 actions that have been implemented by the department and health care  
35 providers to improve chronic disease care coordination and prevent  
36 chronic disease; (3) the sources and amounts of funding received by  
37 the department to treat persons with multiple chronic diseases and to  
38 treat or reduce the most prevalent chronic diseases; [in the state;] (4) a  
39 description of chronic disease care coordination between the  
40 department and health care providers, to prevent and treat chronic  
41 disease; and (5) recommendations concerning actions that health care  
42 providers and persons with chronic disease may take to reduce the  
43 incidence and effects of chronic disease.

44 (c) Not later than December 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Public  
45 Health, in collaboration with the Commissioner of Social Services and  
46 the State Comptroller, shall (1) (A) identify existing state programs that  
47 address the prevention, control and treatment of diabetes and analyze  
48 the effectiveness of such programs, (B) assess the financial impact of  
49 diabetes on the state, including, but not limited to, the prevalence of

50 the disease and the cost to the state for, among other things,  
51 administering the programs identified under subparagraph (A) of this  
52 subdivision, and (C) examine the coordination of such programs and  
53 other efforts among state agencies to prevent, control and treat  
54 diabetes, and (2) develop an action plan that sets forth steps for  
55 reducing the impact of diabetes on the state, including expected  
56 outcomes for each step and benchmarks for preventing, controlling  
57 and treating diabetes. Not later than January 1, 2017, and annually  
58 thereafter, the Commissioner of Public Health shall submit a report, in  
59 consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services and the State  
60 Comptroller, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the  
61 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
62 of matters relating to public health concerning implementation of the  
63 diabetes action plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-6q

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the development and implementation of a diabetes action plan to reduce the impact of diabetes on the state.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*