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Raised Bill No. 293

LCO No. 1806



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-212f of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2016*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall establish a School Nurse
5 Advisory Council consisting of the following members:

6 (1) One representative from each state-wide bargaining
7 representative organization that represents school nurses;

8 (2) One representative of the Association of School Nurses of
9 Connecticut; [who is employed in a private or parochial school;]

10 (3) One representative of the Connecticut Nurses Association;

11 (4) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Public
12 School Superintendents;

13 (5) One representative of the Connecticut Federation of School
14 Administrators;

15 (6) One representative of the Connecticut Association of Boards of
16 Education;

17 (7) Two school district medical advisors, one of whom is a member
18 of the American Academy of Pediatrics;

19 (8) One representative of the Connecticut Association for Healthcare
20 at Home who is a school nurse; and

21 (9) The Commissioners of Education and Public Health, or the
22 commissioners' designees who shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members
23 and shall attend meetings of the advisory council.

24 Sec. 2. Section 10-212 of the general statutes is repealed and the
25 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

26 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall appoint one or
27 more school nurses or nurse practitioners. Such school nurses and
28 nurse practitioners appointed by such boards shall [be qualified
29 pursuant to regulations] meet the educational requirements and other
30 qualifications specified in regulations adopted in accordance with the
31 provisions of chapter 54 by the State Board of Education in
32 consultation with the Department of Public Health. Such school nurses
33 may also act as visiting nurses in the town, may visit the homes of
34 pupils in the public schools and shall assist in executing the orders of
35 the school medical advisor, if there is any in such town, and perform
36 such other duties as are required by such board. In addition to meeting
37 such educational requirements and other qualifications, each school
38 nurse or nurse practitioner shall complete the school nurse orientation
39 program offered by the state Department of Education, the Association
40 of School Nurses of Connecticut and any regional education service
41 center established pursuant to section 10-66a not later than one year
42 after his or her date of hire, provided such school nurse or nurse

43 practitioner has not previously completed the school nurse orientation
44 program.

45 (b) Each local or regional board of education shall annually
46 complete the state Department of Education's health services program
47 information survey.

48 [(b)] (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or
49 any regulation of Connecticut state agencies, nothing in this section
50 shall be construed to prohibit the administering of medications by
51 parents or guardians to their own children on school grounds.

52 [(c)] (d) School nurses and nurse practitioners appointed by or
53 under contract with any local or regional board of education and any
54 nurse provided to a nonpublic school under the provisions of section
55 10-217a shall submit to a criminal history records check in accordance
56 with the provisions of section 29-17a.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2016 | 10-212f(a) |
| Sec. 2 | October 1, 2016 | 10-212 |

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the School Nurse Advisory Council by changing the council's membership requirements, requiring school nurses to complete an orientation program and requiring school districts to complete the annual health services program information survey.

[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.]