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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 247

File No. 549

Cal. No. 546

(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR LOSS OF CONSORTIUM BY A MINOR CHILD WITH RESPECT TO THE DEATH OF A PARENT."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study the efficacy of the state's tort system, particularly with respect
5 to medical malpractice actions. The task force shall examine the
6 adequacy of state laws and policies relating to the litigation of medical
7 malpractice actions, including an examination of the costs of litigation,
8 the efficiency of the state court system and whether the interests of
9 justice are best served by assigning judges with medical malpractice
10 liability experience to hear medical malpractice actions. In addition,
11 the task force shall examine the feasibility of (1) establishing health
12 courts to hear medical malpractice actions, and (2) assigning a single
13 judge to a medical malpractice action throughout the litigation process.

14 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

15 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
16 one of whom shall be a physician representative of the Connecticut
17 Medical Society representing primary care physicians and one of
18 whom shall be a physician representative of the Connecticut Medical
19 Society representing specialty care physicians;

20 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
21 of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Hospital
22 Association and one of whom shall be a representative of the
23 Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association;

24 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
25 Representatives who shall be a representative of the noncaptive
26 liability insurance industry;

27 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall be
28 a representative of the captive liability insurance industry;

29 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
30 Representatives who shall be a representative of the Connecticut
31 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Society;

32 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall be
33 a representative of a consumer advocacy organization;

34 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
35 designee;

36 (8) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

37 (9) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;

38 (10) The Healthcare Advocate, or the Healthcare Advocate's
39 designee;

40 (11) The Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court
41 Administrator's designee; and

42 (12) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
43 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
44 relating to the judiciary, public health and insurance.

45 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
46 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
47 filled by the appointing authority.

48 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
49 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
50 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
51 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not

52 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

53 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
54 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance
55 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

56 (f) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a report
57 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
58 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
59 judiciary, public health and insurance in accordance with the
60 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
61 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2017,
62 whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section