

General Assembly

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LCO No. 1589



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by: (GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINOR REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT.

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 2-111 of the
- 2 2018 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
- 3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 4 (1) Four members of the General Assembly, one of whom shall be
- 5 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of
- 6 whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate,
- 7 one of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of
- 8 Representatives, and one of [who] whom shall be appointed by the
- 9 minority leader of the Senate;
- Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4-67x of the general statutes is
- 11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from

12 passage):

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13 (a) There shall be a Child Poverty and Prevention Council consisting 14 of the following members or their designees: The Secretary of the 15 Office of Policy and Management, the president pro tempore of the 16 Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority 17 leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of 18 Representatives, the Commissioners of Children and Families, Social 19 Services, Correction, Developmental Services, Mental Health and 20 Addiction Services, Transportation, Public Health, Education, 21 Housing, Agriculture and Economic and Community Development, 22 the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Court Administrator, the 23 chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the Child 24 Advocate [,] and the executive directors of the Office of Early Childhood, [and] 25 the Commission on Human Rights 26 Opportunities and the [executive director of the] Commission on 27 Women, Children and Seniors. [or a designee.] The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, shall be 28 29 the chairperson of the council. The council shall (1) develop and 30 promote the implementation of a ten-year plan, to begin June 8, 2004, 31 to reduce the number of children living in poverty in the state by fifty 32 per cent, and (2) within available appropriations, establish prevention 33 goals and recommendations and measure prevention service outcomes 34 in accordance with this section in order to promote the health and well-being of children and families. 35

Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 4-124bb of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(b) The Connecticut Career Ladder Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the following thirteen members: (1) The Commissioners of Education and Public Health and the president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, or their designees; (2) the Labor Commissioner, or a designee; and (3) the following public members, all of whom shall be selected by the Labor Commissioner, with recommendation of the staff of the Office of Workforce Competitiveness [,] and Commission on Women, Children and

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- 47 Seniors, and whom shall be knowledgeable about issues relative to
- 48 career ladder programs or projected workforce shortage areas: (A) One
- 49 member with expertise in the development of the early childhood
- 50 education workforce; (B) one member with expertise in job training for
- 51 women; (C) one member with expertise in the development of the
- 52 health care workforce; (D) one member with expertise in labor market
- analysis; (E) one member representing health care employers; (F) one
- 54 member representing early childhood education employers; and (G)
- 55 three members with expertise in workforce development programs.
- Sec. 4. Subdivision (9) of subsection (c) of section 17b-28 of the 2018
- 57 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
- substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 59 (9) A member of the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors,
- designated by the executive director of said commission;
- 61 Sec. 5. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-7 of the 2018
- supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
- 63 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 64 (1) Each board or commission shall exercise its statutory functions,
- 65 including licensing, certification, registration, accreditation of schools
- and the rendering of findings, orders and adjudications. With the
- 67 exception of the Liquor Control Commission, any exercise of such
- 68 functions by such a board or commission that is adverse to a party
- 69 shall be a proposed final decision and subject to approval,
- 70 modification or rejection by the commissioner.
- Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 21a-7 of the 2018 supplement to the
- 72 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 73 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 74 (b) With the exception of the Liquor Control Commission, each
- 75 board or commission within the Department of Consumer Protection
- 76 under section 21a-6 that makes a proposed final decision that is
- 77 adverse to a party as described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of

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78 this section, shall submit such proposed final decision to the 79 Commissioner of Consumer Protection. Not later than thirty calendar days after receipt of any such proposed decision, the Commissioner of 80 81 Consumer Protection shall notify such board or commission that the 82 commissioner shall render the final decision concerning such matter. 83 Not later than thirty days after receipt of any such proposed final 84 decision, the commissioner shall approve, modify or reject the 85 proposed final decision or remand the proposed final decision for further review or for the taking of additional evidence. The 86 87 commissioner shall notify the board or commission in writing of the 88 commissioner's decision and include in such notification the rationale 89 for such decision. The decision of the commissioner shall be the final 90 decision in accordance with section 4-180 for purposes 91 reconsideration in accordance with section 4-181a or appeal to the 92 Superior Court in accordance with section 4-183.

Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 28-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall, within available appropriations and in consultation with the Commissioners of Social Services, Public Health, Children and Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Education, and the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, update and amend the state civil preparedness plan and program established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to address the needs of children during natural disasters, man-made disasters and acts of terrorism. The plan may also be amended in consultation with parents, local emergency services and child care providers. The amended plan shall include, but not be limited to, a requirement that all schools and licensed and regulated child care services, as defined in section 19a-77, have written multihazard disaster response plans that address (1) the evacuation and removal of children to a safe location, (2) notification of parents in the event of a disaster or act of terrorism, (3) reunification of parents with their children, and (4) care for children with special needs during

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- 112 a disaster or <u>act of</u> terrorism.
- 113 Sec. 8. Section 46a-131 of the general statutes is repealed. (Effective
- 114 from passage)

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | from passage | 2-111(b)(1) |
| Sec. 2 | from passage | 4-67x(a) |
| Sec. 3 | from passage | 4-124bb(b) |
| Sec. 4 | from passage | 17b-28(c)(9) |
| Sec. 5 | from passage | 21a-7(a)(1) |
| Sec. 6 | from passage | 21a-7(b) |
| Sec. 7 | from passage | 28-5(c) |
| Sec. 8 | from passage | Repealer section |

Statement of Purpose:

To make minor revisions to the statutes related to the administration of government.

[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.]

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