



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 464

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist. and SEN. SOMERS of the 18th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO ENHANCE
PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT IN THE STATE.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2018*) (a) On or before January 1, 2019, the
2 Commissioner of Public Health shall convene a working group to
3 advise the commissioner regarding methods to enhance physician
4 recruitment in the state. The working group shall examine issues that
5 include, but need not be limited to, (1) recruiting, retaining and
6 compensating primary care, psychiatric and behavioral health care
7 providers; (2) the potential effectiveness of loan forgiveness; (3) access
8 to health care providers; (4) the effect, if any, of the health insurance
9 landscape on limiting health care access; (5) barriers to physician
10 participation in health care networks; and (6) assistance for graduate
11 medical education training.

12 (b) The working group convened pursuant to subsection (a) of this
13 section shall include, but need not be limited to, the following

14 members: (1) A representative of the Connecticut Hospital Association;
 15 (2) a representative of the Connecticut Medical Society; (3) a physician
 16 licensed under chapter 370 of the general statutes with a small group
 17 practice; (4) a physician licensed under chapter 370 of the general
 18 statutes with a multisite group practice; (5) one representative each of
 19 at least three different schools of medicine; (6) a representative of a
 20 regional physician recruiter association; (7) the human resources
 21 director of at least one hospital in the state; (8) a member of a patient
 22 advocacy group; and (9) four members of the general public. The
 23 working group shall elect chairpersons from among its members. As
 24 used in this subsection, "small group practice" means a group practice
 25 comprised of less than eight full-time equivalent physicians, and
 26 "multisite group practice" means a group practice comprised of over
 27 one hundred full-time equivalent physicians practicing throughout the
 28 state.

29 (c) On or before January 1, 2020, the working group shall report its
 30 findings to the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2018	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b)(4), "multisite medical group" was changed to "multisite group practice" for consistency with the defined term.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill, which establishes a physician recruitment working group, does not result in a fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/26/2018)