



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 99**

January Session, 2019

Substitute Senate Bill No. 96

*Senate, March 21, 2019*

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. ABRAMS of the 13th Dist., Chairperson 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, 2019*) (a) On or before January 1, 2020, 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 student loan forgiveness;  
8 (3) access to health care providers; (4) the effect, if any, of the health  
9 insurance landscape on limiting health care access; (5) barriers to  
10 physician participation in health care networks; and (6) assistance for  
11 graduate 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, 2021, 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, 2019	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(a)(2), "student" was inserted before "loan" for clarity.

**PH** Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill, which requires the Commissioner of Public Health to convene a working group on or before 1/1/20 to advise the Commissioner on methods to enhance physician recruitment in the state, does not result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**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

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/01/2019)