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**Raised Bill No. 7359**

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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,  
TRANSGENDER AND QUEER HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
NETWORK.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a  
2 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Health and Human  
3 Services Network to make recommendations to the state legislative,  
4 executive and judicial branches of government concerning the delivery  
5 of health and human services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender  
6 and queer persons in the state.

7 (b) The network shall work to build a safer and healthier  
8 environment for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer persons  
9 by (1) conducting a needs analysis, within available appropriations, (2)  
10 collecting additional data on the health and human services needs of  
11 such persons as necessary, (3) informing state policy through reports  
12 submitted at least biennially, in accordance with the provisions of  
13 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of  
14 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public

15 health, human services, appropriations and the budgets of state  
16 agencies, other legislative committees as necessary, the Governor and  
17 the Chief Court Administrator, (4) assisting the Department of Public  
18 Health to develop requests for proposals for grants awarded pursuant  
19 to section 2 of this act, and (5) building organizational member  
20 capacity, leadership and advocacy across the geographic and social  
21 spectrum of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer  
22 community.

23 (c) The network shall include, but need not be limited to, the  
24 following members, or their designees:

25 (1) The president of Connecticut Latinas/os Achieving Rights and  
26 Opportunities (CLARO);

27 (2) The executive director of the Safe Harbor Project;

28 (3) The executive director of the New Haven Pride Center;

29 (4) The executive director of True Colors of Hartford;

30 (5) The executive director of the Triangle Community Center in  
31 Norwalk;

32 (6) The executive director of AIDS Connecticut;

33 (7) The executive director of the Connecticut chapter of the Gay,  
34 Lesbian, & Straight Education Network (GLSEN);

35 (8) The executive director of the Rainbow Center at The University  
36 of Connecticut;

37 (9) The executive director of the Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health  
38 Collective;

39 (10) The executive director of the Connecticut Transadvocacy  
40 Coalition;

41 (11) The president of OutCT in New London;

42 (12) The executive director of the Queer Unity Empowerment  
43 Support Team;

44 (13) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children  
45 and Seniors;

46 (14) The executive director of the Commission on Equity and  
47 Opportunity;

48 (15) A lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer physician,  
49 licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes, appointed by  
50 the speaker of the House of Representatives;

51 (16) An LGBT Veteran Care coordinator assigned to a health care  
52 facility in the state administered by the United States Department of  
53 Veterans Affairs, appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
54 Senate; and

55 (17) A member of the LGBT Aging Advocacy coalition, appointed  
56 by the Governor.

57 (d) Members shall serve at the will of the speaker of the House of  
58 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate, who may  
59 each appoint additional members and set term limits for each member.  
60 Appointments to the network shall be made not later than sixty days  
61 after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by  
62 the speaker of the House of Representatives, acting in consultation  
63 with the president pro tempore of the Senate.

64 (e) The administrative staff of the Commission on Women, Children  
65 and Seniors shall provide administrative support to the network.

66 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of two hundred fifty  
67 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Public Health  
68 from the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, to (1)  
69 assist the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Health and  
70 Human Services Network established pursuant to section 1 of this act  
71 to conduct a needs analysis concerning health and human services for

72 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer persons, and (2) fund  
73 grants awarded by the Department of Public Health to organizations  
74 that assist in the mission of the network. The Department of Public  
75 Health shall award such grants based on requests for proposals  
76 developed in consultation with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,  
77 Transgender and Queer Health and Human Services Network.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To build a healthier and safer environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer persons with the establishment of a health and human services network dedicated to their needs.

*[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.]*