



**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*