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(As Amended By House Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE
IN CONNECTICUT."**

1 Strike section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 19a-754a of the general statutes is repealed and
4 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

5 (a) There is established an Office of Health Strategy, which shall be
6 within the Department of Public Health for administrative purposes
7 only. The department head of said office shall be the executive director
8 of the Office of Health Strategy, who shall be appointed by the
9 Governor in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8,
10 inclusive, with the powers and duties therein prescribed.

11 (b) The Office of Health Strategy shall be responsible for the
12 following:

13 (1) Developing and implementing a comprehensive and cohesive
14 health care vision for the state, including, but not limited to, a
15 coordinated state health care cost containment strategy;

16 (2) Promoting effective health planning and the provision of quality
17 health care in the state in a manner that ensures access for all state
18 residents to cost-effective health care services, avoids the duplication
19 of such services and improves the availability and financial stability of
20 such services throughout the state;

21 (3) (A) Directing and overseeing innovative health care delivery and
22 payment models in the state that reduce health care cost growth and
23 improve the quality of patient care, including, but not limited to, the
24 State Innovation Model Initiative and related successor initiatives, (B)
25 setting a health care cost growth benchmark, as defined in section 2 of
26 this act, for the state across all payers and populations, (C) enhancing
27 the transparency of health care entities in the state, (D) monitoring the
28 development of accountable care organizations and patient-centered
29 medical homes in the state, and (E) monitoring the adoption of
30 alternative payment methodologies in the state;

31 (4) (A) Coordinating the state's health information technology
32 initiatives, (B) seeking funding for and overseeing the planning,
33 implementation and development of policies and procedures for the
34 administration of the all-payer claims database program established
35 under section 19a-775a, and (C) [establishing and maintaining a
36 consumer health information Internet web site under 19a-755b, and
37 (D)] designating an unclassified individual from the office to perform
38 the duties of a health information technology officer as set forth in
39 sections 17b-59f and 17b-59g;

40 (5) Directing and overseeing the Health Systems Planning Unit
41 established under section 19a-612 and all of its duties and
42 responsibilities as set forth in chapter 368z; and

43 (6) Convening forums and meetings with state government and
44 external stakeholders, including, but not limited to, the Connecticut

45 Health Insurance Exchange, to discuss health care issues designed to
46 develop effective health care cost and quality strategies.

47 (c) The Office of Health Strategy shall constitute a successor, in
48 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39, to the
49 functions, powers and duties of the following:

50 (1) The Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, established
51 pursuant to section 38a-1081, relating to the administration of the all-
52 payer claims database pursuant to section 19a-755a; and

53 (2) The Office of the Lieutenant Governor, relating to the (A)
54 development of a chronic disease plan pursuant to section 19a-6q, (B)
55 housing, chairing and staffing of the Health Care Cabinet pursuant to
56 section 19a-725, and (C) (i) appointment of the health information
57 technology officer, and (ii) oversight of the duties of such health
58 information technology officer as set forth in sections 17b-59f and 17b-
59 59g.

60 (d) Any order or regulation of the entities listed in subdivisions (1)
61 and (2) of subsection (c) of this section that is in force on July 1, 2018,
62 shall continue in force and effect as an order or regulation until
63 amended, repealed or superseded pursuant to law."

64 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
65 internal references accordingly:

66 "Sec. 501. Subsection (c) of section 19a-755a of the general statutes is
67 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
68 *1, 2019*):

69 (c) Unless otherwise specified, nothing in this section and no action
70 taken by the executive director of the Office of Health Strategy
71 pursuant to this section [or section 19a-755b] shall be construed to
72 preempt, supersede or affect the authority of the Insurance
73 Commissioner to regulate the business of insurance in the state.

74 Sec. 502. Sections 19a-755b and 38a-477e of the general statutes are

75 repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2019*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	19a-754a
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	19a-755a(c)
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	Repealer section