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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ENDOMETRIOSIS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-94d of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (b) Except as provided in this section, for registration periods  
5 beginning on and after October 1, 2014, a licensee applying for license  
6 renewal shall earn a minimum of fifty contact hours of continuing  
7 education within the preceding twenty-four-month period. Such  
8 continuing education: [shall: (1) Be] (1) Shall be in an area of the  
9 advanced practice registered nurse's practice; (2) shall reflect the  
10 professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health care needs  
11 of the public; (3) shall include at least five contact hours of training or  
12 education in pharmacotherapeutics; (4) shall include at least one contact  
13 hour of training or education in each of the following topics: (A)  
14 Infectious diseases, including, but not limited to, acquired immune  
15 deficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk  
16 management, (C) sexual assault, (D) domestic violence, (E) cultural

17 competency, and (F) substance abuse, including, but not limited to,  
18 prescribing controlled substances and pain management; (5) [on and  
19 after January 1, 2016,] shall include not less than two contact hours of  
20 training or education during the first renewal period in which  
21 continuing education is required and not less than once every six years  
22 thereafter on the topic of mental health conditions common to veterans  
23 and family members of veterans, including (A) determining whether a  
24 patient is a veteran or family member of a veteran, (B) screening for  
25 conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide,  
26 depression and grief, and (C) suicide prevention training; [and (6) on  
27 and after January 1, 2020,] (6) may include not less than two contact  
28 hours of training or education during the first renewal period in which  
29 continuing education is required and not less than once every six years  
30 thereafter in diagnosing and treating cognitive or mental health  
31 conditions, including, but not limited to, Alzheimer's disease, dementia,  
32 delirium, related cognitive impairments and geriatric depression; and  
33 (7) on and after October 1, 2023, for licensees working as a school nurse  
34 or as a nurse for a school-based health center, shall include at least one  
35 contact hour of training or education during the first renewal period in  
36 which continuing education is required and not less than once every six  
37 years thereafter in diagnosing and treating endometriosis, including a  
38 review of (A) an educational toolkit regarding endometriosis developed  
39 by an organization recognized by the Department of Public Health, and  
40 (B) information on how systemic racism, explicit and implicit bias, racial  
41 disparities and experiences of transgender and gender diverse youth  
42 affect the diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis. For purposes of this  
43 section, qualifying continuing education activities include, but are not  
44 limited to, courses, including on-line courses, offered or approved by  
45 the American Nurses Association, Connecticut Hospital Association,  
46 Connecticut Nurses Association, Connecticut League for Nursing, a  
47 specialty nursing society or an equivalent organization in another  
48 jurisdiction, an educational offering sponsored by a hospital or other  
49 health care institution or a course offered by a regionally accredited  
50 academic institution or a state or local health department. The  
51 commissioner may grant a waiver of not more than ten contact hours of

52 continuing education for an advanced practice registered nurse who:  
53 [(A)] (i) Engages in activities related to the advanced practice registered  
54 nurse's service as a member of the Connecticut State Board of Examiners  
55 for Nursing, established pursuant to section 20-88; or [(B)] (ii) assists the  
56 department with its duties to boards and commissions as described in  
57 section 19a-14.

58 Sec. 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-94e of the general statutes  
59 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
60 *October 1, 2023*):

61 (a) As used in this section:

62 (1) "Contact hour" means a minimum of fifty minutes of continuing  
63 education and activities; and

64 (2) "Registration period" means the one-year period for which a  
65 license has been renewed in accordance with section 19a-88 and is  
66 current and valid.

67 (b) For registration periods beginning on and after January 1, 2022, a  
68 registered nurse licensed pursuant to this chapter who is actively  
69 practicing in this state, and a licensed practical nurse licensed pursuant  
70 to this chapter who is actively practicing in this state, applying for  
71 license renewal shall, during the first renewal period and not less than  
72 once every six years thereafter, (1) earn not less than two contact hours  
73 of training or education on [(1)] (A) screening for conditions such as  
74 post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief, and  
75 [(2)] (B) suicide prevention training, and (2) for such registered nurses  
76 and licensed practical nurses working as a school nurse or nurse in a  
77 school-based health center, earn not less than one contact hour of  
78 training or education in diagnosing and treating endometriosis,  
79 including a review of (A) an educational toolkit regarding  
80 endometriosis developed by an organization recognized by the  
81 Department of Public Health, and (B) information on how systemic  
82 racism, explicit and implicit bias, racial disparities and experiences of  
83 transgender and gender diverse youth affect the diagnosis and

84 treatment of endometriosis. For purposes of this section, qualifying  
85 continuing education activities include, but are not limited to, in-person  
86 and online courses offered or approved by the American Nurses  
87 Association, Connecticut Hospital Association, Connecticut Nurses  
88 Association, Connecticut League for Nursing, a specialty nursing  
89 society or an equivalent organization in another jurisdiction, an  
90 educational offering sponsored by a hospital or other health care  
91 institution or a course offered by a regionally accredited academic  
92 institution or a state or local health department.

93       Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) Not later than January 1,  
94 2024, the Department of Public Health shall establish an endometriosis  
95 data and biorepository program to (1) foster research and clinical  
96 collaborations to assist in understanding the pathology, drivers and  
97 impact of endometriosis; (2) allow for the curation of information  
98 regarding endometriosis from a diverse cross-section of communities to  
99 ensure representation of all ethnic groups in such communities; (3)  
100 support the identification of biomarkers of endometriosis to allow for  
101 earlier diagnosis of the disease; (4) encourage the advancement of new  
102 therapeutic strategies in the treatment of endometriosis, including  
103 earlier access for Connecticut residents to the latest therapeutic options  
104 as such options are developed; (5) support better care management of  
105 endometriosis; and (6) serve as a centralized resource to disseminate  
106 information, educate the public and raise awareness regarding  
107 endometriosis to promote early diagnosis and treatment of adolescents  
108 and adults.

109       (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the  
110 Commissioner of Public Health shall report, in accordance with the  
111 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
112 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
113 relating to public health regarding the implementation of the  
114 endometriosis data and biorepository program established pursuant to  
115 subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	20-94d(b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	20-94e(a) and (b)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require school nurses to receive training regarding endometriosis and establish an endometriosis data and biorepository program.

*[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.]*