



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5896

House of Representatives, April 14, 2015

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NUTRITION EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) There is established an
2 advisory council on nutrition education to advise and make
3 recommendations to the Commissioner of Public Health on (1)
4 childhood nutrition, including, but not limited to, promoting healthier
5 eating habits and providing and promoting healthier options for
6 school meals, and (2) the development of a nutrition education
7 program for adoption by the local and regional school districts and
8 integration into the physical education curriculum.

9 (b) The advisory council shall consist of the following members,
10 who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health:

11 (1) A certified dietitian-nutritionist practicing in the state who
12 provides services to children;

- 13 (2) A pediatrician licensed and practicing in the state;
- 14 (3) A medical researcher with experience conducting research
15 concerning the effects of childhood nutrition on overall health;
- 16 (4) A school nurse licensed and practicing in the state;
- 17 (5) A psychiatrist licensed and practicing in the state with
18 experience treating children with issues related to nutrition;
- 19 (6) A licensed clinical social worker, as defined in section 20-195m of
20 the general statutes, with experience providing services to children
21 with issues related to nutrition;
- 22 (7) A representative of the Department of Education responsible for
23 publishing the nutrition standards for food items offered for sale to
24 students at schools pursuant to section 10-215e of the general statutes;
25 and
- 26 (8) A member of the State Board of Education.
- 27 (c) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
28 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, or
29 the chairpersons' designees, shall be members of the advisory council.
- 30 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
31 designee, shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the advisory
32 council and shall attend all meetings of the advisory council.
- 33 (e) Any member of the advisory council under subdivisions (1) to
34 (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this section may be a
35 member of the General Assembly.
- 36 (f) All appointments to the advisory council shall be made not later
37 than thirty days after the effective date of this section.
- 38 (g) Members shall receive no compensation except for
39 reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in performing their
40 duties.

41 (h) The Commissioner of Public Health shall schedule the first
 42 meeting of the advisory council, which shall be held not later than
 43 September 1, 2015. The members shall elect the chairperson of the
 44 advisory council from among the members of the council. A majority
 45 of the council members shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of a
 46 quorum shall be required for any official action of the advisory
 47 council. The advisory council shall meet upon the call of the
 48 chairperson or upon the request of a majority of council members.

49 (i) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the
 50 advisory council shall report, in accordance with the provisions of
 51 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
 52 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
 53 health. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to,
 54 recommendations concerning: (1) Childhood nutrition, including, but
 55 not limited to, promoting healthier eating habits and providing and
 56 promoting healthier options for school meals, and (2) the development
 57 of a nutrition education program for adoption by the local and
 58 regional school districts and integration into the physical education
 59 curriculum.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section 1(e) was rewritten for clarity and accuracy; and in Section 1(f), "act" was changed to "section" for accuracy.

PH Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	less than 1,000	less than 1,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 16 and in FY 17 to those agencies participating in the council to reimburse taskforce members and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the rate of mileage reimbursement.

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5896

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SUMMARY:

This bill establishes an 11-member Nutrition Education Advisory Council to advise and make recommendations to the public health (DPH) commissioner on (1) childhood nutrition, including promoting healthier eating habits and promoting and providing healthier school meals and (2) developing a nutrition education program for local and regional school districts to adopt and integrate into their physical education curriculum.

By January 1, 2016, the advisory council must begin annually reporting its recommendations to the Public Health Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Membership

Under the bill, the DPH commissioner must appoint the following eight members:

1. a certified dietician-nutritionist practicing in Connecticut who serves children;
2. a licensed pediatrician practicing in the state;
3. a medical researcher with experience in research on the effects of childhood nutrition on overall health;
4. a school nurse licensed and practicing in the state;

5. a psychiatrist licensed and practicing in the state with experience treating children with nutrition-related issues;
6. a licensed clinical social worker with experience serving children with nutrition-related issues;
7. a Department of Education representative responsible for publishing the nutritional standards for food sold to students in schools; and
8. a State Board of Education member.

The commissioner must make her appointments by July 31, 2015. An appointee may be a legislator.

Additional council members include the (1) Public Health Committee chairs, or their designees and (2) DPH commissioner or her designee, who serves as a non-voting, ex-officio member. The commissioner or her designee must attend all council meetings.

Council members are not paid, but are reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties.

Operations

The commissioner must schedule the council’s first meeting, which must be held by September 1, 2015. The council must elect a chairperson from among its members. A majority of its members constitutes a quorum and a majority vote of the quorum is needed for any official action. The council must meet (1) upon the call of the chairperson or (2) at the request of a majority of its members.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable
 Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/27/2015)