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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 24-150—sHB 5511

Appropriations Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUMMARY: This act increases, from 45 to 51, the membership of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee by adding (1) two municipal representatives appointed by the governor and (2) the ranking members of the Appropriations and Public Health committees, or their designees, so long as the designees have experience living with a substance use disorder or have a family member with such a disorder.

Under the act, the advisory committee consists of 43 state and local government officials and eight public members and, as under existing law, is chaired by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services commissioner and a municipal representative. The committee must meet quarterly and annually report to the Appropriations and Public Health committees on the fund's activities.

By law, the advisory committee must ensure (1) Opioid Settlement Fund moneys are allocated and spent on specified substance use disorder abatement purposes and (2) robust public involvement, accountability, and transparency in allocating and accounting for the fund's moneys (CGS § 17a-674d).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage