



Substitute House Bill No. 5537

Public Act No. 16-66

AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES

Sec. 51. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established, within available appropriations, within the Department of Public Health, a Diabetes Advisory Council. The advisory council shall (1) analyze the current state of diabetes prevention, control and treatment in the state; and (2) advise the department on methods to achieve the goal of the Centers for Disease Control in granting funds to the state for diabetes prevention.

(b) The advisory council shall consist of the following members, who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section:

- (1) Two representatives of the Department of Public Health;
- (2) A member of the Connecticut Alliance of Diabetes Educators;
- (3) A diabetes prevention advocate;
- (4) One representative each from two locations of the Young Men's Christian Association in the state that provide a diabetes prevention program;
- (5) A representative of an insurance carrier that covers residents of this state;
- (6) One representative each from two federally qualified health centers;
- (7) A representative of the Connecticut State Medical Society;
- (8) A representative of an accountable care organization;
- (9) A primary health care provider who is not employed by a hospital, federally qualified health center or accountable care organization;
- (10) Two representatives of a research and bioscience manufacturer with expertise in metabolic diseases; and
- (11) Any additional member the commissioner determines would be beneficial to serve as a member of the advisory council.

(c) The advisory council shall consist of the following additional members:

- (1) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee;
- (2) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;
- (3) The executive director of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission, or the executive director's designee;
- (4) The executive director of the African-American Affairs Commission, or the executive director's designee; and
- (5) The cochairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, or such cochairpersons' designees, one of whom may be a legislator.

(d) Members shall receive no compensation except for reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties. The members shall elect the chairperson of the advisory council from among the members of the advisory council. A majority of the advisory council members shall constitute a quorum. Any action taken by the advisory council shall require a majority vote of those present.

(e) The advisory council shall (1) review the following: (A) Strategies to identify and enroll individuals at risk of diabetes in diabetes prevention programs; (B) strategies to identify and refer individuals with diabetes for enrollment in formal diabetes education classes and diabetes management programs; (C) the status of healthcare organizations reporting on clinical quality measures related to diabetes control; (D) existing state programs that address prevention, control, and treatment of diabetes; and (E) evidence that supports the need for such programs; and (2) make recommendations to enhance and financially support such programs.

(f) The advisory council may (1) study the following: (A) The effectiveness of the existing state programs identified in subsection (d) of this section; (B) the financial impact of diabetes on the state, including, but not limited to, the prevalence of the disease and the cost to the state for, among other things, administering the programs identified in subsection (e) of this section; and (C) the coordination of such programs and other efforts among state agencies to prevent, control and treat diabetes; and (2) develop an action plan that sets forth steps for reducing the impact of diabetes on the state, including, but not limited to, expected outcomes for each step toward preventing, controlling and treating diabetes.

(g) Not later than January 1, 2017, the advisory council shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, a progress report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health. Not later than May 1, 2017, the advisory council shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, a final report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health. The advisory council shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2018, whichever is later.