

Sec. 17b-339. Nursing Home Financial Advisory Committee. Duties. Membership. Reports. Annual meeting. (a) There is established a Nursing Home Financial Advisory Committee to examine the financial solvency of nursing homes on an ongoing basis and to support the Departments of Social Services and Public Health in their mission to provide oversight to the nursing home industry on issues concerning the financial solvency of and quality of care provided by nursing homes. The committee shall convene not later than August 1, 2014, and consist of the following members: The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee; the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee; the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee; the executive director of the Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority, or the director's designee; the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and two members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative of not-for-profit nursing homes and one of whom shall be a representative of for-profit nursing homes. In addition, the Labor Commissioner may appoint a nonvoting member to the committee. The Commissioner of Social Services and the Commissioner of Public Health, or their designees, shall be the chairpersons of the committee.

(b) The committee shall (1) evaluate any information and data available, including, but not limited to, (A) quality of care, (B) acuity, (C) census, and (D) staffing levels of nursing homes operating in the state to assess the overall infrastructure and projected needs of such homes, and (2) recommend appropriate action consistent with the goals, strategies and long-term care needs set forth in the strategic plan developed pursuant to subsection (c) of section 17b-369 to the Commissioner of Social Services and the Commissioner of Public Health. The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit quarterly reports to the committee concerning pending nursing home requests for interim rate increases. Such reports shall, without identifying any requesting facility by name, list the amount of each increase requested, the reason for the request and the rate that will result if the request is granted.

(c) Not later than January 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the committee shall submit a report on its activities to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging, appropriations and the

budgets of state agencies, human services and public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

(d) Not later than October 1, 2014, and quarterly thereafter, the committee shall meet with the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, human services and public health to discuss activities of the committee relating to the financial solvency of and quality of care provided by nursing homes.