



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 96**

LCO No. 3856



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO ENHANCE  
PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT IN THE STATE.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) On or before January 1, 2020, the  
2 Commissioner of Public Health shall convene a working group to  
3 advise the commissioner regarding methods to enhance physician  
4 recruitment in the state. The working group shall examine issues that  
5 include, but need not be limited to, (1) recruiting, retaining and  
6 compensating primary care, psychiatric and behavioral health care  
7 providers; (2) the potential effectiveness of loan forgiveness; (3) access  
8 to health care providers; (4) the effect, if any, of the health insurance  
9 landscape on limiting health care access; (5) barriers to physician  
10 participation in health care networks; and (6) assistance for graduate  
11 medical education training.

12 (b) The working group convened pursuant to subsection (a) of this  
13 section shall include, but need not be limited to, the following  
14 members: (1) A representative of the Connecticut Hospital Association;  
15 (2) a representative of the Connecticut Medical Society; (3) a physician  
16 licensed under chapter 370 of the general statutes with a small group

17 practice; (4) a physician licensed under chapter 370 of the general  
18 statutes with a multisite group practice; (5) one representative each of  
19 at least three different schools of medicine; (6) a representative of a  
20 regional physician recruiter association; (7) the human resources  
21 director of at least one hospital in the state; (8) a member of a patient  
22 advocacy group; and (9) four members of the general public. The  
23 working group shall elect chairpersons from among its members. As  
24 used in this subsection, "small group practice" means a group practice  
25 comprised of less than eight full-time equivalent physicians, and  
26 "multisite group practice" means a group practice comprised of over  
27 one hundred full-time equivalent physicians practicing throughout the  
28 state.

29 (c) On or before January 1, 2021, the working group shall report its  
30 findings to the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To determine how to expand access to primary care in the state.

*[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.]*

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