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General Assembly

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House Bill No. 7263

House of Representatives, May 7, 2025

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 2-137 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2025*):

4 (b) The committee shall consist of the following members:

5 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
6 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
7 relating to public health, human services, children and appropriations
8 and the budgets of state agencies, or their designees;

9 (2) Three appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
10 one of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly and two of
11 whom shall be providers of behavioral health services for children in the
12 state;

13 (3) Three appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
14 of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly and two of whom
15 shall be representatives of private advocacy groups that provide
16 services for children and families in the state;

17 (4) (A) Two appointed by the chairperson of the committee selected
18 by the speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to subsection
19 (e) of this section, one of whom shall be a child or youth advocate, [; and]
20 (B) two appointed by the chairperson of the committee selected by the
21 president pro tempore of the Senate pursuant to subsection (e) of this
22 section, one of whom shall be a child or youth advocate, and (C) two
23 jointly appointed by the three chairpersons of the committee, as
24 described in subsection (e) of this section, who shall be providers of
25 substance abuse treatment services to young adults;

26 (5) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
27 Representatives, who shall be representatives of children's hospitals;

28 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
29 a representative of public school superintendents in the state;

30 (7) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
31 Representatives, who shall be representatives of families with children
32 who have been diagnosed with behavioral health disorders;

33 (8) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
34 providers of behavioral health services;

35 (9) Two jointly appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing
36 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
37 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, each of
38 whom shall be a representative of one of the two federally recognized
39 Indian tribes in the state;

40 (10) The Commissioners of Children and Families, Correction,
41 Developmental Services, Early Childhood, Education, Insurance,
42 Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health and Social
43 Services, or their designees;

- 44 (11) The Commissioner of Health Strategy, or the commissioner's
45 designee;
- 46 (12) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee;
- 47 (13) The Healthcare Advocate [, or the Healthcare Advocate's
48 designee] and the Behavioral Health Advocate, or their designees;
- 49 (14) The executive director of the Court Support Services Division of
50 the Judicial Branch, or the executive director's designee;
- 51 (15) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children,
52 Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's designee;
- 53 (16) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
54 secretary's designee; and
- 55 (17) One representative from each administrative services
56 organization under contract with the Department of Social Services to
57 provide such services for recipients of assistance under the HUSKY
58 Health program, who shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2025	2-137(b)
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APP Joint Favorable

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: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which enlarges the membership of the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee, results in no fiscal impact to the state as the Behavioral Health Advocate has sufficient expertise to participate and members are not compensated.

OFA Bill Analysis**HB 7263*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill adds three members to the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee. The additional members are: (1) two providers of substance abuse treatment services to young adults, to be jointly appointed by the three chairpersons of the committee; and (2) the Behavioral Health Advocate or their designee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 49 Nay 5 (04/24/2025)