

General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5438



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by: REP. HUGHES, 135th Dist. REP. CHAFEE, 33rd Dist. REP. GAUTHIER, 38th Dist. REP. DEMICCO, 21st Dist. REP. MENAPACE, 37th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Establish the 2 ConnectHealth Program, the ConnectHealth Trust account and the 3 ConnectHealth Advisory Board; (2) require the Comptroller, in 4 consultation with the ConnectHealth Advisory Board and the Office of 5 Health Strategy, to establish the ConnectHealth Plan; (3) authorize the 6 Comptroller to offer coverage to plan participants and beneficiaries in 7 this state under a multiemployer plan, nonprofit employers and their 8 employees and small employers and their employees; and (4) require 9 the Commissioner of Social Services to seek to amend the federal waiver 10 for the state-wide dental plan that provides for the administration of the 11 dental services portion of the department's medical assistance to expand 12 coverage to include additional individuals in this state.

Statement of Purpose:

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