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Public Act No. 26-102

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NONPROFIT PROVIDER ADVISORY BOARD AND PROHIBITING AUTO INSURANCE PENALTIES ON VOLUNTEER DRIVERS PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established within the Office of Policy and Management a Nonprofit Provider Advisory Board for the purpose of advising the Governor and the Office of Policy and Management on the matters set forth in subsection (c) of this section.

(b) (1) The Nonprofit Provider Advisory Board shall consist of the following members:

(A) Twelve members appointed by the Governor: (i) One nonprofit provider of adult behavioral health care, who shall be a nonprofit provider who contracts with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; (ii) one nonprofit provider of children's behavioral health care, who shall be a nonprofit provider who contracts with the Department of Children and Families; (iii) one nonprofit provider of services for homeless persons, who shall be a nonprofit provider who contracts with the Department of Housing; (iv) one nonprofit provider of services for persons with intellectual disability, who shall be a

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nonprofit provider who contracts with the Department of Developmental Services; (v) one nonprofit provider of services for persons with co-occurring intellectual disability or developmental disabilities and behavioral health care needs, who shall be a nonprofit provider who contracts with the Department of Developmental Services or the Department of Social Services; (vi) one nonprofit provider of community justice services, who shall be a nonprofit provider who contracts with the Department of Correction; (vii) the chief executive officer of a state-wide association of community nonprofits, or the chief executive officer's designee; and (viii) five appointments who shall be at-large appointments;

(B) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee;

(C) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee;

(D) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's designee;

(E) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the commissioner's designee;

(F) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;

(G) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the commissioner's designee;

(H) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee;

(I) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the commissioner's designee;

(J) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee;

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(K) The Commissioner of Early Childhood, or the commissioner's designee;

(L) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee; and

(M) The executive director of the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, or the executive director's designee.

(2) The term of each appointed member of the board shall be coterminous with that of the Governor.

(3) The Governor shall designate an appointee who shall serve as the chairperson of the Nonprofit Provider Advisory Board.

(c) The Nonprofit Provider Advisory Board shall:

(1) Advise on areas to improve access and the delivery of services by nonprofit providers;

(2) Identify opportunities for collaboration across state agencies that promote effectiveness and efficiency of nonprofit providers and streamline state processes, including, but not limited to, opportunities to adjust state agency processes and contract expectations to achieve beneficial outcomes for nonprofit providers and Connecticut residents;

(3) Recommend short and long-term strategies for enhancing the financial viability of nonprofit organizations, including through payment reform models, based on identified best practices;

(4) Recommend a standardized workforce data collection system for nonprofit organizations to measure and compare impact across private provider services; and

(5) Identify short and long-range opportunities, issues and gaps pertaining to nonprofit providers that may result from changes in federal funding or federal policies.

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Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) No insurer shall refuse to renew any automobile liability insurance policy, as defined in section 38a-341 of the general statutes, assign any surcharge on any automobile liability insurance premium or otherwise increase the rate for a motor vehicle policy solely on the basis that the named insured or any operator who customarily operates an automobile insured under the policy is a volunteer driver who provides services, including, but not limited to, transporting individuals or goods without compensation above expenses to (1) a corporation, as defined in section 33-1002 of the general statutes, that is nonprofit, or (2) a charitable organization, as defined in section 21a-190 of the general statutes.