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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 495

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Cal. No. 296

**"AN ACT EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND STUDY FOCUS OF
THE LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING COMMITTEE."**

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- 1 In line 70, strike the opening and closing brackets around "and"
 - 2 In line 74, after "designee" strike "; (12) the Long-Term Care
 - 3 Ombudsman, or the"
 - 4 Strike lines 75 to 77, inclusive, in their entirety
 - 5 In line 78, strike "representing retirees, appointed by the committee
 - 6 chairpersons"
 - 7 After line 110, insert the following:
 - 8 "(g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the committee shall issue a report
 - 9 on the impact of Public Law 119-21 and other recent federal regulatory
 - 10 changes on the financing of long-term care options in the state and
 - 11 solicit recommendations for further action."
 - 12 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and

13 internal references accordingly:

14 "Sec. 501. Section 17b-338 of the general statutes is repealed and the
15 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

16 (a) There is established a Long-Term Care Advisory Council which
17 shall consist of the following: (1) The executive director of the
18 Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or
19 the executive director's designee; (2) the State Nursing Home
20 Ombudsman, or the ombudsman's designee; (3) the president of the
21 Coalition of Presidents of Resident Councils, or the president's designee;
22 (4) the executive director of the Legal Assistance Resource Center of
23 Connecticut, or the executive director's designee; (5) the state president
24 of AARP, or the president's designee; (6) one representative of a
25 bargaining unit for health care employees, appointed by the president
26 of the bargaining unit; (7) the president of LeadingAge Connecticut,
27 Inc., or the president's designee; (8) the president of the Connecticut
28 Association of Health Care Facilities, or the president's designee; (9) the
29 president of the Connecticut Association of Residential Care Homes, or
30 the president's designee; (10) the president of the Connecticut Hospital
31 Association or the president's designee; (11) the executive director of the
32 Connecticut Assisted Living Association or the executive director's
33 designee; (12) the executive director of the Connecticut Association for
34 Homecare or the executive director's designee; (13) the president of
35 Connecticut Community Care, Inc. or the president's designee; (14) one
36 member of the Connecticut Association of Area Agencies on Aging
37 appointed by the agency; (15) the president of the Connecticut chapter
38 of the Connecticut Alzheimer's Association; (16) one member of the
39 Connecticut Association of Adult Day Centers appointed by the
40 association; (17) the president of the Connecticut Chapter of the
41 American College of Health Care Administrators, or the president's
42 designee; (18) the president of the Connecticut Council for Persons with
43 Disabilities, or the president's designee; (19) the president of the
44 Connecticut Association of Community Action Agencies, or the
45 president's designee; (20) a personal care attendant appointed by the

46 speaker of the House of Representatives; (21) a person who, in a home
 47 setting, cares for a person with a disability and is appointed by the
 48 president pro tempore of the Senate; (22) three persons with a disability
 49 appointed one each by the majority leader of the House of
 50 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate and the minority
 51 leader of the House of Representatives; (23) a legislator who is a member
 52 of the Long-Term Care Planning Committee; (24) one member who is a
 53 nonunion home health aide appointed by the minority leader of the
 54 Senate; [and] (25) the executive director of the nonprofit entity
 55 designated by the Governor in accordance with section 46a-10b to serve
 56 as the Connecticut protection and advocacy system or the executive
 57 director's designee; (26) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
 58 Management, or the secretary's designee; and (27) the House and Senate
 59 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of
 60 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
 61 services, or their designees.

62 (b) The House chairperson and Senate chairperson of the joint
 63 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 64 matters relating to human services shall jointly appoint the chairpersons
 65 of the council. The council shall advise and make recommendations to
 66 the Long-Term Care Planning Committee established under section 17b-
 67 337, as amended by this act, concerning the study conducted by the
 68 committee pursuant to subsection (b) of section 17b-337, as amended by
 69 this act, and may accept gifts or other charitable contributions to the
 70 state to help finance its work.

71 (c) The Long-Term Care Advisory Council shall seek
 72 recommendations from persons with disabilities or persons receiving
 73 long-term care services who reflect the socio-economic diversity of the
 74 state."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2026	17b-338

