

Public Act 24-19 Section. 6

Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health shall convene a working group to study staff safety issues affecting (1) home health care and home health aide agencies, as such terms are defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, and (2) hospice organizations licensed by the Department of Public Health pursuant to section 19a-122b of the general statutes.

(b) The working group shall include, but need not be limited to, the following members:

(1) Three employees of one or more home health care or home health aide agencies, at least one of whom shall be a direct care worker;

(2) Three employees of one or more hospice care organizations, at least one of whom shall be a direct care worker;

(3) Two representatives of a home health care or home health aide agency;

(4) One representative of a collective bargaining unit representing home health care or home health aide agency employees;

(5) One representative of a collective bargaining unit representing hospice care organizations or hospice care employees;

(6) One representative of a mobile crisis response services provider;

(7) One representative of an assertive community treatment team;

(8) One representative of a police department;

(9) One representative of an association of hospitals in the state;

(10) One representative of an association of home health care and home health aide agencies in the state;

(11) Two representatives of an association of nurses in the state;

(12) One representative of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection;

(13) One representative of a municipal police department in the state;

(14) One member of a labor union in the state;

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

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

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

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

(19) One member or employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles; and

(20) One member of the judiciary.

(c) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(d) The members of the working group shall select two cochairpersons from among the members of the working group.

(e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

(f) Not later than January 1, 2025, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11- 4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2025, whichever is later.