

## Public Act 24-19 Section. 29

Sec. 29. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health shall establish a working group to examine hospice services for pediatric patients across the state. The working group shall include, but need not be limited to, the following members:

(1) At least one representative of each pediatric hospice association in the state;

(2) One representative of each organization licensed as a hospice by the Department of Public Health pursuant to section 19a-122b of the general statutes;

(3) At least one representative of an association of hospitals in the state;

(4) One representative each of two children's hospitals in the state;

(5) One pediatric oncologist;

(6) One pediatric intensivist;

(7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health;

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

(9) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee.

(b) The working group shall be responsible for the following:

(1) Reviewing existing hospice services for pediatric patients across the state;

(2) Making recommendations for appropriate levels of hospice services for pediatric patients across the state; and

(3) Evaluating payment and funding options for pediatric hospice care.

(c) The cochairpersons 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 elect two chairpersons 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 March 1, 2025, the chairpersons of the working group shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning the findings of the working group.

