



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 524

LCO No. 5665



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY METHODS OF CARDIAC SCREENING OF FIRST RESPONDERS FOR EARLY DETECTION OF CARDIAC ISSUES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
2 Health shall convene a working group to evaluate and advise the
3 Department of Public Health regarding methods of cardiac screening of
4 first responders for early detection of cardiac issues in first responders.
5 The working group shall include, but need not be limited to, the
6 following members: (1) At least two cardiologists who have experience
7 researching methods of cardiac screening for the purpose of early
8 detection in persons with no symptoms of cardiac issues; (2) a
9 representative of an association of firefighters in the state; (3) a
10 representative of an association of fire chiefs in the state; (4) a member
11 of the Connecticut Commission on Fire Prevention and Control; (5) a
12 representative of an association of police chiefs in the state; (6) a
13 representative of an association of emergency medical services
14 providers in the state; (7) a representative of an association of hospitals
15 in the state; (8) a representative of a medical society in the state; (9) the
16 executive director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services, or the

17 executive director's designee; and (10) the Commissioner of Emergency
18 Services and Public Protection, or the commissioner's designee.

19 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Public Health
20 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
21 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
22 Assembly having cognizance of matter relating to public health on the
23 findings and recommendations of the working group.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a working group to study methods of cardiac screening of first responders for early detection of cardiac issues in first responders.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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