



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6819

January Session, 2023



AN ACT CONCERNING LACTATION CONSULTANTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "lactation consultant" means a person who holds and maintains
3 certification in good standing as an international board certified
4 lactation consultant with the International Board of Lactation
5 Consultant Examiners.

6 (b) On or before January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the
7 Commissioner of Public Health shall obtain from the International
8 Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners a listing of all state residents
9 maintained on said board's registry of international board certified
10 lactation consultants. The commissioner shall post such listing on the
11 Department of Public Health's Internet web site.

12 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
13 study licensure of lactation consultants, as defined in section 1 of this
14 act, by the Department of Public Health. Such study shall include, but
15 need not be limited to, licensure qualifications and whether the
16 department should license or certify lactation counselors holding and
17 maintaining certification in good standing as a lactation counselor with
18 the Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice.

- 19 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 20 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 21 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 22 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
23 Representatives;
- 24 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 25 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives;
- 27 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and
- 28 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
29 designee.
- 30 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
31 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
32 of the General Assembly.
- 33 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
34 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
35 be filled by the appointing authority.
- 36 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
37 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
38 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
39 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
40 days after the effective date of this section.
- 41 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
42 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
43 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.
- 44 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report

45 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
46 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
47 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
48 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
49 report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, the effective date was changed from "October 1, 2023" to "from passage" for consistency.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*