

<b>Act Number</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Total Number of Committee Pages</b>	<b>Total Number of House Pages</b>	<b>Total Number of Senate Pages</b>
PA 71-325		6125	3	1	1
<u>Committee Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Public Health and Safety</i> 559-561</li> </ul>				<u>House Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2412</li> </ul>	<u>Senate Pages:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2030</li> </ul>

**H-112**

**CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE**

**PROCEEDINGS  
1971**

**VOL. 14  
PART 5  
1968-2502**

Tuesday, May 11, 1971

11.

Cal. 760, Sub. for H.B. 8715. AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HEARINGS  
ON THE NECESSITY FOR SEWER INSTALLATIONS. F. 732.

Cal. 763, H.B. 6614, AN ACT CONCERNING LOAN RELATIONSHIPS  
BETWEEN SAVINGS BANKS AND THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES  
AND EMPLOYEES. File 759.

Cal. 768, H.B. 9132, AN ACT CONCERNING WAIVERS UNDER THE  
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT. File 770.

Cal. 769, Sub. for H.B. 6125, AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL HEALTH  
AUTHORITIES. File 756.

I am skipping the next item, Mr. Speaker.

I would move the adoption of the items that I have  
listed on today's Consent Calendar.

THE SPEAKER:

Is there any individual objection to passage of the items  
as indicated on today's Consent Calendar. If not, the question  
is on acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report  
and passage of the bills. All those in favor indicate by  
saying AYE. Opposed. The bills are PASSED.

Representative Sarasin.

MR. SARASIN: (95th)

Mr. Speaker, I would remove Cal. 774, Sub. for H.B. 6429,  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF HIGHWAY TOLL PLATES IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH MOTOR VEHICLES' REGISTRATION PLATES, File 767 from the  
Consent Calendar.

THE SPEAKER:

Your objection is noted and Cal. 774 will be removed.

roc

S-80  
CONNECTICUT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE

PROCEEDINGS  
1971

VOL.14  
PART 5  
1921-2435

May 18, 1971

Page 14

CAL. NO. 711. File No. 743. Favorable report of the joint committee on Education. Substitute House Bill 5562. An Act Concerning Evaluation of Special Education Programs.

SENATOR MONDANI:

Mr. President, move acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. This bill amends the special section of the general statutes, to require that the State Board of Education report to the joint standing committee on Education, on the disbursement of funds, the programs, projects and evaluation of the projects. This legislation will help the committee in making judgements for the future. We'd like to see which programs are being tried and which are successful. A good bill and urge adopted.

THE CHAIR:

Question is on passage. Will you remark further? If not, all those in favor of passage signify by saying, "aye". Opposed, "nay". The bill is passed.

THE CLERK:

CAL. NO. 712. File No. 756. Favorable report of the joint committee on Public Health and Safety. Substitute House Bill 6125. An Act Concerning Local Health Authorities.

SENATOR PAC:

Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the joint committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. To understand this bill fully, you have to start with Section 2, and this section repeals 19-74, the statutes. These statutes pertain to the procedures by which the local health directors are hired by Towns. And the repeal statute is exactly the same as 19-75 which is the procedures that are used by cities and burroughs that hire local directors of health. The only difference is, that, in the repeal section,

**JOINT  
STANDING  
COMMITTEE  
HEARINGS**

**PUBLIC  
HEALTH  
AND  
SAFETY**

**PART 2  
492-901**

**1971**

I think that th's all I have in terms of 6294. I also appear in favor of HB6583, which is a blank bill and addresses itself to the purpose all health care institutions operated by the state department of health, state Department of Mental Health should file annual financial statements and cost analysis data with the currently existing Council on Hospitals known as Public Act 693.

This is an, our Association bill, and we think that's it's only appropriate that the state institutions report their activities in terms of costs and finance to the Act that was set up by the Legislature in '69, not only the community hospitals but the state institutions as well.

Sen. Pac: You know, you're the first individual that has mentioned anything about this Ameri-Plan and I feel that this is an area that should have had, received a great deal more publicity. I think this is amuch better plan the Nixon plan, more logical than the Kennedy plan. On the other hand, you say that you'll have it for consideration in Congress in May. At that point we're near the end of our session. We'll need to pass complimentary legislation, as you know the bill, we'll need to pass, permitting the health care corporations on a state level and in areas that will furnish this health care. (not clear) alarmed at waiting another two years in the area of health care. If this plan should ever see the light of day, and I think it's the best plan that I've seen. Anyone else on it?

Mr. Anderson: Thank you very much.

Vernon Williams, Director of Environmental Health for the City of Danbury: I'm appearing as a representative of the Connecticut Public Health Association. Our Association would like to go on record that we're for in principal, Senate Bill 644 which concerns aid to home health agencies and public health nursing agencies. To House Bill 6294 in the establishment of more health centers. And in the re-wording and a more complimentary fashion, or rather a agreeing statutory language of House Bil 6125 concerning local health authorities.

I'd like to address most of my remarks though to House Bill 6126, both as a representative of Connecticut Public Health Association and also as a member of my local Health Department. The bill introduced for reorganization and funding of local health authorities I think is a very vital bill and will be of much interest to every health department in the State. We're certainly for the requiring of full time health district of a town or one or more towns joining into a health district in order to qualify for, for funds to, from the State

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

TUESDAY

MARCH 23, 1971

to help run such departments. I, we're also very much in favor of the established full time health departments throughout the State or those that do not have and will have a full time health department within the confines of the city or town (not clear) of funds of up to a dollar per capita for these departments.

I know that many of the, all of the health departments throughout the State are certainly strapped for funds and if would appear from talking with members of the other health departments that by the time funding gets down to the health department; they're very, very far down on the list when it comes to allocations of funds for the year.

We also support the establishment of regional health offices in towns that are without a full health department or part of a health district with, became a part of the regional health office and the services would be provided by the regional health department for these towns. And that the abolish, that local health departments with part time health directors and part time help in towns of under 10,000 would be abolished, under this bill. The majority of the towns in the State are 10,000 or less and the enactment of this bill would certainly go a long way in, in upgrading health services and forcing towns to provide better and greater health services throughout the community. Several towns I know, the local representative of the health department is an M.D. who is in private practice. He has an inspector or whatever you might call him, who is possibly the building inspector, the zoning officer, the electrical inspector, the plumbing inspector, the sanitary inspector. Or some other name that they might give him. In the services that are required in these areas is not being amply provided. And I would certainly like to go on record both for CPHA and as a representative of a local health department that this bill give, be given serious consideration. Thank you.

Sen. Pac: Thank you. Anyone else?

Frank Singleton, Director of Environmental Health in Greenwich, and Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Connecticut Environmental Health Association: I don't want to take up any more of your time. I just want to emphasize that 6125 and 6126 we're in favor of. And we feel they're extremely important bills. The situation is serious at the local level. 6125, for example, adds town specifically to the list of cities and boroughs that have to supply full time services if they're over 40,000. Some of you may be aware of the fact that Enfield or Manchester have basically part time departments of Health even though they're much larger than many of the

## PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

TUESDAY

MARCH 23, 1971

cities that by statutory law have to require them. Secondly is that the situation with 26, which is the one regarding the abolishment of the smaller health departments is very necessary because then services are not being reached at the local level because the local level does not have anyone, a part time physician working in public health, a full time practitioner if you will, is not going to do septic tanks, air pollution inspections etc. So that we really feel that something has to be done. There needs to be a drastic re-organization of the delivery system for environmental health as well as for, of course, general medical care. The need is not being met at the local level, and as a representative of a local health department that does supply these services, I can assure you that it is rather rare in the State to find a full time, fully staffed, competent, local health department unless you're in a large city. And there really is a need in the State. But I don't want to take up any more of your time.

Sen. Pac: Thank you.

Philip Block, Sanitarian for the town of Wethersfield on a full time basis and also part time sanitarian for the towns of Rocky Hill and Newington: I'd like to speak in support of these two bills as well from the slightly different angle of somebody who's trying to put himself out of work. We, the ability of a small town to supply anything near the programs demanded by current living standards is completely inept on a part time basis. What I'm supplying to these two towns is a great deal more than they had, and a great deal less than they, requires a bare minimum. There is no way on earth for these towns to consider the financial burdens of a full time director of health and a full time program.

Bill 6126, which would increase the grant, would take it from a borderline proposition to a paying proposition making it worthwhile for the towns to form into a district. The towns that I am personally concerned with are on the verge of this but they cannot financially see their way through it at this state of the current grant system. The crux of the problem of course is the salary of the full time director of health. And they're getting more for their money on this basis with legally satisfying but unappropriate programs than they would on the other method. This bill, I sincerely hope, would turn the tide. And enable other communities in this program to supply to the citizens what they really need. Thank you.

Sen. Pac: Thank you. Anyone else? If not, the meeting is ended.

Statement for the record in support of HB 7811 presented by the Hartford Psychiatric Society from Raymond Veeder, M.D., President, Hartford Psychiatric Society: