



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5322

February Session, 2026



**AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKING GROUP REGARDING
ENDOMETRIOSIS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 working group regarding endometriosis for the purpose of evaluating
3 and making recommendations regarding the diagnosis, treatment,
4 research, education and public awareness of endometriosis in the state.
5 The working group shall be within the Legislative Department. The
6 working group shall evaluate the following:

7 (1) The prevalence and impact of endometriosis on residents of the
8 state;

9 (2) Barriers to timely and accurate diagnosis of endometriosis;

10 (3) Access to evidence-based treatment for endometriosis, including,
11 but not limited to, medical, surgical and therapeutic interventions;

12 (4) Insurance coverage and reimbursement practices for the
13 treatment of endometriosis;

14 (5) The impact of endometriosis in the workplace, including, but not
15 limited to, leave, accommodations and employment protections;

16 (6) Gaps in public and provider education and training concerning
17 endometriosis; and

18 (7) Opportunities to improve endometriosis data collection, research
19 initiatives and patient outcomes.

20 (b) The working group shall consist of the following members, who
21 shall be appointed not later than thirty days after the effective date of
22 this section:

23 (1) Four appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
24 one of whom shall be a member of the House or Representatives, one of
25 whom shall be a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the
26 general statutes with demonstrated experience in the diagnosis and
27 treatment of endometriosis, one of whom shall be a representative of a
28 federally qualified health center and one of whom shall be an individual
29 residing in the state who has been diagnosed with endometriosis;

30 (2) Four appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
31 whom shall be a member of the Senate, one of whom shall be a physician
32 licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes who is a member
33 of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, one of
34 whom shall be a researcher affiliated with an academic or research
35 institution in the state with expertise in endometriosis and one of whom
36 shall be a patient advocate with experience advocating on behalf of
37 individuals with endometriosis;

38 (3) Four appointed by the minority leader of the House of
39 Representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the House of
40 Representatives, one of whom shall be a pediatric or an adolescent
41 medicine physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general
42 statutes and currently practicing in the state, one of whom shall be an
43 individual in the state with expertise in racial and health equity or who
44 represents a community-based organization serving historically
45 underserved populations and one of whom shall be a representative of
46 an association of hospitals in the state or an administrator of a hospital
47 in the state;

48 (4) Four appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom
49 shall be a member of the Senate, one of whom shall be a representative
50 of a school-based health center in the state, one of whom shall be a
51 representative of a therapeutic or pharmaceutical manufacturer with
52 experience in treatments related to endometriosis and one of whom
53 shall be an individual residing in the state who has been diagnosed with
54 endometriosis;

55 (5) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
56 designee;

57 (6) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
58 and

59 (7) The cochairpersons of the endometriosis data and biorepository
60 program established pursuant to section 10a-132f of the general statutes.

61 (c) Except for members of the General Assembly, members who
62 represent state agencies and the cochairpersons of the endometriosis
63 data and biorepository program, six of the members first appointed
64 shall serve for a term of two years, six of such members shall serve for a
65 term of three years and, thereafter, members shall serve for a term of
66 two years. The executive director of the Commission on Women,
67 Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity shall determine which of the
68 members first appointed shall serve for a term of two years and which
69 of such members shall serve for a term of three years. Any vacancy shall
70 be filled by the appointing authority not later than thirty calendar days
71 after the appointment becomes vacant. Any member previously
72 appointed to the working group may be reappointed. The members of
73 the working group shall receive no compensation for their services but
74 may be reimbursed for any necessary expenses incurred in the
75 performance of their duties.

76 (d) The administrative staff of the Commission on Women, Children,
77 Seniors, Equity and Opportunity shall serve as administrative staff of
78 the working group. The executive director of said commission shall
79 schedule the first meeting of the working group which shall be held not

80 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. The working
81 group shall appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its
82 members at its first meeting. The working group shall meet not less than
83 quarterly and provide an opportunity for public comment at its
84 meetings.

85 (e) Not later than January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, the
86 working group shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with the
87 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
88 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
89 relating to human services and public health regarding its evaluation
90 and recommendations, including, but not limited to, for legislation
91 necessary to implement any of such recommendations.

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

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*