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**Raised Bill No. 635**

LCO No. 2795

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-25d of the 2008 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

4 (b) On or before November 30, 2007, the Department of Public  
5 Health, in consultation with the Office of Health Care Access and  
6 within available appropriations, shall contract, through a competitive  
7 bidding process, for the development of a state-wide health  
8 information technology plan. The entity awarded such contract shall  
9 be designated the lead health information exchange organization for  
10 the state of Connecticut for the period commencing December 1, 2007,  
11 and ending June 30, 2009. The entity awarded the contract shall  
12 develop said plan on or before March 1, 2009. The state-wide health  
13 information technology plan shall include, but not be limited to:

14 (1) General standards and protocols for health information  
15 exchange.

16 (2) Electronic data standards to facilitate the development of a state-  
17 wide, integrated electronic health information system for use by health  
18 care providers and institutions that are funded by the state. Such  
19 electronic data standards shall (A) include provisions relating to  
20 security, privacy, data content, structures and format, vocabulary and  
21 transmission protocols, (B) be compatible with any national data  
22 standards in order to allow for interstate interoperability, (C) permit  
23 the collection of health information in a standard electronic format,  
24 and (D) be compatible with the requirements for an electronic health  
25 information system. In the event that state electronic data standards  
26 differ from the national data standards adopted by the Certification  
27 Commission for Healthcare Information Technology, the state-wide  
28 health information technology plan shall explain the reasons for the  
29 differing standards, and how such differing standards allow for  
30 interstate operability.

31 (3) Pilot programs for health information exchange, and projected  
32 costs and sources of funding for such pilot programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	19a-25d(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To ensure that the state-wide health information technology plan is developed in a timely fashion and that such plan promotes the use of data standards that allow for interstate operability.