# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 342**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 269

*Senate, April 7, 2010*

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING AN INITIATIVE TO SHARE AGENCY DATA TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.***

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall, within available appropriations, develop and implement policies and procedures to promote (1) the sharing of information among all state agencies that provide services relating to the well-being of children, including, but not limited to, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Developmental Services, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Department of Education, the Labor Department, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Social Services, agencies located within the Judicial Branch and the Children's Trust Fund Council, and (2) integration of the automated data systems of such agencies for the purpose of improving the safety, health and well-being of children. In

developing such policies and procedures, the secretary shall consult with representatives of the state agencies and their contracted private providers that provide services to children and families.

(b) Not later than October 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall submit a progress report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children and to the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee. The progress report shall describe the status of the secretary's establishment and implementation of the policies and procedures pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and shall include, but not be limited to: (1) The actions taken as of the date of the report to promote the sharing of information on the well-being of children in Connecticut and the integration of related information in agencies' automated data systems, including those actions under way in accordance with existing state or federal mandates; (2) the proposed actions to be taken; (3) the estimated timeframe to complete the proposed actions; and (4) identification of any state and federal laws that impede the sharing of information and integration of agency information and proposals to address such impediments.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | *from passage* | New section |

***PRI*** *Joint Favorable Subst. C/R* HS

***HS*** *Joint Favorable*

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## OFA Fiscal Note

### State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 11 $ |
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| Policy & Mgmt., Off. | GF - Cost | At least $1,000,000 |

Note: GF=General Fund

### Municipal Impact: None

### Explanation

The bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to consult with various state agencies, to develop and implement policies and procedures that promote data sharing and integrate the automated data systems for certain information. It is anticipated that OPM will incur costs in excess of $1 million[1] in FY 11.

The requirement that OPM develop and implement data sharing and integration within available appropriations will likely result in one of four outcomes: (1) OPM will proceed, and require a deficiency appropriation in FY 11; (2) OPM will delay the implementation of the bill pending the approval of additional appropriations; (3) OPM will shift resources from other agency priorities to develop the licensing and permitting system, thereby impacting existing departmental programs; or (4) OPM will not implement the bill.

### The Out Years

The cost in excess of $1 million to develop the system indicated above would decrease over time to provide ongoing maintenance once

[1] Cost estimates are based on previous information technology integration projects of a similar scope, such as the Criminal Justice Information Technology System and the Common Front End project.

the system has been integrated in accordance with the bill.

## OLR Bill Analysis
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### SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary, within available appropriations, to develop and implement policies and procedures that promote (1) information sharing among executive branch agencies that provide services related to children's well-being and (2) integration of these agencies' automated data systems to improve children's safety, health, and well-being. In developing these, the secretary must consult with representatives of the state agencies and their contracted private providers that serve children and families.

The bill requires the secretary, by October 1, 2010 and annually thereafter, to submit a progress report on this initiative to the Appropriations, Children's, Human Services, and Program Review and Investigations committees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

### INFORMATION SHARING

The bill requires OPM to promote information sharing among state agencies that serve children, including the following departments:

1. Children and Families,
2. Developmental Services,
3. Mental Health and Addiction Services,

4. Education,

5. Labor,

6. Public Health,

7. Public Safety, and

8. Social Services.

It also includes the agencies within the Judicial Branch (presumably those dealing with children) and the Children's Trust Fund Council.

## REPORT

The bill requires OPM's progress report to describe the secretary's establishment and implementation of the information sharing and data systems integration and to include:

1. actions taken to date, including those under way in accordance with state or federal mandates;

2. actions to be taken and the estimated timeframe for completing them; and

3. identification of any state or federal laws that impede the initiative and proposals to address these impediments.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Program Review and Investigations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference
Yea 12 Nay 0 (03/11/2010)

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 13 Nay 6 (03/23/2010)