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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DATA BY THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-654 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Patient-identifiable data" means any information that identifies
5 or may reasonably be used as a basis to identify an individual patient;
6 and

7 (2) "De-identified patient data" means any information that meets
8 the requirements for de-identification of protected health information
9 as set forth in 45 CFR 164.514.

10 (b) The Office of Health Care Access division of the Department of
11 Public Health shall require short-term acute care general or children's
12 hospitals to submit [such data, including] patient-identifiable inpatient
13 discharge data, as it deems necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of

14 the office. Such data shall include data taken from patient medical
15 record abstracts and [hospital] bills. The office shall specify the timing
16 and format of such [submission shall be specified by the office]
17 submissions. [The data may be submitted through a contractual
18 arrangement with an intermediary. If the data is submitted] If a
19 hospital submits data through an intermediary, the hospital shall
20 ensure that such submission of the data is timely and [that the data is]
21 accurate. The office may conduct an audit of the data submitted [to]
22 through such intermediary in order to verify its accuracy. [Individual
23 patient and physician data identified by proper name or personal
24 identification code submitted pursuant to this section shall be kept
25 confidential, but aggregate reports from which individual patient and
26 physician data cannot be identified shall be available to the public.]

27 (c) The office shall release de-identified patient data or aggregate
28 patient data to the public. Such released data shall exclude provider,
29 physician and payer organization names or codes. The office may
30 release patient-identifiable data in accordance with section 19a-25 and
31 regulations adopted pursuant to said section. No individual or entity
32 receiving patient-identifiable data may release such data in any
33 manner that may result in an individual patient, physician, provider or
34 payer being identified. The office shall impose a reasonable, cost-based
35 fee for any patient data provided to a nongovernmental entity.

36 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
37 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the
38 provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	19a-654

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify the role of the Office of Health Care Access in collecting de-identified patient data and patient-identifiable data.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]