



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6938

House of Representatives, April 8, 2015

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DELIVERY OF QUALITY HEALTH CARE AND MODERNIZATION OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chairperson of the board of
2 directors of the State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities
3 Authority, established pursuant to section 10a-179 of the general
4 statutes, and the Commissioner of Economic and Community
5 Development shall consider financing options to enable hospitals to
6 acquire medical equipment, update information technology, renovate
7 health care facilities and build new health care facilities.

8 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, said chairperson and said
9 commissioner shall jointly report, in accordance with the provisions of
10 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
11 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
12 health and commerce concerning such study. Such report shall
13 include, but need not be limited to, recommendations on (1) alternative
14 methods to finance capital improvements currently needed by

15 hospitals in the state, (2) the use of bond funds to be directed to
16 hospitals for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this section, (3)
17 establishment of a program to provide low-interest or no-interest loans
18 to hospitals in exchange for a hospital's agreement to retain or create
19 jobs, (4) other state programs that may be utilized to support hospital
20 improvements, and (5) legislative or regulatory changes that may be
21 needed to accomplish the purposes described in subsection (a) of this
22 section.

23 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) The Comptroller and the
24 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall conduct a study
25 concerning the feasibility of allowing hospitals to purchase
26 prescription drugs under subsection (m) of section 5-259 of the general
27 statutes and to take part in other group purchasing contracts that are
28 currently available only to state agencies and municipalities.

29 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, the Comptroller and said
30 commissioner shall jointly report, in accordance with the provisions of
31 section 11-4a of the general statutes, concerning the study described in
32 subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committees of the
33 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
34 health and government administration.

35 Sec. 3. (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) The Healthcare Advocate shall
36 conduct a study concerning the feasibility of using currently available
37 federal funds or seeking federal funds for the state healthcare
38 innovation plan developed pursuant to the State Innovation Model
39 Initiative by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
40 Innovation Center to establish a model program in the city of
41 Waterbury for the delivery of a robust and economically sustainable
42 continuum of value-based high-quality health care services.

43 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, the Healthcare Advocate shall
44 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
45 statutes, concerning the results of the study described in subsection (a)
46 of this section to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
47 having cognizance of matters relating to public health.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(a), "section 10-179" was changed to "section 10a-179" for accuracy.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which requires various state agencies to study aspects of modernizing and increasing the quality of health care, would have no fiscal impact to the state.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None



OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/23/2015)