



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 445

February Session, 2016

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BIOSCIENCE AND HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE TASK FORCE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a bioscience
2 and health data collaborative task force to develop a strategic plan for
3 the private development of digital infrastructure to meet the
4 anticipated needs of the bioscience, health care and insurance
5 industries and public and private universities and research
6 institutions. Such strategic plan shall include, but not be limited to: (1)
7 The anticipated needs of the bioscience, health care and insurance
8 industries and public and private universities and research institutions
9 for digital infrastructure, including, but not limited to, access to data
10 centers and ultra-high-speed broadband networks; (2) the potential
11 economic and employment benefits that could result from the
12 development of such digital infrastructure; and (3) ways the state can
13 encourage the development of such digital infrastructure, including,
14 but not limited to, statutory and regulatory changes and other
15 methods to support private investment in and development of such
16 digital infrastructure.

17 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

18 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives

19 who shall be a representative of the insurance industry;

20 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate who
21 shall be a representative of the health care industry;

22 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
23 Representatives who shall represent the Connecticut Education
24 Network;

25 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate who shall be
26 a representative of a broadband Internet service provider;

27 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
28 Representatives who shall represent the Connecticut Technology
29 Council;

30 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate who shall be
31 a representative of the bioscience industry;

32 (7) One appointed by the Governor who shall represent a public or
33 private university or research institution;

34 (8) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
35 or the commissioner's designee; and

36 (9) The Consumer Counsel, or the Consumer Counsel's designee.

37 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
38 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
39 of the General Assembly.

40 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
41 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
42 filled by the appointing authority.

43 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
44 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
45 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall

46 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
47 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. The task
48 force shall meet at least monthly thereafter.

49 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
50 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce
51 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

52 (g) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit the
53 strategic plan developed under this section to the joint standing
54 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
55 relating to commerce and technology, in accordance with the
56 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall
57 terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2017,
58 whichever is later.

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

CE *Joint Favorable Subst.*