



Substitute Senate Bill No. 445

Special Act No. 16-20

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HEALTH DATA COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chairpersons of the Commission on Economic Competitiveness, established pursuant to section 2-124 of the general statutes, shall appoint and convene a health data collaborative working group to examine and make recommendations regarding:

(1) The anticipated digital infrastructure needs of the health care industry, the insurance industry, public and private universities and research institutions, including, but not limited to, access to data centers and private sector high-speed broadband networks;

(2) The potential economic and employment benefits that may result from the development of such digital infrastructure; and

(3) Means to encourage the development of such digital infrastructure, which may include, but not be limited to, the enactment of statutory and regulatory changes or the implementation of other approaches to support private, not public, investment in and development of such digital infrastructure.

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(b) Appointments to the working group pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall include, but not be limited to, representatives from the insurance industry, the health care industry, the Connecticut Education Network, broadband Internet service providers, the Connecticut Technology Council, the bioscience industry and a public or private university or research institution. The working group shall also include the Consumer Counsel, or the Consumer Counsel's designee. All appointments to the working group shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any member of the working group may be a member of the General Assembly or the Commission on Economic Competitiveness.

(c) The chairpersons of the Commission on Economic Competitiveness shall select the chairperson of the working group. The chairperson of the working group shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. The working group shall meet at least monthly thereafter, until it submits its report pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

(d) Not later than January 15, 2017, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and technology, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 15, 2017, whichever is later.

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