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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON PATIENTS'  
MEDICAL RECORDS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
4 to study the furnishing of medical records by health care providers  
5 and health care institutions. Such study shall include, but need not be  
6 limited to, an examination of (1) the time frame for a health care  
7 provider or health care institution to respond to a request for medical  
8 records, (2) the cost for research and copies in response to a request for  
9 medical records, and (3) the requirements of 45 CFR 164.524  
10 concerning individuals' access to their protected health information.

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

12 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
13 one who shall be a representative of a business that provides health

14 information management services and one who shall be a member of  
15 the joint standing committee having cognizance of matters relating to  
16 public health;

17 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
18 who shall be a representative of the Connecticut Trial Lawyers  
19 Association and one who shall be a member of the joint standing  
20 committee having cognizance of matters relating to public health;

21 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
22 Representatives;

23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
24 a patient advocate;

25 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
26 Representatives, one who shall be a representative of the Connecticut  
27 State Medical Society and one who shall be a member of the joint  
28 standing committee having cognizance of matters relating to public  
29 health; and

30 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall  
31 be a representative of the Connecticut Hospital Association and one  
32 who shall be a member of the joint standing committee having  
33 cognizance of matters relating to public health.

34 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
35 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
36 of the General Assembly.

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

40 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
41 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairperson of the task force  
42 from among the members of the task force. Such chairperson shall  
43 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not

44 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

45 (f) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a report  
46 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee  
47 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
48 public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
49 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
50 submits such report or January 1, 2017, whichever is later."

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