



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 15

February Session, 2018

Substitute House Bill No. 5160

House of Representatives, March 20, 2018

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DONATION OF BLOOD BY MINORS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-285a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

3 (a) Any person who is seventeen years of age or older shall have the
4 legal capacity, without written authorization of his or her parent or
5 guardian, to donate blood or any component thereof and to consent to
6 the withdrawal of blood from his or her body [.] in conjunction with
7 any voluntary blood donation program.

8 (b) Any person who is sixteen years of age shall have the legal
9 capacity, with written authorization of his or her parent or guardian, to
10 donate blood or any component thereof and to consent to the
11 withdrawal of blood from his or her body in conjunction with any
12 voluntary blood donation program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	19a-285a

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which allows sixteen-year-olds to voluntarily donate blood, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DONATION OF BLOOD BY MINORS.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a 16-year-old, with his or her parent's or guardian's written authorization, to donate blood and consent to blood withdrawal at a voluntary blood donation program. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, allows a person age 17 or older to do so without parental or guardian consent.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/09/2018)