
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1101

AN ACT CONCERNING AN EVALUATION OF HOSPITALS OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

SUMMARY

This bill makes several changes to the task force established by PA 18-86 to review and evaluate Connecticut Valley Hospital (CVH) and Whiting Forensic Hospital (Whiting).

Under existing law, the task force must review and evaluate the hospitals' operations, conditions, culture, and finances. The bill specifically requires this review to include whether these matters have improved since Whiting's separation from CVH and its licensure and regulation by the Department of Public Health (DPH) (see BACKGROUND).

The bill allows CVH or Whiting employees offering testimony before the task force to do so, at their request, without the presence of any task force member who is a CVH or Whiting employee.

Lastly, the bill extends by one year the current deadlines for the task force to submit its preliminary and final reports to the Public Health Committee. Under the bill, the deadlines are January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2022, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Whiting Separation from CVH and Subsequent Licensure

In December 2017, the governor issued an executive order designating Whiting as an independent division within the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, instead of a division of CVH.

Among other things, PA 18-86 (1) made statutory changes to reflect Whiting's separation from CVH and (2) subjected Whiting to DPH licensure and regulation.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/29/2019)