



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 695

January Session, 2019

Substitute House Bill No. 7302

House of Representatives, April 17, 2019

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 TELEHEALTH.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2019*) The Department of Public Health, in
2 consultation with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
3 Services and the Connecticut State Medical Society, shall study the
4 implications of the state ratifying and approving the Psychology
5 Interjurisdictional Compact, which would permit (1) a psychologist
6 licensed in a state that participates in said compact to practice
7 telehealth, as defined in section 19a-906 of the general statutes, in the
8 state without requiring that the psychologist be licensed pursuant to
9 chapter 383 of the general statutes, and (2) a psychologist licensed
10 pursuant to chapter 383 of the general statutes to practice telehealth in
11 another state that participates in said compact without requiring that
12 the psychologist be licensed in such state. On or before January 1, 2020,
13 the Commissioner of Public Health shall report, in accordance with the
14 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
15 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

16 relating to public health on the results of such study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, "thereby permitting" was changed to "which would permit" for clarity.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which requires the Department of Public Health to study the implications of Connecticut ratifying and approving the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities. As required, the agency has the expertise to complete this study by 1/1/20.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24 Nay 0 (04/01/2019)