

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 19-153—sSB 1103

Government Administration and Elections Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING INTERAGENCY DATA SHARING

SUMMARY: This act requires the state’s chief data officer (CDO), in consultation with the attorney general (AG) and executive branch agency legal counsel, to (1) review legal obstacles to sharing executive branch agencies’ inventoried “high value data” among agencies and with the public and (2) annually report recommendations to facilitate data sharing.

The act also formalizes the process by which the Connecticut Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board may obtain assistance as needed from the offices of Legislative Research (OLR) and Fiscal Analysis (OFA).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the provision on the data advisory board’s staff support is effective July 1, 2019.

CDO REPORT ON DATA SHARING

The act requires the CDO to submit a report to the Connecticut Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board and the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee annually by January 15 and post it on the Office of Policy and Management website. The report must be consistent with the state data plan, and it must be developed in consultation with the AG, agency data officers, and executive branch agency legal counsel. It must include any recommendations on (1) methods to facilitate the sharing of high value data to the extent permitted by state and federal law, including preparing and executing memoranda of understanding among executive agencies, and (2) any necessary legislation. The report must also include the recommendations’ potential fiscal impact.

High Value Data

By law, high value data is any data that the agency head determines:

1. can increase an agency’s accountability and responsiveness, improve public knowledge of an agency and its operations, further its core mission, or create economic opportunity;
2. is critical to the agency’s operation or used to satisfy any legislative or other reporting requirements; or
3. is frequently requested by the public or responds to a need and demand identified through public consultation.

DATA ADVISORY BOARD ASSISTANCE

Prior law required the GAE committee clerk to staff the Connecticut Data

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Analysis Technology Advisory Board, with assistance provided as needed by employees of OLR and OFA. The act requires that such assistance be provided upon (1) a board vote or (2) the request of any of its eight voting members with the chairperson's approval.