OLR Bill Analysis
sSB 1103 (File 742, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING INTERAGENCY DATA SHARING.

SUMMARY

This bill 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 (see BACKGROUND).

The bill 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).

"Senate Amendment “A” eliminates provisions in the underlying bill requiring the (1) Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary to designate an agency attorney to assist the CDO and (2) AG to assist the CDO with developing a data facilitation plan and staff support on state data plan projects. It also (1) requires executive branch agency counsel, in addition to the AG, to help CDO review obstacles to data sharing and (2) makes the CDO’s data sharing report an annual requirement.

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

By January 15, 2020, the bill requires the CDO to annually submit a report to the Connecticut Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board and the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee and post it on the OPM 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 and their potential impact on (1) methods to facilitate the sharing of such 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.

**DATA ADVISORY BOARD ASSISTANCE**

Current law requires the GAE committee clerk to staff the Connecticut Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board, with assistance provided as needed by employees of OLR and OFA. The bill 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.

**BACKGROUND**

**Chief Data Officer Duties**

By law, the CDO is responsible for creating the state data plan, and in accordance with the plan, (1) directing executive branch agencies, except the Board of Regents for Higher Education, on the use and management of data to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of state programs and policies; (2) facilitating the sharing and use of executive branch agency data between such agencies and with the public; and (3) coordinating data analytics and transparency master planning for executive branch agencies (CGS § 4-67p).

**High Value Data**

By law, high value data is any data that the department 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 (CGS § 4-67o).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 16  Nay 0  (03/29/2019)