Bill No.: HB-7131
AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENTITY ESTABLISHED TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM EXPEDITING DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE.

Vote Date: 3/1/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 2/25/2019
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SPONSORS OF BILL:

The Public Health Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill would expand the Board of the statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE) to include representation from a variety of stakeholders increasing the current 8-member cap. It also makes the chairperson of the board, the state’s health information technology officer, a voting member.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None submitted.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Deb Polun, Senior Director for Policy & Outreach, Community Health Center Association of Connecticut (CHC ACT): CHC ACT supports this legislation which would expand the membership of the statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE) allowing for representation from various stakeholders. CHC ACT is also asking for an appointment to this Board. Although strides have been made in digitizing health information throughout the country, data is still fragmented across several different electronic records. Currently, in the state of Connecticut, 17 health centers utilize approximately 6 electronic health records systems. Implementing a statewide Health Information Exchange will help bring this information together in one place.
NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None submitted.

Reported by:  Kathleen Panazza  Date: March 7, 2019