Bill No.: SB-976  
Title: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY REIMBURSEMENT RATES PAID BY HEALTH CARRIERS TO HOSPITALS.  
Vote Date: 3/14/2019  
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute  
PH Date: 3/5/2019  
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SPONSORS OF BILL:  
Insurance Committee  

REASONS FOR BILL:  
To form a task force to administer oversight on reimbursement rates paid by health carriers to hospitals, giving stakeholders a better understanding on how reimbursement structures have been slowing the growth of costs  

LANGUAGE CHANGE:  
Line 17, requires one member of the task force be from CT Hospital Association  

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:  
Ted Doolittle, Office of the Healthcare Advocate, supports forming a task force, recommends adding a healthcare advocate as a designated member on task force. “SB 976 would provide an important additional layer of understanding of the overall costs of healthcare by generating more transparency and publicly available data regarding the rates at which hospital services are reimbursed by healthcare insurers. Stakeholders will have a better understanding about how effective health insurance provider networks, reimbursement structures and other relationships between providers and payors have been in slowing the growth of costs”.  

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:  
None expressed for SB 976
NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

CT Hospital Association – opposes SB 976, urges committee to ensure task force takes into consideration the entire reimbursement system and has a member of CHA on the task force if moving forward with SB 976

Reported by: Sera Vicki                                Date: 3/25/19