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Senate Bill No. 853

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The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. MOORE of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17b-59g of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (c) Any entity established or incorporated pursuant to subsection (b)
5 of this section shall have its powers vested in and exercised by a board
6 of directors. The board of directors shall be comprised of the following
7 members who shall each serve for a term of two years:

8 (1) One member who shall have expertise as an advocate for
9 consumers of health care, appointed by the Governor;

10 (2) One member who shall have expertise as a clinical medical doctor,
11 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

12 (3) One member who shall have expertise in the area of hospital

13 administration, appointed by the speaker of the House of
14 Representatives;

15 (4) One member who shall have expertise in the area of corporate law
16 or finance, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

17 (5) One member who shall have expertise in group health insurance
18 coverage, appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19 Representatives;

20 (6) The Chief Information Officer and the Secretary of the Office of
21 Policy and Management, or their designees, who shall serve as ex-
22 officio, voting members of the board; [and]

23 (7) The health information technology officer, designated in
24 accordance with section 19a-754a, who shall serve as chairperson of the
25 board; [.] and

26 (8) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's
27 designee, who shall serve as an ex-officio, voting member of the board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-59g(c)

HS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which expands the membership of the State-wide Health Information Exchange (HIE)¹ Board of Directors to include the Department of Social Services Commissioner (or the Commissioner's designee) as ex-officio, voting member of the Board, has no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities. PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances to board members.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

¹Per CGS Sec. 17b-59d, HIE's goal is to provide residents, and healthcare providers in both public and private settings, with secure, appropriate, electronic access to medical records. The Office of Health Strategy is tasked with aggregating and analyzing HIE clinical data to recommend policies that will: (A.) Reduce preventable hospital readmissions, duplicative testing, and medical errors in Connecticut, and (B.) Support state- and healthcare-system-wide healthcare coordination.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 853*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill expands the State-wide Health Information Exchange board of directors to include the Department of Social Services commissioner or her designee as an ex-officio, voting member. Under existing law, the board's general purpose is to implement a program to expedite the development of the State-wide Health Information Exchange.

Under current law, the board includes the following eight members, who serve two-year terms:

1. an advocate for health care consumers, appointed by the governor;
2. a clinical medical doctor, appointed by the Senate president pro tempore;
3. a hospital administration expert, appointed by the House speaker;
4. a corporate law or finance expert, appointed by the Senate minority leader;
5. a group health insurance expert, appointed by the House minority leader;
6. the Chief Information Officer, or his designee;
7. the Office of Policy and Management, or her designee; and
8. the Health Information Technology Officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (02/23/2021)