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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT REVISING DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CONNECTING TO THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17b-59e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3 (a) For purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Health care provider" means any individual, corporation, facility
5 or institution licensed by the state to provide health care services; and

6 (2) "Electronic health record system" means a computer-based
7 information system that is used to create, collect, store, manipulate,
8 share, exchange or make available electronic health records for the
9 purposes of the delivery of patient care.

10 (b) Not later than one year after commencement of the operation of
11 the State-wide Health Information Exchange, each hospital licensed
12 under chapter 368v and clinical laboratory licensed under section 19a-

13 30 shall maintain an electronic health record system capable of
14 connecting to and participating in the State-wide Health Information
15 Exchange and shall apply to begin the process of connecting to, and
16 participating in, the State-wide Health Information Exchange.

17 (c) Not later than two years after commencement of the operation of
18 the State-wide Health Information Exchange, (1) each health care
19 provider with an electronic health record system capable of connecting
20 to, and participating in, the State-wide Health Information Exchange
21 shall apply to begin the process of connecting to, and participating in,
22 the State-wide Health Information Exchange, and (2) each health care
23 provider without an electronic health record system capable of
24 connecting to, and participating in, the State-wide Health Information
25 Exchange shall be capable of sending and receiving secure messages
26 that comply with the Direct Project specifications published by the
27 federal Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information
28 Technology.

29 (d) Each health care provider with an electronic health record system
30 capable of connecting to, and participating in, the State-wide Health
31 Information Exchange shall, not later than the date by which such
32 hospital or health care provider is required to connect to the State-wide
33 Health Information Exchange, collect and include in its electronic health
34 record system self-reported patient demographic data including, but
35 not limited to, race, ethnicity, primary language, insurance status and
36 disability status.

37 (e) Each health care provider required to connect to the State-wide
38 Health Information Exchange pursuant to this section shall adhere to
39 the data collection standards promulgated by the U.S. Department of
40 Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health, as amended
41 from time to time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2021	17b-59e

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify and standardize race, ethnicity and language data collection for health care providers required to connect to the State-wide Health Information Exchange.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]