



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6519

LCO No. 3654



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING DATA COLLECTION TO PREVENT
MALNUTRITION AMONG SENIOR CITIZENS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17a-305 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2021*):

4 (c) The Department of Aging and Disability Services, in consultation
5 with the five area agencies on aging and representatives of elderly
6 nutrition programs, shall review the method of allocation set forth in
7 [subsection (a) of this section and shall report any findings or
8 recommendations, as well as data on service levels and costs, to the joint
9 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
10 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and
11 human services] subsections (a) and (b) of this section and evaluate the
12 method used to allocate funding for elderly nutrition programs based
13 on factors including, but not limited to: (1) Elderly population data from
14 the 2020 census and the American Community Survey conducted by the
15 United States Census Bureau for the five elderly planning and service
16 areas as described in section 17a-304, and (2) any increased costs for

17 providers that deliver meals on wheels in sparsely populated rural
18 regions. Not later than July 1, 2022, the department shall report, in
19 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
20 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
21 relating to aging, appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and
22 human services on (A) the rates of reimbursement for each meals on
23 wheels provider in the state compared to the costs to provide meals on
24 wheels for each such provider, (B) the administrative expenses of each
25 such meals on wheels provider, (C) the number of meals on wheels
26 providers that have reduced or eliminated deliveries based on
27 inadequate state reimbursement, and (D) any recommended changes in
28 the method of allocation of funds. Providers of meals under the
29 department's elderly nutrition program shall annually provide the
30 department with data on service levels and costs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17a-305(c)
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Statement of Purpose:

To collect data on malnutrition risks for senior citizens and ensure that they have adequate nutritional assistance.

[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.]