

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 6519**

LCO No. 6187

**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. Section 17a-304 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

3 As used in this section and section 17a-305, as amended by this act,
4 "NAPIS nutritional risk assessment" means a survey developed by the
5 National Aging Program Information System, or NAPIS, that provides
6 a person who takes the survey with a score correlating with risk of
7 malnutrition. The state shall be divided into five elderly planning and
8 service areas, in accordance with federal law and regulations, each
9 having an area agency on aging to carry out the mandates of the federal
10 Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended. The area agencies shall (1)
11 represent older persons within their geographic areas, (2) develop an
12 area plan for approval by the Department of Aging and Disability
13 Services and upon such approval administer the plan, (3) coordinate
14 and assist local public and nonprofit, private agencies in the
15 development of programs, (4) receive and distribute federal and state
16 funds for such purposes, in accordance with applicable law, (5)
17 distribute the NAPIS nutritional risk assessment to older persons,
18 collect the assessments and report individual and average scores for
19 each elderly planning and service area to the Department of Aging and
20 Disability Services, and [(5)] (6) carry out any additional duties and

21 functions required by federal law and regulations.

22 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 17a-305 of the general statutes is
23 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
24 *2021*):

25 (c) The Department of Aging and Disability Services, in consultation
26 with the five area agencies on aging, shall review the method of
27 allocation set forth in [subsection (a) of this section and shall report any
28 findings or recommendations, as well as data on service levels and costs,
29 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
30 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state
31 agencies and human services] subsections (a) and (b) of this section and
32 evaluate the method used to allocate funding for elderly nutrition
33 programs based on factors including, but not limited to: (1) For each of
34 the five elderly planning and service areas as described in section 17a-
35 304, as amended by this act, (A) elderly population data from the most
36 recent United States census, and (B) average and individual scores on
37 the NAPIS nutritional risk assessment and (2) any increased costs for
38 providers that deliver meals on wheels for the department's elderly
39 nutrition program in sparsely populated rural regions. The department
40 shall solicit information and recommendations from elderly nutrition
41 providers for consideration in its evaluation of the allocation method of
42 the funding of such programs. Not later than July 1, 2022, the
43 department shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
44 4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
45 cognizance of matters relating to aging, appropriations and the budgets
46 of state agencies and human services on (A) elderly population data and
47 average and individual scores on the NAPIS nutritional risk assessment
48 for each of the five elderly planning and service areas as described in
49 section 17a-304, as amended by this act, (B) the rates of reimbursement
50 for each meals on wheels provider in the department's elderly nutrition
51 program compared to the costs to provide meals on wheels for each such
52 provider, (C) the administrative expenses of each such meals on wheels
53 provider, (D) the number of such meals on wheels providers that have

54 reduced or eliminated deliveries based on inadequate state
55 reimbursement, and (E) any recommended changes in the method of
56 allocation of funds. Providers of meals [under] for the department's
57 elderly nutrition program shall annually provide the department with
58 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-304
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17a-305(c)