



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5423

February Session, 2022



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO COLLECT DATA RELATED TO FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE DELIVERY IN THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) The Commissioner of Emergency
2 Services and Public Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner
3 of Administrative Services, the State Fire Marshal, the Secretary of the
4 Office of Policy and Management and the chairman of the Commission
5 on Fire Prevention and Control, shall, within available appropriations,
6 establish and administer a pilot program for the purpose of
7 implementing a data collection system related to fire and rescue service
8 delivery in the state. For a period of three years commencing from July
9 1, 2022, the commissioner shall administer such pilot program in any
10 local or regional fire department or district that has self-identified as
11 challenged or in crisis regarding the delivery of fire and rescue services.

12 (b) Any local or regional fire department or district may apply for
13 participation in the data collection program. Any application submitted
14 pursuant to this subsection shall include a written statement by the fire
15 department or district that it is currently challenged or in crisis
16 regarding the delivery of fire and rescue services.

17 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the Tolland

18 County Mutual Aid Emergency Communications Center, the
19 Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communications Center, the Litchfield
20 County Dispatch, the Valley Shore Emergency Communications Center
21 and the Northwest Connecticut Public Safety Communications Center
22 may elect to participate in the data collection program upon request.

23 (d) Not later than sixty days after the commissioner approves the
24 application of any local or regional fire department or district pursuant
25 to subsection (b) of this section, the commissioner shall admit such fire
26 department or district to the data collection program.

27 (e) For the purposes of data collection pursuant to such pilot
28 program, the commissioner shall either utilize the National Fire
29 Operations Reporting System or develop a data collection system
30 capable of real-time tracking information relevant to fire and rescue
31 responses, including, but not limited to (1) call processing time, (2)
32 alarm handling, and (3) turnout time. The commissioner shall provide
33 to any fire department or district participating in the program monthly
34 reports of the data collected for such fire department or district pursuant
35 to the program.

36 (f) On or before July 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the
37 commissioner shall conduct an evaluation of the fire and rescue data
38 collection pilot program. Such evaluation shall address the overall
39 effectiveness of the pilot program in collecting the relevant data. The
40 commissioner shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section
41 11-4a of the general statutes, such evaluation and any recommendations
42 for legislation to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
43 having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and planning and
44 development.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	New section

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*