
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5273

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-WIDE STROKE REGISTRY.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to maintain and operate a statewide stroke registry using the American Heart Association (AHA) stroke care program's data set platform. The registry must include information and data on stroke care in Connecticut that aligns with the stroke consensus metrics developed and approved by AHA.

Starting by January 1, 2023, DPH must establish, in collaboration with the Connecticut Stroke Advisory Council, a stroke registry data oversight committee. The committee must (1) monitor the registry's operation; (2) provide advice on its oversight; and (3) develop a plan to improve the quality of stroke care, address any disparities in providing this care, and develop related short- and long-term goals for improving care.

Also starting by January 1, 2023, the bill requires stroke centers to submit quarterly data to DPH on stroke care that (1) the commissioner deems necessary to include in the registry and (2) at a minimum, aligns with AHA's developed and approved stroke consensus metrics.

Additionally, stroke centers must provide DPH access to their records, as the department deems necessary, to perform case findings or other quality improvement audits to ensure the completeness of the reporting and data accuracy.

The bill also allows DPH to (1) enter into reciprocal reporting agreements with other states to exchange stroke care data; (2) enter into a contract for receiving, storing, and maintaining data; and (3) adopt regulations to implement the bill's provisions.

Under the bill, “stroke centers” include comprehensive stroke centers, thrombectomy-capable stroke centers, primary stroke centers, and acute stroke-ready hospitals.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 30 Nay 1 (03/11/2022)