
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 436

AN ACT CONCERNING DATA GOVERNANCE AMONG EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES.

SUMMARY

This bill makes various changes in the laws governing executive branch data sharing and management. It allows the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary to create advisory boards to assist with required data governance activities (i.e., developing a program to access, link, analyze, and share data maintained by executive agencies and to respond to data queries).

Current law authorizes the state's chief data officer (CDO) to direct executive branch agencies (excluding the board of regents of higher education) on data use, management, sharing, coordination, and formulation of the state data plan and transparency plans. The bill expands the definition of "executive branch agency" to those agencies with a department head. Thus, state data plan and agency data officer requirements (see BACKGROUND) would also apply to the offices of Early Childhood, Military Affairs, and Workforce Strategy and departments of Housing and Rehabilitation Services (presumably this means the Department of Aging and Disability Services which is the successor to the Department of Rehabilitation Services (CGS § 17b-650a)).

Lastly, the bill eliminates a CDO annual reporting requirement on executive branch high value data sharing methods. It also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

BACKGROUND

Executive Branch Agency Data

By law, executive branch agencies must designate one employee as the agency data officer. The data officers serve as the agency point of contact for inquiries, requests, or concerns regarding data access. Every two years, the CDO, in consultation with the data officers and executive branch agency heads, must update the state data plan that governs the agencies' information technology-related actions and initiatives.

Related Bill

SB 105, § 1, favorably reported by the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, adds the Office of Higher Education executive director to the statutory list of "department heads."

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 6 (03/28/2022)