
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6741

AN ACT IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH), by January 1, 2024, to develop a marketing campaign and make monthly public service announcements on the mistreatment of health care providers and encouraging public civility in health care settings. DPH must make the announcements on its website and social media accounts as well as any radio and television stations broadcasting to Connecticut residents.

The bill also establishes a Hospital Security Grant Program administered by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). The program must administer grants to hospitals for securing all areas of the hospital, or for other measures to ensure the safety of hospital providers, staff, and patients. OPM must adopt regulations to administer the grant program that include establishing priorities, program categories, eligibility requirements, funding limitations, and the application process.

Additionally, the bill authorizes hospitals to establish policies and procedures on health care provider, staff, and patient safety. These policies and procedures must govern when the hospital may require a patient receiving nonemergency care to leave the hospital, if the patient's behavior or conduct would threaten the safety of other patients, health care providers, or staff if the patient was allowed to stay to receive care.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/20/2023)