

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1186

AN ACT CONCERNING DATA GOVERNANCE AND REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS INVOLVING THE CONNECTICUT PRESCHOOL THROUGH

Title: TWENTY AND WORKFORCE INFORMATION NETWORK.

Vote Date: 3/27/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill creates advisory boards for data governance, allowing intergovernmental data exchange, with a focus on privacy between agencies that hold this information. There is language included designating where requests for CP20 WIN will be made. It also clarifies language and updates statutes regarding the frequency of specific audit reports dealing with data.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Dante Bartolomeo, Commissioner, Department of Labor:

The Department of Labor supports this legislation. It clarifies that although DOL is a data integration hub for Connecticut Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Innovation Network (CP20-WIN), and receives data from many state agencies, and is thus "in possession of records responsive to a request", resulting in Section 4 language stating the originating agency owns that data and should an FOI request be made, it must be made to the originating agency.

Colleen M. Murphy, Executive Director and General Counsel/Kathleen Ross, Managing Director and Associate General Counsel, FOIC:

The Freedom of Information Commission opposes this legislation. They believe that the bill, as written, with emphasis on Section 4(e), creates an unnecessary time burden on the Office

of Policy and Management, from whom CP20-WIN data is requested, as any requests for CP20-WIN information must be redirected to the specific agency who owns the data. At present, there is no vehicle for OPM concerning on how to disseminate the CP20 WIN data, providing this information in a timely fashion.

Scott Gaul, Chief Data Officer, Office of Policy and Management:

This legislation updates obscure language and practices. SB1186 creates advisory boards for data governance in relation to interagency data sharing. The governance of agency data is necessary for the management, privacy, and security of this information. OPM is the administrator of data for CP20 WIN, although there are two governing bodies with an established set of agreements. The sharing of data is necessary, but care must be taken to unintentionally provide sensitive records. It is with this in mind that the request for such data be made to the originating agency.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Michele Jacklin, Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information:

Opposes. Section 4(e) does not state any time frame for a request for CP20 WIN data from a participating agency to the originating agency. The originating agency must be given a time limit to provide this data. Under the bill, there is no stated or inferred time limit to request or provide such information. Forcing each participating agency to request data that the originating agency must provide, is cumbersome and a defined timeline would, at the very least, force the data to be given within a set number of days.

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