
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5479

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT CAMPUS IN STORRS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the public health commissioner to designate the UConn fire department as the primary service area responder (PSAR) for advanced life support services on UConn's Storrs campus, so long as it meets all minimum qualifications for providing these services, other than a requirement for an acute care hospital on the campus's premises. (Neither the bill nor existing state statutes or regulations define the term "advanced life support services" or prescribe the minimum qualifications for providing them.)

By law, the commissioner must (1) create specific geographic areas where one emergency medical service organization is assigned for each category of emergency medical response services (referred to as "primary service areas") and (2) assign in writing a PSAR for each area (CGS §§ 19a-175 and 19a-177). Existing law also requires that each state-owned campus having an acute care hospital on the premises be designated as the primary service area responder for that campus.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 23 Nay 2 (03/19/2024)