

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1550

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE HOSPITAL TAX TO

Title: CHILDREN'S GENERAL HOSPITALS.

Vote Date: 4/24/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 4/2/2025

File No.: 878

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

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REASONS FOR BILL:

Due to a trend of medical tax issues for children's hospitals compared to general hospitals, it is hopeful that by creating an exemption for children's hospitals, it will help to resolve such issues.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

No agencies submitted testimony for this bill.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Shmerling, Jim, President and CEO of CT Children's

Mr. Shmerling submits testimony in support of this bill, sharing a quick history and detail of CT Children's Hospital, and going on to state their relationship with Medicaid compared to general (adult) hospitals. Mr. Shmerling goes on to express that CT Children's is seeking the removal of current statutory exemption from the tax, to enable their participation beginning Fiscal Year 2027. He believes this should benefit the state by leveraging additional federal Medicaid revenue and will align Connecticut's tax with the rest of the country since most states include their children's hospital as part of their hospital tax programs.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

No testimony was submitted in opposition of the bill.

Reported by: Jean Holloway

Date: 5/7/25