



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5165

House of Representatives, March 16, 2026

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY of the 133rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING AN EVALUATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER TO MANAGE HOSPITALS IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS OR OPERATIONAL CRISIS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public Health
2 shall evaluate whether the Attorney General should be authorized to
3 petition the Superior Court for the appointment of a receiver to manage
4 hospitals in financial distress or operational crisis. Not later than
5 October 1, 2027, the commissioner shall report, in accordance with the
6 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
7 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
8 relating to public health regarding such evaluation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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PH Joint Favorable

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) Commissioner to evaluate whether the Attorney General should be authorized to petition the Superior Court to appoint a receiver to manage hospitals in financial distress or operational crisis, resulting in no fiscal impact. The department has the necessary expertise to conduct the evaluation and reporting required by the bill.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/02/2026)