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House Bill No. 5169

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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 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALERT IN THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE REGARDING PATIENTS WITH A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE OR COMBATIVE BEHAVIOR TOWARD A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Not later than January
2 1, 2027, the Department of Public Health shall develop a system (1) for
3 health care providers with an electronic health record system capable of
4 connecting to and participating in the State-wide Health Information
5 Exchange as specified in section 17b-59e of the general statutes to report
6 to said exchange incidences of patient violence or combative behavior
7 directed at a health care provider, and (2) that alerts a health care
8 provider with such an electronic health record system when the
9 provider accepts a new patient or has a scheduled visit with an existing
10 patient who has a documented history of any such incidence.

11 (b) On and after January 1, 2027, each health care provider with an
12 electronic health record system capable of connecting to and

13 participating in the State-wide Health Information Exchange as
14 specified in section 17b-59e of the general statutes shall document in its
15 electronic health record system any incidence of violence or combative
16 behavior that a patient directs at the health care provider or that the
17 health care provider witnesses the patient direct at another health care
18 provider.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section

PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Cost	At least 500,000	None
Public Health, Dept.; Office of Health Strategy	GF - Potential Cost	Potential Significant	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost to the Department of Public Health (DPH) of at least \$500,000 in FY 27 to develop a report and alert system within the Statewide Health Information Exchange (i.e., "Connie") that tracks patient violence or combative behavior towards healthcare providers. The Office of Health Strategy (OHS) currently manages the Statewide Health Information Exchange.

DPH lacks the necessary statutory authority and expertise for these changes, resulting in potential significant legal expenses in FY 27 (for both DPH and OHS), to determine a compliant implementation plan as required by the bill.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5169*****AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALERT IN THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE REGARDING PATIENTS WITH A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE OR COMBATIVE BEHAVIOR TOWARD A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health, by January 1, 2027, to develop a system for reporting incidences of violence or combative behavior that a patient directs at a health care provider to the Statewide Health Information Exchange (i.e. "Connie"). The system must (1) be for health care providers with an electronic health record (EHR) system capable of connecting to and participating in Connie and (2) alert these providers when they accept a new patient or have a scheduled visit with an existing patient who has a documented history of any of those incidences.

Starting January 1, 2027, the bill also requires providers with these EHR systems to document in them any incidence of violence or combative behavior (the bill does not define this term) that a patient directs at a health care provider, or that the provider witnesses the patient direct at another provider.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 10 (03/03/2026)