



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 239

Senate, March 16, 2026

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. ANWAR of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING NUTRITION AND FOOD-BASED INTERVENTIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-127k of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (j) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

3 (NEW) (j) When conducting a community health needs assessment,
4 each hospital shall identify the nutrition needs of community members
5 with diabetes and congestive heart failure and, to the extent permissible
6 under federal law, (1) include such nutrition needs in the hospital's
7 community health needs assessment, and (2) include medically tailored
8 and food-based interventions for community members with diabetes or
9 congestive heart failure in the hospital's implementation strategy.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	19a-127k(j)
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (j), "examine" was changed to "identify" for clarity.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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

The bill has no fiscal impact to the state because it adjusts requirements for community needs assessments, which UConn Health is not required to complete.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 239*****AN ACT CONCERNING NUTRITION AND FOOD-BASED INTERVENTIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires hospitals, when conducting a community health needs assessment, to examine the nutritional needs of community members with diabetes and congestive heart failure. Specifically, the bill requires hospitals, to the extent federal law allows, to include these community members' (1) nutrition needs in their assessment and (2) medically tailored and food-based interventions in their implementation strategy.

To maintain tax-exempt status under federal law, a nonprofit hospital must, among other things, (1) conduct a community health needs assessment at least once every three years and (2) adopt an implementation strategy to meet the needs identified in the assessment. Federal regulations set various steps that hospitals must take in completing these requirements (26 C.F.R. § 1.501(r)-3).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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