



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 239**

February Session, 2026



**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.