
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)