



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 256

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House Bill No. 5596

House of Representatives, April 6, 2021

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH.

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

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Public Health
2 shall study the benefits and implications of expanding the provision of
3 telehealth services in the state. Not later than January 1, 2022, the
4 Commissioner of Public Health shall report, in accordance with the
5 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
6 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
7 relating to public health regarding the findings of such study.

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, which requires the Department of Public Health to study expanding the provision of telehealth services in the state by 1/1/22, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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

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 33 Nay 0 (03/19/2021)