

General Law Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5310

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING DATA PRIVACY BREACHES.

Vote Date: 2/16/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

General Law Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill extends the reach of the law of data breach notification that is already in place. The notification requirements apply not just to businesses within the state of Connecticut, but to anyone with computerized data that holds anyone's personal information.

JFS Language:

Makes technical changes at the request of the Attorney General

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

William Tong, Attorney General State of Connecticut supports the bill. The bill strengthens consumer by broadening the definition of personal information, shorten the notification time period and provides confidentiality material through Civil Investigative Demands. Personal information now includes passport numbers, ITIN numbers, medical information and online account information as well as others. Notification time has been reduced to 60 days to notify residents as soon as possible.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORTS:

Insurance Association of Connecticut supports the bill. This bill addresses all the concerns considered in last years bill and improves on that bill.

Connecticut Hospital Association supports the bill. The bill improves awareness and promotes transparency. More specificity and clarity is added to existing breach notification

laws. We have included other language to avoid unintended interference with low-risk business operations.

State Privacy & Security Coalition supports the bill with the amendments presented by the Attorney General.

New England Cable & Telecommunications Associations, Inc. supports the bill. As a five-state regional trade association we appreciate the committee taking up the critical issue and making common sense adjustments to the existing statute.

Healthcare At Home supports the bill. The bill acknowledges existing requirements under HIPAA and HITECH and provides provisions of identity theft.

CBIA supports the bill. The bill expands the data breach notification statute to better protect consumers' data. The bill directs businesses how to handle unauthorized access of electronic files, media, databases or computerized data that contains personal information.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None submitted

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