



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 181

February Session, 2024



AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CROWDING.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1,
2 2025, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Public Health, in
3 collaboration with the chairpersons of the working group established
4 pursuant to section 27 of public act 23-97, until January 1, 2025, and a
5 representative of an association of hospitals in the state, shall (1)
6 evaluate data concerning each hospital emergency department in the
7 state from the previous year, including, but not limited to, (A) bed
8 capacity, (B) the number of patients who received treatment in the
9 emergency department, (C) the number of emergency department
10 patients who were admitted to the hospital, (D) for emergency
11 department patients admitted to the hospital, the average length of time
12 from the patient's first presentation to the emergency department until
13 the patient's admission to the hospital, and (E) the number of patients
14 who were required to wait in the emergency department for an available
15 bed in the appropriate unit of the hospital after being admitted to the
16 hospital and the length of time each such patient waited in the
17 emergency department for such available bed, and (2) post such data for
18 each hospital emergency department on the Department of Public
19 Health's Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*