



General Assembly

February Session, 2024

**Substitute Bill No. 256**



**AN ACT CONCERNING DATA GOVERNANCE AND CERTAIN  
REQUESTS FOR STATE AGENCY DATA, RECORDS OR FILES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 4-67n of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2024*):

4 (b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall  
5 develop a program to access, link, analyze and share data maintained  
6 by executive agencies and to respond to queries from any state agency,  
7 and from any private entity or person that would otherwise require  
8 access to data maintained by two or more executive agencies. The  
9 secretary shall give priority to queries that seek to measure outcomes  
10 for state-funded programs or that may facilitate the development of  
11 policies to promote the effective, efficient and best use of state resources.  
12 The secretary may create advisory boards to assist with data governance  
13 activities under this section.

14 Sec. 2. Subdivision (2) of section 4-67o of the 2024 supplement to the  
15 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
16 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

17 (2) "Executive branch agency" means any state agency, [listed in  
18 section 4-38c, except the Board of Regents for Higher Education] as

19 defined in section 4d-1.

20 Sec. 3. Section 4-67z of the general statutes is repealed and the  
21 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

22 [(a)] The Chief Data Officer, in consultation with the Attorney  
23 General and executive branch agency legal counsel, shall review the  
24 legal obstacles to the sharing of high value data of executive branch  
25 agencies, inventoried pursuant to section 4-67p, [among] with executive  
26 branch agencies and [with] the public.

27 [(b)] Not later than January 15, 2020, and annually thereafter, the Chief  
28 Data Officer shall submit a report, developed in consultation with the  
29 Attorney General, agency data officers and executive branch agency  
30 legal counsel, that includes any recommendations on (1) methods to  
31 facilitate the sharing of such high value data to the extent permitted  
32 under state and federal law, including, but not limited to, the  
33 preparation and execution of memoranda of understanding among  
34 executive branch agencies, and (2) any necessary legislation, to the  
35 Connecticut Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board and the joint  
36 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
37 matters relating to government administration, in accordance with the  
38 provisions of section 11-4a. Concomitantly, the Chief Data Officer shall  
39 post each such report on the Office of Policy and Management's Internet  
40 web site.

41 (c) The report submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section  
42 shall be consistent with the state data plan, created under section 4-67p.  
43 The Chief Data Officer shall update such report annually with  
44 additional information concerning the sharing of high value data and  
45 any additional recommendations, including any potential fiscal impact  
46 of any recommendations.]

47 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section,  
48 "state agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 4-67n of the  
49 general statutes, as amended by this act. Any person requesting data,  
50 records or files that have been shared by one state agency with another

51 state agency pursuant to any statute, regulation, data sharing  
52 agreement, memorandum of agreement or understanding or court  
53 order, including, but not limited to, a request made pursuant to the  
54 Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general  
55 statutes, shall direct such request to the state agency from which such  
56 data, records or files originated.

57 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 14 of the general  
58 statutes, if a state agency that is not the originating state agency receives  
59 a request for data, records or files as described in subsection (a) of this  
60 section, such state agency shall (1) promptly refer such request to the  
61 state agency from which such data, records or files originated, and (2)  
62 notify, in writing, the person who submitted the request for such data,  
63 records or files that such request has been referred to the originating  
64 state agency. Such written notification shall include the name, address  
65 and telephone number of the originating state agency and the date on  
66 which the referral was made to the originating state agency.

67 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the disclosure  
68 of any data, records or files if the disclosure of such data, records or files  
69 would not have been required had the request been made directly to the  
70 state agency from which such data, records or files originated.

71 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to requests for any  
72 data that is subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of section 54-142r  
73 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2024	4-67n(b)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2024	4-67o(2)
Sec. 3	October 1, 2024	4-67z
Sec. 4	from passage	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**  
In Section 4(b) and (c), "state" was inserted before references to "agency" for consistency.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*