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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING DATA COLLECTION TO PREVENT
MALNUTRITION AMONG SENIOR CITIZENS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-304 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

3 (a) As used in this section and section 17a-305, as amended by this
4 act, "NAPIS nutritional risk assessment" means a survey developed by
5 the National Aging Program Information System, or NAPIS, that
6 provides a person who takes the survey with a score correlating with
7 risk of malnutrition.

8 (b) The state shall be divided into five elderly planning and service
9 areas, in accordance with federal law and regulations, each having an
10 area agency on aging to carry out the mandates of the federal Older
11 Americans Act of 1965, as amended. The area agencies shall (1)
12 represent older persons within their geographic areas, (2) develop an
13 area plan for approval by the Department of Aging and Disability
14 Services and upon such approval administer the plan, (3) coordinate
15 and assist local public and nonprofit, private agencies in the

16 development of programs, (4) receive and distribute federal and state
17 funds for such purposes, in accordance with applicable law, (5)
18 distribute the NAPIS nutritional risk assessment to older persons,
19 collect the assessments and report individual and average scores for
20 each elderly planning and service area to the Department of Aging and
21 Disability Services, and [(5)] (6) carry out any additional duties and
22 functions required by federal law and regulations.

23 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 17a-305 of the general statutes is
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
25 *2022*):

26 (c) The Department of Aging and Disability Services, in consultation
27 with the five area agencies on aging, shall review the method of
28 allocation set forth in [subsection (a) of this section and shall report any
29 findings or recommendations, as well as data on service levels and costs,
30 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
31 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state
32 agencies and human services] subsections (a) and (b) of this section and
33 evaluate the method used to allocate funding for elderly nutrition
34 services based on factors including, but not limited to, (1) for each of the
35 five elderly planning and service areas as described in section 17a-304,
36 as amended by this act, (A) elderly population data from the most recent
37 United States census, and (B) average and individual scores on the
38 NAPIS nutritional risk assessment, and (2) any increased costs for
39 providers that deliver meals on wheels for the department's elderly
40 nutrition program in sparsely populated, rural regions. The department
41 shall solicit information and recommendations from elderly nutrition
42 program providers for consideration in the department's evaluation.
43 Not later than July 1, 2023, the department shall report, in accordance
44 with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of
45 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging,
46 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and human services on
47 (A) the data collected pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B)
48 the rates of reimbursement for each meals on wheels provider in the
49 department's elderly nutrition program compared to the cost to provide

50 meals on wheels for each such provider, (C) the administrative expenses
51 of each such meals on wheels provider, (D) the number of such meals
52 on wheels providers that have reduced or eliminated deliveries based
53 on inadequate state reimbursement, and (E) any recommended changes
54 in the method of allocation of funds. Providers of meals [under] in the
55 department's elderly nutrition program shall annually provide the
56 department with data on service levels and costs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	17a-304
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	17a-305(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To assess nutritional needs of senior citizens and allocate resources accordingly.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]