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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 181

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"AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CROWDING."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1,
4 2025, and annually thereafter until January 1, 2029, each hospital in the
5 state with an emergency department shall, and each hospital operated
6 exclusively by the state may, directly or in consultation with a hospital
7 association in the state, analyze the following data from the previous
8 calendar year concerning its emergency department: (1) The number of
9 patients who received treatment in the emergency department; (2) the
10 number of emergency department patients who were admitted to the
11 hospital; (3) for patients admitted to the hospital after presenting to the
12 emergency department, the average length of time from the patient's
13 first presentation to the emergency department until the patient's

14 admission to the hospital; and (4) the percentage of patients who were
 15 admitted to the hospital after presenting to the emergency department
 16 but were transferred to an available bed located in a physical location
 17 other than the emergency department more than four hours after an
 18 admitting order for the patient was completed. Each such hospital shall
 19 utilize such analysis with the goals of (A) developing policies or
 20 procedures to reduce wait times for admission to the hospital after a
 21 patient presents to the emergency department, (B) informing potential
 22 methods to improve admission efficiencies, and (C) examining root
 23 causes for delays in admission times.

24 (b) Not later than March 1, 2025, and annually thereafter until March
 25 1, 2029, each hospital that conducts an analysis pursuant to subsection
 26 (a) of this section shall submit a report, in accordance with the
 27 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
 28 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 29 relating to public health, regarding its findings and any
 30 recommendations for achieving the goals described in subparagraphs
 31 (A) to (C), inclusive, of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section."

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