
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 181

AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CROWDING.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner, starting by January 1, 2025, to annually evaluate data about each in-state emergency department (ED) and post the data on DPH's website. The commissioner must conduct the evaluations in collaboration with a representative of an in-state hospital association and, until January 1, 2025, the Emergency Department Crowding Working Group chairpersons (see BACKGROUND).

For each emergency department, the data must include, for the prior year, the bed capacity and the number of patients:

1. treated in the department;
2. admitted, with their average time from first presentation to the ED until admission; and
3. who had to wait in the ED for an available bed in the appropriate hospital unit after being admitted, and how long each patient waited in the ED for that bed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Emergency Department Crowding Working Group

PA 23-97, § 27, required the DPH commissioner to convene a working group to advise her on ways to ease ED crowding and the lack of available ED beds in the state. The group's final report is due January 1, 2025.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/04/2024)