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Public Act No. 24-4

AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CROWDING.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter until January 1, 2029, each hospital in the state with an emergency department shall, and each hospital operated exclusively by the state may, directly or in consultation with a hospital association in the state, analyze the following data from the previous calendar year concerning its emergency department: (1) The number of patients who received treatment in the emergency department; (2) the number of emergency department patients who were admitted to the hospital; (3) for patients admitted to the hospital after presenting to the emergency department, the average length of time from the patient's first presentation to the emergency department until the patient's admission to the hospital; and (4) the percentage of patients who were admitted to the hospital after presenting to the emergency department but were transferred to an available bed located in a physical location other than the emergency department more than four hours after an admitting order for the patient was completed. Each such hospital shall utilize such analysis with the goals of (A) developing policies or procedures to reduce wait times for admission to the hospital after a patient presents to the emergency department, (B) informing potential

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methods to improve admission efficiencies, and (C) examining root causes for delays in admission times.

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

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