

CT's New Data Law

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Chief Data Officer

PA-18-175: The Basics

- Creates a Chief Data Officer within OPM
- Each agency must designate an Agency Data Officer
- Requires creation of a state data plan
- Requires each agency to conduct an inventory of “high value data”
- Requires each agency to create an open data access plan
- Requires OPM to maintain an open data repository
- Establishes the “Connecticut Data Analysis & Technology Advisory Board”
- Codifies Lean process improvement initiative
- Requires Towns to submit any digital parcel data to COG’s annually

Chief Data Officer

- Within OPM
- Directing agencies on the use & management of data
- Facilitating data sharing both among agencies & with the public
- Coordinating analytics & transparency master planning
- Creation of the state data plan

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State Data Plan

- Establish data management & analysis standards
- Specific achievable goals
- Recommendations to enhance standardization & integration of data systems & data management practices
- Review of legal issues and concerns related to data sharing
- Goals for improving the open data repository (portal)

Once final, information technology related actions of agencies are required to be consistent with the plan

Inventory of “High Value” Data

- Critical to the operation of the agency
- Increases accountability and responsiveness
- Improves public knowledge of the agency & it’s operations
- Furthers the core mission of the agency
- Can create economic opportunity
- Frequently requested
- Responds to a need or demand identified through public consultation
- Used for legislative reporting requirement

Data shall be presumed to be public unless otherwise protected by state or federal law, including FOIA exemptions

Due 12/31 annually

Open Data Access Plans

- Agency plans to publish as Open Data, any public data the agency has inventoried and any private data the agency has inventoried provided it can be aggregated or redacted sufficiently.

Process Improvement

- Updates the existing Lean statute to assist agencies with:
 - Streamlining processes
 - Optimizing service delivery through information technology
 - Eliminating unnecessary work
 - Establishing standardized workflows
 - Prioritizing available resources
- Codifies the existence of the Statewide Process Improvement Steering Committee

Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board (DATA Board)

- Within the Legislative Branch
- 8 Voting members appointed by legislative leadership
- CDO is the **NON-VOTING** chair
- Additional Non-Voting members: Secretary of State, Comptroller, Attorney General, Treasurer, Chief Court Administrator (Judicial branch), State Librarian, FOI Commission, Department of Administrative Services
- Staffed by the Government Administration & Elections Committee with support of Legislative Research and Fiscal Analysis

Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board (DATA Board)

- Advise various branches of state government & municipalities regarding data policy
- Advise OPM/CDO on the open data portal
- Issue reports & recommendations
- Request agency data officer or agency heads to appear before them
- Request information and assistance from the executive branch
- Advise the legislature regarding skills and expertise necessary for the legislative staff to enhance their data capabilities

Municipal Parcel Data

- On May 1, 2019 (and annually thereafter) towns with **digital** parcel data must provide it to their Council of Governments (COG)
- Must include: a unique ID, address, size, value, year of construction AND any other information deemed necessary by the COG
- DOES NOT require towns to create parcel data if it does not exist
- COG must report by July 1 annually on towns that do not comply and towns that do not have digital parcel data