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(As Amended by House Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY SERVICES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The state shall not provide
4 funding for (1) the development and implementation of training for
5 certain employees of the Department of Children and Families and
6 mental health care providers on (A) the healing value of the human-
7 animal bond for children, (B) the value of therapy animals in dealing
8 with traumatic situations, and (C) the benefits of animal-assisted
9 activities and animal-assisted therapy; (2) developing a protocol to
10 identify and mobilize animal-assisted critical incident response teams
11 throughout the state; or (3) developing a protocol to (A) identify and
12 credential animal-assisted activity organizations and providers of
13 animal-assisted therapy in the state, and (B) utilize animal-assisted

14 activities and animal-assisted therapy to provide aid to children and
15 youths living with trauma and loss, pursuant to section 17a-22ee of the
16 general statutes, as amended by this act, until such time as the state
17 has fully funded the Department of Developmental Services' Camp
18 Harkness."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section