



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5586

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE CRISIS INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THE EMERGENCY INTERVENTION BY A POLICE OFFICER WHEN A PERSON SUFFERS AN OPIOID OVERDOSE.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1,
2 2022, the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency
3 Services and Public Protection shall, in conjunction with the Department
4 of Mental Health and Addiction Services, expand the pilot program
5 known as the CRISIS Initiative: Connection to Recovery through
6 Intervention, Support, and Initiating Services throughout the state. At a
7 minimum, such expanded program shall include the components of the
8 pilot program that require training for state police officers, coordination
9 between state police officers and mental health professionals and
10 referrals to facilities for mental health services.

11 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17a-503 of the general statutes is
12 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
13 *1, 2021*):

14 (a) Any police officer who has reasonable cause to believe that a
15 person (1) has psychiatric disabilities and is dangerous to himself or
16 herself or others or gravely disabled, and in need of immediate care and

17 treatment, or (2) is suffering from an apparent narcotics overdose and is
18 in need of immediate medical care and treatment, may take such person
19 into protective custody and take or cause such person to be taken to a
20 general hospital for emergency examination under this section. The
21 officer shall execute a written request for emergency examination
22 detailing the circumstances under which the person was taken into
23 protective custody, and such request shall be left with the facility. The
24 person shall be examined within twenty-four hours and shall not be
25 held for more than seventy-two hours unless committed under section
26 17a-502.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	17a-503(a)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section (2), "who has suffered" was changed to "is suffering" for accuracy, "necessitating emergency medical intervention" was changed to "and is in need of immediate medical care and treatment," for consistency with other provisions of the Subsec., and "protective" was added in the second sentence for consistency.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*