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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION
CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN
HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) Not later than
2 December 1, 2021, the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council,
3 established pursuant to section 17a-22j of the general statutes, shall
4 develop a document that provides information concerning mental
5 health evaluation and treatment resources available to children with
6 psychiatric disabilities and behavioral health disorders. Such document
7 shall contain, but need not be limited to, a list of (A) providers of such
8 resources, (B) the location of each provider, (C) the types of services
9 offered by each provider, and (D) contact information for each provider.
10 The council shall distribute such document electronically to each
11 hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 368v of the general statutes that
12 has an emergency department, and make such document available on
13 its Internet web site.
- 14 (2) Not later than December 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the

15 Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council shall review the
16 document developed pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and
17 update such document as necessary. If such document is updated, the
18 Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council shall distribute and
19 make such updated document available in the manner described in
20 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

21 (b) On and after January 1, 2022, each hospital emergency department
22 shall provide a copy of the document developed pursuant to subsection
23 (a) of this section to the parent or guardian of any child that (1) exhibits
24 symptoms consistent with a psychiatric disability or behavioral health
25 disorder, or (2) was evaluated in such department as a result of
26 exhibiting such symptoms, upon the discharge of such child from such
27 department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require (1) the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council to develop a document describing the resources available to children with psychiatric disabilities and behavioral health disorders, and (2) hospital emergency departments to provide such document to parents and guardians of certain children upon discharge from such departments.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]