



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6510

January Session, 2021



**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) Not later than December
2 1, 2021, the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council
3 established pursuant to section 17a-22j of the general statutes, in
4 consultation with the Department of Children and Families, the
5 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Department
6 of Public Health and the Youth Suicide Advisory Board established
7 pursuant to section 17a-52 of the general statutes, shall develop
8 documents concerning behavioral and mental health evaluation and
9 treatment resources for children in each mental health region
10 designated pursuant to section 17a-478 of the general statutes.

11 (b) Such documents shall contain, but need not be limited to, contact
12 information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and a list of (1)
13 providers of such resources, including, but not limited to, mobile crisis
14 intervention services, (2) the physical location of each provider, if
15 applicable, (3) the types of services offered by each provider, and (4)
16 contact information for each provider. The council shall distribute such
17 documents electronically to each hospital licensed pursuant to chapter

18 368v of the general statutes that has an emergency department and
19 make such documents available on its Internet web site.

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

27 (d) Not later than December 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the
28 Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council shall review the
29 documents developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this subsection and
30 update such documents as necessary. If such documents are updated,
31 the council shall distribute and make such updated documents available
32 in the manner described in subsection (b) of this section.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:
Section 1(a)(1) was redrafted and redesignated as Subsec. (a) and new Subsec. (b), Section 1(a)(2) was redesignated as new Subsec. (d), and Section 1(b) was redesignated as new Subsec. (c) for clarity.

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