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"AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Mental health programming" means age-appropriate education
5 or outreach initiatives aimed at students for the prevention of mental
6 illness, including, but not limited to, poster and flyer campaigns, films,
7 guest speakers or other school events; and

8 (2) "School-based mental health clinic" means a clinic that: (A) Is
9 located in, or on the grounds of, a school facility of a school district or
10 school board or of an Indian tribe or tribal organization; (B) is organized
11 through school, community and health provider relationships; (C) is
12 administered by a sponsoring facility; and (D) provides on-site mental,

13 emotional or behavioral health services to children and adolescents in
14 accordance with state and local law, including laws relating to licensure
15 and certification.

16 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Departments of Children and
17 Families and Public Health, in consultation with the Connecticut
18 Association of School-Based Health Centers and a children's mental
19 health service provider licensed by the Department of Children and
20 Families, shall develop a plan to promote access to mental health
21 services for children and youth in regions of the state that do not have
22 access to a school-based health center or an expanded school health site,
23 which may include, but need not be limited to, establishing school-
24 based mental health clinics. The mental health services included in such
25 plan may include, but need not be limited to, (1) to the extent permitted
26 by a license or certification of a sponsoring facility, as defined in section
27 19a-6r of the general statutes, the provision of counseling to individual
28 students, groups or families, (2) extending the hours of operation of any
29 school-based mental health clinic to include after school, weekend or
30 summer hours based on community need for services, and (3) the
31 provision of mental health programming for students in partnership
32 with a local or regional board of education.

33 (c) Any mental health service provider who staffs any school-based
34 mental health clinic established in partnership with a local or regional
35 board of education shall be knowledgeable about social-emotional
36 learning and restorative practices and may receive additional training
37 through participation in the social-emotional learning and restorative
38 practices training provided to teachers and administrators of the schools
39 governed by such board.

40 (d) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Departments of Children and
41 Families and Public Health shall jointly submit, in accordance with the
42 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
43 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
44 relating to children, a report on the (1) plan developed pursuant to
45 subsection (b) of this section, and (2) availability of any sources of

46 funding for the implementation of such plan."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section