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"AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS."

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

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

13 (2) Such documents shall contain, but need not be limited to, contact
14 information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and a list of (A)
15 providers of such resources, including, but not limited to, mobile crisis
16 intervention services, (B) the physical location of each provider, if
17 applicable, (C) the types of services offered by each provider, and (D)
18 contact information for each provider.

19 (3) The Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council shall make
20 such documents available on its Internet web site and distribute such
21 documents electronically to each hospital licensed pursuant to chapter
22 368v of the general statutes that has an emergency department and each
23 local and regional board of education.

24 (b) On and after January 1, 2022, upon the discharge of any child from
25 the emergency department of a hospital licensed pursuant to chapter
26 368v of the general statutes, such department shall provide the parent
27 or guardian of such child a copy of the document developed pursuant
28 to subsection (a) of this section that pertains to the mental health region
29 in which the (1) department is located, and (2) child resides, if different,
30 provided such child resides in this state. Such copies shall be provided
31 (A) (i) in printed form, or (ii) through such child's patient chart in the
32 electronic health record system, as defined in section 19a-904c of the
33 general statutes, maintained by such hospital, provided such patient
34 chart was created prior to the date of such child's discharge, and (B) by
35 electronic mail to the electronic mail address of such parent or guardian,
36 at such parent or guardian's election.

37 (c) Not later than December 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the
38 Department of Children and Families shall review the documents
39 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and update such
40 documents as necessary. If such documents are updated, the
41 Department of Children and Families shall provide such updated
42 documents to the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council, and
43 the council shall distribute and make such updated documents available
44 in the manner described in subsection (a) of this section.

45 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2022,
 46 each local and regional board of education shall make available on such
 47 board's Internet web site the document developed by the Department of
 48 Children and Families pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act,
 49 concerning behavioral and mental health evaluation and treatment
 50 resources available to children in the mental health region in which such
 51 board is located.

52 (b) On and after January 1, 2022, each local and regional board of
 53 education shall distribute the document described in subsection (a) of
 54 this section (1) to any student taking a course in health and safety, and
 55 (2) at least semiannually, in September and May, to the parents and
 56 guardians of each student in the school district."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section