



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT EQUALIZING COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO MENTAL,
BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE IN RESPONSE TO
THE PANDEMIC."**

1 Strike section 5 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) The Department of Public
4 Health shall designate an employee within its Office of Public Health
5 Preparedness and Response to serve as the pandemic preparedness
6 officer. Such officer shall be responsible for the state's pandemic
7 preparedness, including, but not limited to, (1) conducting an annual
8 inventory of the state's medical stockpile of medical equipment and
9 supplies, (2) reviewing and ensuring the adequacy of infection
10 prevention at health care facilities in the state, and (3) providing
11 periodic updates to members of the General Assembly during a
12 pandemic-related public health emergency. On or before January 1,
13 2022, and annually thereafter, the pandemic preparedness officer shall

14 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
15 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
16 having cognizance of matters relating to public health regarding the
17 state's preparedness to respond to a pandemic."