



General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 1211

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LCO No. 5256



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) The Department of Mental
2 Health and Addiction Services, in consultation with the Department of
3 Children and Families, shall establish a mental health crisis center pilot
4 program in one region of the state to be determined by the
5 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the
6 purpose of enhancing mental health outcomes for persons
7 experiencing a mental health crisis by redirecting such persons away
8 from the hospital emergency department and toward a facility
9 dedicated to the provision of mental health services to persons in
10 crisis. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services
11 shall establish the pilot program in accordance with such terms and
12 conditions as the commissioner may prescribe.

13 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall report, in
14 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
15 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
16 cognizance of matters relating to public health regarding the success of

17 the pilot program in serving persons experiencing a mental health
18 crisis and any recommendations for continuing the pilot program or
19 expanding the pilot program into other communities in the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
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PH *Joint Favorable*