



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 1031

Senate, April 23, 2001

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 19a-490 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (g) "Mental health facility" means any facility for the care or
4 treatment of mentally ill or emotionally disturbed adults, [except that
5 on and after October 1, 1993, mental health facilities shall] or any
6 mental health outpatient treatment facility that provides treatment to
7 persons sixteen years of age or older who are receiving services from
8 the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, but does not
9 include family care homes for the mentally ill.

10 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 19a-498 of the general statutes is
11 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

12 (c) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, with

13 respect to any mental health facility, as defined in subsection [(h)] (g)
14 of section 19a-490, as amended by this act, or alcohol or drug treatment
15 facility, as defined in subsection [(i)] (h) of section 19a-490, shall be
16 authorized, either upon the request of the Commissioner of Public
17 Health or at such other times as they deem necessary, to enter such
18 facility for the purpose of inspecting programs conducted therein. A
19 written report of the findings of any such inspection shall be
20 forwarded to the Commissioner of Public Health and a copy shall be
21 maintained in the facility's licensure file.

PH *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to license mental health outpatient facilities that serve individuals age 16 or older who are receiving services from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS).

This will not result in any fiscal impact to DPH as the department already licenses these facilities as required by current law. Likewise, the bill does not result in any fiscal impact to DMHAS as it merely recognizes the department's current treatment of younger adults in the Special Populations and Transitional Youth programs.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to license mental health outpatient treatment facilities treating persons aged 16 and older who are receiving services from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS). The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 25 Nay 0