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Offered by:

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"AN ACT REQUIRING COORDINATION OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS."

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

3 "(a) As used in this section, "children with special health care needs"
4 means children under the age of eighteen who: (1) Have one or more
5 serious chronic medical conditions; (2) are children with disabilities, as
6 defined in section 17a-219a of the general statutes; and (3) have
7 ongoing significant health care services needs.

8 (b) The Commissioners of Mental Retardation, Social Services,
9 Children and Families, Education, Mental Health and Addiction
10 Services and Public Health and the Child Advocate shall develop a
11 plan for the establishment and administration of an account that, to the
12 greatest extent practicable without the loss of federal funds, will
13 contain any funds appropriated by or available to the state for the
14 delivery of services or resources to children with special health care
15 needs or their families. The commissioners shall also develop a

16 comprehensive plan for the coordinated expenditure of such funds
17 and for the coordinated delivery of services to children with special
18 health care needs. The Department of Mental Retardation shall serve
19 as the lead agency for purposes of developing the plans for pooled
20 funds and coordination of services for children with special health care
21 needs.

22 (c) The comprehensive plan for the coordinated expenditure of
23 funds and for the coordinated delivery of services to children with
24 special health care needs required by subsection (b) of this section shall
25 give priority to the following goals: (1) A lead agency responsible for
26 the oversight and administration of a comprehensive plan for the
27 coordinated expenditure of such funds and for the coordinated
28 delivery of services to children with special health care needs; (2) a
29 single point of entry to the system of state-funded or state-
30 administered services or resources for children with special health care
31 needs; (3) a system-of-care model in which service planning is directed
32 by the needs and preferences of the child and the child's family and
33 that places a greater emphasis on early identification, prevention and
34 early intervention to prevent the escalation of special health care
35 needs; (4) development of a comprehensive and flexible continuum of
36 services with emphasis on home-based and community-based support
37 services that permit care of the child to occur in the appropriate, least
38 restrictive setting; (5) community-based care coordination and service
39 delivery; and (6) identification of the need, if any, for additional
40 appropriate, least restrictive residential placements for children with
41 special health care needs and a plan for development of such
42 residential placements, if needed.

43 (d) Not later than December 31, 2001, the Commissioners of Mental
44 Retardation, Social Services, Children and Families, Education, Mental
45 Health and Addiction Services and Public Health and the Child
46 Advocate, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes,
47 shall submit to the General Assembly the plans for pooled funds and
48 coordinated expenditure and delivery of services to children with
49 special health care needs."