



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5557

House of Representatives, March 28, 2002

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. GERRATANA of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF TEENAGE SUICIDE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) The Department of Children and
2 Families, in cooperation with other child serving agencies and
3 organizations, shall establish a pilot program for the prevention of
4 teenage suicide to be known as "Teen Screen". The program shall
5 operate in Bridgeport and shall be directed at students at Harding
6 High School. The program shall develop and use methods for the early
7 identification of teenagers with problems associated with teenage
8 suicide such as depression, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, severe
9 anxiety disorders, alcohol abuse, and drug abuse.

10 (b) On or before December 1, 2003, the Commissioner of Children
11 and Families shall report in accordance with the provisions of section
12 11-4a of the general statutes, on the pilot program to the joint standing
13 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
14 relating to human services.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2002</i> |

HS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Fund-Type | Agency Affected | FY 03 \$ | FY 04 \$ |
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| General Fund - Cost | Department of Children and Families | See Below | See Below |

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Passage of this bill will result in an uncertain impact to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). It requires the agency to establish a pilot Teen Screen program at Harding High School in Bridgeport. There is currently a privately-funded Teen Screen program at this school, and there is no expectation that its continuation would be jeopardized without state resources. DCF has not been involved with this program to date.

The extent to which DCF can comply with the reporting requirement in the bill will depend upon the willingness and ability of both the private provider and the Bridgeport school board to make relevant data available to the state.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze special acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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