



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5557

LCO No. 1717

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

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.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	July 1, 2002
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Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the incidence of teenage suicide by early identification of problems associated with various disorders.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]