



**AN ACT CONCERNING INPATIENT DATA FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN NEED OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) The Departments of  
2 Social Services, Children and Families and Mental Health and  
3 Addiction Services shall collaborate with interested entities in the  
4 development of a mechanism for facilities to report on a daily basis,  
5 the number of children and adults with primary psychiatric diagnoses  
6 held in emergency departments and medical units and the length of  
7 stay for such children and adults. Said departments shall also  
8 collaborate to develop a mechanism to determine the number of  
9 available beds for psychiatric care in acute care and licensed residential  
10 facilities that provide psychiatric services to children or adults.

11 (b) Each hospital licensed under sections 19a-490 to 19a-503,  
12 inclusive, of the general statutes, providing emergency department,  
13 inpatient psychiatric treatment, including emergency, crisis  
14 stabilization and treatment beds, shall provide to the Commissioners  
15 of Children and Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services a  
16 daily report of (1) the number of persons seen in an emergency  
17 department having a psychiatric diagnosis, (2) the date of, and reason  
18 for, admission to the emergency department, (3) behavioral health  
19 diagnoses, (4) age, (5) sex, (6) town of residence, (7) the legal status of  
20 any child or youth, if known, (8) date of discharge of all persons who

21 have been admitted and treated for a behavioral health diagnosis at  
22 such facilities, (9) case disposition, and (10) payor source. Such reports  
23 shall be utilized by the Departments of Children and Families and  
24 Mental Health and Addiction Services to manage and monitor the  
25 resources and performance of the behavioral health service delivery  
26 system. Any such reports received by the Departments of Children and  
27 Families, Social Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services  
28 shall be confidential and shall be used only for the purposes specified  
29 in this subsection

30 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Section 17a-21 of the general statutes  
31 is repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

**HS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*