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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING INPATIENT DATA REGARDING 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, 2004*) (a) The Departments of
2 Social Services and Children and Families shall collaborate with the
3 Office of Health Care Access and the Connecticut Hospital Association
4 in the development of a mechanism for facilities to report, on a daily
5 basis, the number of children and youth with primary psychiatric
6 diagnoses held in emergency departments and medical units and the
7 length of 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 to provide psychiatric services to children and youth.

11 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families may require that
12 each hospital licensed under sections 19a-490 to 19a-503, inclusive, of
13 the general statutes, as amended, providing emergency department,
14 inpatient psychiatric treatment, including emergency, crisis
15 stabilization and treatment beds, provide to the commissioner a daily
16 report of (1) the number of children and youth 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) the date of discharge of all persons
21 who have been admitted and treated for a behavioral health diagnosis
22 at such facilities, (9) case disposition, and (10) payor source. Such
23 reports shall be utilized by the Department of Children and Families to
24 manage and monitor the resources and performance of the behavioral
25 health service delivery system for children and youth. Any such
26 reports received by the Departments of Children and Families and
27 Social Services shall be confidential and shall be used only for the
28 purposes specified in this subsection.

29 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2004*) Section 17a-21 of the general statutes
30 is repealed.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To permit the Department of Children and Families to obtain statistical information concerning children and youth with behavioral health issues awaiting treatment or discharge from psychiatric and general hospitals on a daily, rather than quarterly, basis.

[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.]