



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5194

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**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 youth. 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 children
21 and youth who have been admitted and treated for a behavioral health
22 diagnosis at such facilities, (9) case disposition, and (10) payor source.
23 Such reports shall be utilized by the Department of Children and
24 Families to manage and monitor the resources and performance of the
25 behavioral health service delivery system for children and youth. Any
26 such reports received by the Departments of Children and Families
27 and 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30 is repealed.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 Legislative Commissioners:

In subsection (a) of section 1, the last word in the first sentence was changed from "adults" to "youth" for consistency of reference throughout the subsection. In subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 1, the word "persons" was changed to "children and youth" to maintain consistency of reference.

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