



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6960**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER SPECIFIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Notwithstanding any  
2 provision of the general statutes or any regulation of Connecticut state  
3 agencies, all behavioral health services and substance abuse services  
4 provided by the state, or by a private service provider under contract  
5 with the state, shall be gender specific, as appropriate, to  
6 comprehensively address the unique needs of a targeted gender group.  
7 Such services shall include, but not be limited to, services that address  
8 the psychological consequences of domestic violence, sexual assault  
9 and similar trauma.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) The Department of Mental  
11 Health and Addiction Services, in collaboration with the Department  
12 of Correction, the Department of Children and Families and the Court  
13 Support Services Division, shall establish a competitive grant program  
14 to encourage best practices in the delivery of gender specific treatment  
15 programs and services. In the development of such grant program, the  
16 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall also  
17 collaborate with a nonprofit consortium representing women's issues  
18 in this state, which shall advise said department concerning the  
19 establishment of grant criteria and application procedures, the

20 selection of treatment programs and service providers to receive grants  
21 to encourage best practices and the evaluation of the success of such  
22 treatment programs and service providers.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*