



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, not later than October 1, 2010, all behavioral health services
4 and substance abuse services provided by the state, or by a private
5 service provider under contract with the state, shall be gender specific,
6 as appropriate, to comprehensively address the unique needs of a
7 targeted gender group. Such services shall include, but not be limited
8 to, services that address the psychological consequences of domestic
9 violence, sexual assault and similar trauma. Not later than October
10 first of the five next succeeding years, the Commissioner of Mental
11 Health and Addiction Services shall submit a report to the General
12 Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
13 general statutes, which sets forth the efforts and progress made during
14 the preceding twelve months toward the provision of such gender
15 specific services.

16 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) The Department of Mental
17 Health and Addiction Services, in collaboration with the Department
18 of Correction, the Department of Children and Families and the Court
19 Support Services Division, shall establish, within available

20 appropriations, a competitive grant program to encourage best
21 practices in the delivery of gender specific treatment programs and
22 services.

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

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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