



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 161**

February Session, 2006

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**AN ACT EXPANDING DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION  
AND SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Commissioner of Mental  
2 Retardation shall expand the services of the Department of Mental  
3 Retardation to: (1) Ensure that the caseloads of case managers do not  
4 exceed forty clients per manager by hiring new case managers as  
5 necessary; (2) improve case management services for clients who are  
6 not eligible for Medicaid by hiring twenty additional case managers  
7 who are specifically assigned to manage such clients; (3) establish  
8 respite care programs in Danbury, Norwich and Waterbury, to operate  
9 seven days per week; (4) establish dental clinics in Newington, Putnam  
10 and Meriden for clients that do not have access to quality dental care;  
11 (5) establish occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech clinics  
12 at the department's regional centers; (6) extend hours of operation of  
13 respite care programs to seven days per week in Norwalk, Torrington,  
14 Stratford, New Haven, Waterford, Meriden, Putnam and at the  
15 Newington Center; (7) increase dental services at the Southbury  
16 Training School by hiring one additional dentist; and (8) increase  
17 dental services at the Ella T. Grasso Regional Center by hiring one  
18 additional dentist and one additional dental assistant.

19 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of fifty thousand dollars is

20 appropriated to the Department of Public Health, from the General  
21 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose of  
22 establishing and operating a school-based health clinic in the town of  
23 Milford.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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