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Committee Bill No. 6672

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER SPECIFIC AND TRAUMA-
INFORMED STATE SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes or regulations adopted thereunder
3 or any public or special act, each behavioral health service or
4 substance abuse service provided by the state, or by a public or
5 private health care provider under contract with the state, shall be
6 gender specific and trauma-informed in order to comprehensively
7 address the unique needs of the individuals receiving such services.
8 Such services shall include, but not be limited to, services that
9 address the psychological consequences of domestic violence,
10 sexual assault and similar trauma. Trauma-informed services to
11 address domestic violence, sexual assault and similar trauma shall
12 be designed to (1) address the impact of such trauma on child and
13 family development, and (2) further the ability of children and
14 families to adapt physically and emotionally to stressful situations.

15 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) The Office of Policy
16 and Management, in collaboration with the Department of Mental

17 Health and Addiction Services, the Department of Children and
18 Families, the Department of Correction and the Court Support
19 Services Division, shall establish a competitive grant program to
20 identify and encourage best practices in the delivery of gender
21 specific and trauma-informed services by the state or under a
22 contract with the state.

23 (b) Any service provider in this state may apply for such grant on
24 such form and in such manner as the Secretary of the Office of Policy
25 and Management prescribes.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2007 | New section |
| Sec. 2 | October 1, 2007 | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To require behavioral health services and substance abuse services provided or funded by the state to be gender specific and trauma-informed, and to establish a competitive grant program to identify and encourage best practices in the delivery of gender specific and trauma-informed state services.

[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.]

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