



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7104

LCO No. 4007

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Mental Health and Addiction Services, in consultation with the
3 Community Mental Health Strategy Board, established under section
4 17a-485b of the general statutes, shall establish and implement a
5 mental health first aid pilot program for the purpose of training
6 teachers, police officers, firefighters, paramedics and emergency
7 medical technicians to (1) recognize the symptoms of psychiatric
8 disabilities, (2) preserve life and safety in cases where a person with a
9 psychiatric disability is dangerous to himself or herself or others or
10 gravely disabled, and in need of immediate care and treatment, (3)
11 provide basic treatment or assistance to persons exhibiting symptoms
12 of a psychiatric disability until professional assistance is available, and
13 (4) refer persons with psychiatric disabilities to appropriate
14 professional services.

15 (b) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services
16 shall establish eligibility requirements for participation in the program.

17 (c) The pilot program shall commence on or before October 1, 2008,
18 and shall terminate not later than October 1, 2010.

19 (d) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services
20 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to
21 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
22 cognizance of matters relating to public health not later than January 1,
23 2011, concerning the results of such pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To develop and implement a mental health first aid pilot program.

[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.]