



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 639

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES TO ARRESTED PERSONS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-486 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 Prior to the arraignment of a person charged [solely] with the
4 commission of a misdemeanor or felony, the Department of Mental
5 Health and Addiction Services shall, to the maximum extent possible
6 within the limits of available appropriations, with the consent of the
7 arrested person, cause a clinical assessment to be performed of any
8 person who has previously received mental health services or
9 treatment for substance abuse from the department or who would
10 reasonably benefit from such services to determine whether such
11 person should be referred for community-based mental health
12 services. If the person is determined to be in need of such services and
13 is willing to accept the services offered, (1) the court shall be informed
14 of the result of the assessment and the recommended treatment plan
15 for consideration by the court in the disposition of the criminal case,

16 and (2) the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall,
17 to the maximum extent possible within the limits of available
18 appropriations, keep the person and the person's family members or
19 representative informed of the status of the criminal case.

20 Sec. 2. (Effective July 1, 2008) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated
21 to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, from the
22 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose
23 of funding services pursuant to section 17a-486 of the general statutes,
24 as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	17a-486
Sec. 2	July 1, 2008	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To enhance the services provided by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to arrested persons who are deemed to be suitable candidates for community-based mental health 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.]