



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 893**

LCO No. 3297

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO THE OFFICE OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES OF DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES CLIENT DEATHS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 17a-451 of the general statutes be  
2 repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (d) The commissioner shall coordinate the community programs  
5 receiving state funds with programs of state-operated facilities for the  
6 treatment of persons with psychiatric disabilities or persons with  
7 substance use disorders, or both. In the event of the death of a person  
8 with psychiatric disabilities or a person with substance use disorders,  
9 who is receiving inpatient behavioral health care services from a  
10 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services operated facility,  
11 the commissioner shall report such death to the director of the Office  
12 of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities not later than  
13 thirty days after the date of the death of such person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17a-451(d)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to promptly report deaths of individuals with psychiatric disabilities to the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities in certain circumstances.

*[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.]*