



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5144

House of Representatives, March 11, 2010

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF RIVERVIEW HOSPITAL AND CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S PLACE.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2010*) On or before January 1, 2011, the
2 Commissioners of Children and Families and Mental Health and
3 Addiction Services shall, within existing budgetary resources, jointly
4 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the
5 Community Mental Health Strategy Board, established pursuant to
6 section 17a-485b of the general statutes, and to the joint standing
7 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
8 relating to human services, public health and appropriations and the
9 budgets of state agencies and the select committee of the General
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children on the
11 feasibility of transferring responsibility for operating Riverview
12 Hospital for Children and Youth and Connecticut Children's Place
13 from the Department of Children and Families to the Department of
14 Mental Health and Addiction Services. Such report shall include, but

15 not be limited to, a determination of whether such transfer is likely to
16 (1) improve patient care, (2) create greater efficiency in the operation of
17 each facility, (3) permit the Department of Children and Families to
18 increase its focus on child protection and welfare, and (4) benefit each
19 facility by utilizing the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
20 Service's expertise in providing treatment to residents of each facility
21 who have psychiatric illnesses and disabilities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section

HS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Each of the Departments of Children and Families (DCF) and Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) can accommodate the bill's reporting mandate regarding the feasibility of transferring responsibility for operating Riverview Hospital for Children and Youth and Connecticut Children's Place from DCF to DMHAS without requiring additional resources.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

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