



General Assembly

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AN ACT CONCERNING A REPORT ON THE TRANSITION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) On or before July 1, 2011,
2 and annually thereafter, the Commissioners of Children and Families
3 and Mental Health and Addiction Services shall, within existing
4 budgetary resources, jointly report, in accordance with section 11-4a of
5 the general statutes, to the Community Mental Health Strategy Board,
6 established pursuant to section 17a-485b of the general statutes, and to
7 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
8 cognizance of matters relating to human services, public health and
9 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and the select
10 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
11 relating to children on the transition process for any child or youth
12 transitioning from the Department of Children and Families to the
13 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. For purposes of
14 this section: (1) "Child" means any person under sixteen years of age;
15 and (2) "youth" means any person at least sixteen years of age and
16 under nineteen years of age.

17 (b) The report shall include:

18 (1) A detailed description of such process;

19 (2) (A) The number of children and youth in the care of the
20 Department of Children and Families who are fourteen years of age or
21 older and who may require services from the Department of Mental
22 Health and Addiction Services upon reaching age eighteen, (B) the
23 diagnostic and behavioral issues related to the reason for potential
24 referral to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
25 (C) the anticipated service needs of such children and youth through
26 age twenty-one, (D) the identified permanency plans, and (E) the
27 anticipated budget implications for each department for two years
28 following the date of the report;

29 (3) For youth described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of
30 this subsection, (A) the average length of time between the youth's
31 sixteenth birthday and the date of referral to the Department of Mental
32 Health and Addiction Services, (B) the average length of time between
33 the date of referral and the date of acceptance for services by the
34 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, (C) the average
35 length of time between referral and completion of a written transition
36 plan that describes the strengths and service needs necessary for
37 transition to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
38 (D) the number of such youth in residential treatment or in psychiatric
39 hospitals who are in discharge delay status, (E) the placement settings
40 of such youth, (F) the identified permanency plans, and (G) the
41 number of such youth who have been (i) adjudicated delinquent, (ii)
42 arrested as adults, or (iii) incarcerated in a facility operated by the
43 Department of Correction, and the average length of incarceration;

44 (4) The number of youth referred by the Department of Children
45 and Families who were denied services by the Department of Mental
46 Health and Addiction Services, and the reasons for such denials; and

47 (5) For youth referred by the Department of Children and Families
48 who were accepted for services by the Department of Mental Health
49 and Addiction Services, (A) the average length of time between the

50 youth's eighteenth birthday and placement in a clinically appropriate
51 level of care, (B) the number receiving services through young adult
52 services division of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
53 Services and the services provided, (C) the number receiving services
54 through other divisions of the department and the services provided,
55 (D) the number who refuse, withdraw or are discharged, and the
56 average length of time between acceptance and refusal, withdrawal or
57 discharge, and (E) the number arrested or incarcerated prior to their
58 twenty-first birthday.

59 (c) In addition to the information required pursuant to subsection
60 (b) of this section, the commissioners shall jointly review and include
61 in the report any barriers to: (1) Referring no later than thirty days after
62 their sixteenth birthday all youth who are in the care of the
63 Department of Children and Families, and who may require services
64 from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; (2)
65 completing an eligibility determination no later than thirty days after
66 the date of referral for all such youth; (3) developing appropriate
67 transition plans no later than thirty days after a determination that a
68 youth will be accepted for services from the Department of Mental
69 Health and Addiction Services; (4) providing clinically appropriate
70 services to youth in the care of the Department of Children and
71 Families who may later be referred to the Department of Mental
72 Health and Addiction Services; and (5) providing clinically
73 appropriate services to young adults upon transition to the
74 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2010	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The title was changed to accurately reflect the contents of the bill.

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