



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 247

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO STATUTES
PERTAINING 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. Section 17a-471a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in
4 consultation and coordination with the advisory council established
5 under subsection (b) of this section, shall develop policies and set
6 standards related to clients residing on the Connecticut Valley
7 Hospital campus and to the [placement of clients discharged]
8 discharge of such clients from the hospital into the adjacent
9 community. Any such policies and standards shall assure that no
10 discharge of any client admitted to Whiting Forensic Division under
11 commitment by the Superior Court or transfer from the Department of
12 Correction shall take place without full compliance with sections 17a-
13 511 to 17a-524, inclusive, 17a-566 to 17a-575, inclusive, 17a-580 to 17a-
14 603, inclusive, and 54-56d.

15 (b) There is established a Connecticut Valley Hospital Advisory
16 Council [to] that shall advise the Commissioner of Mental Health and
17 Addiction Services on policies concerning, but not limited to, building
18 use, security, clients residing on the campus and the [placement of
19 clients discharged] discharge of clients from the campuses into the
20 adjacent community. [The] In addition, the advisory council shall
21 periodically review the implementation of the policies and standards
22 established by the commissioner in consultation with the advisory
23 council. The council shall be composed of six members appointed by
24 the mayor of Middletown, six members appointed by the
25 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and one
26 member who shall serve as chairperson appointed by the Governor.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	17a-471a

Statement of Purpose:

To revise the statutes to accurately reflect current practices of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Connecticut Valley Hospital Advisory Council.

[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.]