



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6437

House of Representatives, April 20, 2011

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. FOX of the 146th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFORM TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2012, the
2 Attorney General shall develop a "Uniform Treatment Authorization
3 Form for Mental Health Services". The Attorney General shall develop
4 such form for use by hospitals and medical professionals in this state
5 when obtaining patient authorization and information with respect to
6 mental health services. The Attorney General shall develop such form
7 after consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, the
8 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Insurance
9 Commissioner and a representative of the Connecticut Hospital
10 Association. At a minimum, such form shall meet the standards set
11 forth in state and federal privacy laws, including, but not limited to,
12 the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L.
13 104-191 (HIPAA), as from time to time amended, and regulations
14 adopted thereunder. Not later than January 15, 2012, the Attorney

15 General shall submit any proposed legislation that the Attorney
16 General deems necessary to implement the use of such form to the
17 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
18 of matters relating to public health.

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

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no fiscal impact associated with the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) developing a "Uniform Treatment Authorization Form for Mental Health Services" as the OAG has staff and resources with knowledge and information in this area.

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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

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 41 Nay 0 (04/05/2011)