



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 959

Senate, April 7, 2011

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. MUSTO of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSITION OF 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 from passage*) The Commissioner of
2 Children and Families shall provide services to each youth who has
3 been directly referred to the Commissioner of Mental Health and
4 Addiction Services and has been accepted to receive services from the
5 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services until such time
6 as the Commissioners of Children and Families and Mental Health and
7 Addiction Services agree that all elements of the youth's transition plan
8 that directly relate to the youth making a safe and therapeutic
9 transition between the departments have been successfully completed.
10 For purposes of this section, "youth" means any person sixteen years of
11 age or older.

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

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which codifies current practice of the Departments of Children and Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services, does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 959*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSITION OF YOUTH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) commissioner to provide mental health services to each youth age 16 and over in the department's care who has been directly referred to, and accepted to receive services from, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS). DCF must continue to provide the services until both department commissioners agree that all elements of a youth's transition plan that relate directly to the youth's making a safe and therapeutic transition to DMHAS have been successfully met.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Transition from DCF to DMHAS***

DCF is responsible for mental health services for children until they reach age 18. At that point, they qualify for services from DMHAS providers.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/22/2011)