



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 579**

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Substitute House Bill No. 6608

*House of Representatives, April 18, 2013*

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. ABERCROMBIE of the 83rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF CARE.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioners of Public  
2 Health and Social Services, in coordination with the Behavioral Health  
3 Partnership Oversight Council, shall, in consultation with the  
4 Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and  
5 Families and Education, conduct an assessment of what is needed to  
6 develop an integrated system of care for (1) children, and (2) young  
7 adults eighteen to twenty-six years of age.

8 (b) For purposes of this subsection, a "person-centered medical  
9 home" means a health care practice or team that offers an integrated  
10 system of care to any one patient by providers who work in tandem to  
11 address a range of health care needs. The integrated health care system  
12 needs assessment shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) A  
13 survey of physicians and mental health professionals who serve  
14 children and young adults regarding (A) projected care needs in the

15 next five fiscal years, (B) current gaps in services, (C) barriers to care,  
 16 and (D) recommendations for better integrating health care services;  
 17 (2) an inventory of existing behavioral and psychiatric health services  
 18 for (A) children, and (B) young adults eighteen to twenty-six years of  
 19 age, compared to the projected need for such services in the next five  
 20 fiscal years; (3) an analysis of the success of a person-centered medical  
 21 home initiative established by the Department of Social Services; and  
 22 (4) recommendations concerning the expansion of the person-centered  
 23 medical home initiative to the private sector via private insurer  
 24 payment reforms.

25 (c) In order to carry out their duties under this section, said  
 26 commissioners and the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight  
 27 Council may raise funds, apply for and accept any public or private  
 28 grant money, accept contributions, enter into contracts and, within  
 29 available resources, hire any necessary consultants. The commissioners  
 30 and the council shall seek any funding or support available pursuant  
 31 to the Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to  
 32 time.

33 (d) Not later than July 1, 2014, the Commissioners of Social Services  
 34 and Public Health shall report, in accordance with the provisions of  
 35 section 11-4a of the general statutes, their findings and  
 36 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General  
 37 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services,  
 38 insurance and public health concerning the needs assessment and  
 39 recommendations to establish an integrated system of care.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

Subdivisions were added in section 1(a) and subparagraphs were added in section 1(b)(2) for clarity.

**HS**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 14 \$</b>	<b>FY 15 \$</b>
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	under \$50,000	None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill could result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with conducting a needs assessment and making recommendations by July 1, 2014. To the extent that DSS would have to amend its current contract with Value Options to perform the needs assessment (to include a survey of projected care needs in the next five fiscal years, barriers to care, and existing services for children and young adults), an estimated cost of under \$50,000 could result. The current contract expires December 31, 2013.

**The Out Years**

The potential cost would be realized in FY 14 only as DSS is required to report findings and recommendations no later than July 1, 2014.

**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 Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (04/02/2013)