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SB 1069 – An Act Concerning The Joint Practice Of Physicians And Psychologists will allow physicians and psychologists to incorporate together as business partners, to establish integrated practices that provide both mental health and medical services.

- Current trends in healthcare delivery favor patient-centered care (e.g., Accountable Care Organizations and Patient-centered Medical Homes), integration of psychological services and primary care.
- Multidisciplinary, integrated healthcare practice is shown to improve patient access, is cost effective, and efficient ('one-stop').
- Over 50% of states in the country currently allow psychologists to broadly incorporate with other healthcare professionals.
- There is precedent for this in current CT statutes – for example, optometrists (non-physicians) and ophthalmologists (physicians).
- It is not a mandate; rather, it simply provides an option for physicians and psychologists to partner in business, if they so choose.
- Other healthcare professions in Connecticut support SB 1069.
 - Psychiatrists
 - Connecticut Medical Society
 - Pediatricians
 - Primary Care Physicians
- A vast body of research supports the close relationship between physical and mental health
 - A partnership between physicians and psychologists would facilitate communication among multidisciplinary providers and promote whole-person care.