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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (n) of section 17a-451 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (n) (1) The commissioner shall specify uniform methods of keeping
5 statistical information by: [public] (A) Public and private agencies,
6 including agencies that operate institutions, as defined in section 19a-
7 490, that provide care or treatment for psychiatric disabilities or
8 alcohol or drug abuse or dependence, whether or not such agencies are
9 operated or funded by the state; and (B) other organizations and
10 individuals. [, including] Such methods shall include those for creating
11 and maintaining a client identifier system. [, and] Such agencies,
12 organizations and individuals shall collect and make available relevant
13 statistical information, including the number of persons treated,
14 demographic and clinical information about such persons, frequency
15 of admission and readmission, frequency and duration of treatment,

16 level or levels of care provided and discharge and referral information.
17 [The commissioner shall also require all facilities that provide
18 prevention or treatment of alcohol or drug abuse or dependence that
19 are operated or funded by the state or licensed under sections 19a-490
20 to 19a-503, inclusive, to implement such methods.]

21 (2) Such agencies, organizations and individuals shall, upon the
22 request of the commissioner, report the information described in
23 subdivision (1) of this subsection to the department in the form and
24 manner prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall
25 report any [licensed facility] agency that operates a licensed institution
26 that fails to report information as requested by the commissioner to the
27 Department of Public Health or other licensing authority.

28 (3) The information contained in any client identifier system, as
29 described in this subsection, shall be subject to the confidentiality
30 requirements set forth in [section] sections 17a-688 and 52-146g and
31 regulations adopted thereunder.

32 Sec. 2. Subsection (v) of section 17a-451 of the general statutes is
33 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
34 *October 1, 2015*):

35 (v) The commissioner may designate [a deputy commissioner] any
36 employee of the department to sign any contract, agreement or
37 settlement on behalf of the Department of Mental Health and
38 Addiction Services.

39 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 17a-450a of the general statutes is
40 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
41 *October 1, 2015*):

42 (a) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall
43 constitute a successor department to the Department of Mental Health.
44 Whenever the words "Commissioner of Mental Health" are used or
45 referred to in the following general statutes, the words "Commissioner

46 of Mental Health and Addiction Services" shall be substituted in lieu
47 thereof and whenever the words "Department of Mental Health" are
48 used or referred to in the following general statutes, the words
49 "Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services" shall be
50 substituted in lieu thereof: 4-5, 4-38c, 4-60i, 4-77a, 4a-12, 4a-16, 5-142, 8-
51 206d, 10-19, 10-71, 10-76d, 17a-14, 17a-26, 17a-31, 17a-33, 17a-218, 17a-
52 246, 17a-450, 17a-451, as amended by this act, [17a-452,] 17a-453, 17a-
53 454, 17a-455, 17a-456, 17a-457, 17a-458, 17a-459, 17a-460, 17a-464, 17a-
54 465, 17a-466, 17a-467, 17a-468, 17a-470, 17a-471, 17a-472, 17a-473, 17a-
55 474, 17a-476, 17a-478, 17a-479, 17a-480, 17a-481, 17a-482, 17a-483, 17a-
56 484, 17a-498, 17a-499, 17a-502, 17a-506, 17a-510, 17a-511, 17a-512, 17a-
57 513, 17a-519, 17a-528, 17a-560, 17a-561, 17a-562, 17a-565, 17a-576, 17a-
58 581, 17a-582, 17a-675, 17b-28, 17b-222, 17b-223, 17b-225, 17b-359, 17b-
59 420, 17b-694, 19a-82, 19a-495, 19a-498, 19a-507a, 19a-507c, 19a-576, 19a-
60 583, 20-14i, 20-14j, 21a-240, 21a-301, 27-122a, 31-222, 38a-514, 46a-28,
61 51-51o, 52-146h and 54-56d.

62 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 17a-495 of the general statutes is
63 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
64 *October 1, 2015*):

65 (d) For the purposes of sections [17a-452] 17a-453 to 17a-454,
66 inclusive, 17a-456, 17a-458 to 17a-464, inclusive, 17a-466 to 17a-469,
67 inclusive, 17a-471, 17a-474, 17a-476 to 17a-484, inclusive, 17a-540 to
68 17a-550, inclusive, 17a-560 to 17a-576, inclusive, and 17a-615 to 17a-
69 618, inclusive, "person with psychiatric disabilities" means any person
70 who has a mental or emotional condition which has substantial
71 adverse effects on his or her ability to function and who requires care
72 and treatment, and specifically includes a person who is an alcohol-
73 dependent person or a drug-dependent person, as defined in section
74 17a-680.

75 Sec. 5. Section 17a-452 of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
76 *October 1, 2015*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	17a-451(n)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	17a-451(v)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	17a-450a(a)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	17a-495(d)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To make various revisions to the mental health and addiction statutes.

[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.]