

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 17**

LCO No. 3394

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioners of  
2 Developmental Services and Social Services and the Secretary of the  
3 Office of Policy and Management shall develop and implement, within  
4 available appropriations, a continuum of services for persons with  
5 intellectual disabilities. The partnership shall be known as the  
6 Intellectual Disabilities Partnership. The Intellectual Disabilities  
7 Partnership shall seek to increase access to quality services for persons  
8 with intellectual disabilities by: (1) Expanding individualized and  
9 community-based services; (2) maximizing federal revenue to fund  
10 services for persons with intellectual disabilities; (3) converting grant-  
11 funded services to rate-based, fee-for-service payment systems where  
12 possible; (4) exploring the feasibility of services management by an  
13 administrative services or managed care organization; (5) exploring  
14 opportunities for private and other third-party payments; (6)  
15 developing models to support persons with intellectual disabilities in  
16 supportive housing; (7) reducing unnecessary use of institutional and  
17 residential services; (8) improving administrative oversight and  
18 efficiencies; (9) monitoring individual outcomes, provider performance  
19 and overall program performance; and (10) identifying strategies to

20 make resources available to address the waiting list for residential  
21 services in the Department of Developmental Services.

22 Sec. 2. Section 17a-227 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
23 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

24 (a) No person, firm or corporation shall operate within this state a  
25 community living arrangement or community companion home which  
26 it owns, leases or rents for the lodging, care or treatment of persons  
27 with intellectual disability, Prader-Willi syndrome or autism spectrum  
28 disorder unless such person, firm or corporation, upon written  
29 application, verified by oath, has obtained a license issued by the  
30 Department of Developmental Services.

31 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
32 the provisions of chapter 54, to insure the comfort, safety, adequate  
33 medical care and treatment of such persons at the residential facilities  
34 described in subsection (a) of this section. Such regulations shall  
35 include requirements that: (1) All residential facility staff be certified in  
36 cardiopulmonary resuscitation in a manner and time frame prescribed  
37 by the commissioner; (2) records of staffing schedules and actual staff  
38 hours worked, by residential facility, be available for inspection by the  
39 department upon advance notice; (3) each residential facility develop  
40 and implement emergency plans and staff training to address  
41 emergencies that may pose a threat to the health and safety of the  
42 residents of the facility; (4) department staff verify during quality  
43 service reviews and licensing inspections, that (A) staff is adequately  
44 trained to respond in an emergency, and (B) a summary of information  
45 on each resident is available to emergency medical personnel for use in  
46 an emergency; (5) all residential facilities serving persons with Down  
47 syndrome fifty years of age or older have at least one staff member  
48 trained in Alzheimer's disease and dementia symptoms and care; and  
49 (6) not less than one-half of the quality service reviews, licensing  
50 inspections or facility visits conducted by the department after initial  
51 licensure are unannounced.

52 (c) After receiving an application and making such investigation as

53 is deemed necessary and after finding the specified requirements to  
54 have been fulfilled, the department shall grant a license to such  
55 applicant to operate a facility of the character described in such  
56 application, which license shall specify the name of the person to have  
57 charge and the location of each facility operated under the license. Any  
58 person, firm or corporation aggrieved by any requirement of the  
59 regulations or by the refusal to grant any license may request an  
60 administrative hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.  
61 If the licensee of any such facility desires to place in charge thereof a  
62 person other than the one specified in the license, application shall be  
63 made to the Department of Developmental Services, in the same  
64 manner as provided for the original application, for permission to  
65 make such change. Such application shall be acted upon not later than  
66 ten calendar days from the date of the filing of the application. Each  
67 such license shall be renewed annually upon such terms as may be  
68 established by regulations and may be revoked by the department  
69 upon proof that the facility for which such license was issued is being  
70 improperly operated, or for the violation of any of the provisions of  
71 this section or of the regulations adopted pursuant to this section,  
72 provided the licensee shall first be given a reasonable opportunity to  
73 be heard in reference to such proposed revocation. Any person, firm or  
74 corporation aggrieved by such revocation may request an  
75 administrative hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.  
76 Each person, firm or corporation, upon filing an application under the  
77 provisions of this section for a license for a community living  
78 arrangement, shall pay to the State Treasurer the sum of fifty dollars.

79 (d) The Department of Developmental Services may contract, within  
80 available appropriations, with any qualified provider for the operation  
81 of a community-based residential facility, provided the qualified  
82 provider is licensed by the department to operate such facilities. The  
83 department shall include in all contracts with such licensed qualified  
84 providers, provisions requiring the department to (1) conduct periodic  
85 reviews of contract performance, and (2) take progressive enforcement  
86 actions if the department finds poor performance or noncompliance  
87 with the contract, as follows: (A) The licensed qualified provider may

88 be placed on a strict schedule of monitoring and oversight by the  
89 department; (B) the licensed qualified provider may be placed on a  
90 partial-year contract; and (C) payments due under the contract may be  
91 reduced by specific amounts on a monthly basis until the licensed  
92 qualified provider complies with the contract. If compliance cannot be  
93 achieved, the department shall terminate the contract.

94 (e) The Commissioner of Developmental Services and the  
95 Commissioner of Social Services shall approve any change in  
96 ownership of any licensed community living arrangement operated by  
97 a private provider of services under the Department of Developmental  
98 Services before such change in ownership takes place. Change in  
99 ownership includes, but is not limited to, a sale to a new provider, a  
100 transfer of ownership or any other manner in which a licensed  
101 community living arrangement is divested from one provider to  
102 another. The value of the property upon the change in ownership shall  
103 equal the fair rental value at the date of such transfer for the remaining  
104 years of useful life.

105 (f) If a property licensed as a community living arrangement  
106 operated by a private provider of services under the Department of  
107 Developmental Services is sold and the residents are transitioned to  
108 another provider in a different property, the original provider shall  
109 have an adjustment on a future development of a community living  
110 arrangement for the amount that represents the residual value of the  
111 original property at the date of the sale.

112 [(e)] (g) The department may contract with any person, firm or  
113 corporation to provide residential support services for persons with  
114 intellectual disability, Prader-Willi syndrome or autism spectrum  
115 disorder who reside in settings which are not licensed by the  
116 department. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
117 with the provisions of chapter 54, to ensure the safety, adequate  
118 supervision and support of persons receiving such residential support  
119 services.

120 [(f)] (h) Any person, firm or corporation who operates any facility

121 contrary to the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than  
122 one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than six months or both.  
123 Any person, firm or corporation who operates any facility contrary to  
124 the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall  
125 be fined not more than one thousand dollars.

126 Sec. 3. Section 17a-215 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
127 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

128 The Department of [Developmental] Social Services shall serve as  
129 the lead agency to coordinate, where possible, the functions of the  
130 several state agencies which have responsibility for providing services  
131 to persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

132 Sec. 4. Section 17a-215c of the 2016 supplement to the general  
133 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
134 (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

135 (a) There is established a Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder  
136 Services within the Department of [Developmental] Social Services.

137 (b) The Department of [Developmental] Social Services [shall] may  
138 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to define the term  
139 "autism spectrum disorder", establish eligibility standards and criteria  
140 for the receipt of services by any resident of the state diagnosed with  
141 autism spectrum disorder, regardless of age, and data collection,  
142 maintenance and reporting processes. The commissioner may  
143 implement policies and procedures necessary to administer the  
144 provisions of this section prior to adoption of such regulations,  
145 provided the commissioner shall publish notice of intent to adopt such  
146 regulations not later than twenty days after implementation of such  
147 policies and procedures. Any such policies and procedures shall be  
148 valid until such regulations are adopted.

149 (c) The Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services may, within  
150 available appropriations, research, design and implement the delivery  
151 of appropriate and necessary services and programs for all residents of

152 the state with autism spectrum disorder. Such services and programs  
153 may include the creation of: (1) Autism-specific early intervention  
154 services for any child under the age of three diagnosed with autism  
155 spectrum disorder; (2) education, recreation, habilitation, vocational  
156 and transition services for individuals age three to twenty-one,  
157 inclusive, diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder; (3) services for  
158 adults over the age of twenty-one diagnosed with autism spectrum  
159 disorder; and (4) related autism spectrum disorder services deemed  
160 necessary by the Commissioner of [Developmental] Social Services.

161 (d) The Department of [Developmental] Social Services shall serve  
162 as the lead state agency for the purpose of the federal Combating  
163 Autism Act, P.L. 109-416 and for applying for and receiving funds and  
164 performing any related responsibilities concerning autism spectrum  
165 disorder which are authorized pursuant to any state or federal law.

166 (e) [On or before February 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, the] The  
167 Department of [Developmental] Social Services may make  
168 recommendations to the Governor and the joint standing committee of  
169 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to [public  
170 health] human services concerning legislation and funding required to  
171 provide necessary services to persons diagnosed with autism spectrum  
172 disorder.

173 (f) The Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services shall  
174 research and locate possible funding streams for the continued  
175 development and implementation of services for persons diagnosed  
176 with autism spectrum disorder but not with intellectual disability. The  
177 division shall take all necessary action [, in coordination with the  
178 Department of Social Services,] to secure Medicaid reimbursement for  
179 home and community-based individualized support services for adults  
180 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder but not with intellectual  
181 disability. Such action may include applying for a Medicaid waiver  
182 pursuant to Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, in order to secure  
183 the funding for such services.

184 (g) The Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services shall, within

185 available appropriations: (1) Design and implement a training  
186 initiative that shall include training to develop a workforce; and (2)  
187 develop a curriculum specific to autism spectrum disorder in  
188 coordination with the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

189 (h) The case records of the Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder  
190 Services maintained by the division for any purpose authorized  
191 pursuant to subsections (b) to (g), inclusive, of this section shall be  
192 subject to the same confidentiality requirements, under state and  
193 federal law, that govern all client records maintained by the  
194 Department of [Developmental] Social Services.

195 (i) The Commissioner of Social Services [, in consultation with the  
196 Commissioner of Developmental Services,] may seek approval of an  
197 amendment to the state Medicaid plan or a waiver from federal law,  
198 whichever is sufficient and most expeditious, to establish and  
199 implement a Medicaid-financed home and community-based program  
200 to provide community-based services and, if necessary, housing  
201 assistance, to adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder but not  
202 with intellectual disability.

203 (j) On or before January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the  
204 Commissioner of Social Services, [in consultation with the  
205 Commissioner of Developmental Services, and] in accordance with the  
206 provisions of section 11-4a, shall submit a report to the joint standing  
207 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
208 relating to [public health] human services, on the status of any  
209 amendment to the state Medicaid plan or waiver from federal law as  
210 described in subsection (i) of this section and on the establishment and  
211 implementation of the program authorized pursuant to subsection (i)  
212 of this section.

213 (k) The Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council, established  
214 pursuant to section 17a-215d, as amended by this act, shall advise the  
215 Commissioner of [Developmental] Social Services on all matters  
216 relating to autism.

217 (l) The Commissioner of [Developmental] Social Services, in  
218 consultation with the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council,  
219 shall designate services and interventions that demonstrate, in  
220 accordance with medically established and research-based best  
221 practices, empirical effectiveness for the treatment of autism spectrum  
222 disorder. The commissioner shall update such designations  
223 periodically and whenever the commissioner deems it necessary to  
224 conform to changes generally recognized by the relevant medical  
225 community in evidence-based practices or research.

226 Sec. 5. Section 17a-215d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
227 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

228 (a) There is established the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory  
229 Council. The council shall consist of the following members: (1) The  
230 Commissioner of [Developmental] Social Services, or the  
231 commissioner's designee; (2) the Commissioner of Children and  
232 Families, or the commissioner's designee; (3) the Commissioner of  
233 Education, or the commissioner's designee; (4) the Commissioner of  
234 Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the commissioner's designee;  
235 (5) the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee;  
236 (6) the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, or the commissioner's  
237 designee; (7) the Commissioner of [Social] Developmental Services, or  
238 the commissioner's designee; (8) the Commissioner of the Office of  
239 Early Childhood, or the commissioner's designee; (9) the Secretary of  
240 the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee; [(9)]  
241 (10) the executive director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for  
242 Persons with Disabilities, or the executive director's designee; [(10)]  
243 (11) two persons with autism spectrum disorder, one each appointed  
244 by the Governor and the speaker of the House of Representatives;  
245 [(11)] (12) two persons who are parents or guardians of a child with  
246 autism spectrum disorder, one each appointed by the Governor and  
247 the minority leader of the Senate; [(12)] (13) two persons who are  
248 parents or guardians of an adult with autism spectrum disorder, one  
249 each appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate and the  
250 majority leader of the House of Representatives; [(13)] (14) two persons

251 who are advocates for persons with autism spectrum disorder, one  
252 each appointed by the Governor and the speaker of the House of  
253 Representatives; ~~[(14)]~~ (15) two persons who are licensed professionals  
254 working in the field of autism spectrum disorder, one each appointed  
255 by the Governor and the majority leader of the Senate; ~~[(15)]~~ (16) two  
256 persons who provide services for persons with autism spectrum  
257 disorder, one each appointed by the Governor and the minority leader  
258 of the House of Representatives; ~~[(16)]~~ (17) two persons who shall be  
259 representatives of an institution of higher education in the state with  
260 experience in the field of autism spectrum disorder, one each  
261 appointed by the Governor and the president pro tempore of the  
262 Senate; and ~~[(17)]~~ (18) one person who is a physician who treats or  
263 diagnoses persons with autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the  
264 Governor.

265 (b) The council shall have two chairpersons, one of whom shall be  
266 the Commissioner of ~~[Developmental]~~ Social Services, or the  
267 commissioner's designee, and one of whom shall be elected by the  
268 members of the council. The council shall make rules for the conduct of  
269 its affairs. The council shall meet not less than four times per year and  
270 at such other times as requested by the chairpersons. Council members  
271 shall serve without compensation.

272 (c) The council shall advise the Commissioner of ~~[Developmental]~~  
273 Social Services concerning: (1) Policies and programs for persons with  
274 autism spectrum disorder; (2) services provided by the Department of  
275 ~~[Developmental]~~ Social Services' Division of Autism Spectrum  
276 Disorder Services; and (3) implementation of the recommendations  
277 resulting from the autism feasibility study. The council may make  
278 recommendations to the commissioner for policy and program  
279 changes to improve support services for persons with autism spectrum  
280 disorder.

281 (d) The Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council shall  
282 terminate on June 30, 2018.

283 Sec. 6. Subdivision (2) of section 17a-247a of the general statutes is

284 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
285 *1, 2016*):

286 (2) "Authorized agency" means any agency authorized in  
287 accordance with the general statutes to conduct abuse and neglect  
288 investigations and responsible for issuing or carrying out protective  
289 services for persons with intellectual disability or individuals receiving  
290 services or funding from the [department's] Department of Social  
291 Services' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services.

292 Sec. 7. Section 17a-247f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
293 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

294 (a) For purposes of this section "individual who receives services  
295 from the [department's] Department of Social Services' Division of  
296 Autism Spectrum Disorder Services" means an individual eighteen  
297 years of age to sixty years of age, inclusive, who receives funding or  
298 services from the Department of [Developmental] Social Services'  
299 Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services.

300 (b) (1) The [commissioner] Commissioner of Social Services may  
301 investigate any reports alleging abuse or neglect of an individual who  
302 receives services from the [department's] Department of Social  
303 Services' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services. Such  
304 investigation shall include a visit to the residence of the individual  
305 reported to have been abused or neglected and consultation with  
306 persons having knowledge of the facts surrounding such allegation.  
307 All state, local and private agencies shall have a duty to cooperate with  
308 any such investigation, including the release of complete records of  
309 such individual for review, inspection and copying, except where such  
310 individual refuses to permit his or her record to be released. All such  
311 records shall be kept confidential by the [department] Department of  
312 Social Services.

313 (2) Upon completion of the investigation of each case, the  
314 [commissioner] Commissioner of Social Services shall prepare written  
315 findings that shall include a determination as to whether abuse or

316 neglect has occurred and recommendations as to whether protective  
317 services are needed. The [commissioner] Commissioner of Social  
318 Services, except in cases where the parent or guardian of the  
319 individual reported to be abused or neglected is the alleged  
320 perpetrator of abuse or neglect or is residing with the alleged  
321 perpetrator, shall notify the parents or guardian, if any, of such  
322 individual if a report of abuse or neglect is made that the department  
323 determines warrants investigation. The [commissioner] Commissioner  
324 of Social Services shall provide the parents or guardians who the  
325 [commissioner] Commissioner of Social Services determines are  
326 entitled to such information with further information upon request.  
327 The person making the allegation of abuse or neglect and the Director  
328 of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities  
329 shall be notified of the findings resulting from the investigation, upon  
330 such person's request.

331 (3) Neither the original allegation of abuse or neglect nor the  
332 investigation report of the investigator that includes findings and  
333 recommendations shall be deemed a public record for purposes of  
334 section 1-210. The name of the person making the original allegation  
335 shall not be disclosed to any person unless the person making the  
336 original allegation consents to such disclosure or unless a judicial  
337 proceeding results therefrom.

338 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 17a-270 of the general statutes is  
339 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
340 *1, 2016*):

341 (a) There is established a Council on Developmental Services which  
342 shall consist of fifteen members appointed as follows: Eight shall be  
343 appointed by the Governor, for two-year terms, one of whom shall be  
344 a doctor of medicine, one of whom shall be a person with intellectual  
345 disability who is receiving services from the Department of  
346 Developmental Services and at least two of whom shall be a relative or  
347 a guardian of a person with intellectual disability; six shall be  
348 appointed by members of the General Assembly for two-year terms,

349 one of whom shall be a relative or guardian of a person with  
350 intellectual disability, appointed by the speaker of the House, one of  
351 whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House, one of  
352 whom shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate,  
353 one of whom shall be a person with intellectual disability and autism  
354 spectrum disorder who is receiving, or has received, services from the  
355 [department's Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services]  
356 department appointed by the majority leader of the House, one of  
357 whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, and one  
358 of whom shall be a relative or guardian of a person with intellectual  
359 disability, appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and one of  
360 whom shall be a member of the board of trustees of the Southbury  
361 Training School, appointed by said board for a term of one year. No  
362 member of the council may serve more than three consecutive terms,  
363 except that a member may continue to serve until a successor is  
364 appointed. The members of the council shall serve without  
365 compensation except for necessary expenses incurred in performing  
366 their duties. The Commissioner of Developmental Services or the  
367 commissioner's designee shall be an ex-officio member of the Council  
368 on Developmental Services without vote and shall attend its meetings.  
369 No employee of any state agency engaged in the care or training of  
370 persons with intellectual disability shall be eligible for appointment to  
371 the council. The council shall appoint annually, from among its  
372 members, a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary. The council  
373 may make rules for the conduct of its affairs. The council shall meet at  
374 least six times per year and at other times upon the call of the chair or  
375 the written request of any two members.

376 Sec. 9. Section 17b-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
377 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

378 The Department of Social Services is designated as the state agency  
379 for the administration of (1) the Connecticut energy assistance  
380 program pursuant to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of  
381 1981; (2) the state plan for vocational rehabilitation services for the  
382 fiscal year ending June 30, 1994; (3) the refugee assistance program

383 pursuant to the Refugee Act of 1980; (4) the legalization impact  
384 assistance grant program pursuant to the Immigration Reform and  
385 Control Act of 1986; (5) the temporary assistance for needy families  
386 program pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work  
387 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996; (6) the Medicaid program  
388 pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act; (7) the supplemental  
389 nutrition assistance program pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act  
390 of 2008; (8) the state supplement to the Supplemental Security Income  
391 Program pursuant to the Social Security Act; (9) the state child support  
392 enforcement plan pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act;  
393 [and] (10) the state social services plan for the implementation of the  
394 social services block grants and community services block grants  
395 pursuant to the Social Security Act; and (11) services for persons with  
396 autism spectrum disorder in accordance with sections 17a-215 and 17a-  
397 215c, as amended by this act.

398 Sec. 10. Subsection (h) of section 26-30 of the general statutes is  
399 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
400 *1, 2016*):

401 (h) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may  
402 issue a group fishing license to any tax-exempt organization qualified  
403 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any  
404 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,  
405 as amended from time to time, for the purpose of conducting a group  
406 fishing event or events for persons: (1) With a service-related or other  
407 disability who receive services at a facility of the United States  
408 Department of Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System, (2)  
409 who receive mental health or addiction services from: (A) The  
410 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, (B) state-  
411 operated facilities, as defined in section 17a-458, or (C) programs or  
412 facilities funded by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
413 Services, as provided for in sections 17a-468b, 17a-469, 17a-673 and  
414 17a-676, (3) with intellectual disability [or diagnosed with autism  
415 spectrum disorder] who receive services from the Department of  
416 Developmental Services, as provided for in section 17a-217, or from

417 facilities licensed by the Department of Developmental Services, as  
418 provided for in section 17a-227, as amended by this act, [or] (4)  
419 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder who receive services from  
420 the Department of Social Services, or (5) receiving care from the  
421 Department of Children and Families, as provided for in section 17a-  
422 94, or from programs or child-care facilities licensed pursuant to  
423 section 17a-145 or 17a-147. Any such organization shall conduct not  
424 more than fifty such events, including marine and inland water events,  
425 in any calendar year and each such event shall be limited to not more  
426 than fifty persons. Application for such a group fishing license shall be  
427 submitted once per calendar year on a form prescribed by the  
428 commissioner and with the necessary fee and shall provide such  
429 information as required by the commissioner. All fishing activities  
430 conducted pursuant to such group license shall be supervised by staff  
431 or volunteers of the organization conducting the event or events. Such  
432 staff or volunteers shall possess such group fishing license at the site of  
433 any such event or events. Each such staff member or volunteer shall  
434 have a license to fish. Such organization shall, not later than ten days  
435 after such group fishing event, report to the commissioner, on forms  
436 provided by the commissioner, information on the results of such  
437 event. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, the total:  
438 [(i)] (A) Number of participants, [(ii)] (B) hours fished, [(iii)] (C)  
439 number of each species caught, and [(iv)] (D) number of each species  
440 not released. Such organization shall not charge a fee to any person  
441 that participates in any such group fishing event conducted pursuant  
442 to such group fishing license and any such group fishing event shall  
443 not be used by such organization as a fund raising event.

444 Sec. 11. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 38a-514b of the  
445 2016 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
446 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

447 (4) "Behavioral therapy" means any interactive behavioral therapies  
448 derived from evidence-based research and consistent with the services  
449 and interventions designated by the Commissioner of [Developmental]  
450 Social Services pursuant to subsection (l) of section 17a-215c, as

451 amended by this act, including, but not limited to, applied behavior  
452 analysis, cognitive behavioral therapy, or other therapies supported by  
453 empirical evidence of the effective treatment of individuals diagnosed  
454 with autism spectrum disorder, that are: (A) Provided to children less  
455 than twenty-one years of age; and (B) provided or supervised by (i) a  
456 behavior analyst who is certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification  
457 Board, (ii) a licensed physician, or (iii) a licensed psychologist. For the  
458 purposes of this subdivision, behavioral therapy is "supervised by"  
459 such behavior analyst, licensed physician or licensed psychologist  
460 when such supervision entails at least one hour of face-to-face  
461 supervision of the autism spectrum disorder services provider by such  
462 behavior analyst, licensed physician or licensed psychologist for each  
463 ten hours of behavioral therapy provided by the supervised provider.

464 Sec. 12. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 38a-488b of the  
465 2016 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following  
466 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

467 (4) "Behavioral therapy" means any interactive behavioral therapies  
468 derived from evidence-based research and consistent with the services  
469 and interventions designated by the Commissioner of [Developmental]  
470 Social Services pursuant to subsection (l) of section 17a-215c, as  
471 amended by this act, including, but not limited to, applied behavior  
472 analysis, cognitive behavioral therapy, or other therapies supported by  
473 empirical evidence of the effective treatment of individuals diagnosed  
474 with autism spectrum disorder, that are: (A) Provided to children less  
475 than twenty-one years of age; and (B) provided or supervised by (i) a  
476 behavior analyst who is certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification  
477 Board, (ii) a licensed physician, or (iii) a licensed psychologist. For the  
478 purposes of this subdivision, behavioral therapy is "supervised by"  
479 such behavior analyst, licensed physician or licensed psychologist  
480 when such supervision entails at least one hour of face-to-face  
481 supervision of the autism spectrum disorder services provider by such  
482 behavior analyst, licensed physician or licensed psychologist for each  
483 ten hours of behavioral therapy provided by the supervised provider.

484 Sec. 13. Subdivision (11) of section 46a-11a of the general statutes is  
485 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
486 *1, 2016*):

487 (11) "Individual who receives services from the Department of  
488 [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism Spectrum  
489 Disorder Services" means an individual eighteen years of age to sixty  
490 years of age, inclusive, who receives funding or services from the  
491 Department of [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism  
492 Spectrum Disorder Services.

493 Sec. 14. Section 46a-11b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
494 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

495 (a) Any physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of  
496 chapter 370, any resident physician or intern in any hospital in this  
497 state, whether or not so licensed, any registered nurse, any person paid  
498 for caring for persons in any facility and any licensed practical nurse,  
499 medical examiner, dental hygienist, dentist, occupational therapist,  
500 optometrist, chiropractor, psychologist, podiatrist, social worker,  
501 school teacher, school principal, school guidance counselor, school  
502 paraprofessional, mental health professional, physician assistant,  
503 licensed or certified substance abuse counselor, licensed marital and  
504 family therapist, speech and language pathologist, clergyman, police  
505 officer, pharmacist, physical therapist, licensed professional counselor  
506 or sexual assault counselor or domestic violence counselor, as defined  
507 in section 52-146k, who has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that  
508 any person with intellectual disability or any individual who receives  
509 services from the Department of [Developmental] Social Services'  
510 Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services has been abused or  
511 neglected shall, as soon as practicable but not later than seventy-two  
512 hours after such person has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that  
513 a person with intellectual disability or any individual who receives  
514 services from the Department of [Developmental] Social Services'  
515 Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services has been abused or  
516 neglected, report such information or cause a report to be made in any

517 reasonable manner to the director or persons the director designates to  
518 receive such reports. Such initial report shall be followed up by a  
519 written report not later than five calendar days after the initial report  
520 was made. Any person required to report under this subsection who  
521 fails to make such report shall be fined not more than five hundred  
522 dollars.

523 (b) Such report shall contain the name and address of the allegedly  
524 abused or neglected person, a statement from the person making the  
525 report indicating his or her belief that such person has intellectual  
526 disability or receives funding or services from the Department of  
527 [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism Spectrum  
528 Disorder Services, information supporting the supposition that such  
529 person is substantially unable to protect himself or herself from abuse  
530 or neglect, information regarding the nature and extent of the abuse or  
531 neglect and any other information that the person making such report  
532 believes might be helpful in an investigation of the case and the  
533 protection of such person with intellectual disability or who receives  
534 funding or services from the Department of [Developmental] Social  
535 Services' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services.

536 (c) Each facility, as defined in section 46a-11a, as amended by this  
537 act, shall inform residents of their rights and the staff of their  
538 responsibility to report abuse or neglect and shall establish appropriate  
539 policies and procedures to facilitate such reporting.

540 (d) Any other person having reasonable cause to believe that a  
541 person with intellectual disability or an individual who receives  
542 services from the Department of [Developmental] Social Services'  
543 Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services is being or has been  
544 abused or neglected may report such information, in any reasonable  
545 manner, to the director or to the director's designee.

546 (e) Any person who makes any report pursuant to sections 46a-11a  
547 to 46a-11g, inclusive, as amended by this act, or who testifies in any  
548 administrative or judicial proceeding arising from such report shall be  
549 immune from any civil or criminal liability on account of such report

550 or testimony, except for liability for perjury, unless such person acted  
551 in bad faith or with malicious purpose. Any person who obstructs,  
552 hinders or endangers any person reporting or investigating abuse or  
553 neglect or providing protective services or who makes a report in bad  
554 faith or with malicious purpose and who is not subject to any other  
555 penalty shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars. No resident  
556 or employee of a facility, as defined in section 46a-11a, as amended by  
557 this act, shall be subject to reprisal or discharge because of his actions  
558 in reporting pursuant to sections 46a-11a to 46a-11g, inclusive, as  
559 amended by this act.

560 (f) For purposes of said sections, the treatment of any person with  
561 intellectual disability or any individual who receives services from the  
562 Department of [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism  
563 Spectrum Disorder Services by a Christian Science practitioner, in lieu  
564 of treatment by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts, shall not of  
565 itself constitute grounds for the implementation of protective services.

566 (g) When the director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for  
567 Persons with Disabilities or persons designated by said director are  
568 required to investigate or monitor abuse or neglect reports that are  
569 referred to the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with  
570 Disabilities from another agency, all provisions of this section shall  
571 apply to any investigation or monitoring of such case or report.

572 Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 46a-11c of the general statutes is  
573 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
574 *1, 2016*):

575 (b) The director, upon receiving a report that an individual who  
576 receives services from the Department of [Developmental] Social  
577 Services' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services, allegedly is  
578 being or has been abused or neglected, shall make an initial  
579 determination whether such individual receives funding or services  
580 from said division, shall determine if the report warrants investigation  
581 and shall cause, in cases that so warrant, a prompt, thorough  
582 evaluation, as described in subsection (b) of section 17a-247f, as

583 amended by this act, to be made by the Department of  
584 [Developmental] Social Services to determine whether the individual  
585 has been abused or neglected.

586 Sec. 16. Section 17a-215e of the 2016 supplement to the general  
587 statutes is repealed and the following is inserted in lieu thereof  
588 (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

589 Not later than February 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the  
590 Commissioner of [Developmental] Social Services shall report, in  
591 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
592 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
593 relating to [public health] human services concerning the activities of  
594 the Department of [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism  
595 Spectrum Disorder Services, established pursuant to section 17a-215c,  
596 as amended by this act, and the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory  
597 Council, established pursuant to section 17a-215d, as amended by this  
598 act. Such report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) The number  
599 and ages of persons with autism spectrum disorder who are served by  
600 the Department of [Developmental] Social Services' Division of Autism  
601 Spectrum Disorder Services and, when practicable to report, the  
602 number and ages of such persons who are served by other state  
603 agencies; (2) the number and ages of persons with autism spectrum  
604 disorder on said division's waiting list for Medicaid waiver services;  
605 (3) the type of Medicaid waiver services currently provided by the  
606 department to persons with autism spectrum disorder; (4) a  
607 description of the unmet needs of persons with autism spectrum  
608 disorder on said division's waiting list; (5) the projected estimates for a  
609 five-year period of the costs to the state due to such unmet needs; (6)  
610 measurable outcome data for persons with autism spectrum disorder  
611 who are eligible to receive services from said division, including, but  
612 not limited to, (A) the number of such persons who are enrolled in  
613 postsecondary education, (B) the employment status of such persons,  
614 and (C) a description of such persons' living arrangements; and (7) a  
615 description of new initiatives and proposals for new initiatives that are  
616 under consideration.

617 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Except as otherwise provided  
618 in the general statutes, "autism spectrum disorder" has the same  
619 meaning as is set forth in the most recent edition of the American  
620 Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental  
621 Disorders".

622 Sec. 18. Subsection (e) of section 5-259 of the 2016 supplement to the  
623 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
624 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

625 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
626 [(1)] vending stand operators eligible for membership in the state  
627 employees' retirement system pursuant to section 5-175a shall be  
628 eligible for coverage under the group hospitalization and medical and  
629 surgical insurance plans procured under this section, provided the cost  
630 for such operators' insurance coverage shall be paid by the Department  
631 of Rehabilitation Services from vending machine income pursuant to  
632 section 10-303. [, and (2) blind persons employed in workshops,  
633 established pursuant to section 10-298a, on December 31, 2002, shall be  
634 eligible for coverage under the group hospitalization and medical and  
635 surgical insurance plans procured under this section, provided the cost  
636 for such persons' insurance coverage shall be paid by the Department  
637 of Rehabilitation Services.]

638 Sec. 19. Section 17b-131 of the 2016 supplement to the general  
639 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
640 (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

641 When a person in any town, or sent from such town to any licensed  
642 institution or state humane institution, dies or is found dead therein  
643 and does not leave sufficient estate or has no legally liable relative able  
644 to pay the cost of a proper funeral and burial, or upon the death of any  
645 beneficiary under the state-administered general assistance program,  
646 the Commissioner of Social Services shall give to such person a proper  
647 funeral and burial, and shall pay a sum not exceeding one thousand  
648 [four] two hundred dollars as an allowance toward the funeral  
649 expenses of such deceased, said sum to be paid, upon submission of a

650 proper bill, to the funeral director, cemetery or crematory, as the case  
651 may be. Such payment for funeral and burial expenses shall be  
652 reduced by (1) the amount in any revocable or irrevocable funeral  
653 fund, (2) any prepaid funeral contract, (3) the face value of any life  
654 insurance policy owned by the decedent, and (4) contributions in  
655 excess of three thousand two hundred dollars toward such funeral and  
656 burial expenses from all other sources including friends, relatives and  
657 all other persons, organizations, veterans' and other benefit programs  
658 and other agencies.

659       Sec. 20. Section 17b-84 of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes  
660 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
661 *1, 2016*):

662       Upon the death of any beneficiary under the state supplement or the  
663 temporary family assistance program, the Commissioner of Social  
664 Services shall order the payment of a sum not to exceed one thousand  
665 [four] two hundred dollars as an allowance toward the funeral and  
666 burial expenses of such deceased. The payment for funeral and burial  
667 expenses shall be reduced by the amount in any revocable or  
668 irrevocable funeral fund, prepaid funeral contract or the face value of  
669 any life insurance policy owned by the recipient. Contributions may be  
670 made by any person for the cost of the funeral and burial expenses of  
671 the deceased over and above the sum established under this section  
672 without thereby diminishing the state's obligation.

673       Sec. 21. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) Notwithstanding sections 17b-244 and  
674 17b-340 of the general statutes or any other provision of the general  
675 statutes, or regulations adopted thereunder, the state rates of payments  
676 in effect for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, for residential care  
677 homes, community living arrangements and community companion  
678 homes that receive the flat rate for residential services, as provided  
679 pursuant to section 17-311-54 of the regulations of Connecticut state  
680 agencies, shall remain in effect until June 30, 2017.

681       Sec. 22. Section 17b-239 of the 2016 supplement to the general  
682 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof

683 (Effective from passage):

684 [(a) (1) Until the time subdivision (2) of this subsection is effective,  
685 the rate to be paid by the state to hospitals receiving appropriations  
686 granted by the General Assembly and to freestanding chronic disease  
687 hospitals providing services to persons aided or cared for by the state  
688 for routine services furnished to state patients, shall be based upon  
689 reasonable cost to such hospital, or the charge to the general public for  
690 ward services or the lowest charge for semiprivate services if the  
691 hospital has no ward facilities, imposed by such hospital, whichever is  
692 lowest, except to the extent, if any, that the commissioner determines  
693 that a greater amount is appropriate in the case of hospitals serving a  
694 disproportionate share of indigent patients. Such rate shall be  
695 promulgated annually by the Commissioner of Social Services within  
696 available appropriations.]

697 [(2) On or after July 1, 2013,] (a) Medicaid rates paid to acute care  
698 hospitals, including children's hospitals, shall be based on diagnosis-  
699 related groups established and periodically rebased by the  
700 Commissioner of Social Services in accordance with 42 USC  
701 1396a(a)(30)(A), provided the Department of Social Services completes  
702 a fiscal analysis of the impact of such rate payment system on each  
703 hospital. The commissioner shall, in accordance with the provisions of  
704 section 11-4a, file a report on the results of the fiscal analysis not later  
705 than six months after implementing the rate payment system with the  
706 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
707 of matters relating to human services and appropriations and the  
708 budgets of state agencies. Within available appropriations, the  
709 commissioner shall annually determine in-patient payments for each  
710 hospital by multiplying diagnosis-related group relative weights by a  
711 base rate. Over a period of up to four years beginning on or after  
712 January 1, 2016, within available appropriations and at the discretion  
713 of the commissioner, the Department of Social Services shall transition  
714 hospital-specific, diagnosis-related group base rates to state-wide  
715 diagnosis-related group base rates by peer groups determined by the  
716 commissioner. For the purposes of this subsection, "peer group" means

717 a group comprised of one of the following categories of acute care  
718 hospitals: Privately operated acute care hospitals, publicly operated  
719 acute care hospitals, or acute care children's hospitals licensed by the  
720 Department of Public Health. At the discretion of the Commissioner of  
721 Social Services, the peer group for privately operated acute care  
722 hospitals may be further subdivided into peer groups for privately  
723 operated acute care hospitals. For inpatient hospital services that the  
724 Commissioner of Social Services determines are not appropriate for  
725 reimbursement based on diagnosis-related groups, the commissioner  
726 shall reimburse for such services using any other methodology that  
727 complies with 42 USC 1396a(a)(30)(A). Within available  
728 appropriations, the commissioner may, in his or her discretion, make  
729 additional payments to hospitals based on criteria to be determined by  
730 the commissioner. Upon the conversion to a hospital payment  
731 methodology based on diagnosis-related groups, the commissioner  
732 shall evaluate payments for all hospital services, including, but not  
733 limited to, a review of pediatric psychiatric inpatient units within  
734 hospitals. The commissioner may, within available appropriations,  
735 implement a pay-for-performance program for pediatric psychiatric  
736 inpatient care. Nothing contained in this section shall authorize  
737 Medicaid payment by the state to any such hospital in excess of the  
738 charges made by such hospital for comparable services to the general  
739 public.

740 (b) Effective October 1, 1991, the rate to be paid by the state for the  
741 cost of special services rendered by such hospitals shall be established  
742 annually by the commissioner for each such hospital [based on the  
743 reasonable cost to each hospital of such services furnished to state  
744 patients] pursuant to 42 USC 1396a(a)(30)(A) and within available  
745 appropriations. Nothing contained in this subsection shall authorize a  
746 payment by the state for such services to any such hospital in excess of  
747 the charges made by such hospital for comparable services to the  
748 general public.

749 [(c) The term "reasonable cost" as used in this section means the cost  
750 of care furnished such patients by an efficient and economically

751 operated facility, computed in accordance with accepted principles of  
752 hospital cost reimbursement. The commissioner may adjust the rate of  
753 payment established under the provisions of this section for the year  
754 during which services are furnished to reflect fluctuations in hospital  
755 costs within available appropriations. Such adjustment may be made  
756 prospectively to cover anticipated fluctuations or may be made  
757 retroactive to any date subsequent to the date of the initial rate  
758 determination for such year or in such other manner as may be  
759 determined by the commissioner. In determining "reasonable cost" the  
760 commissioner may give due consideration to allowances for fully or  
761 partially unpaid bills, reasonable costs mandated by collective  
762 bargaining agreements with certified collective bargaining agents or  
763 other agreements between the employer and employees, provided  
764 "employees" shall not include persons employed as managers or chief  
765 administrators, requirements for working capital and cost of  
766 development of new services, including additions to and replacement  
767 of facilities and equipment. The commissioner shall not give  
768 consideration to amounts paid by the facilities to employees as salary,  
769 or to attorneys or consultants as fees, where the responsibility of the  
770 employees, attorneys or consultants is to persuade or seek to persuade  
771 the other employees of the facility to support or oppose unionization.  
772 Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the commissioner from  
773 considering amounts paid for legal counsel related to the negotiation  
774 of collective bargaining agreements, the settlement of grievances or  
775 normal administration of labor relations.]

776 [(d)] (c) (1) Until such time as subdivision (2) of this subsection is  
777 effective, the state shall also pay to such hospitals for each outpatient  
778 clinic and emergency room visit a [reasonable] rate [to be] established  
779 [annually] by the commissioner for each hospital [, such rate to be  
780 determined by the reasonable cost of such services] pursuant to 42  
781 USC 1396a(a)(30)(A) and within available appropriations.

782 (2) On or after July 1, 2013, with the exception of publicly operated  
783 psychiatric hospitals, hospitals shall be paid for outpatient and  
784 emergency room episodes of care based on prospective rates

785 established by the commissioner within available appropriations and  
786 in accordance with the Medicare Ambulatory Payment Classification  
787 system in conjunction with a state conversion factor, provided the  
788 Department of Social Services completes a fiscal analysis of the impact  
789 of such rate payment system on each hospital. The Commissioner of  
790 Social Services shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,  
791 file a report on the results of the fiscal analysis not later than six  
792 months after implementing the rate payment system with the joint  
793 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
794 matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets  
795 of state agencies. The Medicare Ambulatory Payment Classification  
796 system shall be augmented to provide payment for services not  
797 generally covered under the Medicare Ambulatory Payment  
798 Classification system, including, but not limited to, mammograms,  
799 durable medical equipment, physical, occupational and speech  
800 therapy. Nothing contained in this subsection shall authorize a  
801 payment by the state for such episodes of care to any hospital in excess  
802 of the charges made by such hospital for comparable services to the  
803 general public. Effective upon implementation of the Ambulatory  
804 Payment Classification system, a covered outpatient hospital service  
805 that does not have an established Medicare Ambulatory Payment  
806 Classification code shall be paid in accordance with a fee schedule or  
807 an alternative payment methodology, as determined by the  
808 commissioner. Prior to the implementation of the Ambulatory  
809 Payment Classification system, each hospital's charges shall be based  
810 on the charge master in effect as of June 1, 2015. After implementation  
811 of such system, annual increases in each hospital's charge master shall  
812 not exceed, in the aggregate, the annual increase in the Medicare  
813 economic index. The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish a  
814 fee schedule for outpatient hospital services to be effective on and after  
815 January 1, 1995, and may annually modify such fee schedule if such  
816 modification is needed to ensure that the conversion to an  
817 administrative services organization is cost neutral to hospitals in the  
818 aggregate and ensures patient access. Utilization may be a factor in  
819 determining cost neutrality.

820        [(e)] (d) On and after January 1, 2015, and concurrent with the  
821 implementation of the diagnosis-related group methodology of  
822 payment to hospitals, an emergency department physician may enroll  
823 separately as a Medicaid provider and qualify for direct  
824 reimbursement for professional services provided in the emergency  
825 department of a hospital to a Medicaid recipient, including services  
826 provided on the same day the Medicaid recipient is admitted to the  
827 hospital. The commissioner shall pay to any such emergency  
828 department physician the Medicaid rate for physicians in accordance  
829 with the physician fee schedule in effect at that time. If the  
830 commissioner determines that payment to an emergency department  
831 physician pursuant to this subsection results in an additional cost to  
832 the state, the commissioner shall adjust such rate in consultation with  
833 the Connecticut Hospital Association and the Connecticut College of  
834 Emergency Physicians to ensure budget neutrality.

835        [(f)] (e) The commissioner [shall] may adopt regulations, in  
836 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing criteria for  
837 defining emergency and nonemergency visits to hospital emergency  
838 rooms. All nonemergency visits to hospital emergency rooms shall be  
839 paid [at the hospital's outpatient clinic services rate] in accordance  
840 with subsection (c) of this section. Nothing contained in this subsection  
841 or the regulations adopted under this section shall authorize a  
842 payment by the state for such services to any hospital in excess of the  
843 charges made by such hospital for comparable services to the general  
844 public. To the extent permitted by federal law, the Commissioner of  
845 Social Services [shall] may impose cost-sharing requirements under the  
846 medical assistance program for nonemergency use of hospital  
847 emergency room services.

848        [(g)] (f) The commissioner shall establish rates to be paid to  
849 freestanding chronic disease hospitals within available appropriations.

850        [(h)] (g) The Commissioner of Social Services may implement  
851 policies and procedures as necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
852 section while in the process of adopting the policies and procedures as

853 regulations, provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is  
854 published in accordance with the provisions of section 17b-10 not later  
855 than twenty days after the date of implementation.

856        [(i)] (h) In the event the commissioner is unable to implement the  
857 provisions of subsection [(e)] (d) of this section by January 1, 2015, the  
858 commissioner shall submit written notice, not later than thirty-five  
859 days prior to January 1, 2015, to the joint standing committees of the  
860 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
861 services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
862 indicating that the department will not be able to implement such  
863 provisions on or before such date. The commissioner shall include in  
864 such notice (1) the reasons why the department will not be able to  
865 implement such provisions by such date, and (2) the date by which the  
866 department will be able to implement such provisions.

867        [(j) The] (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, or  
868 regulations adopted thereunder, the Department of Social Services is  
869 not required to increase rates paid, or to set any rates to be paid to, any  
870 hospital based on inflation, including, but not limited to, any current  
871 payments or adjustments that are being made based on dates of service  
872 in previous years.

873        Sec. 23. Subsection (b) of section 17b-263 of the general statutes is  
874 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
875 *passage*):

876        (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection [(d)] (c) of section  
877 17b-239, as amended by this act, the commissioner shall establish a  
878 service-specific fee schedule for hospital outpatient mental health  
879 therapy services, except for partial hospitalization and other  
880 comprehensive services as defined by the commissioner. Payment for  
881 partial hospitalization services shall be considered payment in full for  
882 all outpatient mental health services.

883        Sec. 24. Section 17a-484e of the 2016 supplement to the general  
884 statutes is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2016*)

885        Sec. 25. Section 17b-277b of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
886        *July 1, 2016*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-227
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-215
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-215c
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-215d
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-247a(2)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-247f
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-270(a)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-2
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	26-30(h)
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	38a-514b(a)(4)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	38a-488b(a)(4)
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	46a-11a(11)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	46a-11b
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	46a-11c(b)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17a-215e
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	5-259(e)
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-131
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-84
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	17b-239
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	17b-263(b)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	Repealer section