



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5162

LCO No. 852



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Mental Health
2 and Addiction Services, in consultation with the Department of Public
3 Health and the Department of Children and Families, shall study the
4 funding of mental health facilities and other mental health service
5 providers in the state. Such study shall include an evaluation of the
6 availability of inpatient beds for treatment of children diagnosed with
7 mental health or substance use disorders and the admission of such
8 children to the emergency department when such beds are
9 unavailable. Not later than January 1, 2019, the Commissioner of
10 Mental Health and Addiction Services shall report, in accordance with
11 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding the
12 findings of such study to the joint standing committees of the General
13 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
14 children.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require a study of funding for mental health services in the state to ensure that children with mental health needs are admitted to facilities that can provide appropriate treatment.

[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.]