

Public Health Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-170

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
ADDICTION SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING STREAMLINING

Title: REPORTS.

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Health Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

Currently, DMHAS is responsible for an annual report on the status of the availability of substance use disorder treatment programs for pregnant women and women with children. DMHAS is also responsible for developing, implementing and updating a comprehensive plan for the prevention, treatment and reduction of alcohol and drug abuse problems in consultation with key stakeholders every three years. This legislation would combine the reporting requirements contained in these two statutes related to substance use into one report once every three years.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Commissioner DMHAS: The Department supports this legislation. The combination of the reports would not result in the loss of any reported data. Combining the reports would decrease administrative burden and provide a more comprehensive picture of the prevention, treatment and recovery services in Connecticut.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None submitted.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None submitted.

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