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"AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SERVICES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 7-294h of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

5 On and after [January 1, 2017] October 1, 2020: (1) Each police basic
6 or field training program conducted or administered by the Division of
7 State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
8 Protection shall provide a minimum of twenty-seven hours of training
9 relative to the handling of juvenile matters which includes, but is not
10 limited to, the following: (A) Techniques for handling incidents
11 involving juveniles; (B) information relative to the processing and
12 disposition of juvenile matters; (C) applicable procedures in the
13 prosecution of cases involving juveniles; (D) information regarding

14 resources of the juvenile justice system in the state; (E) the use of
15 graduated sanctions; (F) techniques for handling trauma; (G)
16 restorative justice practices; (H) adolescent development; (I) risk-
17 assessment and screening tools; (J) emergency mobile psychiatric
18 services; and (K) on and after [January 1, 2018] October 1, 2020,
19 techniques for handling incidents, such as wandering, that involve
20 juveniles and adults with autism spectrum disorder, cognitive
21 impairment or nonverbal learning disorder, provided the curriculum
22 for such techniques is available at no cost to the division from (i)
23 institutions of higher education, health care professionals or advocacy
24 organizations that are concerned with juveniles and adults with autism
25 spectrum disorder, cognitive impairment or nonverbal learning
26 disorder, or (ii) a collaboration of such institutions, professionals or
27 organizations; (2) each police basic or field training program
28 conducted or administered by the Police Officer Standards and
29 Training Council established under section 7-294b or by a municipal
30 police department in the state shall provide a minimum of fourteen
31 hours of training relative to the handling of juvenile matters as
32 provided in subdivision (1) of this section; and (3) each police review
33 training program conducted or administered by the Division of State
34 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public
35 Protection, by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council
36 established under section 7-294b or by a municipal police department
37 in the state shall provide a minimum of one hour of training relative to
38 the handling of juvenile matters as provided in subdivision (1) of this
39 section.

40 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Not later than June 30, 2020,
41 the Department of Children and Families and the Department of
42 Mental Health and Addiction Services shall jointly, within available
43 appropriations, develop an annual training program for emergency
44 mobile psychiatric services personnel and mental health crisis
45 intervention services personnel. Such training program shall include,
46 but need not be limited to, techniques for handling incidents, such as
47 wandering, that involve juveniles and adults with autism spectrum

48 disorder, cognitive impairment and nonverbal learning disorder. In
49 developing and implementing such training program, the departments
50 may utilize existing and appropriate public or private materials,
51 personnel and other resources, including, but not limited to, assistance
52 or curriculum materials from (1) institutions of higher education,
53 health care professionals or advocacy organizations that are concerned
54 with juveniles and adults with autism spectrum disorder, cognitive
55 impairment or nonverbal learning disorder, or (2) a collaboration of
56 such institutions, professionals or organizations. The departments may
57 accept private donations for the purposes of this section.

58 (b) On and after July 1, 2020, the Department of Children and
59 Families and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
60 shall jointly offer the annual training developed pursuant to subsection
61 (a) of this section to any emergency mobile psychiatric services
62 personnel and mental health crisis intervention services personnel who
63 wish to enroll in such training.

64 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Not later than June 30, 2020,
65 the Department of Public Health shall, within available appropriations,
66 develop an annual training program for members of commercial
67 ambulance services, commercial rescue services, volunteer and
68 municipal ambulance services, ambulance services and paramedic
69 intercept services operated and maintained by a state agency and
70 emergency medical services personnel, as defined in section 20-206jj of
71 the general statutes. Such training program shall include, but need not
72 be limited to, techniques for handling incidents, such as wandering,
73 that involve juveniles and adults with autism spectrum disorder,
74 cognitive impairment and nonverbal learning disorder. In developing
75 and implementing such training program, the department may utilize
76 existing and appropriate public or private materials, personnel and
77 other resources, including, but not limited to, assistance or curriculum
78 materials from (1) institutions of higher education, health care
79 professionals or advocacy organizations that are concerned with
80 juveniles and adults with autism spectrum disorder, cognitive
81 impairment or nonverbal learning disorder, or (2) a collaboration of

82 such institutions, professionals or organizations. The department may
83 accept private donations for the purposes of this section.

84 (b) On and after July 1, 2020, the Department of Public Health shall
85 offer the annual training developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this
86 section to any members of commercial ambulance services, commercial
87 rescue services, volunteer and municipal ambulance services,
88 ambulance services and paramedic intercept services operated and
89 maintained by any state agency and emergency medical services
90 personnel, as defined in section 20-206jj of the general statutes, who
91 wish to enroll in such training.

92 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) As used in this section:

93 (1) "Emergency medical services personnel" has the same meaning
94 as provided in section 20-206jj of the general statutes; and

95 (2) "Police officer" has the same meaning as provided in section 46b-
96 15 of the general statutes.

97 (b) The University of Connecticut Center for Excellence in
98 Developmental Disabilities shall develop a printed communication aid
99 for use by emergency medical services personnel, police officers, active
100 members of ambulance services licensed or certified in accordance
101 with section 19a-180 of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
102 emergency mobile psychiatric services personnel and mental health
103 crisis intervention services personnel. Such communication aid shall
104 describe techniques for serving and interacting with juveniles and
105 adults with autism spectrum disorder, cognitive impairment and
106 nonverbal learning disorder and contain communication aids for use
107 during emergencies when verbal communication may be hindered or
108 impossible. Not later than December 1, 2019, the center shall publish
109 such communication aid on its Internet web site.

110 (c) On and after January 1, 2020, each emergency medical services
111 personnel, police officer, active member of an ambulance service
112 licensed or certified in accordance with section 19a-180 of the general

113 statutes, as amended by this act, emergency mobile psychiatric services
114 personnel and mental health crisis intervention services personnel
115 shall maintain a copy of the printed communication aid developed
116 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section in any vehicle used by such
117 personnel, officer or member in the course of his or her duties."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	7-294h
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section