



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6510**

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**"AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS."**

1 Strike lines 2 to 4, inclusive, in their entirety, and insert the following  
2 in lieu thereof:

3 "1, 2021, the Department of Children and Families, in consultation  
4 with the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council established  
5 pursuant to section 17a-22j of the general statutes, the"

6 In line 16, strike "council" and insert in lieu thereof "Behavioral Health  
7 Partnership Oversight Council"

8 In line 28, strike "Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council"  
9 and insert in lieu thereof "Department of Children and Families"

10 In line 31, after "the" insert "Department of Children and Families  
11 shall provide such updated documents to the Behavioral Health

12 Partnership Oversight Council, and the"

13 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
14 internal references accordingly:

15 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than September  
16 1, 2021, each local and regional board of education shall compile, and  
17 annually update, a list of every mental and emotional health resource  
18 available to the students and families in such board's school district.  
19 Such list shall include, but not be limited to, resources provided by (1)  
20 the board, (2) community providers, (3) school-based health centers, or  
21 (4) the state. Each resource shall be listed with a telephone number, an  
22 electronic mail address or an Internet link. Each board shall post the list  
23 of available mental and emotional health resources on such board's  
24 Internet web site and distribute such list to parents of students in the  
25 school district at least semiannually, in September and May of each  
26 school year.

27 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school year  
28 thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall distribute to  
29 students taking a course in health and safety an age and  
30 developmentally appropriate list of mental and emotional health  
31 resources available to such students, including, but not limited to,  
32 national youth suicide prevention helplines accessible by text message."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	New section