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Substitute Bill No. 2



AN ACT EXPANDING PRESCHOOL AND MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 10-16q of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 (b) (1) [For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the per child cost of
5 the Office of Early Childhood school readiness program offered by a
6 school readiness provider shall not exceed eight thousand nine hundred
7 twenty-seven dollars. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and each
8 fiscal year thereafter, the per child cost of the Office of Early Childhood
9 school readiness program offered by a school readiness provider shall
10 not exceed nine thousand twenty-seven dollars.] For the fiscal year
11 ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, the per child cost
12 of the Office of Early Childhood school readiness program offered by a
13 school readiness provider shall not exceed fourteen thousand five
14 hundred dollars.

15 Sec. 2. Subsection (l) of section 10-16p of the 2022 supplement to the
16 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
17 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

18 (l) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2020] 2023, and each fiscal year
19 thereafter, any school readiness program that (1) is licensed by the

20 Office of Early Childhood pursuant to chapter 368a, (2) provides full-
21 day and year-round child care and education programs for children,
22 and (3) receives funds pursuant to this section or section 10-16u, shall
23 use any amount of the per child cost as described in subdivision (1) of
24 subsection (b) of section 10-16q, as amended by this act, that is over the
25 amount of [eight thousand nine hundred twenty-seven] fourteen
26 thousand two hundred ten dollars, exclusively to increase the salaries
27 of those individuals with direct responsibility for teaching or caring for
28 children in a classroom at such school readiness program.

29 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 8-210 of the 2022 supplement to the
30 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
31 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

32 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of
33 Early Childhood, may enter into a contract with a municipality, a group
34 child care home or family child care home, as described in section 19a-
35 77, as amended by this act, a human resource development agency or a
36 nonprofit corporation for state financial assistance in developing and
37 operating child care centers, group child care homes and family child
38 care homes for children disadvantaged by reasons of economic, social
39 or environmental conditions, provided no such financial assistance shall
40 be available for the operating costs of any such child care center, group
41 child care home or family child care home unless it has been licensed by
42 the Commissioner of Early Childhood pursuant to section 19a-80. Such
43 financial assistance shall be available for a program of a municipality, of
44 a group child care home or family child care home, of a human resource
45 development agency or of a nonprofit corporation which may provide
46 for personnel, equipment, supplies, activities, program materials and
47 renovation and remodeling of the physical facilities of such child care
48 centers, group child care homes or family child care homes. Such
49 contract shall provide for state financial assistance, within available
50 appropriations, in the form of a state grant-in-aid (1) for a portion of the
51 cost of such program, as determined by the Commissioner of Early
52 Childhood, if not federally assisted, (2) equal to one-half of the amount
53 by which the net cost of such program, as approved by the

54 Commissioner of Early Childhood, exceeds the federal grant-in-aid
55 thereof, or (3) in an amount not less than (A) the per child cost as
56 described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 10-16q, as
57 amended by this act, for each child in such program that is three or four
58 years of age and each child that is five years of age who is not eligible to
59 enroll in school, pursuant to section 10-15c, while maintaining services
60 to children under three years of age under this section, and (B) sixteen
61 thousand dollars for each child three years of age or under who is in
62 infant or toddler care and not in a preschool program. For the fiscal year
63 ending June 30, [2020] 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount
64 per child pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection that is over the
65 amount of the per child cost that was prescribed pursuant to the contract
66 under said subdivision (3) for the fiscal year ending June 30, [2019] 2023,
67 shall be used exclusively to increase the salaries of early childhood
68 educators employed at the child care center. The Commissioner of Early
69 Childhood may authorize child care centers, group child care homes
70 and family child care homes receiving financial assistance under this
71 subsection to apply a program surplus to the next program year. The
72 Commissioner of Early Childhood shall consult with directors of child
73 care centers in establishing fees for the operation of such centers.

74 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section:

75 (1) "Child care services" has the same meaning as provided in section
76 19a-77 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

77 (2) "Child care facility" has the same meaning as provided in section
78 10-530 of the general statutes;

79 (3) "Child care services provider" means (A) the employer of any
80 person who is an employee of a child care facility, (B) a family child care
81 provider, or (C) any other person who provides child care services
82 under the child care subsidy program established pursuant to section
83 17b-749 of the general statutes, but does not include a person who is
84 providing child care services under the child care subsidy program (i)
85 exclusively to children to whom such person is related, and (ii) without

86 being issued a license to provide child care services by the Office of
87 Early Childhood;

88 (4) "Early childhood education program" means any privately
89 operated or state-funded preschool program, including school readiness
90 programs; and

91 (5) "School readiness program" has the same meaning as provided in
92 section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

93 (b) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2024, the
94 Office of Early Childhood shall administer a wage supplement grant
95 program for employees of child care service providers and early
96 childhood education programs. Grants under the program shall be
97 calculated to increase the hourly salary of each such employee by one
98 dollar. The office shall pay such grant to child care services providers
99 and operators of early childhood education programs, and such
100 providers and operators shall distribute such funds to its employees in
101 accordance with the policy developed by the Commissioner of Early
102 Childhood pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

103 (c) Each child care services provider and operator of an early
104 childhood education program shall register, at such time and in such
105 manner as prescribed by the commissioner, with the Office of Early
106 Childhood to receive a grant under the program. Upon registration,
107 such provider and operator shall provide any information required by
108 the office, in accordance with the policy developed by the commissioner
109 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

110 (d) Not later than October 1, 2022, the commissioner shall develop a
111 policy for the administration of the wage supplement grant program.
112 The policy shall include, but need not be limited to, eligibility
113 requirements for the program, the registration process for the program,
114 the distribution requirements of the grant and any other requirements
115 the commissioner deems necessary.

116 Sec. 5. Section 10-21k of the general statutes is repealed and the

117 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

118 [A local or regional board of education may establish a] The
119 Department of Education, in collaboration with the Labor Department,
120 shall administer the Pipeline for Connecticut's Future program. Under
121 the program, [a local or regional board of education shall partner with]
122 the department shall (1) assist local and regional boards of education in
123 enhancing existing partnerships or establishing new partnerships with
124 providers of child care services and early childhood education
125 programs, as well as any additional fields such as manufacturing,
126 computer programming or the culinary arts, and one or more local
127 businesses, to offer a pathways program (A) that assists students in (i)
128 obtaining occupational licenses, (ii) participating in apprenticeship
129 opportunities, and (iii) gaining immediate job skills, (B) that provides (i)
130 industry-specific class time and cooperative work placements, (ii) on-
131 site and apprenticeship training, and (iii) course credit and occupational
132 licenses to students upon completion, and (C) in early childhood care
133 and education and any additional fields, such as manufacturing,
134 computer programming or the culinary arts, that may lead to a diploma,
135 credential, certificate or license upon graduation, and (2) provide
136 incentives to local and regional boards of education for establishing
137 such partnerships.

138 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) For the fiscal year ending June 30,
139 2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of Children and
140 Families shall make mobile crisis response services available twenty-
141 four hours a day, seven days per week, to the public.

142 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) There is established a Social
143 Determinants of Mental Health Fund, which shall be a separate,
144 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain
145 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, the
146 resources of which shall be used by the Commissioner of Children and
147 Families to assist families in covering the cost of mental health services
148 and treatment for their children. The commissioner shall establish
149 eligibility criteria for families to receive such assistance based on social

150 determinants of mental health, with a goal toward reducing racial,
151 ethnic, gender and socioeconomic mental health disparities. As used in
152 this section, "social determinants of mental health" includes, but is not
153 limited to, discrimination and social exclusion, adverse early life
154 experiences, low educational attainment, poor educational quality and
155 educational inequality, poverty, income inequality and neighborhood
156 deprivation, food insecurity, unemployment, underemployment and
157 job insecurity, poor housing quality and housing instability, impact of
158 climate change, adverse features of the built environment and poor
159 access to health care.

160 (b) The commissioner may accept on behalf of the fund any federal
161 funds or private grants or gifts made for purposes of this section. The
162 commissioner shall use such funds to make grants to families for the
163 purposes described in this section.

164 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) Not later than July 1, 2023, the
165 Department of Education, in collaboration with the governing authority
166 for intramural and interscholastic athletics, shall develop a mental
167 health plan for student athletes to raise awareness of mental health
168 resources available to student athletes. Such plan shall be made
169 available to local and regional boards of education and implemented in
170 accordance with the provisions of section 9 of this act. Such plan shall
171 include, but need not be limited to, provisions relating to (1) access to
172 the mental health services team for the school district, (2) screening and
173 recognizing appropriate referrals for student athletes, (3)
174 communication among members of the mental health services team, (4)
175 the management of medications of student athletes, (5) crisis
176 intervention services, (6) the mitigation of risk to student athletes, and
177 (7) transition care for those student athletes leaving intramural or
178 interscholastic athletics by means of graduation, dismissal or
179 suspension. The department shall make such plan available on its
180 Internet web site and provide technical assistance to local and regional
181 boards of education in the implementation of the plan.

182 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) For the school year commencing

183 July 1, 2023, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional
184 board of education shall implement the mental health plan for student
185 athletes, developed pursuant to section 8 of this act, for the school
186 district.

187 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Children
188 and Families shall conduct an instructional program that utilizes a
189 training model that will enable participants to provide adolescent
190 screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment training to other
191 individuals upon completion of the instructional program. Such
192 instructional program shall be offered to the employees of a local health
193 department, district department of health formed pursuant to section
194 19a-241 of the general statutes, youth service bureau, municipality, paid
195 municipal or volunteer fire department, local police department and
196 local or regional board of education. The department shall conduct such
197 instructional program at no charge to participants and at least four times
198 in each year. The department may conduct each such instructional
199 program in a different geographical region of the state during the year.

200 (b) (1) Each local health department shall offer training in adolescent
201 screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment free of charge to
202 the employees of such local health department and to members of the
203 public. Any employee of a local health department who has participated
204 in the instructional program described in subsection (a) of this section
205 shall be the person to provide such training in adolescent screening,
206 brief intervention and referral to treatment under this subdivision.

207 (2) A district department of health, youth service bureau,
208 municipality, paid municipal or volunteer fire department, local police
209 department or local or regional board of education may offer training in
210 adolescent screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment free of
211 charge to the employees of such district department of health, youth
212 service bureau, municipality, paid municipal or volunteer fire
213 department, local police department or local or regional board of
214 education and to members of the public. Any employee who has
215 participated in the instructional program described in subsection (a) of

216 this section shall be the person to provide such training in adolescent
217 screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment under this
218 subdivision.

219 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before July 1, 2022, the
220 Commissioner of Public Health shall establish guidelines regarding the
221 manner in which menstrual products may be provided pursuant to
222 section 18-69e of the general statutes, as amended by this act, sections
223 13, 14 and 17 of this act and section 8-359a of the general statutes, as
224 amended by this act, without stigmatizing the person who requests such
225 products. The commissioner shall post such guidelines on the
226 Department of Public Health's Internet web site. For purposes of this
227 section, "menstrual products" means tampons and sanitary napkins.

228 Sec. 12. Section 18-69e of the general statutes is repealed and the
229 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective September 1, 2022*):

230 Correctional staff at York Correctional Institution shall, upon request,
231 provide an inmate at the institution with [feminine hygiene] menstrual
232 products as soon as practicable. Correctional staff shall provide such
233 [feminine hygiene] menstrual products for free, [and] in a quantity that
234 is appropriate to the health care needs of the inmate and in a manner
235 that does not stigmatize any inmate seeking such products, pursuant to
236 guidelines established by the Commissioner of Public Health under
237 section 11 of this act. To carry out the provisions of this section, the
238 Department of Correction may (1) accept donations of menstrual
239 products and grants from any source for the purpose of purchasing such
240 products, and (2) partner with a nonprofit or community-based
241 organization. For purposes of this section, ["feminine hygiene products"
242 means tampons and sanitary napkins] "menstrual products" has the
243 same meaning as provided in section 11 of this act.

244 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) For the school year commencing
245 July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional
246 board of education shall provide free menstrual products, as defined in
247 section 11 of this act, in restrooms that are accessible to students in each

248 school under the jurisdiction of such boards and in a manner that does
249 not stigmatize any student seeking such products, pursuant to
250 guidelines established by the Commissioner of Public Health under
251 section 11 of this act. To carry out the provisions of this section, the local
252 and regional boards of education may (1) accept donations of menstrual
253 products and grants from any source for the purpose of purchasing such
254 products, and (2) partner with a nonprofit or community-based
255 organization.

256 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) On and after September 1, 2022,
257 each public institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-173
258 of the general statutes, shall provide free menstrual products, as defined
259 in section 11 of this act, in no fewer than one designated and accessible
260 central location on each campus of the institution and in a manner that
261 does not stigmatize any student seeking such products, pursuant to
262 guidelines established by the Department of Public Health under
263 section 11 of this act. Each public institution of higher education shall
264 post notice of such location on its Internet web site. To carry out the
265 provisions of this section, each public institution of higher education
266 may (1) accept donations of menstrual products and grants from any
267 source for the purpose of purchasing such products, and (2) partner
268 with a nonprofit or community-based organization.

269 Sec. 15. Section 8-359a of the general statutes is repealed and the
270 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective September 1, 2022*):

271 (a) The Commissioner of Housing may, upon application of any
272 public or private organization or agency, make grants, within available
273 appropriations, to develop and maintain programs for homeless
274 individuals including programs for emergency shelter services,
275 transitional housing services, on-site social services for available
276 permanent housing and for the prevention of homelessness.

277 (b) Each shelter receiving a grant pursuant to this section (1) shall
278 provide decent, safe and sanitary shelter for residents of the shelter,
279 including, but not limited to, through the provision of free menstrual

280 products, as defined in section 11 of this act, in each restroom of such
281 shelter that is accessible to its residents and in a manner that does not
282 stigmatize any resident seeking such products, pursuant to guidelines
283 established by the Commissioner of Public Health under section 11 of
284 this act; (2) shall not suspend or expel a resident without good cause; (3)
285 shall, in the case of a resident who is listed on the registry of sexual
286 offenders maintained pursuant to chapter 969, provide verification of
287 such person's residence at the shelter to a law enforcement officer upon
288 the request of such officer; and (4) shall provide a grievance procedure
289 by which residents can obtain review of grievances, including
290 grievances concerning suspension or expulsion from the shelter. No
291 shelter serving homeless families may admit a person who is listed on
292 the registry of sexual offenders maintained pursuant to chapter 969. The
293 Commissioner of Housing shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
294 the provisions of chapter 54, establishing (A) minimum standards for
295 shelter grievance procedures and rules concerning the suspension and
296 expulsion of shelter residents, and (B) standards for the review and
297 approval of the operating policies of shelters receiving a grant under
298 this section. Shelter operating policies shall establish a procedure for the
299 release of information concerning a resident who is listed on the registry
300 of sexual offenders maintained pursuant to chapter 969 to a law
301 enforcement officer in accordance with this subsection. To carry out the
302 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, each shelter may (i)
303 accept donations of menstrual products and grants from any source for
304 the purpose of purchasing such products, and (ii) partner with a
305 nonprofit or community-based organization.

306 Sec. 16. Subdivision (122) of section 12-412 of the 2022 supplement to
307 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
308 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

309 (122) Sales of [feminine hygiene] menstrual products.

310 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On and after September 1, 2022,
311 each emergency shelter operated by a domestic violence agency, as
312 defined in section 52-146k of the general statutes, shall provide free

313 menstrual products, as defined in section 11 of this act, in each restroom
314 of such shelter that is accessible to its residents and in a manner that
315 does not stigmatize any resident seeking such products, pursuant to
316 guidelines established by the Commissioner of Public Health under
317 section 11 of this act. To carry out the provisions of this section, each
318 shelter may (1) accept donations of menstrual products and grants from
319 any source for the purpose of purchasing such products, and (2) partner
320 with a nonprofit or community-based organization.

321 Sec. 18. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) The Neag School of Education at The
322 University of Connecticut shall conduct a study of the impact of social
323 media and mobile telephone usage on the mental health of students in
324 grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive. Such study shall include, but
325 need not be limited to, an evaluation of the mental health of students
326 related to social media and phone usage across the elementary, middle
327 and high school levels and how such usage impacts the educational
328 experience for students and the school climate of schools. Not later than
329 January 1, 2024, the Neag School of Education shall submit a report on
330 its findings and any recommendations to the joint standing committee
331 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
332 children and public health, in accordance with the provisions of section
333 11-4a of the general statutes.

334 Sec. 19. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 19a-77 of the
335 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
336 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

337 (3) A "family child care home" which consists of a private family
338 home (A) caring for not more than six children, including the provider's
339 own children not in school full time, or if there is an assistant or
340 substitute staff member approved by the Commissioner of Early
341 Childhood present, not more than nine children, (B) where the children
342 are cared for not less than three or more than twelve hours during a
343 twenty-four-hour period, and (C) where care is given on a regularly
344 recurring basis except that care may be provided in excess of twelve
345 hours but not more than seventy-two consecutive hours to

346 accommodate a need for extended care or intermittent short-term
347 overnight care. [During the regular school year, a maximum of three
348 additional children who are in school full time, including the provider's
349 own children, shall be permitted, except that if the provider has more
350 than three children who are in school full time] At any time during the
351 year, all of the provider's own children shall be permitted; [. During the
352 summer months when regular school is not in session, a maximum of
353 three additional children who are otherwise enrolled in school full time,
354 including the provider's own children, shall be permitted if there is an
355 assistant or substitute staff member approved by the Commissioner of
356 Early Childhood, pursuant to section 19a-87b, present and assisting the
357 provider, except that (A) if the provider has more than three such
358 additional children who are the provider's own children, all of the
359 provider's own children shall be permitted, and (B) such approved
360 assistant or substitute staff member shall not be required if all of such
361 additional children are the provider's own children;]

362 Sec. 20. Section 10-16r of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
363 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
364 *1, 2022*):

365 (a) A town seeking to apply for a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of
366 section 10-16p or section 10-16u shall convene a local school readiness
367 council or shall establish a regional school readiness council pursuant to
368 subsection (c) of this section. Any other town may convene such a
369 council. The chief elected official of the town or, in the case of a regional
370 school district, the chief elected officials of the towns in the school
371 district and the superintendent of schools for the school district shall
372 jointly appoint and convene such council. Each school readiness council
373 shall be composed of: (1) The chief elected official, or the official's
374 designee; (2) the superintendent of schools, or a management level staff
375 person as the superintendent's designee; (3) parents; (4) representatives
376 from local programs such as Head Start, child care providers receiving
377 state financial assistance pursuant to section 8-210, as amended by this
378 act, family resource centers, nonprofit and for-profit child care centers,
379 group child care homes, prekindergarten and nursery schools, and

380 family child care home providers; (5) a representative from a health care
381 provider in the community; (6) the local homeless education liaison
382 designated by the local or regional board of education for the school
383 district, pursuant to Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento
384 Homeless Assistance Act, 42 USC 11431 et seq., as amended from time
385 to time; (7) a representative from a workforce or job training entity in
386 the community; (8) a representative from a local business in the
387 community; and (9) other representatives from the community who
388 provide services to children. On and after July 1, 2021, the members of
389 the school readiness council shall elect the chairperson of the school
390 readiness council. Each school readiness council is required to
391 document efforts to ensure that the racial, ethnic and socioeconomic
392 composition of the council reflects that of its town or region, as
393 applicable. At least twenty-five per cent of the membership of the school
394 readiness council shall be parents or guardians of children eligible to
395 attend a school readiness program. Such parents or guardians may,
396 within available appropriations, be compensated for any time and travel
397 related to council meetings, and any activities related to training,
398 leadership and community engagement. School readiness council
399 meetings shall be held at times and locations that are convenient for the
400 council members, including the parent and guardian members.

401 (b) The local school readiness council shall: (1) Make
402 recommendations to the chief elected official and the superintendent of
403 schools on issues relating to school readiness, including any
404 applications for grants pursuant to sections 10-16p, as amended by this
405 act, 10-16u, 17b-749a and 17b-749c; (2) foster partnerships among
406 providers of school readiness programs; (3) cooperate with the Office of
407 Early Childhood in any evaluation of a school readiness program; (4)
408 identify existing and prospective resources and services available to
409 children and families; (5) facilitate the coordination of the delivery of
410 services to children and families, including (A) referral procedures, and
411 (B) before and after-school child care for children attending
412 kindergarten programs; (6) exchange information with other councils,
413 the community and organizations serving the needs of children and

414 families; (7) make recommendations to school officials concerning
415 transition from school readiness programs to kindergarten; (8)
416 encourage public participation; [and] (9) collaborate with the Office of
417 Early Childhood related to planning improvements to the state early
418 care and education governance structure; and (10) conduct, as
419 necessary, a needs assessment for early childhood education for
420 children and families in the community.

421 (c) Two or more towns or school districts and appropriate
422 representatives of groups or entities interested in early childhood
423 education in a region may establish a regional school readiness council.
424 If a priority school is located in at least one of such school districts, the
425 regional school readiness council may apply for a grant pursuant to
426 subsection (d) of section 10-16p. The regional school readiness council
427 may perform the duties outlined in subdivisions (2) to (8), inclusive, and
428 subdivision (10) of subsection (b) of this section.

429 (d) On and after July 1, 2022, following a local needs assessment
430 conducted pursuant to subdivision (10) of subsection (b) of this section
431 that reveals a surplus of unused school readiness spaces, a local or
432 regional school readiness council may convert such unused school
433 readiness spaces to infant and toddler spaces, provided the per child
434 cost for such converted spaces does not exceed the per child cost for
435 infant and toddler spaces for state-funded child care centers pursuant to
436 section 8-210, as amended by this act.

437 Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) For the school year commencing
438 July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional
439 board of education shall hire or designate an existing employee to serve
440 as the family care coordinator for the school district. The family care
441 coordinator shall work with school social workers and school
442 psychologists in the schools under the jurisdiction of the board. The
443 family care coordinator shall serve as a liaison for the school system
444 with mental health service providers for the purposes of providing
445 students with access to mental health resources within the community
446 bringing mental health services to students inside of the school.

447 Sec. 22. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022, and applicable to assessment*
448 *years commencing on or after October 1, 2022*) Any municipality may, by
449 vote of its legislative body or, in a municipality where the legislative
450 body is a town meeting, by vote of the board of selectmen, abate up to
451 one hundred per cent of the property taxes due for any tax year, for not
452 more than five tax years, for any property or portion of a property (1)
453 used in the operation of a child care center or group child care home
454 licensed pursuant to section 19a-80 of the general statutes, or a family
455 child care home licensed pursuant to section 19a-87b of the general
456 statutes, and (2) owned by the person, persons, association,
457 organization, corporation, institution or agency holding such license.

458 Sec. 23. Subsection (a) of section 19a-79 of the 2022 supplement to the
459 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
460 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

461 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall adopt regulations, in
462 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes
463 of sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-
464 82 to 19a-87, inclusive, and to assure that child care centers and group
465 child care homes meet the health, educational and social needs of
466 children utilizing such child care centers and group child care homes.
467 Such regulations shall (1) specify that before being permitted to attend
468 any child care center or group child care home, each child shall be
469 protected as age-appropriate by adequate immunization against
470 diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella,
471 haemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the
472 schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f, (2)
473 specify conditions under which child care center directors and teachers
474 and group child care home providers may administer tests to monitor
475 glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and
476 administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs specified
477 in the regulations by the commissioner, to a child receiving child care
478 services at such child care center or group child care home pursuant to
479 the written order of a physician licensed to practice medicine or a dentist
480 licensed to practice dental medicine in this or another state, or an

481 advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance
482 with section 20-94a, or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in
483 accordance with section 20-12d, and the written authorization of a
484 parent or guardian of such child, (3) specify that an operator of a child
485 care center or group child care home, licensed before January 1, 1986, or
486 an operator who receives a license after January 1, 1986, for a facility
487 licensed prior to January 1, 1986, shall provide a minimum of thirty
488 square feet per child of total indoor usable space, free of furniture except
489 that needed for the children's purposes, exclusive of toilet rooms,
490 bathrooms, coatrooms, kitchens, halls, isolation room or other rooms
491 used for purposes other than the activities of the children, (4) specify
492 that a child care center or group child care home licensed after January
493 1, 1986, shall provide thirty-five square feet per child of total indoor
494 usable space, (5) establish appropriate child care center staffing
495 requirements for employees certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation
496 by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the
497 National Safety Council, American Safety and Health Institute, Medic
498 First Aid International, Inc. or an organization using guidelines for
499 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiovascular care
500 published by the American Heart Association and International Liaison
501 Committee on Resuscitation, (6) specify that a child care center or group
502 child care home (A) shall not deny services to a child on the basis of a
503 child's known or suspected allergy or because a child has a prescription
504 for an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar automatic
505 injectable equipment used to treat an allergic reaction, or for injectable
506 equipment used to administer glucagon, (B) shall, not later than three
507 weeks after such child's enrollment in such a center or home, have staff
508 trained in the use of such equipment on-site during all hours when such
509 a child is on-site, (C) shall require such child's parent or guardian to
510 provide the injector or injectable equipment and a copy of the
511 prescription for such medication and injector or injectable equipment
512 upon enrollment of such child, and (D) shall require a parent or
513 guardian enrolling such a child to replace such medication and
514 equipment prior to its expiration date, (7) specify that a child care center
515 or group child care home (A) shall not deny services to a child on the

516 basis of a child's diagnosis of asthma or because a child has a
517 prescription for an inhalant medication to treat asthma, and (B) shall,
518 not later than three weeks after such child's enrollment in such a center
519 or home, have staff trained in the administration of such medication on-
520 site during all hours when such a child is on-site, [and] (8) establish
521 physical plant requirements for licensed child care centers and licensed
522 group child care homes that exclusively serve school-age children, (9)
523 specify that a child care center or group child care home shall
524 immediately notify the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such
525 center or home if such child becomes ill or is injured while in the care of
526 such center or home, (10) specify that a child care center or group child
527 care home shall create a written record of any illness or injury described
528 in subdivision (9) of this subsection, which shall, (A) include, but not be
529 limited to, (i) a description of such illness or injury, (ii) the date, time of
530 occurrence and location of such illness or injury, (iii) any responsive
531 action taken by an employee of such center or home, and (iv) whether
532 such child was transported to a hospital emergency room, doctor's office
533 or other medical facility as a result of such illness or injury, (B) be
534 provided to the parent or guardian of such child not later than the next
535 business day, and (C) be maintained by such center or home for a period
536 of not less than two years and be made immediately available upon the
537 request of the Office of Early Childhood, and (11) specify that a child
538 care center or group child care home shall maintain any video
539 recordings created at such center or home for a period of not less than
540 thirty days, and make such recordings immediately available upon the
541 request of the Office of Early Childhood. When establishing such
542 requirements, the Office of Early Childhood shall give consideration to
543 child care centers and group child care homes that are located in private
544 or public school buildings. With respect to [this] subdivision [only] (8)
545 of this subsection, the commissioner shall implement policies and
546 procedures necessary to implement the physical plant requirements
547 established pursuant to this subdivision while in the process of adopting
548 such policies and procedures in regulation form. Until replaced by
549 policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this subdivision, any
550 physical plant requirement specified in the office's regulations that is

551 generally applicable to child care centers and group child care homes
552 shall continue to be applicable to such centers and homes that
553 exclusively serve school-age children. The commissioner shall post
554 notice of the intent to adopt regulations pursuant to this subdivision on
555 the eRegulations System not later than twenty days after the date of
556 implementation of such policies and procedures. Policies and
557 procedures implemented pursuant to this subdivision shall be valid
558 until the time final regulations are adopted.

559 Sec. 24. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) There is established the
560 Children's Behavioral Health Cabinet. The cabinet shall consist of the:
561 (1) Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's
562 designee, (2) Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
563 or the commissioner's designee, (3) Commissioner of Public Health, or
564 the commissioner's designee, (4) Commissioner of Developmental
565 Services, or the commissioner's designee, (5) Commissioner of Social
566 Services, or the commissioner's designee, (6) Commissioner of Early
567 Childhood, or the commissioner's designee, (7) Commissioner of
568 Correction, or the commissioner's designee, (8) Insurance
569 Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, (9) Commissioner of
570 Education, or the commissioner's designee, (10) Secretary of the Office
571 of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, (11) Healthcare
572 Advocate, or the Healthcare Advocate's designee, (12) Child Advocate,
573 or the Child Advocate's designee, (13) Chief Court Administrator, or the
574 Chief Court Administrator's designee, (14) executive director of the
575 Office of Health Strategy, or the executive director's designee, and (15)
576 executive director of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors,
577 Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's designee.

578 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
579 commissioner's designee, shall serve as the chairperson of the cabinet.
580 The cabinet shall meet at least quarterly. Members shall not be
581 compensated for their services.

582 (c) The cabinet shall (1) assess children's behavioral health services in
583 the state to identify areas for improvement in (A) the delivery of such

584 services, (B) the policies and practices of providers of such services, (C)
585 the outcomes for children receiving such services, and (D) patient
586 experiences, (2) make recommendations for improvements in such
587 areas, and (3) consult with private insurers, the Commissioner of Social
588 Services and the Behavioral Health Partnership developed pursuant to
589 section 17a-22h of the general statutes, to ensure timely access to
590 behavioral health services for children in need of such services.

591 (d) Not later than January 1, 2023, and quarterly thereafter, the
592 cabinet shall submit a status report, in accordance with the provisions
593 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Governor and the joint
594 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
595 matters relating to children, insurance and public health. Such report
596 shall include the cabinet's findings and recommendations from the
597 previous quarter.

598 (e) The Department of Children and Families shall provide support
599 staff to the Children's Behavioral Health Cabinet.

600 Sec. 25. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) No Social Security disability
601 benefit received by a child or youth in the care and custody of the
602 Commissioner of Children and Families shall be utilized by the
603 Department of Children and Families to offset the cost of such child or
604 youth's care.

605 Sec. 26. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) The Commissioner of Social
606 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall
607 establish a pilot grant program to expand behavioral health care offered
608 to children at federally qualified health centers.

609 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, within available
610 appropriations, shall establish a grant program to provide such health
611 centers with a fifty per cent match for the cost of hiring licensed social
612 workers to provide counseling and other services to children receiving
613 primary health care at such health centers. The commissioner shall (1)
614 prescribe forms and criteria for such health centers to apply and qualify
615 for grant funds; and (2) require such centers to report to the

616 commissioner on use of the funds to expand behavioral health care for
617 children.

618 Sec. 27. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) Not later than December 1, 2022,
619 the Department of Consumer Protection shall develop documents
620 concerning the safe storage by consumers of (1) prescription drugs, as
621 defined in section 19a-754b of the general statutes, and (2) cannabis, as
622 defined in section 21a-420 of the general statutes, and cannabis
623 products, as defined in section 21a-420 of the general statutes. Such
624 documents shall contain, but need not be limited to, information
625 concerning best practices for (A) storing prescription drugs and
626 cannabis and cannabis products in a manner that renders such items
627 inaccessible to children, and (B) disposal of unused and expired
628 prescription drugs and cannabis and cannabis products. Not later than
629 December 15, 2022, the department shall publish such documents on its
630 Internet web site.

631 Sec. 28. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) Not later than January 1, 2023,
632 each pharmacy, as defined in section 20-635 of the general statutes, shall
633 post a sign in a conspicuous place on the premises of such pharmacy,
634 notifying consumers that they may visit the Internet web site of the
635 Department of Consumer Protection for information concerning the safe
636 storage of prescription drugs and disposal of unused and expired
637 prescription drugs.

638 Sec. 29. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) Not later than January 1, 2023,
639 each retailer, as defined in section 21a-420 of the general statutes, and
640 hybrid retailer, as defined in section 21a-420 of the general statutes, shall
641 post a sign in a conspicuous place on the premises of such retailer or
642 hybrid retailer, notifying consumers that they may visit the Internet web
643 site of the Department of Consumer Protection for information
644 concerning the safe storage of cannabis and cannabis products and
645 disposal of unused and expired cannabis and cannabis products.

646 Sec. 30. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) Each hospice and hospice
647 care program licensed under section 19a-122b of the general statutes

648 that provides hospice home care services for terminally ill persons shall
649 dispose of any controlled substance, as defined in section 21a-240 of the
650 general statutes, that such hospice or hospice care program dispensed
651 or administered to a terminally ill person (1) as soon as practicable after
652 the death of such person, and (2) in a manner that complies with any
653 applicable state or federal law regarding disposal of controlled
654 substances.

655 Sec. 31. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) There is established an
656 account to be known as the "transitional housing for youths
657 experiencing homelessness account" which shall be a separate,
658 nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain
659 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in
660 the account shall be expended by the Department of Housing for the
661 purpose of providing grants for transitional housing for individuals
662 under the age of twenty-one who are experiencing homelessness.

663 (b) The Commissioner of Housing shall establish a grant application
664 process, eligibility criteria for the provision of grants and a formula for
665 determining the amount of each grant awarded pursuant to this
666 subsection. The commissioner shall implement policies and procedures
667 to carry out the provisions of this section while in the process of
668 adopting such policies and procedures in regulation form, provided the
669 commissioner posts notice of intent to adopt the regulation on the
670 eRegulations System not later than twenty days after implementation.
671 Such policies and procedures shall be valid until the final regulations
672 are adopted.

673 Sec. 32. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Revenue Services
674 shall conduct a study to identify options for establishing a tax credit
675 against the personal income tax for taxpayers with dependent children
676 enrolled in child care. Not later than January 1, 2023, the commissioner
677 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
678 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
679 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report
680 shall include the findings of such study and any legislative

681 recommendations.

682 Sec. 33. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of this section,
683 "child care facilities" means child care centers, group child care homes
684 and family child care homes that provide "child care services", as
685 described in section 19a-77 of the general statutes, as amended by this
686 act, and "out-of-pocket costs" has the same meaning as provided in
687 section 19a-755b of the general statutes.

688 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the
689 Office of the State Comptroller, shall conduct a study to identify ways
690 in which the state may provide financial assistance to employees of child
691 care facilities for out-of-pocket costs associated with the provision of
692 medical care to such employees. Not later than January 1, 2023, the
693 commissioner of Social Services shall submit a report, in accordance
694 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
695 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
696 matters relating to children. Such report shall include the findings of
697 such study, including, but not limited to, an analysis of whether such
698 employees may be eligible for participation in the State Partnership Plan
699 2.0, and any legislative recommendations.

700 Sec. 34. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
701 continue to study the comprehensive needs of children in the state and
702 the extent to which such needs are being met by educators, community
703 members and local and state agencies. The task force shall address
704 subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of subsection (a) of section 30 of public
705 act 21-46.

706 (b) The task force shall consist of the members appointed to the task
707 force to study the comprehensive needs of children pursuant to
708 subsection (b) of section 30 of public act 21-46, except that if any member
709 declines such appointment, a new appointee shall be selected by the
710 appointing authority pursuant to said subsection.

711 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivisions (1) to
712 (6), inclusive, of subsection (b) of section 30 of public act 21-46 may be a

713 member of the General Assembly.

714 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
715 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
716 be filled by the appointing authority not later than thirty days after the
717 vacancy occurs. If a vacancy is not filled by the appointing authority, the
718 chairpersons of the task force may fill such vacancy.

719 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
720 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
721 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
722 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
723 days after the effective date of this section.

724 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
725 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children
726 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

727 (g) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall update the
728 report issued pursuant to subsection (g) of section 30 of public act 21-46,
729 and submit such updated report and any additional findings and
730 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
731 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, in
732 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
733 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
734 January 1, 2023, whichever is later.

735 Sec. 35. Section 17b-28e of the general statutes is repealed and the
736 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

737 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid
738 state plan to include, on and after January 1, 2009, hospice services as
739 optional services covered under the Medicaid program. Said state plan
740 amendment shall supersede any regulations of Connecticut state
741 agencies concerning such optional services. Hospice services covered
742 under the Medicaid program for individuals who are residents in long-
743 term care facilities shall be paid at a rate that is ninety-five per cent of

744 the facility's per diem rate.

745 (b) Not later than October 1, 2011, the Commissioner of Social
746 Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to include podiatry as an
747 optional service under the Medicaid program.

748 (c) Not later than October 1, [2014] 2022, the Commissioner of Social
749 Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to include services
750 provided by the following licensed behavioral health clinicians in
751 independent practice to Medicaid recipients who are twenty-one years
752 of age or older: (1) Psychologists licensed under chapter 383, (2) clinical
753 social workers licensed under subsection (c) or (e) of section 20-195n, (3)
754 alcohol and drug counselors licensed under section 20-74s, (4)
755 professional counselors licensed under sections 20-195cc and 20-195dd,
756 [and] (5) marital and family therapists licensed under section 20-195c,
757 and (6) master social workers licensed under chapter 383b who work
758 under the supervision of psychologists licensed under chapter 383 or
759 clinical social workers licensed under subsection (c) or (e) of section 20-
760 195n. The commissioner shall include such services as optional services
761 covered under the Medicaid program and provide direct Medicaid
762 reimbursements to such licensed behavioral health clinicians who are
763 enrolled as Medicaid providers and who treat such Medicaid recipients
764 in independent practice settings. The commissioner may implement
765 policies and procedures necessary to implement this subsection in
766 advance of regulations, provided the commissioner prints notice of
767 intent to adopt the regulations in accordance with section 17b-10 not
768 later than twenty days after the date of implementation of such policies
769 and procedures. Such policies and procedures shall be valid until the
770 time final regulations are adopted.

771 Sec. 36. (*Effective October 1, 2022*) The Psychology Interjurisdictional
772 Compact is hereby enacted into law and entered into by the state of
773 Connecticut with any and all states legally joining therein in accordance
774 with its terms. The compact is substantially as follows:

775 "PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT

776 ARTICLE I

777 PURPOSE

778 Whereas, states license psychologists in order to protect the public
779 through verification of education, training and experience and ensure
780 accountability for professional practice; and

781 Whereas, the compact is intended to regulate the day-to-day practice
782 of telepsychology, including, but not limited to, the provision of
783 psychological services using telecommunication technologies, by
784 psychologists across state boundaries in the performance of their
785 psychological practice as assigned by an appropriate authority; and

786 Whereas, the compact is intended to regulate the temporary in-
787 person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists across state
788 boundaries for thirty days within a calendar year in the performance of
789 their psychological practice as assigned by an appropriate authority;
790 and

791 Whereas, the compact is intended to authorize state psychology
792 regulatory authorities to afford legal recognition, in a manner consistent
793 with the terms of the compact, to psychologists licensed in another state;
794 and

795 Whereas, the compact recognizes that states have a vested interest in
796 protecting the public's health and safety through their licensing and
797 regulation of psychologists and that such state licensing and regulation
798 will best protect public health and safety; and

799 Whereas, the compact shall not apply when a psychologist is licensed
800 in both the home and receiving states; and

801 Whereas, the compact shall not apply to permanent in-person, face-
802 to-face practice, it shall allow for authorization of temporary
803 psychological practice.

804 Consistent with such principles, the compact is designed to achieve

805 the following purposes and objectives:

806 (1) Increase public access to professional psychological services by
807 allowing for telepsychological practice across state lines and temporary
808 in-person, face-to-face services in a state which the psychologist is not
809 licensed to practice psychology;

810 (2) Enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health and safety,
811 especially client or patient safety;

812 (3) Encourage the cooperation of compact states in the areas of
813 psychology licensure and regulation;

814 (4) Facilitate the exchange of information between compact states
815 regarding licensure, adverse actions and disciplinary history of
816 psychologists;

817 (5) Promote compliance with the laws governing psychological
818 practice in each compact state; and

819 (6) Invest all compact states with the authority to hold licensed
820 psychologists accountable through the mutual recognition of compact
821 state licenses.

822 ARTICLE II

823 DEFINITIONS

824 (1) "Adverse action" means any action taken by a state psychology
825 regulatory authority that finds a violation of a statute or regulation that
826 is identified by the state psychology regulatory authority as discipline
827 and is a matter of public record.

828 (2) "Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards" means
829 the recognized membership organization composed of state and
830 provincial psychology regulatory authorities responsible for the
831 licensure and registration of psychologists throughout the United States
832 and Canada.

833 (3) "Authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology" means a
834 licensed psychologist's authority to practice telepsychology, within the
835 limits authorized under the compact, in another compact state.

836 (4) "Bylaws" means the bylaws established by the Psychology
837 Interjurisdictional Compact Commission pursuant to Article X of the
838 compact for the governance of said commission, or for directing and
839 controlling the actions and conduct of said commission.

840 (5) "Client or patient" means the recipient of psychological services,
841 whether psychological services are delivered in the context of
842 healthcare, corporate, supervision or consulting services.

843 (6) "Commissioner" means the voting representative appointed by
844 each state psychology regulatory authority pursuant to Article X of the
845 compact.

846 (7) "Compact" means the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.

847 (8) "Compact state" means a state, the District of Columbia or United
848 States territory that has enacted the compact and that has not withdrawn
849 pursuant to subsection (c) of Article XIII of the compact, or been
850 terminated pursuant to subsection (b) of Article XII of the compact.

851 (9) "Coordinated licensure information system" or "coordinated
852 database" means an integrated process for collecting, storing and
853 sharing information on psychologists' licensure and enforcement
854 activities related to psychology licensure laws, that is administered by
855 the recognized membership organization composed of state and
856 provincial psychology regulatory authorities.

857 (10) "Confidentiality" means the principle that data or information is
858 not made available or disclosed to unauthorized persons or processes.

859 (11) "Day" means any part of a day in which psychological work is
860 performed.

861 (12) "Distant state" means the compact state where a psychologist is

862 physically present, not through the use of telecommunications
863 technologies, to provide temporary in-person, face-to-face
864 psychological services.

865 (13) "E.Passport" means the Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate
866 issued by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards
867 that promotes the standardization in the criteria of interjurisdictional
868 telepsychology practice and facilitates the process for licensed
869 psychologists to provide telepsychological services across state lines.

870 (14) "Executive board" means a group of directors elected or
871 appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to them
872 by, the commission.

873 (15) "Home state" means a compact state where a psychologist is
874 licensed to practice psychology, provided (A) if the psychologist is
875 licensed in more than one compact state and is practicing under the
876 temporary authorization to practice, the home state is the compact state
877 where the psychologist is physically present when delivering
878 telepsychological services, and (B) if the psychologist is licensed in more
879 than one compact state and is practicing under the temporary
880 authorization to practice, the home state is any compact state where the
881 psychologist is licensed.

882 (16) "Identity history summary" means a summary of information
883 retained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or said bureau's
884 designee with similar authority, in connection with arrests and, in some
885 instances, federal employment, naturalization, or military service.

886 (17) "In-person, face-to-face" (A) means interactions in which the
887 psychologist and the client or patient are in the same physical space, and
888 (B) does not include interactions that may occur through the use of
889 telecommunication technologies.

890 (18) "IPC" means the Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate issued by
891 the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards that grants
892 temporary authority to practice based on notification to the state

893 psychology regulatory authority of intention to practice temporarily,
894 and verification of one's qualifications for such practice.

895 (19) "License" means authorization by a state psychology regulatory
896 authority to engage in the independent practice of psychology, which
897 practice would be unlawful without the authorization.

898 (20) "Noncompact state" means any state that is not a compact state.

899 (21) "Psychologist" means an individual licensed for the independent
900 practice of psychology.

901 (22) "Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Commission" or
902 "commission" means the national administration of which all compact
903 states are members.

904 (23) "Receiving state" means a compact state where the client or
905 patient is physically located when the telepsychological services are
906 delivered.

907 (24) "Rule" means a written statement by the Psychology
908 Interjurisdictional Compact Commission promulgated pursuant to
909 Article XI of the compact that is of general applicability, implements,
910 interprets or prescribes a policy or provision of the compact, or an
911 organizational, procedural or practice requirement of the commission,
912 and has the force and effect of statutory law in a compact state,
913 including, but not limited to, the amendment, repeal or suspension of
914 an existing rule.

915 (25) "Significant investigatory information" means:

916 (A) Investigative information that a state psychology regulatory
917 authority, after a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an
918 opportunity to respond if required by state law, has reason to believe, if
919 proven true, would indicate more than a violation of state statute or
920 ethics code that would be considered more substantial than minor
921 infraction; or

922 (B) Investigative information that indicates that the psychologist
923 represents an immediate threat to public health and safety regardless of
924 whether the psychologist has been notified or had an opportunity to
925 respond.

926 (26) "State" means a state, commonwealth, territory or possession of
927 the United States, or the District of Columbia.

928 (27) "State psychology regulatory authority" means the board, office
929 or other agency with the legislative mandate to license and regulate the
930 practice of psychology.

931 (28) "Telepsychology" means the provision of psychological services
932 using telecommunication technologies.

933 (29) "Temporary authorization to practice" means a licensed
934 psychologist's authority to conduct temporary in-person, face-to-face
935 practice, within the limits authorized under the compact, in another
936 compact state.

937 (30) "Temporary in-person, face-to-face practice" means the practice
938 of psychology by a psychologist who is physically present, not through
939 the use of telecommunications technologies, in the distant state for not
940 more than thirty days in a calendar year and based on notification to the
941 distant state.

942 ARTICLE III HOME STATE LICENSURE

943 (a) The home state shall be a compact state where a psychologist is
944 licensed to practice psychology.

945 (b) A psychologist may hold one or more compact state licenses at a
946 time. If the psychologist is licensed in more than one compact state, the
947 home state is the compact state where the psychologist is physically
948 present when the services are delivered as authorized by the authority
949 to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology under the terms of the
950 compact.

951 (c) Any compact state may require a psychologist not previously
952 licensed in a compact state to obtain and retain a license to be authorized
953 to practice in the compact state under circumstances not authorized by
954 the authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology under the
955 terms of the compact.

956 (d) Any compact state may require a psychologist to obtain and retain
957 a license to be authorized to practice in a compact state under
958 circumstances not authorized by a temporary authorization to practice
959 under the terms of the compact.

960 (e) A home state's license authorizes a psychologist to practice in a
961 receiving state under the authority to practice interjurisdictional
962 telepsychology only if the compact state:

963 (1) Currently requires the psychologist to hold an active E.Passport;

964 (2) Has a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating
965 complaints about licensed individuals;

966 (3) Notifies the commission, in compliance with the terms of the
967 compact, of any adverse action or significant investigatory information
968 regarding a licensed individual;

969 (4) Requires an identity history summary of all applicants at initial
970 licensure, including, but not limited to, the use of the results of
971 fingerprints or other biometric data checks compliant with the
972 requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or said bureau's
973 designee with similar authority, not later than ten years after activation
974 of the compact; and

975 (5) Complies with the bylaws and rules of the commission.

976 (f) A home state's license grants a temporary authorization to practice
977 to a psychologist in a distant state only if the compact state:

978 (1) Currently requires the psychologist to hold an active IPC;

979 (2) Has a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating
980 complaints about licensed individuals;

981 (3) Notifies the commission, in compliance with the terms of the
982 compact, of any adverse action or significant investigatory information
983 regarding a licensed individual;

984 (4) Requires an identity history summary of all applicants at initial
985 licensure, including, but not limited to, the use of the results of
986 fingerprints or other biometric data checks compliant with the
987 requirements of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or said bureau's
988 designee with similar authority, not later than ten years after activation
989 of the compact; and

990 (5) Complies with the bylaws and rules of the commission.

991 ARTICLE IV

992 COMPACT PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE TELEPSYCHOLOGY

993 (a) Compact states shall recognize the right of a psychologist, licensed
994 in a compact state in conformance with Article III of the compact, to
995 practice telepsychology in receiving states in which the psychologist is
996 not licensed, under the authority to practice interjurisdictional
997 telepsychology as provided in the compact.

998 (b) To exercise the authority to practice interjurisdictional
999 telepsychology under the terms and provisions of the compact, a
1000 psychologist licensed to practice in a compact state shall:

1001 (1) Hold a graduate degree in psychology from an institution of
1002 higher education that was, at the time the degree was awarded:

1003 (A) Regionally accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the
1004 United States Department of Education to grant graduate degrees, or
1005 authorized by provincial statute or royal charter to grant doctoral
1006 degrees; or

1007 (B) A foreign college or university deemed to be equivalent to an
1008 institution of higher education described in subparagraph (A) of this
1009 subdivision by a foreign credential evaluation service that is a member
1010 of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services or by a
1011 recognized foreign credential evaluation service; and

1012 (2) Hold a graduate degree in psychology from a psychology
1013 program that meets the following criteria:

1014 (A) The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, shall
1015 be clearly identified and labeled as a psychology program. Such
1016 program shall specify in pertinent institutional catalogues and
1017 brochures its intent to educate and train professional psychologists;

1018 (B) The psychology program shall stand as a recognizable, coherent,
1019 organizational entity within the institution;

1020 (C) There shall be a clear authority and primary responsibility for the
1021 core and specialty areas whether or not the program cuts across
1022 administrative lines;

1023 (D) The program shall consist of an integrated, organized sequence
1024 of study;

1025 (E) There shall be an identifiable psychology faculty sufficient in size
1026 and breadth to carry out its responsibilities;

1027 (F) The designated director of the program shall be a psychologist
1028 and a member of the core faculty;

1029 (G) The program shall have an identifiable body of students who are
1030 matriculated in such program for a degree;

1031 (H) The program shall include supervised practicum, internship or
1032 field training appropriate to the practice of psychology;

1033 (I) The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three academic
1034 years of full-time graduate study for a doctoral degree and a minimum

1035 of one academic year of full-time graduate study for a master's degree;
1036 and

1037 (J) The program shall include an acceptable residency, as defined by
1038 the rules of the commission.

1039 (3) Possess a current, full and unrestricted license to practice
1040 psychology in a home state that is a compact state;

1041 (4) Have no history of adverse action that violates the rules of the
1042 commission;

1043 (5) Have no criminal record history reported on an identity history
1044 summary that violates the rules of the commission;

1045 (6) Possess a current, active E.Passport;

1046 (7) Provide (A) attestations regarding areas of intended practice,
1047 conformity with standards of practice, competence in telepsychology
1048 technology, criminal background and knowledge and adherence to
1049 legal requirements in the home and receiving states, and (B) a release of
1050 information to allow for primary source verification in a manner
1051 specified by the commission; and

1052 (8) Meet other criteria as defined by the rules of the commission.

1053 (c) The home state maintains authority over the license of any
1054 psychologist practicing in a receiving state under the authority to
1055 practice interjurisdictional telepsychology.

1056 (d) A psychologist practicing in a receiving state under the authority
1057 to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology shall be subject to the
1058 receiving state's scope of practice. A receiving state may, in accordance
1059 with such state's due process law, limit or revoke a psychologist's
1060 authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology in the receiving
1061 state and may take any other necessary actions under the receiving
1062 state's applicable law to protect the health and safety of the receiving
1063 state's citizens. If a receiving state takes action, the state shall promptly

1064 notify the home state and the commission.

1065 (e) If a psychologist's license in any home state, another compact state
1066 or any authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology in any
1067 receiving state, is restricted, suspended or otherwise limited, the
1068 E.Passport shall be revoked and the psychologist shall not be eligible to
1069 practice telepsychology in a compact state under the authority to
1070 practice interjurisdictional telepsychology.

1071 ARTICLE V

1072 COMPACT TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE

1073 (a) Compact states shall recognize the right of a psychologist, licensed
1074 in a compact state in conformance with Article III of the compact, to
1075 practice temporarily in other compact states in which the psychologist
1076 is not licensed, as provided in the compact.

1077 (b) To exercise the temporary authorization to practice under the
1078 terms and provisions of the compact, a psychologist licensed to practice
1079 in a compact state shall:

1080 (1) Hold a graduate degree in psychology from an institution of
1081 higher education that was, at the time the degree was awarded:

1082 (A) Regionally accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the
1083 United States Department of Education to grant graduate degrees, or
1084 authorized by provincial statute or royal charter to grant doctoral
1085 degrees; or

1086 (B) A foreign college or university deemed to be equivalent to an
1087 institution of higher education described in subparagraph (A) of this
1088 subdivision by a foreign credential evaluation service that is a member
1089 of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services or by a
1090 recognized foreign credential evaluation service; and

1091 (2) Hold a graduate degree in psychology that meets the following
1092 criteria:

1093 (A) The program, wherever it may be administratively housed, shall
1094 be clearly identified and labeled as a psychology program. Such
1095 program shall specify in pertinent institutional catalogues and
1096 brochures its intent to educate and train professional psychologists;

1097 (B) The psychology program shall stand as a recognizable, coherent,
1098 organizational entity within the institution;

1099 (C) There shall be a clear authority and primary responsibility for the
1100 core and specialty areas whether or not the program cuts across
1101 administrative lines;

1102 (D) The program shall consist of an integrated, organized sequence
1103 of study;

1104 (E) There shall be an identifiable psychology faculty sufficient in size
1105 and breadth to carry out its responsibilities;

1106 (F) The designated director of the program shall be a psychologist
1107 and a member of the core faculty;

1108 (G) The program shall have an identifiable body of students who are
1109 matriculated in such program for a degree;

1110 (H) The program shall include supervised practicum, internship or
1111 field training appropriate to the practice of psychology;

1112 (I) The curriculum shall encompass a minimum of three academic
1113 years of full-time graduate study for a doctoral degree and a minimum
1114 of one academic year of full-time graduate study for a master's degree;
1115 and

1116 (J) The program includes an acceptable residency, as defined by the
1117 rules of the commission;

1118 (3) Possess a current, full and unrestricted license to practice
1119 psychology in a home state that is a compact state;

1120 (4) No history of adverse action that violates the rules of the

1121 commission;

1122 (5) No criminal record history that violates the rules of the
1123 commission;

1124 (6) Possess a current, active IPC;

1125 (7) Provide attestations regarding areas of intended practice and
1126 work experience and provide a release of information to allow for
1127 primary source verification in a manner specified by the commission;
1128 and

1129 (8) Meet other criteria, as defined by the rules of the commission.

1130 (c) A psychologist practicing in a distant state under the temporary
1131 authorization to practice shall practice within the scope of practice
1132 authorized by the distant state.

1133 (d) A psychologist practicing in a distant state under the temporary
1134 authorization to practice shall be subject to the distant state's authority
1135 and law. A distant state may, in accordance with such state's due process
1136 law, limit or revoke a psychologist's temporary authorization to practice
1137 in the distant state and may take any other necessary actions under the
1138 distant state's applicable law to protect the health and safety of the
1139 distant state's citizens. If a distant state takes action, the state shall
1140 promptly notify the home state and the commission.

1141 (e) If a psychologist's license in any home state or another compact
1142 state, or any temporary authorization to practice in any distant state, is
1143 restricted, suspended or otherwise limited, the IPC shall be revoked and
1144 the psychologist shall not be eligible to practice in a compact state under
1145 the temporary authorization to practice.

1146 ARTICLE VI

1147 CONDITIONS OF TELEPSYCHOLOGY PRACTICE IN A
1148 RECEIVING STATE

1149 A psychologist may practice in a receiving state under the authority
1150 to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology only in the performance of
1151 the scope of practice for psychology as assigned by an appropriate state
1152 psychology regulatory authority, as defined in the rules of the
1153 commission, and under the following circumstances:

1154 (1) The psychologist initiates a client or patient contact in a home state
1155 via telecommunications technologies with a client or patient in a
1156 receiving state; and

1157 (2) The psychologist complies with any other conditions regarding
1158 telepsychology that are set forth in the rules promulgated by the
1159 commission.

1160 ARTICLE VII

1161 ADVERSE ACTIONS

1162 (a) A home state shall have the power to impose adverse action
1163 against a psychologist's license issued by the home state. A distant state
1164 shall have the power to take adverse action on a psychologist's
1165 temporary authorization to practice in such distant state.

1166 (b) A receiving state may take adverse action on a psychologist's
1167 authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology in such receiving
1168 state. A home state may take adverse action against a psychologist based
1169 on an adverse action taken by a distant state regarding temporary in-
1170 person, face-to-face practice.

1171 (c) If a home state takes adverse action against a psychologist's
1172 license, the psychologist's (1) authority to practice interjurisdictional
1173 telepsychology is terminated, (2) E.Passport is revoked, (3) temporary
1174 authorization to practice is terminated, and (4) IPC is revoked. All home
1175 state disciplinary orders that impose adverse action shall be reported to
1176 the commission in accordance with the rules promulgated by the
1177 commission. A compact state shall report adverse actions in accordance
1178 with the rules of the commission. If discipline is reported on a

1179 psychologist, the psychologist shall not be eligible for telepsychology or
1180 temporary in-person, face-to-face practice in accordance with the rules
1181 of the commission. Other actions may be imposed as determined by the
1182 rules promulgated by the commission.

1183 (d) A home state's psychology regulatory authority shall investigate
1184 and take appropriate action with respect to reported inappropriate
1185 conduct engaged in by a licensee that occurred in a receiving state as it
1186 would if such conduct had occurred by a licensee in the home state. In
1187 such cases, the home state's law shall control in determining any adverse
1188 action against a psychologist's license.

1189 (e) A distant state's psychology regulatory authority shall investigate
1190 and take appropriate action with respect to reported inappropriate
1191 conduct engaged in by a psychologist practicing under temporary
1192 authorization to practice that occurred in that distant state as it would if
1193 such conduct had occurred by a licensee within the home state. In such
1194 cases, the distant state's law shall control in determining any adverse
1195 action against a psychologist's temporary authorization to practice.

1196 (f) Nothing in the compact shall override a compact state's decision
1197 that a psychologist's participation in an alternative program may be
1198 used in lieu of adverse action and that such participation shall remain
1199 nonpublic if required by the compact state's law. Compact states shall
1200 require psychologists who enter any alternative programs to not
1201 provide telepsychology services under the authority to practice
1202 interjurisdictional telepsychology or provide temporary psychological
1203 services under the temporary authorization to practice in any other
1204 compact state during the term of the alternative program.

1205 (g) No other judicial or administrative remedies shall be available to
1206 a psychologist if the compact state imposes an adverse action pursuant
1207 to subsection (c) of this article.

1208 ARTICLE VIII

1209 ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES INVESTED IN A COMPACT

1210 STATE'S PSYCHOLOGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

1211 (a) In addition to any other powers granted under state law, a
1212 compact state's psychology regulatory authority shall have the
1213 authority under the compact to do the following:

1214 (1) Issue subpoenas, for both hearings and investigations, that require
1215 the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of
1216 evidence. Subpoenas issued by a compact state's psychology regulatory
1217 authority for the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the
1218 production of evidence from another compact state shall be enforced in
1219 the latter compact state by any court of competent jurisdiction,
1220 according to such court's practice and procedure in considering
1221 subpoenas issued in its own proceedings. The issuing state psychology
1222 regulatory authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage
1223 and other fees required by the service statutes of the state where the
1224 witnesses are or evidence is located; and

1225 (2) Issue cease and desist or injunctive relief orders to revoke a
1226 psychologist's authority to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology or
1227 temporary authorization to practice.

1228 (b) During the course of any investigation, a psychologist may not
1229 change the psychologist's home state licensure. A home state
1230 psychology regulatory authority is authorized to complete any pending
1231 investigations of a psychologist and to take any actions appropriate
1232 under its law. The home state psychology regulatory authority shall
1233 promptly report the conclusions of such investigations to the
1234 commission. Once an investigation has been completed, and pending
1235 the outcome of such investigation, the psychologist may change his or
1236 her home state licensure. The commission shall promptly notify the new
1237 home state of any such decisions as provided in the rules of the
1238 commission. All information provided to the commission or distributed
1239 by compact states pursuant to the psychologist shall be confidential,
1240 filed under seal and used for investigatory or disciplinary matters. The
1241 commission may create additional rules for mandated or discretionary

1242 sharing of information by compact states.

1243 ARTICLE IX

1244 COORDINATED LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM

1245 (a) The commission shall provide for the development and
1246 maintenance of a coordinated licensure information system and
1247 reporting system containing licensure and disciplinary action
1248 information on all psychologists to whom the compact is applicable in
1249 all compact states as defined by the rules of the commission.

1250 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, a
1251 compact state shall submit a uniform data set to the coordinated
1252 database on all licensees as required by the rules of the commission,
1253 including, but not limited to, the following:

1254 (1) Identifying information;

1255 (2) Licensure data;

1256 (3) Significant investigatory information;

1257 (4) Adverse actions against a psychologist's license;

1258 (5) An indicator that a psychologist's authority to practice
1259 interjurisdictional telepsychology or temporary authorization to
1260 practice is revoked;

1261 (6) Nonconfidential information related to alternative program
1262 participation information;

1263 (7) Any denial of application for licensure, and the reasons for such
1264 denial; and

1265 (8) Other information that may facilitate the administration of the
1266 compact, as determined by the rules of the commission.

1267 (c) The coordinated database administrator shall promptly notify all

1268 compact states of any adverse action taken against, or significant
1269 investigative information on, any licensee in a compact state.

1270 (d) Compact states reporting information to the coordinated database
1271 may designate information that may not be shared with the public
1272 without the express permission of the compact state reporting the
1273 information.

1274 (e) Any information submitted to the coordinated database that is
1275 subsequently required to be expunged by the law of the compact state
1276 reporting the information shall be removed from the coordinated
1277 database.

1278 ARTICLE X

1279 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PSYCHOLOGY
1280 INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT COMMISSION

1281 (a) The compact states hereby create and establish a joint public
1282 agency known as the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact
1283 Commission.

1284 (1) The commission is a body politic and an instrumentality of the
1285 compact states.

1286 (2) Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the
1287 commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court of
1288 competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the commission is
1289 located. The commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses
1290 to the extent it adopts or consents to participate in alternative dispute
1291 resolution proceedings.

1292 (3) Nothing in the compact shall be construed to be a waiver of
1293 sovereign immunity.

1294 (b) (1) The commission shall consist of one voting representative
1295 appointed by each compact state who shall serve as such state's
1296 commissioner. The state psychology regulatory authority shall appoint

1297 its delegate. The delegate shall be empowered to act on behalf of the
1298 compact state. The delegate shall be limited to the following:

1299 (A) An executive director, executive secretary or similar executive;

1300 (B) A current member of the state psychology regulatory authority of
1301 a compact state; or

1302 (C) A designee empowered with the appropriate delegate authority
1303 to act on behalf of the compact state.

1304 (2) Any commissioner may be removed or suspended from office as
1305 provided by the law of the state from which the commissioner is
1306 appointed. Any vacancy occurring in the commission shall be filled in
1307 accordance with the laws of the compact state in which the vacancy
1308 exists.

1309 (3) Each commissioner shall be entitled to one vote with regard to the
1310 promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws and shall otherwise have
1311 an opportunity to participate in the business and affairs of the
1312 commission. A commissioner shall vote in person or by such other
1313 means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for
1314 commissioners' participation in meetings by telephone or other means
1315 of communication.

1316 (4) The commission shall meet at least once during each calendar
1317 year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in the bylaws.

1318 (5) All meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice of
1319 meetings shall be given in the same manner as required under the
1320 rulemaking provisions in Article XI of the compact.

1321 (6) The commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic meeting if
1322 the commission has to discuss the following:

1323 (A) Noncompliance of a compact state with its obligations under the
1324 compact;

1325 (B) The employment, compensation, discipline or other personnel
1326 matters, practices or procedures related to specific employees or other
1327 matters related to the commission's internal personnel practices and
1328 procedures;

1329 (C) Current, threatened or reasonably anticipated litigation against
1330 the commission;

1331 (D) Negotiation of contracts for the purchase or sale of goods, services
1332 or real estate;

1333 (E) Accusation against any person of a crime or formally censuring
1334 any person;

1335 (F) Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial information
1336 which is privileged or confidential;

1337 (G) Disclosure of information of a personal nature where disclosure
1338 would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

1339 (H) Disclosure of investigatory records compiled for law enforcement
1340 purposes;

1341 (I) Disclosure of information related to any investigatory reports
1342 prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the commission or other
1343 committee charged with responsibility for investigation or
1344 determination of compliance issues pursuant to the compact; or

1345 (J) Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal and state
1346 statute.

1347 (7) If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to the
1348 provisions of subdivision (6) of this subsection, the commission's legal
1349 counsel or designee shall certify that the meeting may be closed and
1350 shall reference each relevant exempting provision. The commission
1351 shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed
1352 in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions
1353 taken, of any person participating in the meeting, and the reasons

1354 therefore, including, but not limited to, a description of the views
1355 expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall
1356 be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed
1357 meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release only by a majority
1358 vote of the commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

1359 (c) The commission shall, by a majority vote of the commissioners,
1360 prescribe bylaws or rules to govern its conduct as may be necessary or
1361 appropriate to carry out the purposes and exercise the powers of the
1362 compact, including, but not limited to:

1363 (1) Establishing the fiscal year of the commission;

1364 (2) Providing reasonable standards and procedures for the following:

1365 (A) The establishment and meetings of other committees; and

1366 (B) Governing any general or specific delegation of any authority or
1367 function of the commission;

1368 (3) Providing reasonable procedures for calling and conducting
1369 meetings of the commission, ensuring reasonable advance notice of all
1370 meetings and providing an opportunity for attendance of such meetings
1371 by interested parties, with enumerated exceptions designed to protect
1372 the public's interest, the privacy of individuals at such meetings and
1373 proprietary information, including, but not limited to, trade secrets. The
1374 commission may meet in closed session only after a majority of the
1375 commissioners vote to close a meeting to the public in whole or in part.
1376 As soon as practicable, the commission shall make public a copy of the
1377 vote to close the meeting revealing the vote of each commissioner with
1378 no proxy votes allowed;

1379 (4) Establishing the titles, duties and authority and reasonable
1380 procedures for the election of the officers of the commission;

1381 (5) Providing reasonable standards and procedures for the
1382 establishment of the personnel policies and programs of the
1383 commission. Notwithstanding any civil service law or other similar law

1384 of any compact state, the bylaws shall exclusively govern the personnel
1385 policies and programs of the commission;

1386 (6) Promulgating a code of ethics to address permissible and
1387 prohibited activities of commission members and employees;

1388 (7) Providing a mechanism for concluding the operations of the
1389 commission and the equitable disposition of any surplus funds that may
1390 exist after the termination of the compact after the payment or reserving
1391 of all of its debts and obligations;

1392 (8) The commission shall publish its bylaws in a convenient form and
1393 file a copy thereof and a copy of any amendment thereto, with the
1394 appropriate agency or officer in each of the compact states;

1395 (9) The commission shall maintain its financial records in accordance
1396 with the bylaws; and

1397 (10) The commission shall meet and take such actions as are
1398 consistent with the provisions of the compact and the bylaws.

1399 (d) The commission may:

1400 (1) Promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate
1401 implementation and administration of the compact, which rules shall
1402 have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all compact
1403 states;

1404 (2) Bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of
1405 the commission, provided the standing of any state psychology
1406 regulatory authority or other regulatory body responsible for
1407 psychology licensure to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not
1408 be affected;

1409 (3) Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

1410 (4) Borrow, accept or contract for services of personnel, including, but
1411 not limited to, employees of a compact state;

1412 (5) Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define
1413 duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the
1414 purposes of the compact and to establish the commission's personnel
1415 policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of
1416 personnel and other related personnel matters;

1417 (6) Accept any appropriate donations and grants of money,
1418 equipment, supplies, materials and services and to receive, utilize and
1419 dispose of the same; provided the commission shall strive at all times to
1420 avoid any appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest;

1421 (7) Lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of, or
1422 otherwise own, hold, improve or use, any property, real, personal or
1423 mixed, provided the commission shall strive at all times to avoid any
1424 appearance of impropriety;

1425 (8) Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon or
1426 otherwise dispose of any property real, personal or mixed;

1427 (9) Establish a budget and make expenditures;

1428 (10) Borrow money;

1429 (11) Appoint committees, including, but not limited to, advisory
1430 committees comprised of members, state regulators, state legislators or
1431 their representatives and consumer representatives, and such other
1432 interested persons as may be designated in the compact and the bylaws;

1433 (12) Provide and receive information from, and to cooperate with,
1434 law enforcement agencies;

1435 (13) Adopt and use an official seal; and

1436 (14) Perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate
1437 to achieve the purposes of the compact consistent with the state
1438 regulation of psychology licensure, temporary in-person, face-to-face
1439 practice and telepsychology practice.

1440 (e) (1) The elected officers shall serve as the executive board, which
1441 shall have the power to act on behalf of the commission according to the
1442 terms of the compact. The executive board shall be comprised of the
1443 following six members:

1444 (A) Five voting members who are elected from the membership of the
1445 commission by the commission; and

1446 (B) One ex-officio, nonvoting member from the recognized
1447 membership organization composed of state and provincial psychology
1448 regulatory authorities.

1449 (2) The ex-officio member shall have served as staff or member on a
1450 state psychology regulatory authority and shall be selected by its
1451 respective organization.

1452 (3) The commission may remove any member of the executive board
1453 as provided in the bylaws.

1454 (4) The executive board shall meet at least annually.

1455 (5) The executive board shall have the following duties and
1456 responsibilities:

1457 (A) Recommend to the entire commission changes to the rules or
1458 bylaws, changes to the compact legislation, fees paid by compact states,
1459 including, but not limited to, annual dues, and any other applicable fees;

1460 (B) Ensure compact administration services are appropriately
1461 provided, contractually or otherwise;

1462 (C) Prepare and recommend the budget;

1463 (D) Maintain financial records on behalf of the commission;

1464 (E) Monitor compact compliance of member states and provide
1465 compliance reports to the commission;

1466 (F) Establish additional committees as necessary; and

1467 (G) Other duties as provided in rules or bylaws.

1468 (f) The commission:

1469 (1) Shall pay, or provide for the payment of the reasonable expenses
1470 of its establishment, organization and ongoing activities.

1471 (2) May accept any and all appropriate revenue sources, donations
1472 and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services.

1473 (3) May levy on and collect an annual assessment from each compact
1474 state or impose fees on other parties to cover the cost of the operations
1475 and activities of the commission and its staff. Such assessment and fees
1476 shall be in a total amount sufficient to cover the commission's annual
1477 budget as approved each year for which revenue is not provided by
1478 other sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount shall be
1479 allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the commission.
1480 The commission shall promulgate a rule under this subdivision that is
1481 binding upon all compact states.

1482 (4) Shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds
1483 adequate to meet such obligations, or pledge the credit of any of the
1484 compact states, except by and with the authority of the compact state.

1485 (5) Shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements.
1486 The receipts and disbursements of the commission shall be subject to the
1487 audit and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. All
1488 receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the commission shall
1489 be audited yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant and the
1490 report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the annual
1491 report of the commission.

1492 (g) (1) The members, officers, executive director, employees and
1493 representatives of the commission shall be immune from suit and
1494 liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any claim for
1495 damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability
1496 caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission

1497 that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a
1498 reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission
1499 employment, duties or responsibilities, provided nothing in this
1500 subdivision shall be construed to protect any such person from suit or
1501 liability for any damage, loss, injury or liability caused by the intentional
1502 or wilful or wanton misconduct of such person.

1503 (2) The commission shall defend any member, officer, executive
1504 director, employee or representative of the commission in any civil
1505 action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act,
1506 error or omission that occurred within the scope of commission
1507 employment, duties or responsibilities, or that the person against whom
1508 the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within
1509 the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities,
1510 provided (A) nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit
1511 such person from retaining his or her own counsel, and (B) the actual or
1512 alleged act, error or omission did not result from such person's
1513 intentional or wilful or wanton misconduct.

1514 (3) The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member,
1515 officer, executive director, employee or representative of the
1516 commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained
1517 against such person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or
1518 omission that occurred within the scope of commission employment,
1519 duties or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for
1520 believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties
1521 or responsibilities, provided the actual or alleged act, error or omission
1522 did not result from the intentional or wilful or wanton misconduct of
1523 such person.

1524 ARTICLE XI

1525 RULEMAKING

1526 (a) The commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers pursuant to
1527 the criteria set forth in this Article and the rules adopted thereunder.
1528 Rules and amendments shall become binding as of the date specified in

1529 each rule or amendment.

1530 (b) If a majority of the legislatures of the compact states rejects a rule,
1531 by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt
1532 the compact, then such rule shall have no further force and effect in any
1533 compact state.

1534 (c) Rules, or amendments to the rules, shall be adopted at a regular
1535 or special meeting of the commission.

1536 (d) Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or rules by the
1537 commission, and at least sixty days prior to the scheduled date of the
1538 meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted upon, the
1539 commission shall file a notice of proposed rulemaking as follows:

1540 (1) On the Internet web site of the commission; and

1541 (2) On the Internet web site of each compact state's psychology
1542 regulatory authority or the publication in which each state would
1543 otherwise publish proposed rules.

1544 (e) The notice of proposed rulemaking shall include the following:

1545 (1) The proposed time, date and location of the meeting in which the
1546 rule will be considered and voted upon;

1547 (2) The text of the proposed rule or amendment and the reason for
1548 the proposed rule;

1549 (3) A request for comments on the proposed rule from any interested
1550 person; and

1551 (4) The manner in which interested persons may submit to the
1552 commission (A) notice of their intention to attend the public hearing,
1553 and (B) written comments.

1554 (f) Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the commission shall allow
1555 persons to submit written data, facts, opinions and arguments, which
1556 shall be made available to the public.

1557 (g) The commission shall grant an opportunity for a public hearing
1558 before it adopts a rule or amendment if a hearing is requested by the
1559 following:

1560 (1) At least twenty-five persons who submit written comments
1561 independently of each other;

1562 (2) A governmental subdivision or agency; or

1563 (3) A duly appointed person in an association that has at least twenty-
1564 five members.

1565 (h) If a hearing is held on the proposed rule or amendment, the
1566 commission shall publish the location, time and date of the scheduled
1567 public hearing.

1568 (1) All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing shall notify the
1569 executive director of the commission or other designated member in
1570 writing of their desire to appear and testify at the hearing not less than
1571 five business days prior to the scheduled date of the hearing.

1572 (2) Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each person
1573 who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity to comment
1574 orally or in writing.

1575 (3) No transcript of the hearing is required, unless a written request
1576 for a transcript is made, in which case the person requesting the
1577 transcript shall bear the cost of producing the transcript. A recording
1578 may be made in lieu of a transcript under the same terms and conditions
1579 as a transcript. The provisions of this subdivision shall not preclude the
1580 commission from making a transcript or recording of the hearing if it so
1581 chooses.

1582 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring a
1583 separate hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the
1584 convenience of the commission at hearings required under this
1585 subsection.

1586 (i) Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of business
1587 on the scheduled hearing date if the hearing was not held, the
1588 commission shall consider all written and oral comments received.

1589 (j) The commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take final
1590 action on the proposed rule and shall determine the effective date of the
1591 rule, if any, based on the rulemaking record and the full text of the rule.

1592 (k) If no written notice of intent to attend the public hearing by
1593 interested parties is received, the commission may proceed with
1594 promulgation of the proposed rule without a public hearing.

1595 (l) Upon determination that an emergency exists, the commission
1596 may consider and adopt an emergency rule without prior notice,
1597 opportunity for comment or hearing, provided the usual rulemaking
1598 procedures described in the compact and in this subsection shall be
1599 retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no
1600 event later than ninety days after the effective date of the rule. For the
1601 purposes of this subsection, "emergency rule" means a rule that shall be
1602 adopted immediately in order to:

1603 (1) Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety or welfare;

1604 (2) Prevent a loss of commission or compact state funds;

1605 (3) Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative rule
1606 that is established by federal law or rule; or

1607 (4) Protect public health and safety.

1608 (m) The commission, or an authorized committee of the commission,
1609 may direct revisions to a previously adopted rule or amendment for
1610 purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format, errors in
1611 consistency or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions shall
1612 be posted on the Internet web site of the commission. The revision shall
1613 be subject to challenge by any person for a period of thirty days after
1614 posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the
1615 revision results in a material change to a rule. A challenge shall be made

1616 in writing, and delivered to the chair of the commission prior to the end
1617 of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision shall take effect
1618 without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not
1619 take effect without the approval of the commission.

1620 ARTICLE XII

1621 OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT

1622 (a) (1) The executive, legislative and judicial branches of state
1623 government in each compact state shall enforce the compact and take all
1624 actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the compact's purposes
1625 and intent. The provisions of the compact and the rules promulgated
1626 under the compact shall have standing as statutory law.

1627 (2) All courts shall take judicial notice of the compact and the rules in
1628 any judicial or administrative proceeding in a compact state pertaining
1629 to the subject matter of the compact that may affect the powers,
1630 responsibilities or actions of the commission.

1631 (3) The commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in
1632 any such proceeding, and shall have standing to intervene in such
1633 proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide service of process to the
1634 commission shall render a judgment or order void as to the commission,
1635 the compact or promulgated rules.

1636 (b) (1) If the commission determines that a compact state has
1637 defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under
1638 the compact or the promulgated rules, the commission shall perform the
1639 following actions:

1640 (A) Provide written notice to the defaulting state and other compact
1641 states of the nature of the default, the proposed means of remedying the
1642 default or any other action to be taken by the commission; and

1643 (B) Provide remedial training and specific technical assistance
1644 regarding the default.

1645 (2) If a state in default fails to remedy the default, the defaulting state
1646 may be terminated from the compact upon an affirmative vote of a
1647 majority of the compact states, and all rights, privileges and benefits
1648 conferred by the compact shall be terminated on the effective date of
1649 termination of the defaulting state. A remedy of the default does not
1650 relieve the offending state of obligations or liabilities incurred during
1651 the period of default.

1652 (3) Termination of membership in the compact shall be imposed only
1653 after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted.
1654 Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be submitted by the
1655 commission to the governor, the majority and minority leaders of the
1656 defaulting state's legislature, and each of the compact states.

1657 (4) A compact state that has been terminated shall be responsible for
1658 all assessments, obligations and liabilities incurred through the effective
1659 date of termination, including, but not limited to, obligations that extend
1660 beyond the effective date of termination.

1661 (5) The commission shall not bear any costs incurred by the state that
1662 is found to be in default or that has been terminated from the compact,
1663 unless agreed upon in writing between the commission and the
1664 defaulting state.

1665 (6) The defaulting state may appeal the action of the commission by
1666 petitioning the United States District Court for the State of Georgia or
1667 the federal district where the compact has its principal offices. The
1668 prevailing member shall be awarded all costs of such litigation,
1669 including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees.

1670 (c) (1) Upon request by a compact state, the commission shall attempt
1671 to resolve disputes related to the compact that arise among compact
1672 states and between compact and noncompact states.

1673 (2) The commission shall promulgate a rule providing for both
1674 mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes that arise before
1675 the commission.

1676 (d) (1) The commission, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion,
1677 shall enforce the provisions and rules of the compact.

1678 (2) By majority vote, the commission may initiate legal action in the
1679 United States District Court for the State of Georgia or the federal district
1680 where the compact has its principal offices against a compact state in
1681 default to enforce compliance with the provisions of the compact and its
1682 promulgated rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include both
1683 injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is
1684 necessary, the prevailing member shall be awarded all costs of such
1685 litigation, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees.

1686 (3) The remedies set forth in the compact shall not be the exclusive
1687 remedies of the commission. The commission may pursue any other
1688 remedies available under federal or state law.

1689 ARTICLE XIII

1690 DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PSYCHOLOGY
1691 INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT COMMISSION AND
1692 ASSOCIATED RULES, WITHDRAWAL AND AMENDMENTS

1693 (a) The compact shall come into effect on the date on which the
1694 compact is enacted into law in the seventh compact state. The provisions
1695 that become effective at such time shall be limited to the powers granted
1696 to the commission relating to assembly and the promulgation of rules.
1697 Thereafter, the commission shall meet and exercise rulemaking powers
1698 necessary to the implementation and administration of the compact.

1699 (b) Any state that joins the compact subsequent to the commission's
1700 initial adoption of the rules shall be subject to the rules as they exist on
1701 the date on which the compact becomes law in such state. Any rule that
1702 has been previously adopted by the commission shall have the full force
1703 and effect of law on the day the compact becomes law in such state.

1704 (c) Any compact state may withdraw from the compact by enacting a
1705 statute repealing the same.

1706 (1) A compact state's withdrawal shall not take effect until six months
1707 after enactment of the repealing statute.

1708 (2) Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of the
1709 withdrawing state's psychology regulatory authority to comply with the
1710 investigative and adverse action reporting requirements set forth in
1711 Article VII of this section prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

1712 (d) Nothing contained in the compact shall be construed to invalidate
1713 or prevent any psychology licensure agreement or other cooperative
1714 arrangement between a compact state and a noncompact state that does
1715 not conflict with the provisions of the compact.

1716 (e) The compact may be amended by the compact states. No
1717 amendment to the compact shall become effective and binding upon
1718 any compact state until it is enacted into the law of all compact states.

1719 ARTICLE XIV

1720 CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

1721 The compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the
1722 purposes thereof. If the compact is held contrary to the constitution of
1723 any state member of the compact, the compact shall remain in full force
1724 and effect as to the remaining compact states."

1725 Sec. 37. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) The sum of two million six hundred
1726 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Children and
1727 Families from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,
1728 to offset funds lost due to the prohibition on the use of Social Security
1729 disability benefits to cover the costs of care of children and youths in the
1730 care and custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families
1731 pursuant to section 25 of this act.

1732 Sec. 38. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of twenty million dollars is
1733 allocated, in accordance with the provisions of special act 21-1, from the
1734 federal funds designated for the state pursuant to the provisions of
1735 section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of

1736 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, to the Office of Early
1737 Childhood, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for emergency
1738 support grants for child care centers in the state.

1739 Sec. 39. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of one hundred sixty
1740 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Office of Early Childhood from
1741 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for technical
1742 assistance and business consulting services for child care centers in the
1743 state.

1744 Sec. 40. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of three million dollars is
1745 allocated, in accordance with the provisions of special act 21-1, from the
1746 federal funds designated for the state pursuant to the provisions of
1747 section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of
1748 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, to the Department of
1749 Mental Health and Addiction Services, for the fiscal year ending June
1750 30, 2023, to enhance mobile crisis services in accordance with the
1751 provisions of section 6 of this act.

1752 Sec. 41. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of three million dollars is
1753 allocated, in accordance with the provisions of special act 21-1, from the
1754 federal funds designated for the state pursuant to the provisions of
1755 section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of
1756 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, to the Department of
1757 Mental Health and Addiction Services, for the fiscal year ending June
1758 30, 2024, to enhance mobile crisis services in accordance with the
1759 provisions of section 6 of this act.

1760 Sec. 42. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of one million dollars is
1761 allocated, in accordance with the provisions of special act 21-1, from the
1762 federal funds designated for the state pursuant to the provisions of
1763 section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of
1764 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, to the Department of
1765 Children and Families, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for the
1766 purpose of administering the Social Determinants of Mental Health
1767 Fund pursuant to section 7 of this act.

1768 Sec. 43. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of one million dollars is
 1769 allocated, in accordance with the provisions of special act 21-1, from the
 1770 federal funds designated for the state pursuant to the provisions of
 1771 section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of
 1772 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to time, to the Department of
 1773 Children and Families, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, for the
 1774 purpose of administering the Social Determinants of Mental Health
 1775 Fund pursuant to section 7 of this act.

1776 Sec. 44. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) The sum of thirty thousand dollars is
 1777 appropriated to the Department of Education from the General Fund,
 1778 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for the purpose of hiring a full-
 1779 time employee to administer the minority teacher candidate scholarship
 1780 program established pursuant to section 8 of this act.

1781 Sec. 45. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of three million ninety-three
 1782 thousand nine hundred seventy-three dollars is allocated, in accordance
 1783 with the provisions of special act 21-1, from the federal funds designated
 1784 for the state pursuant to the provisions of section 602 of Subtitle M of
 1785 Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended
 1786 from time to time, to the Department of Children and Families, for the
 1787 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for youth service bureau enhancement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-16q(b)(1)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-16p(l)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	8-210(b)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-21k
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>September 1, 2022</i>	18-69e

Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>September 1, 2022</i>	8-359a
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	12-412(122)
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	19a-77(a)(3)
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	10-16r
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2022, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	19a-79(a)
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 31	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 33	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 35	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	17b-28e
Sec. 36	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 37	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 38	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 39	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 40	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 41	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 42	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 43	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 44	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 45	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 17, "subdivision (1) of this subsection" was changed to "this section" for accuracy; in Section 19(a)(3)(C), "provider's children" was changed to "provider's own children" for clarity; and in Section 45, "nine

hundred seventy-three million dollars" was changed to "nine hundred seventy-three dollars", for accuracy.

KID *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*