



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6645

LCO No. 3989



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

***AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN
EVENTS BY INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
TREATMENT FACILITIES SERVING CHILDREN.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section:

3 (1) "Facility" means an inpatient psychiatric or behavioral health
4 treatment facility licensed by the Department of Children and Families
5 or the Department of Public Health; and

6 (2) "Notice event" means the (A) commencement or adjudication of
7 an investigation by a facility, the Department of Children and Families
8 or the Department of Public Health into circumstances or an event
9 having or potentially having an adverse effect on the health, safety or
10 wellness of one or more children receiving treatment in such facility, (B)
11 commencement of a disciplinary action against such facility by the
12 Department of Children and Families or the Department of Public
13 Health, (C) death by suicide of a child receiving treatment in such
14 facility, or (D) arrest of an employee of such facility, if such employee (i)

15 has contact with one or more children receiving treatment in such
16 facility in the course of such employee's duties, and (ii) is charged with
17 a felony or an offense or crime that is violent or sexual in nature or
18 concerns a child.

19 (b) On and after January 1, 2024, not later than twenty-four hours
20 after a notice event in, or concerning, a facility that provides treatment
21 to one or more children, such facility shall notify the parent or guardian
22 of each child receiving treatment from such facility of such notice event.
23 Such notification shall contain a description of such notice event and
24 any related actions undertaken or planned by such facility to ensure the
25 health, safety or wellness of the child or children receiving treatment in
26 such facility. Such notification shall be made by telephone or, if such
27 parent or guardian's electronic mail address is known, by electronic
28 mail. Not later than seven days after such notice event, such facility shall
29 provide notification of such event by mail to such parent or guardian.
30 No personally identifying information concerning any individual
31 involved in a notice event shall be included in any such notification.

32 (c) Not later than seven days after the occurrence of a notice event in
33 any such facility, the director, chief executive officer or equivalent of
34 such facility, or such individual's designee, shall submit a written
35 statement to the Department of Children and Families or the
36 Department of Public Health, as applicable, describing such notice event
37 and confirming compliance with the requirements set forth in
38 subsection (b) of this section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | July 1, 2023 | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To require inpatient psychiatric and behavioral health treatment facilities licensed by the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Public Health to notify parents and guardians of children receiving treatment in such facilities of certain circumstances and events in and concerning such facilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]