



General Assembly

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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,
11 (B) 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

15 (i) 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
22 guardian of each child receiving treatment from such facility of such
23 notice event. Such notification shall contain a description of such
24 notice event and any related actions undertaken or planned by such
25 facility to ensure the health, safety or wellness of the child or children
26 receiving treatment in such facility. Such notification shall be made by
27 telephone or, if such parent or guardian's electronic mail address is
28 known, by electronic mail. Not later than seven days after such notice
29 event, such facility shall provide notification of such event by mail to
30 such parent or guardian. No personally identifying information
31 concerning any individual involved in a notice event shall be included
32 in any such notification.

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

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

KID *Joint Favorable*