



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1211

LCO No. 5256



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) The Department of Mental Health
2 and Addiction Services, in consultation with the Department of
3 Children and Families, shall establish a mental health crisis center pilot
4 program in one region of the state to be determined by the
5 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the purpose
6 of enhancing mental health outcomes for persons experiencing a mental
7 health crisis by redirecting such persons away from the hospital
8 emergency department and toward a facility dedicated to the provision
9 of mental health services to persons in crisis. The Commissioner of
10 Mental Health and Addiction Services shall establish the pilot program
11 in accordance with such terms and conditions as the commissioner may
12 prescribe.

13 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall report, in
14 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
15 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having

16 cognizance of matters relating to public health regarding the success of
17 the pilot program in serving persons experiencing a mental health crisis
18 and any recommendations for continuing the pilot program or
19 expanding the pilot program into other communities in the state.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a mental health crisis center pilot program.

[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.]