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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

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

5 (1) "Facility" means a facility, hospital or psychiatric residential
6 treatment facility licensed by the Department of Children and Families
7 or the Department of Public Health that provides inpatient psychiatric,
8 behavioral health or substance abuse treatment services to one or more
9 children; and

10 (2) "Notice event" means the (A) commencement or adjudication of
11 an investigation by a facility, the Department of Children and Families
12 or the Department of Public Health into circumstances or an event

13 having or potentially having an adverse effect on the health, safety or
14 wellness of one or more children receiving inpatient psychiatric,
15 behavioral health or substance use treatment services in such facility, (B)
16 commencement of a disciplinary action against such facility by the
17 Department of Children and Families or the Department of Public
18 Health, (C) death by suicide of a child receiving such services in such
19 facility, or (D) arrest of an employee of such facility, if such employee (i)
20 has contact with one or more children receiving such services in such
21 facility in the course of such employee's duties, and (ii) is charged with
22 a felony or an offense or crime that is violent or sexual in nature or
23 concerns a child.

24 (b) On and after January 1, 2024, each facility shall notify the parent
25 or guardian of each child receiving inpatient psychiatric, behavioral
26 health or substance use treatment services in such facility of a notice
27 event in, or concerning, such facility. Such notice shall consist of a
28 description of such notice event and any related actions undertaken or
29 planned by such facility to ensure the health, safety or wellness of the
30 children receiving such services in such facility. Such notice shall be
31 made not later than twenty-four hours after such notice event by (1)
32 telephone or electronic mail, if such parent or guardian's telephone
33 number or electronic mail address are known to such facility at the time
34 of such notice event, or (2) by mail, if such parent or guardian's
35 telephone number or electronic mail address are not known to such
36 facility at the time of such notice event, but such parent or guardian's
37 mailing address is known at such time. If such parent or guardian's
38 telephone number, electronic mail address and mailing address are not
39 known to such facility at the time of such notice event, such notice shall
40 be provided by any such method not later than the next business day
41 following such notice event. No personally identifying information
42 concerning any individual involved in a notice event shall be included
43 in any such notification.

44 (c) Not later than seven days after the occurrence of a notice event in
45 any such facility, the director, chief executive officer or equivalent of
46 such facility, or such individual's designee, shall submit a written

47 statement to the Department of Children and Families or the
48 Department of Public Health, as applicable, describing such notice event
49 and confirming compliance with the requirements set forth in
50 subsection (b) of this section."

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