



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 217**

**Special Act No. 24-10**

**AN ACT CONCERNING A UNIVERSAL PATIENT INTAKE FORM FOR RECIPIENTS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.**

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Public Health shall convene a working group to make recommendations for a universal patient intake form to be provided to and completed by patients of providers of behavioral health services for children and the parents and guardians of such patients.

(2) Such form shall include, but need not be limited to, questions concerning (A) a patient's medical and behavioral health history, including, but not limited to, treatment history, diagnoses, related family history and past and current prescription medication use, (B) the conditions and concerns for which treatment is being sought, and (C) any other questions the working group deems necessary to provide a comprehensive depiction of the patient's condition and needs with respect to behavioral health services.

(3) The working group convened pursuant to this subsection shall consist of (A) the Commissioners of Public Health, Children and Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services, or their designees,

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(B) the Behavioral Health Advocate, appointed pursuant to section 38a-1061 of the general statutes, or the advocate's designee, (C) two members who are providers of behavioral health services for children, (D) one member who is a nurse practitioner certified as a psychiatric mental health provider by the American Nurses Credentialing Center, (E) one member who is a licensed marital and family therapist, (F) one member who is a licensed master social worker, (G) one member who is a representative of a mental or behavioral health advocacy organization, (H) one member who is the parent or guardian of a child who currently receives behavioral health services, (I) one member who is twenty-one years of age or older and received behavioral health services as a child, and (J) any other members as deemed necessary by the Commissioner of Public Health. The members of the working group listed in subparagraphs (C) to (J), inclusive, of this subdivision, shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Department of Public Health shall (1) develop (A) a universal patient intake form based on the recommendations made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and (B) requirements and guidelines for the use of such form by providers of behavioral health services for children, and (2) submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children and public health, which shall include such recommendations, form, requirements and guidelines.

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