



# Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 217

*Senate, March 18, 2024*

The Committee on Children reported through SEN. MAHER, C. of the 26th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***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:

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

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

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

17 (B) the Behavioral Health Advocate, appointed pursuant to section 38a-  
 18 1061 of the general statutes, or the advocate's designee, (C) two  
 19 members who are providers of behavioral health services for children,  
 20 (D) one member who is a nurse practitioner certified as a psychiatric  
 21 mental health provider by the American Nurses Credentialing Center,  
 22 (E) one member who is a licensed marital and family therapist, (F) one  
 23 member who is a licensed master social worker, (G) one member who is  
 24 a representative of a mental or behavioral health advocacy organization,  
 25 (H) one member who is the parent or guardian of a child who currently  
 26 receives behavioral health services, (I) one member who is twenty-one  
 27 years of age or older and received behavioral health services as a child,  
 28 and (J) any other members as deemed necessary by the Commissioner  
 29 of Public Health. The members of the working group listed in  
 30 subparagraphs (C) to (J), inclusive, of this subdivision, shall be  
 31 appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health.

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

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

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (a)(3)(D), "an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner" was changed to "a nurse practitioner" for statutory consistency.

**KID**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which requires the Department of Public Health to convene a working group to develop a universal patient intake form by 1/1/26, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities as task force members have expertise in the subject area.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 3 (03/05/2024)