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Proposed Bill No. 772

LCO No. 1439



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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
SEN. ANWAR, 3rd Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE
PRESCRIPTION OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS TO CHILDREN
RECEIVING BENEFITS UNDER MEDICAID.***

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require a health care
2 provider who is prescribing a psychotropic drug to a child receiving
3 services under Medicaid to (A) provide the parent or guardian of such
4 child with medication guides prepared by the federal Food and Drug
5 Administration concerning such drug, and (B) educate the parent or
6 guardian of such child regarding the risks and benefits of such drugs
7 and inform such parent or guardian of any nondrug alternatives, (2)
8 establish a robust, user-friendly system through which the parent,
9 guardian or health care provider of a child taking a psychotropic drug
10 can report any side effects of such drug that the child may be
11 experiencing, and (3) require the implementation of regulatory
12 measures and accountability standards for the Departments of Social
13 Services and Public Health to ensure safe prescription practices with
14 regard to children receiving services under the Medicaid program.

Statement of Purpose:

To safeguard the health and well-being of Connecticut's children while fostering transparency and accountability in the Medicaid program.