



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1509***

LCO No. 6207



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT PROTECTIONS AND STANDARDS  
OF CARE AT CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-471a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in  
4 consultation and coordination with the advisory council established  
5 under subsection (b) of this section, shall develop policies and set  
6 standards [related] relating to clients residing on the Connecticut Valley  
7 Hospital campus and to the discharge of such clients from the hospital  
8 into the adjacent community, and persons undergoing psychiatric  
9 evaluation at Connecticut Valley Hospital. Any such policies and  
10 standards shall (1) ensure that no discharge of any client admitted to  
11 Whiting Forensic Hospital under commitment by the Superior Court or  
12 transfer from the Department of Correction shall take place without full  
13 compliance with sections 17a-511 to 17a-524, inclusive, 17a-566 to 17a-  
14 575, inclusive, 17a-580 to 17a-603, inclusive, and 54-56d, and (2) require  
15 persons undergoing psychiatric evaluation at Connecticut Valley

16 Hospital to be separated according to their biological sex at all times.

17 (b) There is established a Connecticut Valley Hospital Advisory  
18 Council that shall advise the Commissioner of Mental Health and  
19 Addiction Services on policies concerning, but not limited to, building  
20 use, security, clients residing on the campus and the discharge of clients  
21 from the campus into the adjacent community. In addition, the advisory  
22 council shall periodically review the implementation of the policies and  
23 standards established by the commissioner in consultation with the  
24 advisory council. The council shall be composed of six members  
25 appointed by the mayor of Middletown, eight members appointed by  
26 the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services and one  
27 member who shall serve as chairperson appointed by the Governor. On  
28 and after January 1, 2024, at least two members appointed by the  
29 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall have lived  
30 experience with a behavioral health disorder.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	17a-471a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to keep persons undergoing psychiatric evaluation at Connecticut Valley Hospital separated according to biological sex at all times.

*[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.]*