



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6951

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) The Transforming Children's
2 Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee, established
3 pursuant to section 2-137 of the general statutes, shall conduct a study
4 concerning existing behavioral health services for children and
5 anticipated demand for such services in the future. Such study shall
6 include, but need not be limited to, (1) the rates of utilization of the
7 following providers of behavioral health services for children: (A) The
8 United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1 Infoline program, (B) 9-8-8 National
9 Suicide Prevention Lifeline, (C) mobile crisis intervention services,
10 urgent crisis centers, as defined in section 19a-179f of the general
11 statutes, (D) subacute crisis stabilization centers, and (E) hospital
12 emergency departments, (2) outreach and marketing strategies utilized
13 by the service providers listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection, (3)
14 common sources of patient referrals to such service providers, (4) the
15 allocation of state and other financial resources to such service
16 providers, and (5) the anticipated demand for behavioral health services
17 for children into the future.

18 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Transforming Children's
19 Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee shall submit a report,

20 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 21 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
 22 cognizance of matters relating to developmental services, public health
 23 and children. Such report shall include an analysis of (1) data collected
 24 in conducting the study required pursuant to subsection (a) of this
 25 section, and (2) recommendations to improve the delivery of behavioral
 26 health services for children and meet anticipated demand for such
 27 services into the future.

28 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) The Transforming Children's
 29 Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee established pursuant
 30 to section 2-137 of the general statutes shall, in collaboration with (1) a
 31 state-wide association of school-based health centers, develop a survey
 32 for administration at such centers that is designed to obtain information
 33 from such centers concerning existing data collection practices and the
 34 anticipated challenges and opportunities presented by the
 35 implementation of more comprehensive data collection systems at such
 36 centers, and (2) the Commissioner of Public Health, develop appropriate
 37 reporting requirements for school-based health centers to determine
 38 and respond to the needs of such centers. The committee may contract
 39 with a consultant to develop the survey required pursuant to this
 40 subsection.

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 42 Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee shall submit a report,
 43 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 44 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 45 cognizance of matters relating to public health. Such report shall
 46 include, but need not be limited to, the survey and reporting
 47 requirements developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section

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