



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 7158***

LCO No. 5802



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SAFETY PLANS AND DISCHARGE PLANS  
FOR MINOR PATIENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Health care provider" means any person, corporation, limited  
3 liability company, facility or institution operated, owned or licensed by  
4 this state to provide health care or professional medical services;

5 (2) "Legally authorized representative" means a minor patient's  
6 parent, guardian appointed by the Probate Court or a health care  
7 representative appointed in accordance with sections 19a-576 and 19a-  
8 577 of the general statutes; and

9 (3) "Safety plan" means a written document created collaboratively  
10 between a health care provider and a patient outlining coping strategies,  
11 activities and support networks the patient can access to prevent or  
12 manage a potential mental health crisis.

13 (b) Each health care provider that prepares a patient safety plan for a

14 minor patient shall, with the consent of such minor patient's parent or  
15 legally authorized representative, send, by first-class mail, facsimile or  
16 electronic mail, such safety plan to such minor patient's school and any  
17 other entity requested by such minor patient's parent or legally  
18 authorized representative.

19 (c) Each health care provider that provides inpatient health care  
20 treatment to a minor patient shall develop a discharge plan for such  
21 minor patient, in consultation with (1) such minor patient's parent or  
22 legally authorized representative, (2) such minor patient's school, and  
23 (3) any health care provider to whom such minor patient will be referred  
24 upon discharge, as soon as such minor patient begins to show  
25 improvement, as determined by such health care provider, but not later  
26 than one week before discharging such minor patient.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require health care providers treating minor patients to (1) send any safety plan developed for such minor patient to such minor patient's school with the consent of such minor patient's parent or legally authorized representative, and (2) develop a discharge plan within a certain time period for any minor patient discharged from an inpatient facility.

*[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.]*