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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPROVED OPIOID
MONITORING.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-127q of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

3 (a) On and after January 1, 2019, any hospital licensed pursuant to
4 chapter 368v or emergency medical services personnel, as defined in
5 section 20-206jj, that treats a patient for an overdose of an opioid drug,
6 as defined in section 20-14o, shall report such overdose to the
7 Department of Public Health in a form and manner prescribed by the
8 Commissioner of Public Health.

9 (b) On and after January 1, 2020, any hospital licensed pursuant to
10 chapter 368v that treats a patient for a nonfatal overdose of an opioid
11 drug, as defined in section 20-14o, shall administer a mental health
12 screening or assessment of the patient if medically appropriate, and
13 provide the results of such screening or assessment to the patient if
14 medically appropriate, or to the patient's parent, guardian or legal

15 representative, as applicable, if medically appropriate.

16 (c) On or before January 1, 2020, the Department of Public Health
17 shall provide the data reported pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
18 to the municipal health department or district department of health that
19 has jurisdiction over the location in which such overdose occurred, or,
20 if such location is unknown, the location in which the hospital or
21 emergency medical services personnel treated the patient, as the
22 department, in its discretion, deems necessary to develop preventive
23 initiatives.

24 (d) On and after January 1, 2025, any hospital licensed pursuant to
25 chapter 368v that treats a patient for a nonfatal overdose of an opioid
26 drug, as defined in section 20-14o, shall administer, with the patient's
27 consent, a toxicology screening of the patient, if medically appropriate.
28 Such screening shall include, but need not be limited to, screening for
29 opiates, opioids, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, methadone, cocaine,
30 gabapentin, xylazine and any other substance deemed appropriate by
31 the commissioner. Any hospital that administers a toxicology screening
32 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall report the screening
33 results to the Department of Public Health in a form and manner
34 prescribed by the commissioner.

35 [(d)] (e) Data reported to the Department of Public Health by a
36 hospital or emergency medical services personnel pursuant to the
37 provisions of this section shall at all times remain confidential pursuant
38 to section 19a-25.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2024	19a-127q

Statement of Purpose:

To require each hospital that treats a patient for a nonfatal overdose of an opioid drug to administer a toxicology screening of such patient if medically appropriate.

[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.]