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Raised Bill No. 217

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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
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AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A UNIVERSAL PATIENT INTAKE FORM FOR RECIPIENTS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) Not later than January
2 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Public Health shall convene a working
3 group to make recommendations for a universal patient intake form to
4 be provided to and completed by patients of providers of behavioral
5 health services for children and the parents and guardians of such
6 patients.

7 (2) Such form shall include, but need not be limited to, questions
8 concerning (A) a patient's medical and behavioral health history,
9 including, but not limited to, treatment history, diagnoses, related
10 family history and past and current prescription medication use, (B) the
11 conditions and concerns for which treatment is being sought, and (C)
12 any other questions the working group deems necessary to provide a
13 comprehensive depiction of the patient's condition and needs with
14 respect to behavioral health services.

15 (3) The working group convened pursuant to this subsection shall

16 consist of (A) the Commissioners of Public Health, Children and
17 Families and Mental Health and Addiction Services, or their designees,
18 (B) the Behavioral Health Advocate, appointed pursuant to section 38a-
19 1061 of the general statutes, or the advocate's designee, (C) two
20 members who are providers of behavioral health services for children,
21 who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health, (D) one
22 member who is a representative of a mental or behavioral health
23 advocacy organization, who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of
24 Public Health, (E) the parent or guardian of a child who currently
25 receives behavioral health services, who shall be appointed by the
26 Commissioner of Public Health, (F) an individual who is twenty-one
27 years of age or older and received behavioral health services as a child,
28 who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health, and (G)
29 any other members as deemed necessary by the Commissioner of Public
30 Health.

31 (b) Not later than July 1, 2025, the Department of Public Health shall
32 (1) develop a universal patient intake form based on the
33 recommendations made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, (2)
34 develop requirements and guidelines for the use of such form by
35 providers of behavioral health services for children, (3) make such
36 requirements and guidelines available electronically to providers of
37 behavioral health services for children, and (4) maintain such form in an
38 electronic format on the Internet web site of the department, so that such
39 form is accessible to such providers, patients and parents and guardians
40 of patients.

41 (c) On and after July 1, 2025, each provider of behavioral health
42 services for children shall utilize the universal patient intake form
43 developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section upon the initiation
44 of such services by a patient or such patient's parent or guardian. Any
45 such provider may supplement such form with questions that are not
46 included on such form as necessary for the provision of such services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require providers of behavioral health services for children to utilize a universal patient intake form.

[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.]