

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 2691**  
**101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 630, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to mental health services for vulnerable persons.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 630, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 630.1150, to read as follows:

**630.1150. 1. The department of mental health and the department of social services shall oversee and implement a collaborative project to:**

**(1) Assess the incidence and implications of continued hospitalization of foster children and clients of the department of mental health that occurs without medical justification because appropriate post-discharge placement options are unavailable;**

**(2) Assess the incidence and implications of continued hospitalization of foster children with mental illnesses, mental disorders, intellectual disabilities, and developmental disabilities that occurs without medical justification because they are awaiting screening for appropriateness of residential services; and**

**(3) Develop recommendations to ensure that patients described in this subsection receive treatment in the most cost-effective and efficacious settings, consistent with federal and state standards for treatment in the least restrictive environment.**

**2. The departments shall also solicit and consider data and recommendations from foster children, clients of the department of mental health, and other stakeholders who may provide or coordinate treatment for, or have responsibility for, such children or patients, including:**

**(1) Hospital social workers and discharge planners;**

**(2) Health insurers;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

- 19           **(3) Psychiatrists and psychologists;**  
20           **(4) Hospitals, as defined in section 197.020;**  
21           **(5) Skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities licensed under**  
22 **chapter 198;**  
23           **(6) Vendors, as defined in section 630.005;**  
24           **(7) Vulnerable persons or persons under the care and custody of the children's**  
25 **division of the department of social services;**  
26           **(8) Consumers;**  
27           **(9) Public elementary and secondary schools;**  
28           **(10) Family support teams and case workers; and**  
29           **(11) The courts.**  
30           **3. The departments shall issue interim reports before December 31, 2022, and**  
31 **before July 1, 2023, and a final report before December 1, 2023. Copies of each report**  
32 **shall be submitted concurrently to the general assembly.**  
33           **4. The provisions of this section shall expire on January 1, 2024.**

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