

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 5154

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LCO No. 1040



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by: (KID)

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY POLICE OFFICERS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2022) On and after January 1, 2023,
- 2 each police officer, as defined in section 46b-15 of the general statutes,
- 3 shall maintain in any vehicle used by such officer in the course of his or
- 4 her duties, copies of documents concerning (1) behavioral and mental
- 5 health evaluation and treatment resources available to children
- 6 developed pursuant to section 17a-22r of the general statutes, for the
- 7 mental health region in which such officer is located, and (2) services
- 8 and resources available to victims of domestic violence published
- 9 pursuant to section 10-10g of the general statutes. Such officer may
- provide a copy of such document or information to any person or family
- of a person that such officer determines may benefit from the services
- 12 or resources described in such documents.
- 13 Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 17a-22r of the 2022
- 14 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is

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- substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- 16 (3) The Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council shall make
- such documents available on its Internet web site and distribute such
- documents electronically to each hospital licensed pursuant to chapter
- 19 368v that has an emergency department, [and] each local and regional
- 20 board of education, the Division of State Police within the Department
- of Emergency Services and each municipal police department.
- Sec. 3. Section 10-10g of the general statutes is amended by adding
- 23 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
- 24 (NEW) (d) Not later than December 1, 2022, and annually thereafter,
- 25 the Department of Education shall disseminate the information
- 26 published pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to the Division of
- 27 State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and each
- 28 municipal police department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2022	17a-22r(a)(3)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2022	10-10g

Statement of Purpose:

To require (1) police officers to maintain in such officers' vehicles copies of documents concerning behavioral and mental health evaluation and treatment resources available to children and services and resources available to victims of domestic violence, and distribute such copies at such officers' discretion, and (2) the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council and Department of Education to provide such documents to the Division of State Police and municipal police departments.

[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.]

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