

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 419

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR GANNON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

4 (1) Assess the incidence and implications of continued
5 hospitalization of foster children and clients of the
6 department of mental health that occurs without medical
7 justification because appropriate postdischarge placement
8 options are unavailable;

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

15 (3) Develop recommendations to ensure that patients
16 described in this subsection receive treatment in the most
17 cost-effective and efficacious settings, consistent with

18 federal and state standards for treatment in the least
19 restrictive environment.

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

- 25 (1) Hospital social workers and discharge planners;
- 26 (2) Health insurers;
- 27 (3) Psychiatrists and psychologists;
- 28 (4) Hospitals, as defined in section 197.020;
- 29 (5) Skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care
30 facilities licensed under chapter 198;
- 31 (6) Vendors, as defined in section 630.005;
- 32 (7) Vulnerable persons or persons under the care and
33 custody of the children's division of the department of
34 social services;
- 35 (8) Consumers;
- 36 (9) Public elementary and secondary schools;
- 37 (10) Family support teams and case workers; and
- 38 (11) The courts.

39 3. The departments shall issue interim reports by
40 December 31, 2023, and July 1, 2024, and a final report by
41 December 1, 2024. Copies of each report shall be submitted
42 concurrently to the general assembly.

43 4. The provisions of this section shall expire on
44 January 1, 2025.

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