
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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TEPLITZ, RAFFERTY, COSTA, WARD AND BAKER, MAY 2, 2016

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, MAY 2, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96,
2 No.6), entitled "An act relating to mental health and
3 intellectual disability; authorizing county programs and
4 amending, revising and changing the laws relating thereto and
5 making an appropriation," in responsibilities of the State,
6 further providing for general powers and duties of the
7 Department of Human Services; and, in responsibilities of the
8 counties, further providing for duties of the administrator.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Sections 201 and 305 of the act of October 20,
12 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the Mental Health
13 and Intellectual Disability Act of 1966, are amended by adding
14 paragraphs to read:

15 Section 201. General Powers and Duties of the Department.--
16 The department shall have power, and its duty shall be:

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18 (3.1) To develop and make available standardized mental
19 health crisis intervention and emergency services training for
20 county mental health and intellectual disability administrators
21 and designated representatives whose duties include intake,

1 screening, assessment, review, assistance or referral for
2 voluntary or involuntary crisis and emergency services. The
3 training shall consist of the number of hours and standards for
4 competency as established by the department. The department
5 shall ensure the curriculum for the training is current and
6 shall maintain a record of administrators and representatives
7 who have completed the training. The department shall provide
8 notice of the proposed training curriculum.

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10 Section 305. Duties of the Administrator.--The county mental
11 health and intellectual disability administrator shall have the
12 power and his duty shall be:

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14 (11) To complete the standardized mental health crisis
15 intervention and emergency services training under section
16 201(3.1).

17 (12) To designate representatives whose duties include
18 intake, screening, assessment, review, assistance or referral
19 for voluntary or involuntary crisis and emergency services,
20 ensure the representatives have completed the standardized
21 mental health crisis intervention and emergency services
22 training under section 201(3.1) and report to the department the
23 names of the representatives who have completed the training.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.