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**AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, A
STANDARD SELF-EMPLOYMENT EXPENSE DEDUCTION FOR
TEMPORARY FAMILY ASSISTANCE, THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SURCHARGE TO SUPPORT THE
FIREFIGHTERS CANCER RELIEF PROGRAM, COURTHOUSE
OPERATIONS, DATA PROTECTION AND PROCEDURES FOR
REDISTRICTING AND CORRECTING DISTRICTING ERRORS.**

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee, established pursuant to section 2-137 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall conduct a study concerning existing behavioral health services for children and anticipated demand for such services in the future. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) the rates of utilization of the following providers of behavioral health services for children: (A) The United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1 Infoline program, (B) 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, (C) mobile crisis intervention services, urgent crisis centers, as defined in section 19a-179f of the general statutes, (D) subacute crisis stabilization centers, and (E) hospital emergency departments, (2) outreach and marketing strategies utilized by the service providers listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection, (3) common sources of patient referrals to such service providers, (4) the allocation of state and other financial resources to such

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service providers, and (5) the anticipated demand for behavioral health services for children into the future.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to developmental services, public health and children. Such report shall include an analysis of (1) data collected in conducting the study required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and (2) recommendations to improve the delivery of behavioral health services for children and meet anticipated demand for such services into the future.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee established pursuant to section 2-137 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall, in collaboration with (1) a state-wide association of school-based health centers, develop a survey for administration at such centers that is designed to obtain information from such centers concerning existing data collection practices and the anticipated challenges and opportunities presented by the implementation of more comprehensive data collection systems at such centers, and (2) the Commissioner of Public Health, develop appropriate reporting requirements for school-based health centers to determine and respond to the needs of such centers. The committee may contract with a consultant to develop the survey required pursuant to this subsection.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the survey and reporting

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requirements developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Planning Grant" means a grant program funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to support state-certified behavioral health clinics.

(b) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the Commissioners of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Children and Families, shall use moneys from the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Planning Grant to support development of: (1) Reimbursement for acuity-based care coordination service to improve behavioral outcomes for children, (2) a value-based payment model that provides financial incentives to providers when outcomes improve for children in their care and holds such providers accountable for poor outcomes, and (3) a system to help providers and clients better navigate behavioral health care resources and requirements.

(c) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Social Services shall file a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, human services and public health on the expenditure of planning grant funds and any improvement to behavioral outcomes attributable to the expenditure of grant funds pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "Intensive In-Home Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services", or "IICAPS", means in-home psychiatric treatment administered by the Yale Child Study Center at the Yale School of Medicine for families with children or adolescents who have serious emotional disturbances, and are at risk for hospitalization.

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(b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall consult with the Yale Child Study Center to review IICAPS and other evidence-based alternatives that focus on delivering positive outcomes for children with behavioral health issues in a sustainable manner while considering the needs and time demands on children and families enrolled in the center's IICAPS program. Not later than January 1, 2027, the commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the results of the review to the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee established pursuant to section 2-137 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. The report shall include recommendations concerning IICAPS models that may be used to deliver Medicaid-funded behavioral health care in the state.

(c) The Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee established pursuant to section 2-137 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, within available appropriations, may contract with the Yale Child Study Center to determine what additional federal funding and reimbursements may be available for IICAPS model development and to conduct a quasi-experimental design trial of the Yale Child Study Center model to determine whether it may qualify federally as an evidence-based treatment program.

Sec. 5. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 38a-514b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

(4) "Behavioral therapy" means any interactive behavioral therapies derived from evidence-based research and consistent with the services and interventions designated by the Commissioner of Social Services pursuant to subsection (e) of section 17a-215c, including, but not limited to, applied behavior analysis, cognitive behavioral therapy, or other therapies supported by empirical evidence of the effective treatment of individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, that are: (A)

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Provided to [children less than twenty-one] individuals under twenty-six years of age; and (B) provided or supervised by (i) a licensed behavior analyst, (ii) a licensed physician, or (iii) a licensed psychologist. For the purposes of this subdivision, behavioral therapy is "supervised by" such licensed behavior analyst, licensed physician or licensed psychologist when such supervision entails at least one hour of face-to-face supervision of the autism spectrum disorder services provider by such licensed behavior analyst, licensed physician or licensed psychologist for each ten hours of behavioral therapy provided by the supervised provider.

Sec. 6. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 38a-488b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

(4) "Behavioral therapy" means any interactive behavioral therapies derived from evidence-based research and consistent with the services and interventions designated by the Commissioner of Social Services pursuant to subsection (e) of section 17a-215c, including, but not limited to, applied behavior analysis, cognitive behavioral therapy, or other therapies supported by empirical evidence of the effective treatment of individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, that are: (A) Provided to [children less than twenty-one] individuals under twenty-six years of age; and (B) provided or supervised by (i) a licensed behavior analyst, (ii) a licensed physician, or (iii) a licensed psychologist. For the purposes of this subdivision, behavioral therapy is "supervised by" such licensed behavior analyst, licensed physician or licensed psychologist when such supervision entails at least one hour of face-to-face supervision of the autism spectrum disorder services provider by such licensed behavior analyst, licensed physician or licensed psychologist for each ten hours of behavioral therapy provided by the supervised provider.

Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "urgent crisis

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center" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-179f of the general statutes. The Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee established pursuant to section 2-137 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, in consultation with the Behavioral Health Advocate, Insurance Commissioner and Commissioner of Children and Families, shall convene a working group to review private health insurance coverage for treatment of children at urgent crisis centers, identify potential barriers to commercial insurance coverage and reimbursement and make recommendations to address any such barriers.

(b) Not later than October 1, 2026, the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, human services and appropriations and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the working group's findings and recommendations.

Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There shall be an advisory committee to advise the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight, established pursuant to section 17b-28 of the general statutes, on a statutory and regulatory framework for the delivery of applied behavior analysis services to children by all providers, including, but not limited to, providers enrolled in Medicaid.

(b) The advisory committee's review shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) Current legislative and regulatory oversight of such services, (2) potential statutory and regulatory frameworks for oversight of such services, including, but not limited to, the need for any regulatory structure to include expertise in the provision of child care and applied behavior analysis services to children with autism spectrum disorder, (3) whether employees of any entity delivering applied

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behavior analysis services to children should be mandated reporters of suspected abuse or neglect of such children, (4) whether employees of applied behavior analysis services providers should submit to comprehensive background checks, (5) a rate-setting structure to ensure adequate Medicaid reimbursement rates to ensure reasonably prompt access to such services for children and families, and (6) whether any entity delivering applied behavioral analysis services to children should provide notice to patients regarding the manner in which to report complaints regarding the conduct of licensed professionals to the Department of Public Health.

(c) The advisory committee shall consist of the following members:

(1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, human services and children, or their designees;

(2) The Commissioner of Early Childhood, or the commissioner's designee;

(3) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee;

(4) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee;

(5) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee;

(6) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the commissioner's designee;

(7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

(8) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee;

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(9) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee;

(10) A representative of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council, selected by the cochairpersons of the council;

(11) One appointed jointly by the House and Senate chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, who shall be a representative of an entity that provides applied behavior analysis services to children;

(12) One appointed jointly by the ranking House and Senate members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, who shall be a parent of a child with autism spectrum disorder;

(13) One appointed jointly by the House and Senate chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services, who shall be a representative of an organization dedicated to advocacy for children with autism spectrum disorder;

(14) One appointed jointly by the ranking House and Senate members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services, who shall be a parent of a child with autism spectrum disorder;

(15) One appointed jointly by the House and Senate chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, who shall be a board-certified behavior analyst who provides services to children; and

(16) One appointed jointly by the ranking House and Senate members of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to

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children, who shall be a psychiatrist with expertise in the delivery of services to children with autism spectrum disorder.

(d) Any member of the advisory committee appointed under subdivision (11), (12), (13), (14), (15) or (16) of subsection (c) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

(e) All initial appointments to the advisory committee shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(f) The advisory committee shall hold its first meeting within sixty days of the effective date of this section and choose a chairperson from among its members. The Joint Committee on Legislative Management shall provide administrative support to such chairperson and advisory committee.

(g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the advisory committee shall submit a report on its review and recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight, the Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, human services and public health. The advisory committee shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later.

Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 2-137 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) The committee shall consist of the following members:

(1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, human services, children and appropriations

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and the budgets of state agencies, or their designees;

(2) Three appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly and two of whom shall be providers of behavioral health services for children in the state;

(3) Three appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly and two of whom shall be representatives of private advocacy groups that provide services for children and families in the state;

(4) (A) Two appointed by the chairperson of the committee selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, one of whom shall be a child or youth advocate; [and] (B) two appointed by the chairperson of the committee selected by the president pro tempore of the Senate pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, one of whom shall be a child or youth advocate; and (C) two jointly appointed by the three chairpersons of the committee, as described in subsection (e) of this section, who shall be providers of substance use treatment services to young adults;

(5) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be representatives of children's hospitals;

(6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a representative of public school superintendents in the state;

(7) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be representatives of families with children who have been diagnosed with behavioral health disorders;

(8) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be providers of behavioral health services;

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(9) Two jointly appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, each of whom shall be a representative of one of the two federally recognized Indian tribes in the state;

(10) The Commissioners of Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Early Childhood, Education, Insurance, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health and Social Services, or their designees;

(11) The Commissioner of Health Strategy, or the commissioner's designee;

(12) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee;

(13) The Healthcare Advocate [, or the Healthcare Advocate's designee] and the Behavioral Health Advocate, or their designees;

(14) The executive director of the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, or the executive director's designee;

(15) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's designee;

(16) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee; and

(17) One representative from each administrative services organization under contract with the Department of Social Services to provide such services for recipients of assistance under the HUSKY Health program, who shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members.

Sec. 10. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 17b-112 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(d) (1) Under said program, no family shall be eligible that has total gross earnings exceeding the federal poverty level, however, in the calculation of the benefit amount for eligible families and previously eligible families that become ineligible temporarily because of receipt of workers' compensation benefits by a family member who subsequently returns to work immediately after the period of receipt of such benefits, earned income shall be disregarded up to the federal poverty level. When calculating the earnings of a family with income from self-employment, the commissioner shall apply a standard deduction equivalent to fifty-one per cent of the total monthly income derived from such self-employment, provided the family verifies at least one allowable expense directly related to earning such income. A family may instead deduct all allowable monthly expenses directly related to the self-employment earnings if such expenses are verified and, in the aggregate, exceed the amount of the standard deduction. On and after October 1, 2023, the commissioner shall not deny a family assistance under said program on the basis of such family's assets unless such assets exceed six thousand dollars. Except when determining eligibility for a six-month extension of benefits pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the commissioner shall disregard the first fifty dollars per month of income attributable to current child support that a family receives in determining eligibility and benefit levels for temporary family assistance. Any current child support in excess of fifty dollars per month collected by the department on behalf of an eligible child shall be considered in determining eligibility but shall not be considered when calculating benefits and shall be taken as reimbursement for assistance paid under this section, except that when the current child support collected exceeds the family's monthly award of temporary family assistance benefits plus fifty dollars, the current child support shall be paid to the family and shall be considered when calculating benefits.

Sec. 11. Section 407 of public act 25-168 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) As used in this section, "provider" means a telephone or telecommunications company providing local telephone service, provider of commercial mobile radio service, as defined in 47 CFR Section 20.3, as amended from time to time, and voice over Internet protocol service provider, as defined in section 28-30b of the general statutes.

(b) On and after January 1, [2026] 2027, each provider shall assess against each subscriber a fee in an amount equal to five cents per month per access line. [unless the subscriber has opted out of such fee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section.] Each fee assessed under this subsection shall be remitted to the office of the State Treasurer for deposit into the firefighters cancer relief account established pursuant to section 7-313h of the general statutes, not later than the fifteenth day of each month. No part of any fee assessed under this subsection shall be subject to a refund.

(c) Not later than [sixty days before a provider first assesses the fee described in subsection (b) of this section against a subscriber] November 1, 2026, the provider shall provide written notice to [such] each subscriber disclosing [(1)] the amount and frequency of such fee. [(2) that the subscriber may opt out of such fee prior to the first assessment of such fee or a subsequent assessment of such fee, (3) that such fee will be assessed against the subscriber if the subscriber does not opt out of such fee, (4) the process to opt out of the first assessment of such fee or a subsequent assessment of such fee, and (5) the date when such fee will be assessed against the subscriber if the subscriber does not opt out of such fee.]

(d) The fee described in subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to any prepaid wireless telecommunications service, as defined in section 28-30b of the general statutes.

Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No representative of a local,

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state or federal law enforcement authority shall detain, arrest or otherwise take an individual on courthouse grounds into custody on the basis of a civil offense, unless such representative (1) is acting in the representative's official capacity, and (2) has notified a judicial marshal within the courthouse in which the representative intends to detain, arrest or otherwise take an individual into custody and has provided documentation to the judicial marshal demonstrating that the individual to be detained, arrested or otherwise taken into custody (A) is the subject of a judicial warrant, (B) has been convicted of (i) a violation of section 53-21 of the general statutes, 53a-56a of the general statutes, 53a-64aa of the general statutes, 53a-71 of the general statutes, 53a-72a of the general statutes, 53a-72b of the general statutes, 53a-90a of the general statutes, 53a-102a of the general statutes, 53a-196e of the general statutes, 53a-196f of the general statutes, 53a-196i of the general statutes, 53a-222 of the general statutes or 53a-223 of the general statutes, or (ii) any class A or B felony offense, or (C) is identified as a possible match in the federal Terrorist Screening Database or similar database. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a judicial marshal detaining, arresting or otherwise taking an individual on courthouse grounds into custody.

(b) Any judicial marshal receiving documentation pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall promptly review such documentation in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator. No representative of a local, state or federal law enforcement authority shall detain, arrest or otherwise take an individual on courthouse grounds into custody on the basis of a civil offense who is the subject of such documentation, unless the judicial marshal determines, based upon such review, that such individual (1) is the subject of a judicial warrant, (2) has been convicted of (A) a violation of section 53-21 of the general statutes, 53a-56a of the general statutes, 53a-64aa of the general statutes, 53a-71 of the general statutes, 53a-72a of the general statutes, 53a-72b of the general statutes, 53a-90a of the

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general statutes, 53a-102a of the general statutes, 53a-196e of the general statutes, 53a-196f of the general statutes, 53a-196i of the general statutes, 53a-222 of the general statutes or 53a-223 of the general statutes, or (B) any class A or B felony offense, or (3) is identified as a possible match in the federal Terrorist Screening Database or similar database.

(c) Any violation of the provisions of this section may be deemed contempt of court and punished in accordance with the provisions of section 51-33 of the general statutes.

(d) Any individual aggrieved by a violation of this section may bring a civil action for equitable relief or damages in the Superior Court. A civil action brought for damages may be triable by jury.

(e) In any action pursuant to this section, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred to the prevailing party.

(f) No action may be commenced pursuant to subsection (d) of this section against the Judicial Branch or any officer or employee of said branch acting lawfully pursuant to such officer's or employee's official capacity, regarding actions or omissions of said branch or such officer or employee.

(g) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit a representative of a local, state or federal law enforcement authority from detaining, arresting or otherwise taking an individual on courthouse grounds into custody on the basis of a civil offense, if such action is in compliance with the provisions of this section and section 54-192h of the general statutes.

(h) For purposes of this section, "courthouse" means the interior of any facility or property in which a court of this state conducts business, and "courthouse grounds" includes the courthouse and any garage or parking lot owned by the Judicial Branch, or under contract with said branch, for the purpose of serving a courthouse, any walkways or

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sidewalks on the grounds of, contiguous to or abutting the grounds of the courthouse or connecting such garage or parking lot to the courthouse or grounds of the courthouse.

Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) No individual shall, while carrying out the enforcement of laws of this state, any other state or the United States, wear a mask or other covering that obscures the face of such individual while on courthouse grounds, as defined in section 12 of this act, unless medically necessary and with prior authorization of a judicial authority.

Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) No public agency, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes, or employee, appointee, officer or official or any other individual acting on behalf of a public agency shall disclose an individual's personal information that is not a matter of public record to any other individual or entity that is not a public agency or employee, appointee, officer or official or any other individual acting on behalf of a public agency, unless such disclosure is:

(1) Authorized in writing by the individual to whom the information pertains, or by the parent or guardian of such individual if the individual is a minor or not legally competent to consent to such disclosure;

(2) Necessary in furtherance of a criminal investigation, unless prohibited by the provisions of section 54-192h of the general statutes;

(3) Otherwise required by state or federal law, including, but not limited to, student and exchange visitor visa sponsorship requirements for public institutions of higher education, or in compliance with a judicial warrant or court order issued by a judge or magistrate of the state or federal judicial branches;

(4) Otherwise permitted by state or federal law governing personal health information, including, but not limited to, the federal Health

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Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, as amended from time to time, or regulations adopted thereunder, provided the recipient of such personal information is a covered entity or business associate of a covered entity and such personal information remains subject to all privacy and security requirements of said federal act or regulations;

(5) Otherwise permitted by state law, provided such personal information remains protected by privacy regulations, data use agreements or other rules prohibiting disclosure to unauthorized individuals or entities; or

(6) Customarily publicly disclosed by a public agency for purposes, including, but not limited to, occupational or business license verification, voter registration and research data.

(b) For purposes of this section, personal information means (1) an individual's address, (2) an individual's workplace or hours of work, (3) an individual's school or school hours, or (4) the date, time or place of an individual's hearings, proceedings or appointments with a public agency.

(c) The Attorney General may bring an action against any individual or entity who violates the provisions of this section in the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford for injunction, declaratory judgment or mandamus.

(d) Nothing in this section shall permit the Attorney General to assert any claim against a state agency or a state officer or state employee in such officer's or employee's official capacity, regarding actions or omissions of such state agency, state officer or state employee. If the Attorney General determines that a state officer or state employee is not entitled to indemnification under section 5-141d of the general statutes, the Attorney General may, as it relates to such officer or employee, take

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any action authorized under this section.

(e) If there is a conflict between any provision of this section and any provision of chapter 14 of the general statutes, the provision of chapter 14 of the general statutes shall prevail.

(f) The Attorney General, in consultation with the state's Chief Data Officer, shall provide guidance to public agencies concerning compliance with the provisions of this section.

Sec. 15. Section 9-50b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) As used in this section, "state-wide centralized voter registration system" means a computerized system designed and maintained by the Secretary of the State which includes: (1) Voter registration information prescribed by the Secretary, (2) information contained in applications for admission as electors described in section 9-20, (3) information needed to compile registry lists and enrollment lists under sections 9-35 and 9-54, (4) information required by section 9-50a, and (5) other information for use in complying with the provisions of this title.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2003, each registrar of voters shall transmit to the office of the Secretary of the State all elector information required by the office to complete the state-wide centralized voter registration system. Each registrar shall transmit such information in a format prescribed by the Secretary. Not later than September 1, 2003, each registrar of voters shall participate in the state-wide centralized voter registration system in the manner prescribed by the Secretary. On and after July 1, 2024, each town clerk shall utilize the state-wide centralized voter registration system whenever carrying out any provision of this title.

(c) Not later than sixty days after each election or primary, the registrars of voters shall update the state-wide centralized voter

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registration system and indicate whether the eligible voters on the official registry list for such election or primary voted and, if so, [if] whether they voted in person on the day of such election or primary, in person during the period of early voting at such election or primary or by absentee ballot.

(d) (1) Upon the adoption or other establishment of a plan of districting pursuant to article sixteenth of the amendments to the Constitution of the state, as amended by articles twenty-sixth and thirtieth of said amendments, the General Assembly, the reapportionment commission or the Supreme Court, as applicable, shall provide to the Secretary of the State all map, statistical and voting district information deemed necessary by the Secretary for the effective implementation of such plan of redistricting. Upon receipt of such information, the Secretary shall (A) update the state-wide centralized voter registration system to reflect the congressional, senatorial and assembly district lines of such plan of redistricting, and (B) transmit to the registrars of voters of each municipality the information necessary for such registrars to update the state-wide centralized voter registration system to reflect the voting district lines within such municipality of such plan of redistricting.

(2) (A) Whenever an error in the implementation within a municipality of a plan of redistricting described in subdivision (1) of this subsection (i) is identified by the Secretary of the State, the Secretary shall notify the registrars of voters of such municipality of such error, or (ii) is identified by the registrars of voters of such municipality, such registrars shall notify the Secretary of such error. For any such error as to congressional, senatorial or assembly district lines, the Secretary shall update the state-wide centralized voter registration system to correct such error. For any such error as to the voting district lines within a municipality, the registrars of voters of such municipality shall immediately update the state-wide centralized voter registration system

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to correct such error and certify in writing to the Secretary when such error has been corrected.

(B) For each error described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the registrars of voters shall notify in writing each voter whose polling place was changed due to correction of such error, subject to the provisions of section 9-169 regarding any such correction made within ninety days prior to any election or primary.

Governor's Action:

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