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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 5, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in mental health:
4 departmental powers and duties, commissioner of mental
5 health, interstate compact, reciprocal agreements, research
6 foundation, providing for mental health care services
7 clearinghouse; and making an editorial change.

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

10 Section 1. Article XI heading of the act of June 13, 1967
11 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended to
12 read:

13 ARTICLE XI

14 MENTAL HEALTH: DEPARTMENTAL POWERS AND DUTIES;

15 COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH; INTERSTATE

16 COMPACT; RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS; RESEARCH

17 FOUNDATION; MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES

18 CLEARINGHOUSE

19 Section 2. Article XI of the act is amended by adding a
20 subarticle to read:

1 (e) Mental Health Care Services Clearinghouse
2 Section 1151. Mental health care services clearinghouse.

3 (a) Establishment.--The department and the Department of
4 Health, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall
5 establish a central online clearinghouse to be made available on
6 a publicly accessible Internet website maintained by the
7 department. The publicly accessible Internet website, which
8 shall be available no later than the effective date of this
9 section, shall at a minimum include an online database of the
10 following:

11 (1) Existing mental health care providers organized by
12 county.

13 (2) Existing mental health care resources, including
14 relevant nonprofit organizations, support groups and local
15 hotlines organized by county.

16 (3) National hotlines and resources accessible through
17 the Internet.

18 (4) Existing mental health care services covered under
19 Medical Assistance and the Children's Health Insurance
20 Program.

21 (5) Other relevant information.

22 (b) Accessibility.--The clearinghouse shall be easily
23 accessible by school students, parents and the public.

24 (c) Resources and funding.--Participating State agencies:

25 (1) May utilize existing resources or clearinghouses
26 available from other agencies to compile the information.

27 (2) Shall explore the possibility of Federal or private
28 funding to support the clearinghouse.

29 (d) Quarterly update.--The department, in cooperation with
30 the Department of Health and the Department of Education, shall

1 ensure that the clearinghouse is updated on a quarterly basis.

2 Section 3. This act shall take effect in one year.