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AN ACT

1 Providing for a psychiatric and detoxification bed registry.

2 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

3 hereby enacts as follows:

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Psychiatric  
6 and Detoxification Bed Registry Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

8 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
9 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
10 context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Bed registry." The psychiatric and detoxification bed  
12 registry established under this act.

13 "Department." The Department of Human Services of the  
14 Commonwealth.

15 "Facility." An inpatient psychiatric hospital licensed to  
16 provide acute care.

17 "Licensed provider." A hospital-based detoxification or

1 rehabilitation treatment program licensed to provide care for  
2 substance use disorder or a licensed nonhospital residential  
3 detoxification facility.

4 Section 3. Registry.

5 (a) Development.--The department shall develop and  
6 administer an Internet-based psychiatric and detoxification bed  
7 registry to collect, aggregate and display information about  
8 available beds in public and private inpatient psychiatric  
9 facilities and licensed detoxification and rehabilitation  
10 facilities for the treatment of individuals in need of inpatient  
11 psychiatric hospitalization or detoxification.

12 (b) Contents.--The bed registry shall include, but not be  
13 limited to, the following:

14 (1) Descriptive information for facilities and licensed  
15 providers in this Commonwealth, including contact information  
16 for the facilities and licensed providers.

17 (2) Real-time information regarding the number of beds  
18 available at a facility or licensed provider and, for each  
19 available bed, the type of patient that may be admitted, the  
20 level of security provided and other information that may be  
21 necessary to allow for the identification of appropriate  
22 facilities and licensed providers for the treatment of  
23 individuals in need of psychiatric care or detoxification.

24 (3) A search function to identify available beds that  
25 are appropriate for the treatment of individuals experiencing  
26 a mental health or substance abuse emergency.

27 (c) Participation requirement.--A facility and licensed  
28 provider shall participate in the bed registry established under  
29 this act and shall designate an employee to submit information  
30 for inclusion in the bed registry. The designated employee shall

1 serve as a point of contact for addressing requests for  
2 information related to data reported to the bed registry. The  
3 information reported to the bed registry shall be updated daily.

4 (d) Facility requirements.--In order to be eligible to  
5 access the registry, a facility or licensed provider must:

6 (1) submit information specified under subsection (b) to  
7 the bed registry, including providing daily real-time  
8 information under subsection (b); or

9 (2) arrange for the facility's or licensed provider's  
10 contact information to be monitored and accessed at any time  
11 in accordance with the department's regulations promulgated  
12 under section 4.

13 (e) Private contracting.--The department may enter into a  
14 contract with a private entity for the development and  
15 administration of the bed registry.

16 Section 4. Regulations.

17 The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to  
18 implement this act.

19 Section 5. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.