

**S.261: An relating to mitigating trauma and toxic stress during childhood by strengthening child and family resilience**

Side by Side Summary

Section	As Passed Senate	As Passed House Human Services
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistent family support system</li> <li>• Better coordination of upstream services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refers to “childhood adversity” versus “childhood trauma and toxic stress” and to “preventative services” versus “upstream services”</li> <li>• References the work done to pursuant to Act 43</li> <li>• Supports of public health approach</li> </ul>
Status Report; Completion of Act 43 Report	[Not Present]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By 11/1/2018, the Director shall submit to the Chairs of HHS/SHW and any existing Child Poverty Committee a status report on methodology and progress in preparing Act 43 report, including progress in implementing trauma-informed training opportunities for child care providers</li> </ul>
Definitions (33 V.S.A. § 3402)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Toxic stress”</li> <li>• “Trauma-informed”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds “childhood adversity”</li> <li>• Adds “resilience”</li> </ul>
Expansion of Support Services in Pediatric Primary Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner of DCF, in collaboration with the PCC network, shall implement program linking pediatric primary care with support services</li> </ul>	[Not Present]
Children of Incarcerated Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCF &amp; DOC shall make joint referrals as appropriate to children of incarcerated parents to existing support programs in each child’s community</li> </ul>	[Not Present]

<p>Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes Dir. of Prevention and Health Improvement to be funded by repurposing existing expenditures and resources, including potential reassignment of existing positions. Dir. shall have the following responsibilities:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reduce/eliminate ongoing sources of trauma/toxic stress</li> <li>○ Strengthen existing programs/establish new programs within AHS</li> <li>○ Provide advice/support to Sec. of AHS and coordinate communication within AHS’ departments</li> <li>○ Train AHS employees on AHS policy and post training opportunities for child care providers, afterschool program providers, educators, &amp; HC providers</li> <li>○ Collaborate with community partners to build consistency between systems that address medical and social service needs</li> <li>○ Coordinate AHS’ approach to trauma with other similar efforts occurring elsewhere in State government</li> <li>○ Provide support for &amp; dissemination of educational materials about Building Flourishing Communities</li> <li>○ Regularly meet with Child and Family Trauma Work Group</li> <li>○ Ensure AHS and community partners leverage all available federal funds related to preventing/mitigating childhood trauma</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dir. of Prevention shall present progress updates each year between 2019-2024 to SHW/HHC/HHS</li> <li>• Dir. of Prevention to submit written report on 1/15/2024 to SHW/HHC/HHS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes the Dir. of Trauma Prevention and Resilience Development within the Sec. of AHS’ Office for the purpose of directing/coordinating systemic approaches across State gov’t that build resiliency and mitigate toxic stress by implementing a public health approach and focusing on the 5 protective factors</li> <li>• Dir. has the following responsibilities:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide advice/support to Sec. of AHS and facilitate communication and coordinate among AHS’ departments;</li> <li>○ Collaborate with community and State partners, incl. AoE and Judiciary, to build consistency between trauma-informed systems that address medical and social service needs and serve as a conduit between public and private providers;</li> <li>○ Provide support for and dissemination of educational materials, including to post-secondary institutions;</li> <li>○ Coordinate with partners inside and outside of State gov’t, incl. the Child and Family Trauma Work Group; and</li> <li>○ Evaluate the work of AHS and Agency grantees and community contractors that addresses resilience and trauma-prevention using RBA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Childhood Adversity; Response Plan (2017 Acts and Resolves No. 43, § 4)	[Not Present]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends Act 43 report due 1/15/2019 by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Replacing ACEs with “childhood adversity”</li> <li>○ Requiring plan coordination with AoE and the Judiciary;</li> <li>○ Adding to the reporting requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensuring that AHS’ policies related to children, families, and communities, builds resilience;</li> <li>▪ Ensuring AHS and Agency grantees are evaluated using RBA; and</li> <li>▪ Providing an estimate of the resources necessary to implement the response plan, incl. possible reallocations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Coordinated Response to Childhood Trauma with Judicial Branch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Justice and Dir. of Prevention and Health Improvement to jointly present action plan to SHW/HHC/HHS re: coordination of efforts in Judicial and Executive Branches by 1.15.2020</li> </ul>	[Not Present]
Trauma-Informed Training for Child Care Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dir. of Prevention and Health Improvement, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop/implement plan to promote access to &amp; training on use of trauma-informed practices that build resilience for employees of child care homes, center-based child care and preschool programs, and afterschool programs</li> <li>• Plan presented by Dir. of Prevention to SHW/HHC/HHS by 1.15.2019</li> </ul>	[Not Present]
Child Care and Community-Based Family Support System; Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dir. of Prevention and Health Improvement to develop framework for evaluating workforce, payment streams, and real costs associated with child care system and community-based family support system, incl. most appropriate entity to conduct the evaluation</li> <li>• Framework presented by Dir. of Prevention to SHW/HHC/HHS by 1.5.2019</li> </ul>	[Not Present]

<p>System Evaluation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner of Health to determine appropriate methodology for evaluating AHS work related to trauma/toxic stress/resilience, incl. use of RBA measures currently collected by AHS</li> <li>• Commissioner to submit recommended evaluation methodology to Dir. of Prevention and Health Improvement and SHW/HHC/HHS by 1.1.2019</li> <li>• Dir. of Prevention shall implement Commissioner’s recommended evaluation methodology</li> </ul>	<p>[Not Present]</p>
<p>Bright Futures Guidelines; Intent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is the General Assembly’s intent that the pediatric Bright Futures Guidelines should serve as bridge between clinical and community providers</li> <li>• Guidelines shall to be used as a resource for persons and organizations providing care and support services to children and families and inform Building Flourishing Communities initiative</li> </ul>	<p>[Not Present]</p>
<p>Blueprint for Health; Strategic Plan (18 V.S.A. § 702)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds new principle that providers should assess trauma/toxic stress to ensure needs of whole patient are addressed and opportunities to build resilience/community supports are maximized</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (c)(1): Replaces “primary care provider” with “community health team”</li> </ul>
<p>Oversight of Accountable Care organizations (18 V.S.A. § 9382)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New criteria for ACO operating in State: ACO to provide connections to existing community services &amp; incentives to prevent/address impacts of ACEs &amp; other traumas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACO to provide connections and incentives to existing community services addressing adversity</li> <li>• ACO to collaborate on the development of quality-outcome measures for use by PCPs, community service providers, and families</li> </ul>
<p>School Nurses; Health-Related Barriers to Learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dir. of Prevention and Health Improvement shall coordinate with the School Nurse Consultant &amp; AoE to ensure that students’ health appraisal forms are completed on an annual basis to help school nurses identify students’ health-related barriers to learning</li> </ul>	<p>[Not Present]</p>

Evidence-Based Education and Advertising Fund (33 V.S.A. § 2004a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adds evidence-based and -informed “opioid-related programming conducted for the benefit of children and families” as authorized use of the Evidence-Based Education and Advertising Fund</li> </ul>	[Not Present]
Wellness Program; Advisory Council on Wellness and Comprehensive Health (16 V.S.A. § 136)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>States that Youth Risk Behavior Survey may include questions about ACEs</li> </ul>	[Not Present]
Tiered System of Supports and Educational Support Team (16 V.S.A. § 2902)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tiered system of support shall provide professional development as needed to support all staff in implementing the system</li> <li>Directs educational support team to pay particular attention to students who have been exposed to trauma</li> </ul>	[Not Present]
Reports (16 V.S.A. § 2904)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replaces “education support systems” with “multi-tiered system of supports” throughout</li> </ul>	[Not Present]
Reallocation of Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sec. of AHS shall review the effectiveness and budgetary impact of at least the 8 listed committees/commissions, etc. and submit a report to the General Assembly as findings and recommendations by 10/1/2018.</li> <li>Any savings identified may be used to fund the Director position</li> </ul>	[Not Present]
Effective Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 1, 2018</li> </ul>	[Same]