

Senate Health and Human Services Committee

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SB 147, establishing a committee to study mental health and social service information system interoperability.

Hearing Date: January 31, 2017

Time Opened: 1:00 p.m.

Time Closed: 1:15 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Avard, Gray, Hennessey and Bradley

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Fuller Clark

Bill Analysis: This bill establishes a committee to study mental health and social service information system interoperability.

Sponsors:

Sen. Kahn

Sen. Hennessey

Sen. Watters

Sen. Fuller Clark

Rep. Read

Rep. Abbott

Rep. M. MacKay

Rep. DiLorenzo

Rep. Bordenet

Who supports the bill: Senator Jay Kahn, SD# 10

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Jay Kahn – Senate District 10

- The current opioid crisis had made us well aware of the resources we have to treat these issues.
- Opioid abuse does not exist in isolation. Often co-exists with other serious mental illness.
- For a person that is suffering from mental illness, it can be difficult to get the services they need because there is not enough interoperability between the different types of support services.
- There is a rising caseload without new resources which is leading to employee burn out in the social services.
- We can redirect resources and increase the efficiency of our support services to

better serve this population and still maintain the proper privacy safeguards in place.

- The goal would be to have a patient walk into a support center and be made aware of all of the different services that are available without having to go out and meet with all of the different support centers.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

Future Action: Ought to Pass

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Date Hearing Report completed: February 1, 2017