



**AN ACT CONCERNING FORENSIC CLIENTS PLACED WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Forensic client" means any person who (A) has been convicted,
3 or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect, of any
4 criminal offense involving violence or sexual assault or abuse, or has a
5 history of violent behavior or sexual assault, and (B) has been placed in
6 a residential facility operated or funded by the department after
7 release from custody or incarceration or as an alternative to
8 incarceration;

9 (2) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Mental Retardation;
10 and

11 (3) "Department" means the Department of Mental Retardation.

12 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
13 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to establish and implement the
14 policy of the department with respect to the placement and care of
15 forensic clients. Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to,
16 provisions concerning: (1) The siting of residential facilities for forensic
17 clients; (2) the evaluation and placement of forensic clients; (3) notice
18 to the surrounding community of any such placement; (4) appropriate

19 levels of security and supervision of forensic clients; and (5) the care
20 and quality of life of forensic clients.

21 Sec. 2. The Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall evaluate the
22 feasibility and appropriateness of the use of any state-owned property,
23 including, but not limited to, a portion of the grounds of the Southbury
24 Training School and the Mansfield Training School, for a facility for the
25 placement of forensic clients of the department. Not later than
26 February 1, 2002, the commissioner shall submit a report containing
27 the commissioner's findings and recommendations to the joint
28 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
29 matters relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of
30 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

31 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*