



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 214**

February Session, 2002

Substitute Senate Bill No. 541

*Senate, March 28, 2002*

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING DISCHARGE PLANS FOR PERSONS LEAVING STATE-FUNDED PROGRAMS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Departments of Mental  
2 Health and Addiction Services and Correction shall conduct a joint  
3 study on discharge planning for persons: (1) With psychiatric  
4 disabilities leaving a hospital; (2) leaving a residential substance abuse  
5 treatment facility or any state-funded residential treatment program;  
6 or (3) released from a prison. The study shall include an analysis of the  
7 housing available for such persons and the need for the discharge plan  
8 to include a provision for housing.

9 (b) The Commissioners of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
10 and Correction shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the  
11 general statutes, on the study to the joint standing committees of the  
12 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
13 health and correctional facilities by January 1, 2003.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	Current FY \$	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
GF - Cost	Dept of Mental Health & Addiction Services	None	Minimal	None
GF - Cost	Dept of Correction	None	Minimal	None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Corrections to conduct a joint study concerning the discharge planning for certain people leaving hospitals, residential treatment or prisons. The departments must report on the study to the General Assembly by January 1, 2003.

The two departments will incur administrative costs in the conduct of the study and in reporting to the General Assembly. Such costs are expected to be minimal and can be handled within anticipated budgetary resources.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze special acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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