



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 341

LCO No. 1427

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Housing

Introduced by:
(HSG)

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR
PLACING CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS ON-SITE AT HOUSING
AUTHORITIES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The Commissioner of Mental
2 Health and Addiction Services shall implement a demonstration
3 project at one or more housing projects organized pursuant to part VI
4 of chapter 128 of the general statutes to place a clinical social worker
5 experienced in the health needs of seniors and persons with disabilities
6 on-site at the project or projects, on either a part-time or full-time basis.
7 The social worker shall interact with residents of the housing project or
8 projects to identify emerging physical and behavioral health care needs
9 and to make appropriate interventions and referrals. The
10 demonstration project shall be funded from federal or private grants
11 or, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services, through
12 Medicaid-funded targeted case management services. The
13 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall present
14 an interim report to the joint standing committee of the General
15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to economic and
16 community development, and the select committees of the General

17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing and senior
18 citizens, not later than January 1, 2005. Said commissioner shall present
19 a final report to said committees not later than June 30, 2006.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2004</i> |

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