



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 553

LCO No. 2041

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
SEN. HARTLEY, 15th Dist.
(By Request)

**AN ACT CONCERNING INPATIENT ADMISSIONS FOR
ADOLESCENTS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES.**

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

1 That the sum of ___ dollars be appropriated to the Department of
2 Mental Health and Addiction Services, from the General Fund, for the
3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, to allow the department to conduct a
4 state-wide study that permits the department to develop a mechanism
5 for reporting daily on: (1) The availability of existing inpatient
6 behavioral health beds for adolescents, and (2) the availability of
7 alternative behavioral health placement options to ensure prompt
8 inpatient admissions for adolescents with behavioral health issues.

Statement of Purpose:

To avoid extended or weekend emergency room stays for adolescents in need of inpatient behavioral health services.