



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 1261**

LCO No. 4019

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT EXPANDING DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Commissioner of Mental  
2 Retardation shall expand the services of the Department of Mental  
3 Retardation to: (1) Ensure that the caseloads of case managers do not  
4 exceed forty clients per manager by hiring new case managers as  
5 necessary; (2) establish respite care programs in Danbury, Norwich  
6 and Waterbury, to operate seven days per week; (3) establish dental  
7 clinics in Newington, Putnam and Meriden for clients that do not have  
8 access to quality dental care; (4) establish occupational therapy,  
9 physical therapy and speech clinics at the department's regional  
10 centers; (5) extend hours of operation of respite care programs to seven  
11 days per week in Norwalk, Torrington, Stratford, New Haven,  
12 Waterford, Meriden, Putnam and at the Newington Center; and (6)  
13 increase dental services at the Southbury Training School by hiring one  
14 additional dentist.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase services to persons with mental retardation.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*