



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 238

LCO No. 1309

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATIVE
NONHOSPITAL COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS
FOR CHILDREN.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require health maintenance
- 2 organizations to: (1) Offer alternative non-hospital community-based
- 3 mental health programs to children, including, but not limited to,
- 4 intensive home-based services, extended day treatment and
- 5 emergency mobile crisis services, and (2) pay providers a competitive
- 6 rate for the provision of such services.

Statement of Purpose:

To require health maintenance organizations to expand the availability of alternative nonhospital community-based mental health programs for children so that parents are not forced to rely exclusively on state-funded programs in order to secure such services.