



General Assembly

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LCO No. 89

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVED CARE AND SUPERVISION OF
PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to require the Department of
2 Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Department of Children
3 and Families to improve the quality of care provided to persons with
4 mental illness residing at state facilities by: (1) Prescribing minimum
5 communication requirements between such facilities and the families
6 of the patients residing at the facilities; (2) improving security through
7 increased security personnel and enhanced use of automated
8 technology; (3) developing objective interim benchmarks that a patient
9 must meet prior to release from the facility; and (4) requiring that no
10 patient be released from a facility unless two licensed psychiatrists
11 have attested to the patient's suitability to live in the alternative
12 residential setting.

Statement of Purpose:

To improve the quality of care provided to persons with mental illness.