



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 395

LCO No. 1216

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
SEN. KANE, 32nd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING DRUG TESTING FOR RECIPIENTS OF CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.

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

1 That title 17b of the general statutes be amended to require periodic
2 drug testing of each person age eighteen and older who receives state
3 cash assistance benefits. On the first occasion that a recipient of cash
4 assistance tests positively for use of an illegal drug, the recipient shall
5 be required to undergo an evaluation for drug dependence by a health
6 care provider and, if recommended by such health care provider, shall
7 be required to complete a drug education or treatment program. On
8 the second occasion that a recipient of cash assistance tests positive for
9 use of an illegal drug, the recipient shall be required to complete a
10 drug education or treatment program. On the third occasion that a
11 recipient of cash assistance tests positive for use of an illegal drug, or,
12 if such recipient fails to complete a required drug education or
13 treatment program, the recipient shall be ineligible to receive cash
14 assistance benefits and such cash assistance benefits shall be
15 terminated.

Statement of Purpose:

To require drug testing for recipients of cash assistance benefits.