



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5059**

LCO No. 142



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
REP. BUCK-TAYLOR, 67<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING DRUG TESTING OF CASH ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS.**

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 testing for illicit drugs of each person age eighteen and older who  
3 receives state cash assistance benefits. If the recipient tests positive for  
4 drug use, the recipient shall (1) after the first positive result, be  
5 required to undergo an evaluation by a health care provider for drug  
6 dependence and treatment if recommended by the provider, (2) after  
7 the second positive result, be required to complete a drug education or  
8 treatment program, and (3) after the third positive result, or if such  
9 recipient fails to complete a required treatment program, be declared  
10 ineligible for cash assistance and have such assistance terminated.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require testing for illicit drug use by recipients of cash assistance.