



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 557**

LCO No. 1531



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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
SEN. OSTEN, 19th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING STAFFING NEEDS IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to permit licensed clinical social
- 2 workers to perform certain roles performed by psychiatrists and
- 3 psychologists and to establish a review process for mental health care
- 4 roles located in schools, police departments and correction facilities to
- 5 determine whether such roles should require board certification.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the number of trained mental health care staff to address mental health needs.