



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 552**

LCO No. 843



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
SEN. OSTEN, 19th Dist.

**AN ACT ALLOWING LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS TO PERFORM CERTAIN ROLES PERFORMED BY PSYCHIATRISTS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS AND ESTABLISHING A REVIEW PROCESS FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE ROLES IN SCHOOLS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FACILITIES.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) allow licensed clinical
- 2 social workers to perform certain roles performed by psychiatrists and
- 3 psychologists, (2) establish a review process for mental health care roles
- 4 located in schools, police departments and correction facilities to
- 5 determine whether such roles should require board certification, and (3)
- 6 allow licensed clinical social workers to perform behavioral health
- 7 assessments of police officers pursuant to section 7-291e of the general
- 8 statutes.

**Statement of Purpose:**

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