



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6365

LCO No. 2866



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require the Psychiatric
2 Security Review Board to consider the protection of society its "primary
3 concern" and the well-being of the acquittee its "secondary concern"
4 when evaluating for discharge, conditional release or confinement, (2)
5 in the context of an acquittee's request for temporary or conditional
6 leave: (A) Require said board to hold hearings on all applications for
7 temporary leave; (B) remove the ability of an acquittee to be released on
8 temporary leave under the charge of himself or herself; and (C) increase
9 the waiting period between applications for acquittee temporary leave
10 from six months to twelve months, (3) increase the waiting period
11 between applications for an acquittee's conditional release from six
12 months to twelve months, and (4) require said board to apply a burden
13 of proof of "clear and convincing evidence" when evaluating a request
14 for a placement order less restrictive than the existing order.

Statement of Purpose:

To reform the Psychiatric Security Review Board's management of the confinement and release of persons found not guilty by reason of insanity.