



General Assembly

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***Proposed Bill No. 477***

LCO No. 229



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
SEN. ANWAR, 3rd Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT PROTECTIONS AND STANDARDS  
OF CARE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND  
ADDICTION SERVICES' INPATIENT FACILITIES.***

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

- 1 That chapter 319i of the general statutes be amended to improve
- 2 patient protections and standards of care at the Department of Mental
- 3 Health and Addiction Services' inpatient facilities by (1) requiring the
- 4 department to comprehensively document and investigate incidents
- 5 affecting patient safety and quality of care, including, but not limited to,
- 6 sexual abuse incidents, (2) enhancing staff training concerning patient
- 7 abuse prevention and reporting protocols, (3) limiting the use of patient
- 8 restraints and seclusion and requiring real-time monitoring of such use,
- 9 (4) integrating specialized professionals, including, but not limited to,
- 10 psychologists and behavioral specialists into patient treatment teams,
- 11 (5) requiring frequent updates to patient treatment plans, (6) ensuring
- 12 inpatient facility compliance with health and safety standards, (7)
- 13 promoting a therapeutic environment that respects patients' dignity and
- 14 encourages independence, (8) establishing protocols for assessing post-
- 15 discharge environments and providing community reintegration

- 16 support to reduce patient readmissions, and (9) developing frameworks  
17 to analyze risks related to patient safety and implementing continuous  
18 quality improvement measures.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To improve patient protections and standards of care at the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' inpatient facilities.