



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5563**

LCO No. 4970



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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:

(VA)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MENTAL  
HEALTH AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER ISSUES  
IMPACTING VETERANS INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
SYSTEM.***

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

1     Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) The Chief Court  
2     Administrator shall establish an ongoing training program for judges  
3     regarding mental health and post-traumatic stress disorder issues  
4     affecting veterans who are involved in the criminal justice system. The  
5     Chief Court Administrator may consult with organizations that  
6     advocate on behalf of veterans and with mental health professionals to  
7     ensure that such training program includes information on any unique  
8     characteristics of crimes committed by veterans impacted by mental  
9     health and post-traumatic stress disorder issues.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section
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*Joint Favorable*

