



General Assembly

January Session, 2019

**Committee Bill No. 5563**

LCO No. 4970



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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**VA**      *Joint Favorable*

