



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5716**

LCO No. 231



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:

REP. PAVALOCK-D'AMATO, 77th  
Dist.

**AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF CASH ASSISTANCE  
TO UNDERGO TESTS FOR USE OF ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES.**

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

- 1 That title 17b of the general statutes be amended to require
- 2 recipients of cash assistance programs administered by the
- 3 Department of Social Services to (1) undergo tests for use of illegal
- 4 substances if there is evidence supporting a reasonable suspicion such
- 5 recipient is using such substances, (2) complete an education and
- 6 treatment program if such recipient tests positive for use of such
- 7 substances, and (3) be declared ineligible for cash assistance upon
- 8 failure to complete a required education and treatment program or
- 9 testing positive not less than three times for use of such substances.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require periodic drug testing for certain cash assistance benefits.