



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 14

LCO No. 643



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
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AN ACT ENSURING THE SAFETY OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require that, within
2 available appropriations, the Commissioner of Public Health issue
3 public service announcements raising awareness of the issues
4 surrounding the mistreatment of health care workers and encouraging
5 public civility in the health care setting, (2) add hospital security to the
6 definition of "health care employee" for the purpose of allowing assault
7 charges for assaults against hospital security under section 53a-167c of
8 the general statutes, (3) require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
9 Management to create and fund a grant program whereby Connecticut
10 hospitals may apply for grants to secure hospital entrances and public
11 spaces to provide for the safety of hospital health care workers, and (4)
12 allow hospitals to create policies relative to patient conduct that would,
13 in certain instances related to health care worker safety, allow hospitals
14 to require patients receive nonemergency health care in a different
15 location.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure the safety of health care workers.