



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6741

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS
AND PATIENTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) Not later than January 1,
2 2024, the Department of Public Health shall develop a marketing
3 campaign and make monthly public service announcements on its
4 Internet web site and social media accounts and any radio station and
5 television station broadcasting to persons in the state, regarding
6 mistreatment of health care providers and encouraging public civility
7 in health care settings.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) There is established a
9 hospital security grant program which shall be administered by the
10 Office of Policy and Management. Grants shall be made to hospitals
11 for securing all areas of the hospital or for other measures to ensure the
12 safety of hospital health care providers, hospital staff and patients. The
13 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall adopt
14 regulations in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes for
15 the administration of the grant program under this section, including
16 the establishment of priorities, program categories, eligibility
17 requirements, funding limitations and the application process.

18 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) Each hospital may establish

19 policies and procedures related to health care provider, staff and
20 patient safety that govern when the hospital may require a patient
21 receiving nonemergency health care to leave the hospital if, due to the
22 patient's behavior or conduct while in the hospital, allowing the
23 patient to remain in the hospital to receive such nonemergency health
24 care would threaten the safety of a health care provider, staff member
25 or another patient at the hospital.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section

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