



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 in
7 health care settings.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) There is established a hospital
9 security grant program which shall be administered by the Office of
10 Policy and Management. Grants shall be made to hospitals for securing
11 all areas of the hospital or for other measures to ensure the safety of
12 hospital health care providers, hospital staff and patients. The Secretary
13 of the Office of Policy and Management shall adopt regulations in
14 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes for the administration
15 of the grant program under this section, including the establishment of
16 priorities, program categories, eligibility requirements, funding
17 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 patient
20 safety that govern when the hospital may require a patient receiving
21 nonemergency health care to leave the hospital if, due to the patient's
22 behavior or conduct while in the hospital, allowing the patient to remain
23 in the hospital to receive such nonemergency health care would threaten
24 the safety of a health care provider, staff member or another patient at
25 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

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

APP *Joint Favorable*