

**Commission on Mental Health Law Reform
Report to Joint Commission on Health Care
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Pending Bills Under Study by Commission on Mental Health Law Reform

List of Subject Matter of Bills Referred by Senate to Commission

Under Study by Task Force on Future Commitment Reform (Jane D. Hickey, Chair)

- HB 267 (Albo): appointment of counsel for indigent petitioners in commitment hearings
- HB 938 (Gilbert): petitioner right of appeal
- HB 939 (Gilbert): right of inpatient respondent to petition for outpatient treatment
- SB 102 (Cuccinelli): 3-tier transportation system
- SB 106 (Cuccinelli): substantial deterioration outpatient commitment criteria
- SB 143 (Edwards): extension of TDO to 96 hours
- SB 214 (Edwards): mandated special justice training
- SB 333 (Cuccinelli): independent examiner authorization to release detained persons
- SB 335 (Cuccinelli): offer of voluntary outpatient treatment to detained person; conditions

Under Study by Task Force on Advance Directives (Steve Rosenthal, Chair)

- SB 47 (Whipple/Lucas): advance mental health directives

Under Study by Task Force on Access to Services (Charles Hall, Chair)

- SB 64 (Howell): mandated CSB core services

List of Other Bills Continued to 2009 Session and Under Study by Commission

Under Study by Task Force on Future Commitment Reform (Jane D. Hickey, Chair)

- HB 735 (Caputo): 3rd year law students representing petitioners in commitment hearings
- SB 274 (Cuccinelli): transfer to outpatient treatment
- SB 177 (Marsh): assisted outpatient treatment

Under Study by Task Force on Advance Directives (Steve Rosenthal, Chair)

- HB 1004 (Bell): advance mental health directives

Under Study by Task Force on Access to Services (Charles Hall, Chair)

- SB 16 (Edwards): crisis intervention teams
- SB 18 (Edwards): pilot mental health courts
- SB 65 (Howell): MH representation on community criminal justice boards
- SB 138 (Puller): medical and psychiatric benefits for prisoners
- SB 275 (Cuccinelli): emergency psychiatric treatment for inmates
- SB 440 (McEachin): emergency psychiatric treatment for inmates

Under Consideration by Commission for Special Collaborative Study with SCHEV

- HB 751 (Peace): providing mental health information to colleges and universities
- HB 752 (Peace): medical record release information