



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 576

LCO No. 2739



Referred to Committee on

Introduced by: **PUBLIC HEALTH**
(PH)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

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1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "direct supervision" means a supervising psychiatrist is physically
3 present at the location where the psychologist is receiving his or her
4 practical training and experience in psychopharmacology; and
5 "psychopharmacology" means the study of the effect of drugs and
6 medicines on psychological processes.

7 (b) On or before July 1, 2007, the Department of Children and
8 Families, in consultation with the Departments of Social Services and
9 Public Health, shall establish a three-year demonstration program to
10 train licensed psychologists who hold a doctoral degree to prescribe
11 drugs safely and effectively within the scope of their practice. Such
12 demonstration program shall provide licensed psychologists with (1) a
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14 the American Psychological Association's model curriculum for
15 prescriptive authority, and (2) upon completion of such education
16 program, practical training and experience in psychopharmacology

17 under the direct supervision of a licensed psychiatrist who provides
 18 psychiatric services to children who are clients of the Department of
 19 Children and Families. The demonstration project may be conducted
 20 in not more than three institutions, facilities or programs within the
 21 Department of Children and Families.

22 (c) The Department of Children and Families, after consultation
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 24 establish rates for psychological and psychopharmacological services
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 36 Families, in consultation with the Departments of Social Services and
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 39 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
 40 public health concerning outcomes of, and findings and
 41 recommendations regarding, the demonstration project authorized by
 42 this section.

43 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of ___ dollars is appropriated
 44 to the Department of Children and Families, from the General Fund,
 45 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for purposes of establishing
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