

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 1470**

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled  
"Mental health code,"  
by amending section 409 (MCL 330.1409), as amended by 1996 PA  
588.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 409. (1) Each community mental health services program  
2 shall establish 1 or more preadmission screening units with  
3 24-hour availability to provide assessment and screening services  
4 for individuals being considered for admission into hospitals or  
5 alternative treatment programs. The community mental health  
6 services program shall employ mental health professionals to  
7 provide the preadmission screening services or contract with  
8 another agency, which shall meet the requirements of this  
9 section. Preadmission screening unit staff shall be supervised  
10 by a registered professional nurse or other mental health

1 professional possessing at least a master's degree.

2 (2) Each community mental health services program shall  
3 provide the address and telephone number of its preadmission  
4 screening unit or units to law enforcement agencies, the  
5 department, the court, and hospital emergency rooms.

6 (3) A preadmission screening unit shall assess ~~individuals~~  
7 ~~who seek authorization~~ **an individual being considered** for  
8 admission into ~~hospitals~~ **a hospital** operated by the department  
9 or under contract with the community mental health services  
10 program. If the individual is clinically suitable for  
11 hospitalization, the preadmission screening unit shall authorize  
12 voluntary admission to the hospital.

13 (4) If the preadmission screening unit of the community  
14 mental health services program denies hospitalization, the  
15 individual **or the person making the application** may request a  
16 second opinion from the executive director. The executive  
17 director shall arrange for an additional evaluation by a  
18 psychiatrist, other physician, or licensed psychologist to be  
19 performed within 3 days, excluding Sundays and legal holidays,  
20 after the executive director receives the request. If the  
21 conclusion of the second opinion is different from the conclusion  
22 of the preadmission screening unit, the executive director, in  
23 conjunction with the medical director, shall make a decision  
24 based on all clinical information available. The executive  
25 director's decision shall be confirmed in writing to the  
26 individual who requested the second opinion, and the confirming  
27 document shall include the signatures of the executive director

1 and medical director or verification that the decision was made  
2 in conjunction with the medical director. If an individual is  
3 assessed and found not to be clinically suitable for  
4 hospitalization, the preadmission screening unit shall provide  
5 appropriate referral services.

6 (5) If an individual is assessed and found not to be  
7 clinically suitable for hospitalization, the preadmission  
8 screening unit shall provide information regarding alternative  
9 services and the availability of those services, and make  
10 appropriate referrals.

11 (6) A preadmission screening unit shall assess and examine,  
12 or refer to a hospital for examination, an individual who is  
13 brought to the unit by a peace officer or ordered by a court to  
14 be examined. If the individual meets the requirements for  
15 hospitalization, the preadmission screening unit shall designate  
16 the hospital to which the individual shall be admitted. The  
17 preadmission screening unit shall consult with the individual  
18 and, if the individual agrees, it shall consult with the  
19 individual's family member of choice, if available, as to the  
20 preferred hospital for admission of the individual.

21 (7) If the individual chooses a hospital not under contract  
22 with a community mental health services program, and the hospital  
23 agrees to the admission, the preadmission screening unit shall  
24 refer the individual to the hospital that is requested by the  
25 individual. Any financial obligation for the services provided  
26 by the hospital shall be satisfied from funding sources other  
27 than the community mental health services program, the

1 department, or other state or county funding.

2       Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take  
3 effect unless all of the following bills of the 92nd Legislature  
4 are enacted into law:

5       (a) Senate Bill No. 1464.

6       (b) Senate Bill No. 1468.

7       (c) Senate Bill No. 1469.

8       (d) Senate Bill No. 1471.

9       (e) Senate Bill No. 1472.