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PRIORITIES



Amend Patients' Bill of Rights to Reflect 21st Century Communication Methods for People in Inpatient Psychiatric Settings

Require inpatient psychiatric facilities to provide patients access to their personal cell phone and access to a computer and internet for email.



Increase On-Campus Vocational Opportunities for Long-Term Patients at Whiting Forensic Hospital

Provide funds in the state budget to hire additional vocational rehabilitation staff and to support increased job opportunities for forensic patients.



Equal Protection for Acquittees at End of Maximum Term of Commitment

Amend the Psychiatric Security Review Board statute to end re-commitment to the Board if an acquittee is still confined in a hospital at the end of their maximum term of commitment as set by the Superior Court.

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