

HB 901 -- HOSPITAL WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLANS

SPONSOR: Walker

This bill requires any licensed hospital, except any Department of Mental Health state-operated psychiatric hospital, to adopt a workplace violence prevention plan by August 28, 2020. The plan must be designed to protect all hospital personnel from aggressive and violent behavior, be in affect at all times in patient care units and reviewed each year, as specified in the bill.

The hospital must file the plan with the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) upon its adoption and document and retain for five years a written record of any violent incident against a hospital employee. The hospital must report violent incidents to the DHSS.

Beginning January 1, 2021, the DHSS must submit a report to the General Assembly and Governor that contains information on violent incidents at hospitals.

This bill is similar to SB 390 (2019).