

HB 1920 -- WORKPLACE SECURITY FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

SPONSOR: Murray

This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to implement an education and awareness program to promote respect for health care professionals and educate the public on the legal consequences of assaulting such health care professionals.

Subject to appropriation, a hospital can receive reimbursement from the State for moneys spent on physical property or technology compliant with the National Defense Authorization Act, to enhance the physical security of the premises during the two years following the enactment of the bill, as well as for moneys spent on new payroll costs for security personnel, which can be obtained during the three years following the enactment of the bill.

The bill creates the "Hospital Security Fund" to be used solely for reimbursement payments to the hospitals.

The provisions of this bill will expire on August 28, 2029.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 901 (2025).