

On Thursday, May 8, 2014 at St. Joseph's Villa in Richmond, Governor McAuliffe held a ceremony signing into law key mental health legislation approved by the General Assembly. Legislators from across the state joined the Governor that included; Delegate Rob Bell (R-Charlottesville), Senator Walter Stosch (R-Glen Allen), Senator Donald McEachin (D-Richmond), Delegate Jennifer McClellan (D-Richmond), Delegate John O'Bannon (R-Henrico) and Senator George Barker (D-Alexandria).

Delegate O'Bannon spoke of his HB 323 on TDO transportation which allows the magistrate to specify any willing law-enforcement agency to provide transportation during a TDO as opposed to only the jurisdiction where the individual resides. Delegate Bell explained his reform bills and the need for DBHDS to evaluate qualifications and training of individuals performing evaluations of individuals subject to emergency custody orders and establishing a procedure for transferring custody of a person from one facility to another facility who has been subject to a TDO. Senator Barker who was a de facto leader in determining proper reform bills for the 2014 Session discussed his SB 439 that would extend the period that a person may be held pursuant to a TDO from 48 hours to 72 hours. In addition, the bill requires that the community services board required to monitor a person who is the subject of a mandatory outpatient treatment order shall acknowledge receipt of the order within five business days.

A week and half prior to the bill signing, Governor McAuliffe joined Senator Creigh Deeds (D-Charlottesville) to sign his omnibus Senate Bill 260 that included a state-wide bed registry, more time for patients under an ECO, a state facility providing a bed of last resort and a four-year study of mental health services to identify additional reforms.

**[HB 293; Temporary detention, determining facility for individual](#)**

Delegate Robert B. Bell (R – Charlottesville)

**[HB 323; Temporary detention order, transportation](#)**

Delegate John O'Bannon (R – Richmond)

**[HB 478; Emergency custody order, duration, extension](#)**

Delegate Ronald A. Villanueva (R – Virginia Beach)

**[HB 574; Mandatory outpatient treatment, acknowledgement of transfer & receipt of order within 5 days](#)**

Delegate Joseph R. Yost (R – Radford)

**[HB 743; Mental health, prohibition of firearms](#)**

Delegate Jennifer L. McClellan (D – Richmond)

**[HB 1172; Temporary detention, procedure for transferring person](#)**

Delegate Robert B. Bell (R – Charlottesville)

**[HB 1216; DBHDS evaluate qualifications and training of individuals performing evaluations of individuals](#)**

Delegate Robert B. Bell (R – Charlottesville)

**[HB 1232; Acute psychiatric bed registry, DBHDS shall develop and administer a web-based registry](#)**

Delegate Benjamin L. Cline (R – Amherst)

**[HB 1268; Student mental health policies and procedures, violence prevention committees](#)**

Delegate Timothy D. Hugo (R – Centreville)

**[SB 239; Student mental health policies and procedures, violence prevention committees](#)**

Senator J. Chapman Petersen (D – Fairfax)

**[SB 261; DBHDS qualifications of individuals performing certain evaluations](#)**

Senator R. Creigh Deeds (D – Charlottesville)

**[SB 439; Mandatory outpatient treatment, acknowledgement of transfer & receipt of order within 5 days](#)**

Senator George L. Barker (D – Alexandria)

**[SB 576; Mental health, prohibition of firearms](#)**

Senator A. Donald McEachin (D – Richmond)

**[SJ 47; Mental health, joint subcommittee to study services in the Commonwealth in twenty-first century](#)**

Senator R. Creigh Deeds (D – Charlottesville)