

## HB 724 -- Mental Health Facility Safety Provisions

Sponsor: Kirkton

This bill allows advanced practice registered nurses in a collaborative practice arrangement with an attending licensed physician at a mental health facility or program to determine if a person must be subject to physical or chemical restraint, isolation, or seclusion. The bill requires an order by an attending advanced practice registered nurse to be reviewed in person by the attending physician if the episode of restraint is to extend beyond four hours in duration for a person younger than 18 years of age or beyond eight hours in duration for a person 18 years of age or older. The review must occur within 24 hours or the next regular working day of the order being issued and must be documented in the clinical record of the patient, client, or resident. Every use as well as the reasons for the use of physical or chemical restraint, isolation, or seclusion must be part of the clinical record of the patient, resident, or client and may be signed by the attending advanced practice registered nurse. The bill allows the attending advanced practice registered nurses to determine that security escort devices are not necessary for the outside transportation of an individual who has been civilly detained or committed.