

JUDI SCANLON BILL

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This bill was introduced after the tragic death of Judy Scanlon, a nurse who worked as an intensive case manager for the State Office of Mental Health in Buffalo. Judy was murdered by a mentally ill patient while making a visit to that patient's home as part her duties as a case manager.

SUMMARY

Directs that an OMH employee who is required to enter the residence of a person with serious mental illness can request to be accompanied by another employee for safety reasons.

Requires that OMH provide a mobile telephone or other communications device to any employee who is required to make home visits to persons with serious mental illness.

Requires that OMH provide to all intensive case managers annual training in safety and the prevention of violence.

Requires that OMH provide enough staff so that each intensive case manager will have a caseload of no more than 12 patients.