
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 369

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUTES.

SUMMARY

This bill makes various changes to Department of Developmental Services (DDS)-related statutes.

The bill allows the DDS commissioner to require anyone applying for a job with an individual funded by DDS for self-directed services to submit to a check for substantiated complaints in the Department of Children and Families child abuse and neglect registry. Existing law already allows the commissioner to require this for anyone applying to work for DDS or a provider it licenses or funds.

The bill specifies that the governor's physician appointee to the Council on Developmental Services must be a Connecticut-licensed physician or psychiatrist, rather than a physician generally, as under current law.

By law, any interested party may file a probate court petition to place a person with intellectual disability with DDS in the least restrictive, appropriate setting, subject to various conditions and procedural requirements. The bill specifically allows the DDS commissioner's designee, rather than just the commissioner, to perform various tasks related to this process and makes related changes. For example, the bill allows the commissioner to designate someone to (1) receive notice from the court on the required hearing, (2) appoint an interdisciplinary team to evaluate the subject of the petition and make related determinations, and (3) make specified determinations if the department receives a report that a person meets standards indicating they may need DDS services.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/25/2022)