
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6707

AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE AND APPROPRIATING STATE FUNDS FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER HOUSING PROGRAMS AND REENTRY CENTERS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) commissioner, within available appropriations and in collaboration with the correction and housing commissioners, to plan, develop, and administer a comprehensive program for community-based group homes for people with intellectual disabilities reentering the community from the correctional system. Under the bill, the program must provide supportive services to them, including at a minimum:

1. assistance with daily living tasks,
2. transportation,
3. medical care, and
4. job training.

The bill requires the DDS commissioner to adopt related program regulations and appropriates \$5 million from the General Fund to DDS for FY 24 to plan and develop the program.

It also authorizes up to \$5 million of state general obligation (GO) bonds for DDS to provide grants to private nonprofits for supportive housing for people with intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023, except the provision establishing the community-based group homes program takes effect October 1, 2023.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Housing Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 0 (02/28/2023)