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Committee Bill No. 169

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT STRENGTHENING SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
2 Developmental Services shall develop a strategic plan to reduce the wait
3 time for services provided by the Department of Developmental
4 Services to persons with intellectual disability. Not later than January 1,
5 2024, the Commissioner of Developmental Services shall submit such
6 plan and any recommendations for legislation necessary to implement
7 such plan, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
8 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
9 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health.

10 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) The Commissioner of
11 Developmental Services shall provide notice to each person with
12 intellectual disability or such person's legal representative, before such
13 person's eligibility to receive state-assisted care ends. As used in this
14 section, "legal representative" has the same meaning as provided in
15 section 17b-450 of the general statutes.

16 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) On and after October 1, 2023,
17 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall consult with
18 all relevant stakeholders before implementing any plan to close a facility
19 operated by the Department of Developmental Services.

20 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
21 study the Department of Developmental Services' level of need
22 assessment system. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to,
23 (1) an examination of the instrument, policies, procedures, training and
24 education materials related to the department's level of need assessment
25 system and the diverse behavioral and medical issues assessed by such
26 system, and (2) the development of recommendations for improvement
27 and greater consistency in the administration and results of such
28 system.

29 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

30 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

31 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

32 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
33 Representatives;

34 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

35 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
36 Representatives;

37 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

38 (7) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the
39 commissioner's designee.

40 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
41 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
42 of the General Assembly.

43 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
44 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
45 be filled by the appointing authority.

46 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
47 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
48 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
49 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
50 days after the effective date of this section.

51 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
52 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
53 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

54 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report
55 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
56 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
57 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
58 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
59 report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To strengthen services provided to persons with intellectual disability.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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