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Substitute House Bill No. 5451

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. EBERLE of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

An Act Establishing An Advisory Commission On Services And Supports For Persons With Developmental Disabilities.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) There is established an Advisory Commission
2 on Services and Supports for Persons With Developmental Disabilities.
3 The commission shall consist of: (1) One member appointed by the
4 speaker of the House of Representatives and one member appointed
5 by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be members of
6 the General Assembly; (2) one member appointed by the minority
7 leader of the House of Representatives and one member appointed by
8 the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be members of the General
9 Assembly; (3) a representative of the Governor; (4) the Secretary of the
10 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee; (5) the
11 Commissioner of Mental Retardation, or the commissioner's designee;
12 (6) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the
13 commissioner's designee; (7) the Commissioner of Children and
14 Families, or the commissioner's designee; (8) the Commissioner of

15 Social Services, or the commissioner's designee; (9) the Commissioner
16 of Education, or the commissioner's designee; and (10) sixteen persons
17 who shall be individuals with developmental disabilities who do not
18 have a condition defined as mental retardation pursuant to section 1-
19 1g of the general statutes, as amended, representatives of providers of
20 services to such individuals, or members of the families of or advocates
21 for such individuals, three of whom shall be appointed by the speaker
22 of the House of Representatives, three of whom shall be appointed by
23 the president pro tempore of the Senate, three of whom shall be
24 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives,
25 three of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate,
26 and four of whom shall be appointed by the Governor.

27 (b) The advisory commission shall:

28 (1) Study the need for services and supports for individuals with
29 developmental disabilities who do not have a condition defined as
30 mental retardation pursuant to section 1-1g of the general statutes, as
31 amended. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, (A) defining
32 the population to be served, (B) identifying the types of services and
33 supports needed, (C) identifying how such services and supports can
34 best be delivered, and (D) identifying the costs of such services and
35 supports; and

36 (2) Not later than January 1, 2001, submit a report of its findings and
37 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General
38 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
39 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

40 (c) The Department of Mental Retardation shall provide such staff
41 as is necessary for the performance of the functions and duties of the
42 advisory commission.

43 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

PH Committee Vote: Yea 22 Nay 0 JFS

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Minimal Cost

Affected Agencies: Department of Mental Retardation and Various State Agencies

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

Passage of this bill may result in a minimal workload increase to the Department of Mental Retardation, as it requires the department to staff the Advisory Commission on Services and Supports for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. This workload increase can be handled within the budgetary resources of the department. Any cost associated with membership on the commission is minimal and can be absorbed within anticipated budgetary resources of the impacted agencies.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COMMISSION ON SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

SUMMARY:

This bill establishes a 27-member Advisory Commission on Services and Supports for Persons with Developmental Disabilities. The commission must study the need for services and support for those with developmental disabilities who are not mentally retarded. The study must define the population to be served and identify (1) the types and cost of services and supports needed and (2) how they can best be delivered.

The Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) must provide necessary staff for the commission. The commission must report its findings and recommendations to the Public Health and Appropriations committees by January 1, 2001.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS

The advisory commission includes (1) four members of the General Assembly, one each appointed by the House Speaker, the Senate president pro tempore, the House minority leader, and the Senate minority leader; (2) a governor's representative; (3) the Office of Policy and Management secretary or his designee; (4) the commissioners of the departments of Mental Retardation, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families, Social Services, and Education or their designees; and (5) 16 persons who have developmental disabilities but are not mentally retarded, representatives of providers serving such individuals, or family members of, or advocates for such individuals . Of these 16 members,

three each are appointed by the House speaker, Senate president pro tempore, House minority leader, and Senate minority leader; and the remaining four by the governor.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 0