



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 5921

House of Representatives, April 12, 2000

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

An Act Concerning The Expenditures Of The Department Of Mental Retardation.

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

1 (NEW) The Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall review the
2 programs and services administered or provided by the department in
3 order to: (1) Evaluate the effectiveness and benefits of such programs
4 and services, and (2) assign priority for the continued funding of such
5 programs and services. The commissioner shall submit findings and
6 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
7 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
8 the budget of state agencies not later than January 10, 2001, and
9 annually thereafter.

APP Committee Vote: Yea 50 Nay 0 JF

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Minimal Cost

Affected Agencies: Department of Mental Retardation

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

It is anticipated that any increase to the Department of Mental Retardation's workload due to review of its programs and services is minimal and can be handled within anticipated resources.

OFA Bill Analysis

HB 5921

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION.**

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Retardation to review expenditures for programs and services of the department. The commissioner shall submit findings and recommendations not later than January 10, 2001 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budget of state agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2000

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 50 Nay 0