



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
3 Disabilities. The commission shall consist of: (1) One member
4 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one
5 member appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
6 shall be members of the General Assembly; (2) one member appointed
7 by the minority leader of the House of Representatives and one
8 member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
9 members of the General Assembly; (3) a representative of the
10 Governor; (4) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or
11 the secretary's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Mental Retardation,
12 or the commissioner's designee; (6) the Commissioner of Mental
13 Health and Addiction Services, or the commissioner's designee; (7) the
14 Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's
15 designee; (8) the Commissioner of Social Services, or the
16 commissioner's designee; (9) the Commissioner of Education, or the
17 commissioner's designee; and (10) sixteen persons who shall be
18 individuals with developmental disabilities who do not have a
19 condition defined as mental retardation pursuant to section 1-1g of the
20 general statutes, as amended, representatives of providers of services

21 to such individuals, or members of the families of or advocates for
22 such individuals, three of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of
23 the House of Representatives, three of whom shall be appointed by the
24 president pro tempore of the Senate, three of whom shall be appointed
25 by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, three of whom
26 shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, and four of
27 whom shall be appointed by the Governor.

28 (b) The advisory commission shall:

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

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

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

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

PH Committee Vote: Yea 22 Nay 0 JFS