



***An Act Concerning The Providing Of Services To Persons With Traumatic Brain Injuries Or Learning Disabilities By The Department Of Mental Retardation.***

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

1 Section 1. The Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall conduct a  
2 study concerning the expansion of the jurisdiction of the Department  
3 of Mental Retardation to include the provision of services to persons  
4 with traumatic brain injuries. Not later than December 31, 2000, the  
5 commissioner shall submit a report of the commissioner's findings and  
6 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General  
7 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, in  
8 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) The Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall  
10 establish a pilot program of services for adults diagnosed with  
11 learning disabilities. The pilot program shall provide (1) support  
12 services to assist such individuals in obtaining and retaining  
13 employment, and (2) outreach activities designed to encourage  
14 employers to hire adults diagnosed with learning disabilities. The  
15 Labor Department and the Bureau of Rehabilitative Services shall  
16 cooperate with the commissioner in providing services under the pilot  
17 program. Not later than February 15, 2002, the commissioner shall  
18 submit a report containing an evaluation of the operation and  
19 effectiveness of the pilot program established under this section to the

20 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
21 of matters relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions  
22 of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

23 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

**PH Committee Vote:** Yea 25 Nay 0 JFS C/R APP