



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 409

January Session, 2003

AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN FOR AN ASSISTED LIVING PILOT PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS ON THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION'S WAITING LIST.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Mental
2 Retardation, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Social Services,
3 shall prepare a plan to establish and operate a pilot program to
4 provide residential accommodations with assisted living services to
5 individuals on the Department of Mental Retardation's waiting list for
6 residential placement or support. Such plan shall describe the
7 necessary elements of such a pilot program, including, but not limited
8 to, coordination of staffing issues and applications for federal
9 Department of Health and Human Services Demonstration Grants,
10 and any necessary Medicaid waivers. Not later than January 1, 2004,
11 the Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall submit a report
12 containing such plan, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general
13 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
14 having cognizance of matters relating to public health and human
15 services.

16 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 17a-218a of the general statutes is
17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
18 *October 1, 2003*):

19 (c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, the
20 commissioner shall not certify additional beds as immediate care
21 facilities for the mentally retarded (ICFMR) at the Southbury Training
22 School beyond a total of six hundred sixteen. For the fiscal year ending
23 June 30, 2004, and each fiscal year thereafter, the commissioner shall
24 designate all such beds that are unoccupied as community placement
25 waiver beds and shall allocate such beds equally among the state
26 mental retardation regions to be available for individuals on the
27 Department of Mental Retardation's waiting list.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*