



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 5471

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Mental Retardation, in consultation with the Commissioners of Social
3 Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services and any other
4 commissioner the Commissioner of Mental Retardation deems
5 appropriate, shall establish a pilot autism spectrum disorders program,
6 to provide a coordinated system of supports and services, including
7 case management, for persons with autism spectrum disorders who do
8 not have mental retardation, as defined in section 1-1g of the general
9 statutes, and their families. The pilot program shall serve up to fifty
10 adults with autism spectrum disorders who are not eligible for services
11 from the Department of Mental Retardation under chapter 319b of the
12 general statutes.

13 (b) The Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall establish
14 eligibility requirements for participation in the program.

15 (c) The Commissioner of Mental Retardation, or the commissioner's
16 designee, shall identify appropriate individualized services and
17 supports for each person in the program and the family of each person
18 in the program and shall coordinate the provision of such services and
19 supports to such person and family.

20 (d) The pilot program shall commence on or before October 1, 2006,
21 and shall terminate not later than October 1, 2008.

22 (e) The Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall report, in
23 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
24 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
25 matters relating to public health not later than January 1, 2009,
26 concerning the results of such pilot program. The report shall include,
27 recommendations concerning a system for addressing the needs of
28 persons with autism spectrum disorder, including, but not limited to,
29 recommendations (1) establishing an independent council to advise the
30 Department of Mental Retardation with respect to system design,
31 implementation and quality enhancement, (2) establishing procedural
32 safeguards, (3) designing and implementing a quality enhancement
33 and improvement process, and (4) designing and implementing an
34 interagency data and information management system.

35 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of one million dollars is
36 appropriated to the Department of Mental Retardation, from the
37 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose
38 of establishing and operating the pilot program authorized by section 1
39 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

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