



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5478

February Session, 2006

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

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 shall, within available appropriations, solicit input from
3 clients and families receiving services provided by the department,
4 advocates of persons with mental retardation and other interested
5 parties, regarding a name change for the Department of Mental
6 Retardation and shall submit a report of the commissioner's findings
7 and recommendations, including the cost of any recommended name
8 change, to the Governor, the Office of Policy and Management and the
9 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
10 of matters relating to public health, not later than January 1, 2007, in
11 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) The absence of a diagnosis
13 of, or reference to, mental retardation, intellectual disability or
14 developmental disability within an individual's school records or
15 medical records shall not preclude the Department of Mental
16 Retardation from making a finding of mental retardation, as defined in
17 section 1-1g of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*