



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7280**

LCO No. 4546

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AUTISM.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Commissioner of Social  
2 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Mental  
3 Retardation, shall take all necessary action to secure Medicaid funds  
4 that shall be used to provide home and community-based  
5 individualized support services for adults with autism spectrum  
6 disorders, but who are not mentally retarded. Action taken by the  
7 Commissioner of Social Services to effectuate the purposes of this  
8 section may include, but shall not be limited to, applying for a  
9 Medicaid waiver pursuant to Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act,  
10 in order to secure the funding for such services. Not later than October  
11 1, 2008, the Commissioner of Social Services shall report, in accordance  
12 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
13 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
14 relating to human services, public health and appropriations and the  
15 budgets of state agencies on the amount of Medicaid funds secured  
16 and on the Commissioner of Social Services' ongoing efforts to secure  
17 additional federal funding for the purposes set forth in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require the Commissioner of Social Services to take all necessary action to secure Medicaid funding for home and community-based individualized support services for adults who have autism spectrum disorders, but who are not mentally retarded.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*