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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-215b of the 2008 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, in consultation
5 with the Commissioners of Social Services and Mental Health and
6 Addiction Services and any other commissioner the Commissioner of
7 Developmental Services deems appropriate, shall establish a pilot
8 autism spectrum disorders program, to provide a coordinated system
9 of supports and services, including case management, for persons with
10 autism spectrum disorders who do not have mental retardation, as
11 defined in section 1-1g, and their families. The pilot program shall
12 serve up to [fifty] seventy-five adults with autism spectrum disorders
13 who are not eligible for services from the Department of
14 Developmental Services under this chapter.

15 (b) The Commissioner of Developmental Services shall establish

16 eligibility requirements for participation in the program. The
17 commissioner shall ensure that, on and after the effective date of this
18 section, access to the pilot program shall be available to persons in a
19 geographic area not currently served by the program.

20 (c) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the
21 commissioner's designee, shall identify appropriate individualized
22 services and supports for each person in the program and the family of
23 each person in the program and shall coordinate the provision of such
24 services and supports to such person and family.

25 (d) The pilot program shall commence on or before October 1, 2006,
26 and shall terminate not later than [October 1, 2008] June 30, 2009.

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

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 17a-215b |

Statement of Purpose:

To increase access to the autism spectrum disorders pilot project and ensure that such pilot project remains in effect through June 30, 2009.

[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.]