



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5666**

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**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2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  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 expand the pilot program to ensure that, on and  
18 after the effective date of this section, access to the pilot program is  
19 available to persons in a geographic area not served by the program

