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"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES COMMISSION AND A GRANT PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (Effective July 1, 2009) (a) There is established a pilot
4 program to study the impact of a shift from master contracts to
5 attendance-based, fee-for-service reimbursement in programs
6 administered by the Department of Developmental Services. The pilot
7 program shall be developed and implemented by the oversight
8 committee described in subsection (d) of this section. The pilot
9 program shall commence on January 15, 2010, and shall terminate on
10 January 14, 2011. Participants in the pilot program shall include any

11 provider who is qualified to provide services to clients of the
12 Department of Developmental Services, including: (1) Providers with
13 lower rates and lower attendance; (2) providers with lower rates and
14 high attendance; (3) providers with higher rates and low attendance;
15 (4) providers with higher rates and higher attendance; (5) providers
16 with average rates with low attendance; and (6) providers with
17 average rates and high attendance. Participation by providers in the
18 pilot program shall be voluntary and participants shall be selected
19 through a public process seeking requests for qualifications.

20 (b) The pilot program established in subsection (a) of this section
21 shall be governed by an oversight committee. The oversight committee
22 shall define the scope of the pilot program, implement the pilot
23 program, identify and determine data collection needs, analyze data
24 obtained from participating providers in the pilot program, and
25 recommend amendments to the pilot program as a result of the
26 committee's data analysis. The oversight committee shall, within
27 available appropriations, receive administrative assistance from the
28 Department of Developmental Services. On or before May 1, 2011, the
29 oversight committee shall report, in accordance with the provisions of
30 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
31 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
32 services and public health. Such report shall include recommendations
33 for the development of a long-term, fee-for-service reimbursement
34 system for providers who work with the Department of
35 Developmental Services.

36 (c) The oversight committee shall ensure that the pilot program
37 accomplishes the following: (1) Participating providers shall continue
38 to receive reimbursements through the existing system while analysis
39 of an attendance-based, fee-for-service reimbursement program is
40 studied under the pilot program; (2) participation by a large and
41 diverse group of providers based upon such providers' reimbursement
42 rates and attendance rates; (3) a review of the appropriateness of the
43 level of need tool, the process for completing level of need tools, level
44 of need scores, the methodology for linking levels of needs to funding

45 and the process for appealing a level of need score; (4) a review of the
46 appropriateness of the current reimbursement rates; (5) identification
47 of the costs to move lower wage providers to a standard wage rate
48 while at the same time holding harmless the higher wage providers;
49 (6) an analysis of the attendance factors based upon the health of
50 clients, vacation time, holidays, personal time off and paid time off; (7)
51 identification of a reasonable attendance factor that would keep
52 providers whole and maintain philosophies of normalization and
53 integration; (8) a determination of the appropriate reimbursement
54 models for transportation; (9) a review of billing systems and
55 documentation systems to identify information technology hardware
56 and software and related costs; (10) an identification of mechanisms to
57 maintain appropriate cash flow to providers; (11) identification of
58 mechanisms for increasing rates in a systematic way to keep pace with
59 growing costs of services; and (12) examination of efficiencies in the
60 service delivery system for people with developmental disabilities.

61 (d) The oversight committee shall consist of: (1) The chairpersons
62 and ranking members of the joint standing committees of the General
63 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations,
64 human services and public health; (2) the chairs and ranking members
65 of the joint standing subcommittee of the appropriations committee
66 having cognizance of health and hospitals; (3) the Commissioner of the
67 Department of Developmental Services, or the commissioner's
68 designee; (4) one member from the Office of Policy and Management,
69 appointed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management; (5)
70 one member from the Medicaid unit of Department of Social Services,
71 who has oversight over developmental services reimbursements,
72 appointed by the Commissioner of Social Services; (6) the chief
73 executive officer of the Connecticut Community Providers Association
74 or the chief executive officer's designee; (7) the executive director of the
75 Connecticut Association of Nonprofits, or the executive director's
76 designee; (8) the executive director of the ARC of Connecticut, or the
77 executive director's designee; (9) one member who is a chief financial
78 officer from a community provider organization, appointed by the

79 executive director of the Connecticut Community Providers
80 Association; (10) one member who is an information technology officer
81 from a community provider organization, appointed by the executive
82 director of the Connecticut Association of Nonprofits; (11) three
83 members appointed by the president of district 1199 of the Service
84 Employees International Union; (12) one member who is an employee
85 of the Department of Developmental Services operations staff,
86 appointed by the Commissioner of Developmental Services; (13) one
87 member who is an employee of the Department of Developmental
88 Services information technology staff, appointed by the Commissioner
89 of Developmental Services; and (14) one member who is an employee
90 of the Department of Developmental Services audit unit staff,
91 appointed by the Commissioner of Developmental Services."