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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITIONS OF MENTAL
RETARDATION AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 1-1g of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2012*):

4 (a) For the purposes of sections 17a-210b and 38a-816, "mental
5 retardation" means [a significantly subaverage general intellectual
6 functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior
7 and manifested during the developmental period] a significant
8 limitation in intellectual functioning and deficit in adaptive behavior
9 that originated during the developmental period before eighteen years
10 of age.

11 (b) For the purposes of sections 2c-2b, 4a-60, 4b-28, 4b-31, 8-2g, 8-3e,
12 8-119t, 9-159s, 10-91f, 12-81, 17a-210, 17a-210b, 17a-215c, 17a-217 to 17a-
13 218a, inclusive, 17a-220, 17a-226 to 17a-227a, inclusive, 17a-228, 17a-231
14 to 17a-233, inclusive, 17a-247 to 17a-247b, inclusive, 17a-270, 17a-272 to
15 17a-274, inclusive, 17a-276, 17a-277, 17a-281, 17a-282, 17a-580, 17a-593,

16 17a-594, 17a-596, 17b-226, 19a-638, 45a-598, 45a-669, 45a-670, 45a-672,
17 45a-674, 45a-676, 45a-677, 45a-678, 45a-679, 45a-680, 45a-681, 45a-682,
18 45a-683, 46a-11a to 46a-11g, inclusive, 46a-51, 46a-60, 46a-64, 46a-64b,
19 46a-66, 46a-70, 46a-71, 46a-72, 46a-73, 46a-75, 46a-76, 46b-84, 52-146o,
20 53a-46a, 53a-59a, 53a-60b, 53a-60c, 53a-61a, 53a-181i, 53a-320, 53a-321,
21 53a-322, 53a-323, 54-56d and 54-250, "intellectual disability" shall have
22 the same meaning as "mental retardation" as defined in subsection (a)
23 of this section.

24 (c) As used in subsection (a) of this section, ["general intellectual
25 functioning" means the results obtained by assessment with one or
26 more of the individually administered general intelligence tests
27 developed for that purpose and standardized on a significantly
28 adequate population and administered by a person or persons
29 formally trained in test administration; "significantly subaverage"
30 means an intelligence quotient more than two standard deviations
31 below the mean for the test;] "significant limitation in intellectual
32 functioning" means an intelligence quotient more than two standard
33 deviations below the mean as measured by tests of general intellectual
34 functioning that are individualized, standardized and clinically and
35 culturally appropriate to the individual; and "adaptive behavior"
36 means the effectiveness or degree with which an individual meets the
37 standards of personal independence and social responsibility expected
38 for the individual's age and cultural group [; and "developmental
39 period" means the period of time between birth and the eighteenth
40 birthday] as measured by tests that are individualized, standardized
41 and clinically and culturally appropriate to the individual.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	1-1g

Statement of Purpose:

To redefine "mental retardation" and "intellectual disability".

[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.]