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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) On or before July 1,
2 2015, the Commissioner of Developmental Services shall develop a
3 plan, in consultation with (1) individuals who receive services from the
4 Department of Developmental Services, (2) family members of such
5 individuals, (3) members of organizations that advocate for such
6 individuals, (4) persons who provide services to such individuals, and
7 (5) representatives of labor organizations for persons who provide
8 services to such individuals to ensure that each person with
9 intellectual disability who is eligible to receive services from the
10 department, including an individual currently on a waiting list to
11 receive services from the department, receives such services not later
12 than July 1, 2016. Such services shall include, but need not be limited
13 to, community-based residential services, respite care, emergency care,
14 day program services, vocational services and in-home support
15 services. Such plan shall include: (A) A description of additional
16 staffing and facilities that the department anticipates are likely to be
17 required to provide the services described in this subsection; (B) the
18 amount of the appropriation required to provide such services; (C) a

19 description of any Medicaid waiver that is likely to be required to
20 provide such services; (D) a description of additional resources that are
21 likely to be required to provide such services; and (E) a timeline for
22 implementing the plan on or before July 1, 2016. Not later than January
23 1, 2016, the commissioner shall submit the plan, in accordance with the
24 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
25 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
26 relating to public health, human services and appropriations and the
27 budgets of state agencies.

28 (b) Not later than July 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Developmental
29 Services shall provide each person with intellectual disability who is
30 eligible to receive services from the department with the services
31 described in subsection (a) of this section for which the individual is
32 eligible, in accordance with the plan submitted under subsection (a) of
33 this section.

34 (c) The services provided in accordance with this section shall not
35 result in a reduction of other services offered by the Department of
36 Developmental Services, a reduction in pay or benefits to employees of
37 the department or employees of organizations receiving funding under
38 a contract with the department to provide services for persons with
39 intellectual disabilities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Developmental Services to provide certain services to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

[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.]