



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5534**

February Session, 2014



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

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 individual 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 individual with intellectual disability who  
30 is 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 or a reduction in pay or benefits to employees  
37 of the department or employees of organizations receiving funding  
38 under a contract with the department to provide services for  
39 individuals with intellectual disability.

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

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In section 1(a)(5) and 1(b), the phrase "person with intellectual disability" was changed to "individual with intellectual disability" and, in section 1(c), the phrase "persons with intellectual disabilities" was changed to "individual with intellectual disability", for internal consistency.

**PH** Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO