



General Assembly

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LCO No. 4945



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
2 Developmental Services shall, in consultation with key stakeholders,
3 develop and implement a plan to close all state-operated intermediate
4 care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. In
5 developing such plan, the commissioner shall consider the settlement
6 agreement approved by the United States District Court for the District
7 of Connecticut in the case of *Messier vs. Southbury Training School* in
8 furtherance of a strategic timeline to close such facilities.

9 (b) Not later than December 15, 2015, the commissioner shall report,
10 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
11 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
12 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and public
13 health concerning the plan developed in accordance with subsection
14 (a) of this section. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to:
15 (1) A timeline for closure of such facilities; (2) a description of the

16 commissioner's plan to (A) transition residents of such facilities to
17 community-based settings, (B) meet the needs of all persons receiving
18 services from the Department of Developmental Services, (C) address
19 any environmental issues relating to the properties on which such
20 facilities are located, (D) utilize such facilities for a new purpose after
21 the closure of such facilities, and (E) staff facilities and homes located
22 in community-based settings; and (3) (A) a financial analysis of short-
23 term and long-term costs and savings relating to the implementation of
24 the plan, and (B) a description of resources needed to implement the
25 plan. Not later than May 15, 2016, and December 15, 2016, the
26 commissioner shall report to said committees concerning the progress
27 made in implementing the plan developed in accordance with
28 subsection (a) of this section.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Developmental Services to develop a plan for the closure of intermediate care facilities for 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.]