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**"AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Department" means the Department of Developmental Services.

5 (2) "Level of need assessment" means the department's method of  
6 determining, through the use of a standardized screening tool, an  
7 individual's need for funding or services from the department.

8 (3) "Priority status" means the department's assessment of the  
9 urgency of an individual's need for funding or services from the  
10 department.

11 (4) "Planning and resource allocation team" means the department's  
12 staff members who are responsible for (A) establishing an individual's

13 priority status, (B) approving or denying an individual's request for  
14 funding or services, and (C) allocating resources to individuals  
15 receiving funding or services from the department.

16 (b) An individual determined by the department to be eligible for  
17 funding or services from the department, or such individual's legal  
18 guardian or representative, may annually request and, if requested,  
19 shall obtain from the department a copy of (1) such individual's  
20 priority status for residential services, if the individual has an unmet  
21 need for residential services, (2) such individual's request for funding  
22 or services submitted to the regional planning and resource allocation  
23 team, and (3) any decision on the individual's request for funding or  
24 services made by the regional planning and resource allocation team.  
25 Additionally, any such individual who receives annual funding or  
26 services from the department, or such individual's legal guardian or  
27 representative, may annually request and, if requested, shall obtain  
28 from the department a copy of such individual's (A) individual plan,  
29 and (B) level of need assessment.

30 (c) The Commissioner of Developmental Services shall report, in  
31 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
32 annually to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
33 having cognizance of matters relating to public health and  
34 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies concerning the  
35 number of individuals determined by the department to be eligible for  
36 funding or services from the department and who (1) have unmet  
37 residential care needs, (2) have unmet employment opportunity and  
38 day service needs, or (3) are eligible for the department's behavioral  
39 services program and are waiting for a funding allocation."

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