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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 294

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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. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section:

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

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

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

11 department.

12 (4) "Planning and resource allocation team" means the department's
13 staff members who are responsible for (A) establishing an individual's
14 priority status, (B) approving or denying an individual's request for
15 funding or services, and (C) allocating resources to individuals
16 receiving funding or services from the department.

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

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

41 Sec. 2. Section 17a-273 of the general statutes is repealed and the
42 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

43 (a) The Commissioner of Developmental Services shall appoint at
44 least one advisory and planning council for each state developmental
45 services region operated by the Department of Developmental
46 Services, which council shall have the responsibility of consulting with
47 and advising the director of the region on the needs of persons with
48 intellectual disability in the region, the annual plan and budget of the
49 region and other matters deemed appropriate by the council. The
50 Commissioner of Developmental Services shall, at least annually,
51 provide to any individual who receives annual funding or receives
52 services from the department, or such individual's legal guardian or
53 representative, information about the regional advisory and planning
54 council's statutory responsibilities and the process to access
55 information concerning such council's meetings.

56 (b) Each such council shall consist of at least ten members appointed
57 from the state developmental services region. No employee of any
58 state agency engaged in the care or training of [persons] individuals
59 with intellectual disability shall be eligible for appointment. At least
60 one member shall be designated by a local chapter of the Arc of
61 Connecticut in the region. At least one member shall be an individual
62 who is eligible for and receives services from the Department of
63 Developmental Services. At least two members shall be parents of
64 [persons] individuals with intellectual disability. Members shall be
65 appointed for terms of three years. No member may serve more than
66 two consecutive terms, except a member may continue to serve until a
67 successor is appointed. Each council shall appoint annually, from
68 among its members, a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary. The
69 council may make rules for the conduct of its affairs. The director of
70 the region shall be an ex-officio member of the council without vote
71 and shall attend its meetings.

72 (c) The council shall meet at least six times a year and at other times
73 upon the call of the chair or the director of the state developmental
74 services region or on the written request of any two members. A
75 majority of the council members in office shall constitute a quorum.
76 Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who

77 fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar
78 year shall be deemed to have resigned from office."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17a-273