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**Committee Bill No. 246**

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE WAITING LIST FOR  
RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL  
AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,  
2 "waiting list" means a list maintained by the Commissioner of  
3 Developmental Services that includes the names of individuals with  
4 intellectual disability who (1) have requested residential supports or  
5 services from the Department of Developmental Services, (2) have  
6 been determined by the commissioner to be in need of such supports  
7 or services, and (3) are unable to receive such supports or services  
8 because the demand for such supports or services exceeds the  
9 department's ability to provide the supports or services.

10 (b) The commissioner shall develop and maintain one state-wide  
11 comprehensive residential waiting list. Such waiting list shall (1) be  
12 organized by geographic region, (2) identify the priority status of an  
13 individual for receipt of a support or service, (3) include the type of  
14 support or service each individual needs, and (4) include the estimated  
15 time period each support or service will likely be needed. The

16 commissioner shall update such list not less than quarterly.

17 (c) On or before July 1, 2018, the commissioner shall, in consultation  
18 with (1) each individual with intellectual disability who is eligible to  
19 receive a support or service from the department and who has an  
20 individual plan from the department pursuant to section 17a-238a of  
21 the general statutes, and (2) the individual's parent, conservator,  
22 guardian or other legal representative, develop and complete a long-  
23 term five-year and ten-year care plan to meet the individual's needs for  
24 such support or service. Such plan shall include an indication of the  
25 time period each support or service will likely be needed based on the  
26 individual's annual level of need assessment, as defined in section 17a-  
27 238a of the general statutes. Such plans shall be updated annually  
28 based on any changes in the individual's individual plan.

29 (d) On or before November 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the  
30 commissioner shall complete a state-wide survey of individuals with  
31 intellectual disability who are eligible to receive a support or service  
32 from the department and have an individual plan from the department  
33 pursuant to section 17a-238a of the general statutes. The survey shall  
34 be based on the level of needs assessment for each individual and the  
35 long-term care plan for each individual developed pursuant to  
36 subsection (c) of this section. At the conclusion of the survey, the  
37 commissioner shall update the state-wide comprehensive residential  
38 waiting list based on the results of such survey.

39 (e) On or before December 1, 2018, and at least annually thereafter,  
40 the commissioner shall review the results of the survey with the  
41 regional advisory councils, established pursuant to section 17a-30 of  
42 the general statutes, and the Council on Developmental Services,  
43 established pursuant to section 17a-270 of the general statutes.

44 (f) On or before December 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the  
45 commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section  
46 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the  
47 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public

48 health and appropriations on the results of the survey and the status of  
49 the state-wide comprehensive residential waiting list. Such report shall  
50 also include, but need not be limited to, a description of the trends in  
51 supports and services requested from the department and projections  
52 for state-wide needs over the following two-year, five-year and ten-  
53 year period.

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 better serve persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities by developing a state-wide comprehensive residential waiting list.

*[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.]*

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