



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 393

Senate, April 15, 2019

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' LEVEL OF NEED ASSESSMENT.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2019*) Not later than January 1, 2020,
2 the Department of Developmental Services shall (1) analyze
3 information, policies and terminology relating to medical assessments
4 and update the department's level of need assessment, as defined in
5 section 17a-238a of the general statutes, standardized screening tool
6 and any other documentation associated with the level of need
7 assessment, as necessary to reflect the most recent information, policies
8 and terminology, and (2) within available appropriations, consult with
9 family members, providers and advocates of persons with intellectual
10 disability in updating the department's level of need assessment,
11 standardized screening tool and other associated documentation.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2019</i> | New section |

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 20 \$ | FY 21 \$ |
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| Department of Developmental Services | GF - Cost | 150,000 - 500,000 | Potential |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Developmental Services to analyze and update the department's level of need (LON) assessment, which is a standardized screening tool. The consulting costs associated with this process are estimated to range from \$150,000 to \$500,000 in FY 20. The cost would depend on the scope of the contract, which could include new data collection for validity and reliability testing, analysis of the new data, assessor training, retesting for validity and reliability, and revisions to the tool's algorithm.

The LON is used by an individual's Planning and Support Team to help determine the supports and services needed and associated funding.¹ While the bill does not address the funding associated with the LON score, any revisions to the LON have the potential to alter the appropriate levels of supports for individuals that cannot be determined prior to such revisions.

The Out Years

¹ The FY 19 Interim Rates for Day and Residential Services by LON can be found [here](#).

As the requirements of the bill are to be completed by January 1, 2020, the consulting costs identified above are limited to FY 20.

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

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