Bill No.: HB-7168  
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING AUTISM.  
Vote Date: 3/19/2019  
Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute  
PH Date: 2/28/2019  
File No.:  

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Human Services Committee  

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

Substitute Language for House Bill 7168 would lower the age from 16 to 14 where a child with autism spectrum disorder will be eligible to receive services.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

Roderick L. Bremby, Commissioner, Department of Social Services; The Department of Social Services is the lead agency for CT for autism spectrum disorder services and is responsible for coordinating the functions of the several state agencies that provide services for those diagnosed with ASD

Jordan Scheff, Commissioner, Department of Developmental Services; states that while DDS is no longer the state’s lead agency for autism spectrum disorder, they provide services to eligible individuals who have intellectual disability and a co-occurring diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. They state that they would be happy to engage in interagency conversations to ensure those individuals receive a full range of services.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

Leslie Simoes, Executive Director, Autism Services and Resources Connecticut; in support of this legislation and expanding services for those on the autism spectrum.

Mark Anthony Gallucci, Executive Director, Center for Disability Rights; in support of this legislation.
NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

No sources of opposition were submitted on this legislation

Reported by: Kayleigh Royston  Date: 03/22/2019