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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 22-53—HB 5228

Human Services Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ADVISORY COUNCIL

SUMMARY: This act removes the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner, or her designee, as an ex-officio co-chair of the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Advisory Council. It instead requires all three chairpersons to be elected by and from the council's members, but at least two chairs must be a (1) person with ASD, (2) parent or guardian of a child with ASD, or (3) parent or guardian of an adult with ASD.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

BACKGROUND

Autism Spectrum Disorder Council

By law, the council consists of 25 members, including persons with the disorder, their parents or guardians, advocates, and service providers. The council must advise DSS on policies and programs for people with ASD, services provided by the department's Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services, and implementation of the autism feasibility study's recommendations. It may also recommend policy and program changes to the DSS commissioner (CGS § 17a-215d).