
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5228

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

SUMMARY

This bill 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 (see BACKGROUND). It instead requires all three chairpersons to be elected by and from the council's members, provided 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).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/08/2022)