
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 373

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES AND THE FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL.

SUMMARY

This bill repeals laws requiring the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to (1) coordinate family support services for children with disabilities (e.g., developmental disabilities or a moderate, severe, or profound educational disability); (2) within available appropriations, promote the statewide availability of these services; and (3) in coordination with other state, regional, and local agencies, help families access other sources of government funds before using funds appropriated for these services.

The bill also repeals the law establishing the Family Support Council, which is currently charged with, among other things, providing specified assistance to DDS and other state agencies that administer or fund family support services. (In practice, the council has not met in several years.)

The bill also makes conforming changes, including removing the Family Support Council president, or the president's designee, from the state's Long-Term Care Advisory Council (§ 2).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 3 (03/16/2022)