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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of  
2 Policy and Management, in consultation with the Labor Commissioner,  
3 the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Economic  
4 and Community Development, shall (1) analyze existing employment  
5 assistance programs for persons with disabilities, including, but not  
6 limited to, persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities, (2)  
7 establish financial incentives for businesses to employ a greater number  
8 of such persons, and (3) create a workforce plan that incentivizes  
9 businesses to provide training programs, offer modified interviews and  
10 reserve market-rate full-time jobs.

11 (b) The secretary shall file a report, in accordance with the provisions  
12 of chapter 54 of the general statutes, on the results of the evaluation and  
13 recommendations not later than January 1, 2024, with the joint standing  
14 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
15 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, commerce,

16 finance, revenue and bonding, human services and labor.

17       Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy  
18 and Management, in consultation with the Commissioners of  
19 Transportation, Aging and Disability Services and Developmental  
20 Services, shall (1) review other states' best transportation practices for  
21 persons with disabilities, (2) assess expansion opportunities for and  
22 accessibility of state-wide and local transportation for such persons, and  
23 (3) develop recommendations for ways the state can provide more cost-  
24 effective, efficient and reliable transportation for persons with  
25 disabilities, including, but not limited to, persons with intellectual or  
26 developmental disabilities.

27       (b) The secretary shall file a report, in accordance with the provisions  
28 of chapter 54 of the general statutes, on the results of the review and  
29 recommendations not later than January 1, 2024, with the joint standing  
30 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
31 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,  
32 transportation, human services and public health.

33       Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The Commissioner of Social Services, in  
34 consultation with the Commissioner of Developmental Services and  
35 within available appropriations, shall reduce the waiting lists for  
36 services in Medicaid waiver programs established under section 1915(c)  
37 of the Social Security Act and administered by the Department of  
38 Developmental Services. Not later than January 1, 2024, the  
39 Commissioner of Social Services shall file a report, in accordance with  
40 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on (1) the number  
41 of persons who have been removed from the waiting lists and are  
42 receiving home and community-based services, and (2) the number of  
43 persons who remain on the waiting lists with the joint standing  
44 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
45 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, human  
46 services and public health.

47       Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Secretary of the Office of

48 Policy and Management, in consultation with the Commissioners of  
49 Education, Social Services, Developmental Services, Aging and  
50 Disability Services and Public Health, shall develop and recommend  
51 new state statutory definitions for intellectual disabilities and  
52 developmental disabilities and identify related programs for persons  
53 with such disabilities that may need to be changed or redesignated in  
54 accordance with any new statutory definitions. The secretary shall also  
55 make recommendations concerning qualifying criteria for services,  
56 including the removal of consideration of a qualifying intelligence  
57 quotient.

58 (b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the  
59 Commissioners of Education, Social Services, Developmental Services,  
60 Aging and Disability Services and Public Health shall solicit and take  
61 into account input from persons with intellectual or developmental  
62 disabilities, their families and caregivers in developing the  
63 recommendations.

64 (c) Not later than January 1, 2024, the secretary shall file a report, in  
65 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
66 with recommendations on such statutory definitions, programs that  
67 may need to be redesignated in accordance with any new statutory  
68 definitions and qualifying criteria for services with the joint standing  
69 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
70 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, education,  
71 human services and public health. The report shall include a summary  
72 of the input obtained pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and how  
73 the input was incorporated into the recommendations.

74 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The Commissioner of Social Services, in  
75 consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management  
76 and within available appropriations, shall expand the Medicaid waiver  
77 program for persons with autism spectrum disorder to allow not less  
78 than six hundred persons on a waiting list to receive services under the  
79 program. Not later than January 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Social

80 Services shall file a report, in accordance with the provisions of section  
81 11-4a of the general statutes, on the waiver program expansion with  
82 recommendations to further reduce the waiting list with the joint  
83 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
84 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and  
85 human services.

86 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) The Commissioner of Social  
87 Services shall increase the asset limits used to determine eligibility for  
88 HUSKY C, as defined in section 17b-290 of the general statutes, to three  
89 thousand six hundred dollars for an individual and five thousand four  
90 hundred dollars for a married couple.

91 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall allow any person,  
92 whose income exceeds the income limits for HUSKY C but who  
93 otherwise qualifies, to qualify for the program by spending down such  
94 person's excess income over the HUSKY C income limits on incurred  
95 medical bills in accordance with 42 CFR 435.831.

96 Sec. 7. Section 17b-261 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
97 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

98 (a) Medical assistance shall be provided for any otherwise eligible  
99 person (1) whose income, including any available support from legally  
100 liable relatives and the income of the person's spouse or dependent  
101 child, is not more than [one hundred forty-three per cent, pending  
102 approval of a federal waiver applied for pursuant to subsection (e) of  
103 this section, of the benefit amount paid to a person with no income  
104 under the temporary family assistance program] one thousand four  
105 hundred sixty-five dollars per month, and (2) if such person is an  
106 institutionalized individual as defined in Section 1917 of the Social  
107 Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(h)(3), [and] such person has not made an  
108 assignment or transfer or other disposition of property for less than fair  
109 market value for the purpose of establishing eligibility for benefits or  
110 assistance under this section. Any such disposition shall be treated in  
111 accordance with Section 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, 42 USC

112 1396p(c). Any disposition of property made on behalf of an applicant or  
113 recipient or the spouse of an applicant or recipient by a guardian,  
114 conservator, person authorized to make such disposition pursuant to a  
115 power of attorney or other person so authorized by law shall be  
116 attributed to such applicant, recipient or spouse. A disposition of  
117 property ordered by a court shall be evaluated in accordance with the  
118 standards applied to any other such disposition for the purpose of  
119 determining eligibility. [The commissioner shall establish the standards  
120 for eligibility for medical assistance at one hundred forty-three per cent  
121 of the benefit amount paid to a household of equal size with no income  
122 under the temporary family assistance program.] In determining  
123 eligibility, the commissioner shall not consider as income Aid and  
124 Attendance pension benefits granted to a veteran, as defined in section  
125 27-103, or the surviving spouse of such veteran. Except as provided in  
126 section 17b-277 and section 17b-292, the medical assistance program  
127 shall provide coverage to persons under the age of nineteen with  
128 household income up to one hundred ninety-six per cent of the federal  
129 poverty level without an asset limit and to persons under the age of  
130 nineteen, who qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the Social  
131 Security Act, with household income not exceeding one hundred  
132 ninety-six per cent of the federal poverty level without an asset limit,  
133 and their parents and needy caretaker relatives, who qualify for  
134 coverage under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act, with household  
135 income not exceeding one hundred fifty-five per cent of the federal  
136 poverty level without an asset limit. Such levels shall be based on the  
137 regional differences in such benefit amount, if applicable, unless such  
138 levels based on regional differences are not in conformance with federal  
139 law. Any income in excess of the applicable amounts shall be applied as  
140 may be required by said federal law, and assistance shall be granted for  
141 the balance of the cost of authorized medical assistance. The  
142 Commissioner of Social Services shall provide applicants for assistance  
143 under this section, at the time of application, with a written statement  
144 advising them of (A) the effect of an assignment or transfer or other  
145 disposition of property on eligibility for benefits or assistance, (B) the

146 effect that having income that exceeds the limits prescribed in this  
147 subsection will have with respect to program eligibility, and (C) the  
148 availability of, and eligibility for, services provided by the Connecticut  
149 Home Visiting System, established pursuant to section 17b-751b. For  
150 coverage dates on or after January 1, 2014, the department shall use the  
151 modified adjusted gross income financial eligibility rules set forth in  
152 Section 1902(e)(14) of the Social Security Act and the implementing  
153 regulations to determine eligibility for HUSKY A, HUSKY B and  
154 HUSKY D applicants, as defined in section 17b-290. Persons who are  
155 determined ineligible for assistance pursuant to this section shall be  
156 provided a written statement notifying such persons of their ineligibility  
157 and advising such persons of their potential eligibility for one of the  
158 other insurance affordability programs as defined in 42 CFR 435.4.

159 (b) For the purposes of the Medicaid program, the Commissioner of  
160 Social Services shall consider parental income and resources as available  
161 to a child under eighteen years of age who is living with his or her  
162 parents and is blind or disabled for purposes of the Medicaid program,  
163 or to any other child under twenty-one years of age who is living with  
164 his or her parents.

165 (c) For the purposes of determining eligibility for the Medicaid  
166 program, an available asset is one that is actually available to the  
167 applicant or one that the applicant has the legal right, authority or  
168 power to obtain or to have applied for the applicant's general or medical  
169 support. If the terms of a trust provide for the support of an applicant,  
170 the refusal of a trustee to make a distribution from the trust does not  
171 render the trust an unavailable asset. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
172 this subsection, the availability of funds in a trust or similar instrument  
173 funded in whole or in part by the applicant or the applicant's spouse  
174 shall be determined pursuant to the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act  
175 of 1993, 42 USC 1396p. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply  
176 to a special needs trust, as defined in 42 USC 1396p(d)(4)(A), as  
177 amended from time to time. For purposes of determining whether a  
178 beneficiary under a special needs trust, who has not received a disability

179 determination from the Social Security Administration, is disabled, as  
180 defined in 42 USC 1382c(a)(3), the Commissioner of Social Services, or  
181 the commissioner's designee, shall independently make such  
182 determination. The commissioner shall not require such beneficiary to  
183 apply for Social Security disability benefits or obtain a disability  
184 determination from the Social Security Administration for purposes of  
185 determining whether the beneficiary is disabled.

186 (d) The transfer of an asset in exchange for other valuable  
187 consideration shall be allowable to the extent the value of the other  
188 valuable consideration is equal to or greater than the value of the asset  
189 transferred.

190 (e) The Commissioner of Social Services [shall seek a waiver from  
191 federal law to permit federal financial participation for Medicaid  
192 expenditures for families with incomes of one hundred forty-three per  
193 cent of the temporary family assistance program payment standard]  
194 may seek federal approval for a Medicaid waiver or a Medicaid state  
195 plan amendment to implement the provisions of this section.

196 (f) To the extent [permitted by] permissible under federal law,  
197 Medicaid eligibility shall be extended for one year to a family that  
198 becomes ineligible for medical assistance under Section 1931 of the  
199 Social Security Act due to income from employment by one of its  
200 members who is a caretaker relative or due to receipt of child support  
201 income. A family receiving extended benefits on July 1, 2005, shall  
202 receive the balance of such extended benefits, provided no such family  
203 shall receive more than twelve additional months of such benefits.

204 (g) An institutionalized spouse applying for Medicaid and having a  
205 spouse living in the community shall be required, to the maximum  
206 extent permitted by law, to divert income to such community spouse in  
207 order to raise the community spouse's income to the level of the  
208 minimum monthly needs allowance, as described in Section 1924 of the  
209 Social Security Act. Such diversion of income shall occur before the  
210 community spouse is allowed to retain assets in excess of the

211 community spouse protected amount described in Section 1924 of the  
212 Social Security Act. The Commissioner of Social Services, pursuant to  
213 section 17b-10, may implement the provisions of this subsection while  
214 in the process of adopting regulations, provided the commissioner  
215 prints notice of intent to adopt the regulations in the Connecticut Law  
216 Journal within twenty days of adopting such policy. Such policy shall  
217 be valid until the time final regulations are effective.

218 (h) To the extent permissible under federal law, an institutionalized  
219 individual, as defined in Section 1917 of the Social Security Act, 42 USC  
220 1396p(h)(3), shall not be determined ineligible for Medicaid solely on  
221 the basis of the cash value of a life insurance policy worth less than ten  
222 thousand dollars provided the individual is pursuing the surrender of  
223 the policy.

224 (i) Medical assistance shall be provided, in accordance with the  
225 provisions of subsection (e) of section 17a-6, to any child under the  
226 supervision of the Commissioner of Children and Families who is not  
227 receiving Medicaid benefits, has not yet qualified for Medicaid benefits  
228 or is otherwise ineligible for such benefits. Medical assistance shall also  
229 be provided to any child in the behavioral services program operated  
230 by the Department of Developmental Services who is not receiving  
231 Medicaid benefits, has not yet qualified for Medicaid benefits or is  
232 otherwise ineligible for benefits. To the extent practicable, the  
233 Commissioner of Children and Families and the Commissioner of  
234 Developmental Services shall apply for, or assist such child in qualifying  
235 for, the Medicaid program.

236 (j) The Commissioner of Social Services shall provide Early and  
237 Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment program services, as  
238 required and defined as of December 31, 2005, by 42 USC 1396a(a)(43),  
239 42 USC 1396d(r) and 42 USC 1396d(a)(4)(B) and applicable federal  
240 regulations, to all persons who are under the age of twenty-one and  
241 otherwise eligible for medical assistance under this section.

242 (k) A veteran, as defined in section 27-103, and any member of his or



243 her family, who applies for or receives assistance under the Medicaid  
244 program, shall apply for all benefits for which he or she may be eligible  
245 through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United  
246 States Department of Defense.

247 (l) On and after January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Social Services  
248 shall, within available appropriations, provide state-funded medical  
249 assistance to any child twelve years of age and younger, regardless of  
250 immigration status, (1) whose household income does not exceed two  
251 hundred one per cent of the federal poverty level without an asset limit,  
252 and (2) who does not otherwise qualify for (A) Medicaid, (B) the  
253 Children's Health Insurance Program, or (C) an offer of affordable,  
254 employer-sponsored insurance, as defined in the Affordable Care Act,  
255 as an employee or a dependent of an employee. A child eligible for such  
256 assistance under this subsection shall continue to receive such assistance  
257 until such child is nineteen years of age, provided the child continues to  
258 meet the eligibility requirements prescribed in subdivisions (1) and (2)  
259 of this subsection.

260 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 29-1f of the general statutes is repealed  
261 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

262 (a) The clearinghouse established under section 29-1e shall collect,  
263 process, maintain and disseminate information to assist in the location  
264 of any missing person who (1) is eighteen years of age or older and has  
265 a mental impairment, [or] (2) is sixty-five years of age or older, or (3) has  
266 an intellectual or developmental disability, provided a missing person  
267 report prepared by the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
268 Protection has been filed by such missing person's relative, guardian,  
269 conservator or agent appointed by the missing person in accordance  
270 with sections 1-350 to 1-353b, inclusive, any health care representative  
271 appointed by the missing person in accordance with section 19a-576 or  
272 a nursing home administrator, as defined in section 19a-511, or,  
273 pursuant to section 17a-465b, by an employee of the Department of  
274 Mental Health and Addiction Services who is certified under the

275 provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive. Such relative,  
276 guardian, conservator, agent, health care representative, nursing home  
277 administrator or employee shall attest under penalty of perjury that the  
278 missing person (A) is eighteen years of age or older and has a mental  
279 impairment, [or] (B) is sixty-five years of age or older, or (C) has an  
280 intellectual or developmental disability. No other proof shall be  
281 required in order to verify that the missing person meets the criteria to  
282 be eligible for assistance under this subsection. Such relative, guardian,  
283 conservator, agent, health care representative, nursing home  
284 administrator or employee who files a missing person report shall  
285 immediately notify the clearinghouse or law enforcement agency if the  
286 missing person's location has been determined.

287       Sec. 9. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in  
288 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the  
289 power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state  
290 in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the  
291 aggregate one million dollars.

292       (b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount  
293 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department  
294 of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the purpose of grants  
295 to be distributed to municipalities and local police departments to apply  
296 for and use to establish and implement a local voluntary registration  
297 system for residents with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

298       (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise  
299 of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the  
300 provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all  
301 bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this  
302 section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived  
303 from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in  
304 accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to  
305 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not  
306 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided

307 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond  
308 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be  
309 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that  
310 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed  
311 by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management  
312 and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its  
313 discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall  
314 be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state  
315 of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and  
316 interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as  
317 part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds,  
318 appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such  
319 principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay  
320 such principal and interest as the same become due.

321 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of  
322 Developmental Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
323 Education, shall maintain, in a readily accessible format, data on (1) the  
324 estimated number of persons in the state with intellectual or  
325 developmental disabilities, (2) the number of such persons receiving  
326 services from the Department of Developmental Services or the  
327 Department of Education by programs administered by such  
328 departments, and (3) the number of such persons on waiting lists for  
329 Medicaid waiver programs administered by the Department of  
330 Developmental Services, by waiver program.

331 (b) Not later than December fifteenth annually, the Commissioner of  
332 Developmental Services shall file a report, in accordance with the  
333 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the data collected  
334 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section with the joint standing  
335 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
336 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, human  
337 services and public health.

338 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) The Labor Commissioner, in

339 collaboration with the Chief Workforce Officer appointed pursuant to  
340 section 4-124w of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Education,  
341 the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, the Governor's Workforce Council  
342 established pursuant to section 31-3h of the general statutes, and  
343 regional workforce development boards shall establish a Behavioral  
344 Health and Human Services Career Pipeline program to ensure a  
345 sufficient number of highly trained providers are available to serve the  
346 needs of persons in the state with intellectual, developmental or  
347 physical disabilities, mental illness or behavioral health conditions.

348 (b) The Labor Commissioner shall consult with the Commissioners of  
349 Social Services, Developmental Services and Mental Health and  
350 Addiction Services to determine (1) the greatest needs for behavioral  
351 health and human services providers in programs they administer, and  
352 (2) barriers to hiring and retaining qualified providers. The Labor  
353 Commissioner shall assist local and regional boards of education in  
354 enhancing existing partnerships or establishing new partnerships with  
355 providers of behavioral health and human services and higher  
356 education institutions to provide a pathway to a diploma, credential,  
357 certificate or license and a job providing behavioral health or human  
358 services.

359 (c) The Labor Commissioner, in collaboration with the Chief  
360 Workforce Officer appointed pursuant to section 4-124w of the general  
361 statutes, the Commissioner of Education, the Bureau of Rehabilitation  
362 Services, the Governor's Workforce Council established pursuant to  
363 section 31-3h of the general statutes, and regional workforce  
364 development boards, shall develop a strategic workforce plan that  
365 includes, but is not limited to, (1) a strategy to increase the number of  
366 state residents pursuing careers in behavioral health or human services,  
367 (2) salary and working conditions conducive to retaining an adequate  
368 number of behavioral health and human services providers to serve  
369 state residents, and (3) funding needed to support the Behavioral Health  
370 and Human Services Career Pipeline program. The Labor  
371 Commissioner shall submit a report on the plan, in accordance with the

372 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, not later than  
373 November 1, 2023, with the joint standing committees of the General  
374 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, human  
375 services, public health and labor.

376 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a bill of  
377 rights for persons with an intellectual disability or developmental  
378 disability. The rights afforded in subsection (b) of this section are  
379 available only insofar as they are implemented in accordance with other  
380 parts of the general statutes, state rules and regulations, federal law, the  
381 state Constitution and the United States Constitution. For purposes of  
382 this section, "person with an intellectual disability" has the same  
383 meaning as provided in section 1-1g of the general statutes and "person  
384 with a developmental disability" has the same meaning as provided in  
385 P.L. 106-402, as amended from time to time.

386 (b) Each person with an intellectual or developmental disability in  
387 this state has the right to:

388 (1) Be treated in a humane and dignified manner at all times with full  
389 respect to personal dignity and privacy;

390 (2) Participate in developing such person's service plan;

391 (3) Move freely in public spaces, including on public sidewalks, in  
392 public parks, on public transportation and in public buildings, in  
393 compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended from  
394 time to time;

395 (4) Have equal opportunities for employment;

396 (5) Access to medical and mental health care services;

397 (6) Equal treatment by state and municipal agencies and access to any  
398 services they provide;

399 (7) Give informed consent to treatment, medication and any medical

400 procedures, except when such person is legally determined unable to do  
 401 so and a conservator of such person is appointed to act on such person's  
 402 behalf;

403 (8) Authorize an advocate to be such person's own representative;

404 (9) Request access to such person's own medical records in  
 405 accordance with confidentiality laws; and

406 (10) Seek a remedy for violations of such person's rights in court.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	17b-261
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	29-1f(a)
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To (1) evaluate and implement best practices for expanding employment and transportation opportunities for persons with an intellectual or developmental disability, (2) ameliorate waiting lists for Medicaid waiver program services for such persons, (3) establish an emergency services alert system to help locate such persons when they are reported missing, (4) provide funding for a voluntary registration system for such persons for public safety purposes, (5) increase income and asset limits for medical assistance for such persons, (6) evaluate changing a statutory definition associated with such persons and Intelligence Quotient criteria for such persons, (7) establish a career pipeline for behavioral health and human services positions to ensure

an adequate number of providers to serve such persons, and (8) establish a bill of rights for such persons.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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