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**"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO HUMAN SERVICES STATUTES."**

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- 1 In line 14, strike "] (a)"
  - 2 In line 22, after the period, insert a closing bracket
  - 3 In line 23, strike "(b)"
  - 4 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
5 internal references accordingly:  
6 "Sec. 501. Section 4-67bb of the 2024 supplement to the general  
7 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
8 (*Effective from passage*):  
9 Not later than October 1, 2023, the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
10 and Management shall establish two new staff positions, (1) one of  
11 whom shall serve as state-wide coordinator of programs and services  
12 provided by state agencies for individuals with autism spectrum  
13 disorder, and (2) one of whom shall (A) identify programs and services

14 provided by state agencies for individuals who have an intellectual or  
15 developmental disability other than autism spectrum disorder; and (B)  
16 help commissioners of such agencies to coordinate such programs and  
17 services. The secretary shall establish an interagency coalition, which  
18 shall include, but need not be limited to, representatives from the  
19 Department of Developmental Services, in its capacity as the lead  
20 agency for persons with an intellectual or developmental disability  
21 pursuant to section 17a-210, and the Department of Social Services, in  
22 its capacity as the lead agency for persons with autism spectrum  
23 disorder pursuant to section 17a-215c. The coalition shall meet not less  
24 than quarterly and work on strategies to reduce silos in the provision of  
25 state agency services for such persons. Not later than July 1, 2025, the  
26 secretary shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
27 section 11-4a, on the progress of the interagency coalition in reducing  
28 silos of services with the joint standing committees of the General  
29 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and  
30 public health.

31 Sec. 502. Section 17a-238b of the 2024 supplement to the general  
32 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
33 (*Effective from passage*):

34 (a) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, in consultation  
35 with the Commissioner of Social Services and the Secretary of the Office  
36 of Policy and Management, shall reduce waiting lists for services in  
37 Medicaid waiver programs established under Section 1915(c) of the  
38 Social Security Act and administered by the Department of  
39 Developmental Services. Not later than January 1, 2024, and annually  
40 thereafter, the Commissioner of Developmental Services, in  
41 consultation with the Office of Policy and Management staff person  
42 employed pursuant to section 4-67bb to help agencies coordinate  
43 programs and services for individuals who have an intellectual or  
44 developmental disability other than autism spectrum disorder, shall file  
45 a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, [and in  
46 consultation with the Commissioner of Developmental Services, on]  
47 with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having

48 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, human services and  
49 public health. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, data  
50 from the prior fiscal year regarding information on persons currently  
51 receiving services through the Medicaid waiver programs administered  
52 by the Department of Developmental Services. Such information shall  
53 include aggregated, deidentified data regarding the following:

54 (1) [the] The number and age ranges of persons [waiting for services  
55 in the waiver programs and the number of underserved persons waiting  
56 for additional services in the waiver programs,] who are not receiving  
57 services through the department's Medicaid waiver programs and are  
58 included on the department's wait list for residential services;

59 (2) [the number of persons added to and subtracted from such  
60 waiting lists for the previous calendar year, and (3) whether] The  
61 number and age ranges of persons who are currently receiving  
62 Medicaid waiver program services through the department, but are  
63 waiting for residential services and are included on the department's  
64 wait list for residential support services, including the type of services  
65 being provided;

66 (3) Whether such waiting lists have increased or decreased over the  
67 previous [calendar] fiscal year and, if so, by how [may] many persons;  
68 [with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
69 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state  
70 agencies, human services and public health.]

71 (4) The number of persons who have an intellectual or developmental  
72 disability other than autism spectrum disorder who are waiting for  
73 access to employment opportunities or day services;

74 (5) The number and age ranges of the primary caregiver for persons  
75 with an intellectual or developmental disability other than autism  
76 spectrum disorder who are living in their family home;

77 (6) Recommendations and initiatives the department is developing to  
78 reduce the waiting list over the next fiscal year;

79 (7) The number and age ranges of individuals currently being served  
80 through the Medicaid waiver programs;

81 (8) The number and age ranges of individuals currently receiving  
82 residential services through the Medicaid waiver programs; and

83 (9) The number and age ranges of persons added to and subtracted  
84 from waiting lists over the previous fiscal year.

85 (b) The commissioner shall post the report on the department's  
86 Internet web site.

87 Sec. 503. Section 17a-215g of the 2024 supplement to the general  
88 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
89 (*Effective from passage*):

90 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the  
91 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and within available  
92 appropriations, shall expand the Medicaid waiver program for persons  
93 with autism spectrum disorder to reduce the number of persons on a  
94 waiting list to receive services under the program.

95 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the  
96 Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the Office of  
97 Policy and Management's state-wide coordinator of programs and  
98 services provided by state agencies for individuals with autism  
99 spectrum disorder, appointed pursuant to section 4-67bb, shall file a  
100 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, [and in  
101 consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services, on (1) the  
102 number of persons waiting for services in the program, (2) the number  
103 of underserved persons in the program waiting for additional services,  
104 (3) the number of persons added and subtracted from the waiting list in  
105 the previous calendar year, (4) whether such waiting list has increased  
106 or decreased over the previous calendar year and, if so, by how many  
107 persons, and (5) recommendations to further reduce the waiting list and  
108 associated costs] with the joint standing committees of the General  
109 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and

110 the budgets of state agencies and human services and the Autism  
111 Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council, established pursuant to section  
112 17a-215j.

113 (c) The report shall include, but need not be limited to, aggregated,  
114 deidentified data from the prior fiscal year regarding:

115 (1) The number and age ranges of persons waiting for services in the  
116 Medicaid waiver program and the number and ages of persons  
117 currently being served by the waiver program;

118 (2) The number and age ranges of persons waiting for residential care  
119 and the number and ages of persons receiving residential care through  
120 the Medicaid waiver program;

121 (3) The number and age ranges of underserved persons currently  
122 receiving services in the Medicaid waiver program but who are waiting  
123 for additional services in the Medicaid waiver program and a brief  
124 description of the services for which such persons are waiting;

125 (4) The number and age ranges of persons added to and subtracted  
126 from the waiting list for the previous calendar year;

127 (5) Whether the waiting list has increased or decreased over the  
128 previous calendar year and, if so, by how many persons;

129 (6) Measurable data, if such data is available to the department,  
130 including outcome data, for persons who are eligible to receive services  
131 pursuant to the Medicaid waiver program for persons with autism  
132 spectrum disorder, including, but not limited to: (A) The number of such  
133 persons who are enrolled in postsecondary education, (B) the  
134 employment status of such persons, and (C) a description of such  
135 persons' living arrangements, including, if applicable, the ages of such  
136 persons' guardians with whom they reside; and

137 (7) Recommendations to further reduce the waiting list and  
138 associated costs.

139 (d) The commissioner shall post the report on the department's  
140 Internet web site.

141 Sec. 504. Section 17a-215e of the 2024 supplement to the general  
142 statutes is repealed. (*Effective from passage*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	4-67bb
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	17a-238b
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	17a-215g
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section