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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLEX CARE SERVICE DELIVERY FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY OR AUTISM DIAGNOSES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The Commissioners of Children
2 and Families, Developmental Services, Education, Social Services and
3 Mental Health and Addiction Services shall design and implement a
4 system to close service gaps for young adults ages seventeen to twenty-
5 two, inclusive, with intellectual or developmental disabilities,
6 including, but not limited to, autism spectrum disorder, who (1) have
7 co-occurring behavioral health needs, (2) are in urgent need of
8 community placement or state agency services, and (3) may qualify for
9 support from more than one state agency.

10 (b) The system designed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section
11 shall include, but need not be limited to:

12 (1) Memoranda of understanding signed by each commissioner
13 concerning identification of such young adults who may be eligible for
14 services administered by each agency;

15 (2) Calculation of any additional resources needed by each such
16 agency to provide services for such young adults;

17 (3) An inventory of residential behavioral health options for such
18 young adults who receive special education services but are not in the
19 custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families; and

20 (4) Psychiatric residential treatment options, including, but not
21 limited to, (A) a request for proposals by the Commissioner of Social
22 Services for a facility of not more than ten beds that may be eligible for
23 federal Medicaid reimbursement, and (B) an inventory of available state
24 property that may be suitable for such a facility.

25 (c) Not later than October 1, 2026, the commissioners shall file a joint
26 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
27 statutes, with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
28 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets
29 of state agencies, children, education, human services and public health
30 and the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning
31 Committee established pursuant to section 2-137 of the general statutes.
32 The report shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) any state
33 appropriations needed to implement the provisions of this section, (2)
34 an update on progress made by each such state agency to close service
35 gaps for such young adults, and (3) recommendations for ways to close
36 such gaps in the future.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement recommendations from a study concerning complex care for young adults with co-occurring diagnoses.

[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.]