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TITLE: CONCERNING REPEALING REFERENCES TO THE REFERRAL AND PLACEMENT

COMMITTEE TO REFLECT CURRENT USAGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS IN DEVELOPING INDIVIDUALIZED PLANS FOR PERSONS WITH

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

Summary of Legislation

This bill repeals a requirement that a community centered board (CCB) form a referral and placement committee to make recommendations for persons with developmental disabilities receiving services through the Department of Human Services (DHS). The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

Background

The DHS is the state agency designated to provide services to persons with developmental disabilities. Services are administered locally by 20 non-profit organizations called community centered boards (CCBs). Each CCB contracts with the state to perform all aspects of service delivery within a distinct geographic region, including eligibility determination, case management, coordination of services, and monitoring.

Assessment

This bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The bill does not create work for a state agency or impact appropriations for case management and service delivery to persons with developmental disabilities. In current practice, the DHS and CCBs form interdisciplinary teams to provide support to persons receiving services, including making referral and placement recommendations. The elimination of the referral and placement committee reduces the amount of administrative work for each CCB, but it does not alter the contractual relationship between the DHS and the CCB to provide case management or to coordinate service delivery, or impact the level of service provided to clients.

Departments Contacted

Human Services

Joint Budget Committee