

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3715**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to permit the Department of Developmental Services provide services to adults with developmental disabilities.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 123B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended

3 by inserting the following definition, following line 17:

4 “Person with a developmental disability”, a person with a severe, chronic disability of an  
5 individual 5 years of age or older that:

6 (1) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment’s resulting from intellectual  
7 disability, Autism or Prader-Eilli Syndrome;

8 (2) Is manifested before the individual attains age 22;

9 (3) Is likely to continue indefinitely;

10 (4) Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of  
11 major life activity;

12 (i) Self-care;

13 (ii) Receptive and expressive language;

14 (iii) Learning;

15 (iv) Mobility;

- 16 (v) Self-direction;
- 17 (vi) Capacity for independent living; and
- 18 (vii) Economic self-sufficiency.

19 (5) Reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special,  
20 interdisciplinary, or generic services, supports, or other assistance that is of lifelong or  
21 extended duration and is individually planned and coordinated, except that such term,  
22 when applied to infants and young children means individuals from birth to age 5,  
23 inclusive, who have substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired  
24 conditions with a high probability of resulting in developmental disabilities if services are  
25 not provided.

26 A person who has a developmental disability may be considered to be mentally ill;  
27 provided, however, that no person with a developmental disability shall be considered to  
28 be mentally ill solely by reason of the person's developmental disability.

29 SECTION 2:

30 Section 2 of chapter 123B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended  
31 by adding the following paragraph, following line 13:

32 The department shall, in accordance with section two of chapter thirty A and subject to  
33 appropriation, adopt regulations consistent with this chapter which establish procedures  
34 and the highest practicable professional standards for community services for persons  
35 with developmental disabilities.

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37 SECTION 3:

38 Section 1 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended by  
39 inserting, on line 7, following "persons with an intellectual disability" the words -  
40 or persons with a developmental disability.

41 Said Section 1 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby further  
42 amended by striking “mental retardation services” on line 23 and inserting in place  
43 thereof the words—services for persons with an intellectual disability

44 Said Section 1 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby further  
45 amended by striking “intellectual disabilities services” on lines 27 and 28, and inserting  
46 in place thereof the words—  
47 services for persons with an intellectual disability or a developmental disability.

48 Section 2 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended by  
49 striking “mental retardation” on line 2, and inserting in place thereof the words of  
50 the department of developmental services

51 Said Section 2 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby further  
52 amended by striking “mental retardation” on line 18.

53 Section 2 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended by  
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55 striking “for mental retardation in the commonwealth” on line 31 and inserting in place  
56 thereof the words for  
57 persons with intellectual disabilities and services served for people with  
58 developmental disabilities in the commonwealth.

59 Section 12 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended  
60 by striking “mental retardation programs” on line 4 and inserting in place thereof the  
61 words persons

62 for persons with an intellectual disability

63 SECTION 3:

64 Chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended by inserting  
65 after Section 12 the following section:

66 Section 12A. The department, subject to appropriation, shall establish a  
67 comprehensive program of community developmental disability services, and  
68 shall establish standards for the development of programs at appropriate  
69 geographic areas to ensure access to needed services. The commissioner shall  
70 ensure citizen, consumer and family participation in the oversight of community  
71 developmental disability services at all such levels, including the local level.

72 Section 13 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended  
73 by inserting, on lines 2 and 3, following “community intellectual disability services” the  
74 words—

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76 and community developmental disability services

77 Section 13 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended  
78 by inserting on lines 8 and 9, following “intellectual disability”, the words—  
79 and developmental disability services

80 Section 13 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended  
81 by inserting, on line 13 following “Intellectual disability services” the words—  
82 and developmental disability services

83 SECTION 4:

84 Chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended by the inserting  
85 after Section 15 the following section:

86 Section 15A. (a) The department shall issue for a term of two years, and may  
87 renew for like terms, a license, subject to revocation by it for cause, to any  
88 program which offers to the public residential or day care services and is  
89 represented as providing treatment of persons with a developmental disability,  
90 and which is deemed by it to be responsible and suitable to meet applicable

91 licensure standards and requirements, except that: (1) the department may license  
92 those programs providing care but not treatment of persons with an intellectual  
93 disability; and (2) licensing by the department is not required where such  
94 residential or day care treatment is provided within an institution or facility  
95 licensed by the department of public health under the provisions of chapter one  
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97 hundred and eleven. Whether or not a license is issued under clause (1), the  
98 department shall make regulations for the operation of such programs. The  
99 department may grant the type of license which it deems suitable for the program.  
100 The department shall fix reasonable fees for licenses and renewal thereof.

101 (b) Each program licensed under the provisions of this section shall maintain and  
102 make available to the department such statistical and diagnostic data as may be  
103 required by the department.

104 (c) Each such program licensed by the department shall be subject to the  
105 supervision, visitation and inspection of the department, and the department may  
106 make regulations for the proper operation of such programs.

107 (d) The department may refuse to grant, suspend, revoke, limit or restrict the  
108 applicability of or refuse to renew a license granted under this section, subject to  
109 the procedural requirements of section thirteen of chapter thirty A for any  
110 violation of its regulations or standards concerning such program. The department  
111 may temporarily suspend a license prior to a hearing in cases of emergency if it  
112 deems that such suspension would be in the public interest; provided, however,  
113 that upon request of an aggrieved party, a hearing pursuant to section thirteen of  
114 chapter thirty A, shall be held after the license is suspended. Any party aggrieved  
115 by a decision of the department under this section may appeal in accordance with

116 the provisions of section fourteen of chapter thirty A.

117 (e) No program for which a license is required under paragraph (a), shall provide

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119 residential or day care services for the treatment or care of persons with a  
120 developmental disability unless it has obtained a license under the provisions of  
121 this section. The superior court sitting in equity shall have jurisdiction, upon  
122 petition of the department, to restrain any violation of the provisions of this  
123 section or to take such other action as equity and justice may require. Whoever  
124 violates the provisions of this section shall be punished for the first offense by a  
125 fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than  
126 two years.

127 (f) Each person served by such a program, shall be granted protection from  
128 commercial and private exploitation of any kind. No person shall be video taped,  
129 audio taped, photographed, interviewed or exposed to the public without either  
130 the person's express written consent, or that of the person's legal guardian.

131 Whoever violates the provision of this paragraph shall be punished by a fine of  
132 not more than two thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than two and  
133 one-half years in a house of correction or by imprisonment for not more than five  
134 years in the state prison.

135 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a) to (f), inclusive, any child  
136 care center, family child care home, family child care system, family foster care  
137 or group care facility as defined in section 1A of chapter 15D, shall not be subject  
138 to the provisions of this section.

139 SECTION 5:

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141 Section 17 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended  
142 by striking “mentally retarded persons” on lines 1 and 2 and inserting in place thereof the  
143 words persons  
144 with an intellectual disability or a developmental disability

145 Section 17 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended  
146 by striking “mentally regarded person” on line 11 and inserting in place thereof the  
147 words persons with an intellectual disability or a developmental disability

148 SECTION 6:

149 Section 18 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended  
150 by striking “mentally ill and persons with an intellectual disability” on line 10 and  
151 inserting in place thereof the words persons with mental illness and intellectual or  
152 developmental disabilities

153 Section 18 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended  
154 by striking “mentally ill and mentally retarded individuals” on lines 14 and 15 and  
155 inserting in place thereof the words persons with mental illness and intellectual or  
156 developmental disabilities

157 Section 18 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended  
158 by striking “a person with an intellectual disability and mentally ill” on lines 16 and 17  
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160 and inserting in place thereof the words a  
161 person with an intellectual or developmental disability and a mental illness

162 Section 18 of chapter 19B as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition is hereby amended  
163 by inserting, on line 29-30 following “intellectual disability”, the words or  
164 a developmental disability,

165 SECTION 7.

166           The department of developmental services shall file an annual report reviewing its  
167 progress in the implementation of this act on or before the first business day of February starting  
168 with February 3, 2015. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the number of new  
169 clients with autism or Prader Willi Syndrome; (2) the number of individuals, if any, on a waitlist  
170 for the services provided for in this act and the reasons for and the expected duration of the  
171 waitlist; (3) the number of additional staff hired to assess and evaluate the new clients and  
172 services; (4) the number of staff hired to deliver, manage and administer the new services; (5)  
173 challenges encountered and met in serving these new clients; (6) challenges that continue and  
174 those that are foreseen in the near future; (7) additional costs incurred in serving these new  
175 clients; and (8) savings if any realized.