

HOUSE BILL 510

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33  
and Title 68, relative to providers of intellectual  
disability services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-5-209, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as subsection (b):

(b)

(1) The department of intellectual and developmental disabilities shall recognize the national accreditation of quality of services provided by the:

(A) Commission for Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

(CARF);

(B) Council on Accreditation (COA); or

(C) Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care  
Organizations (JCAHO).

(2) If a provider agency is in good standing with any listed entities in subdivisions (b)(1)(A)-(C) and meets the requirements for one of the national accreditation's authorized by this subsection (b), then the department shall grant to the agency an exemption from the annual quality assurance evaluations by the department.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.