

Report of Committee of Conference

H.720

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The Committee of Conference, to which were referred the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon House Bill, entitled:

H.720. An act relating to the system of care for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Respectfully reports that it has met and considered the same and recommends that the Senate recede from its proposal of amendment and that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 3, report; case manager quality assurance review, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 3. REPORT; QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEW

(a) On or before November 15, 2022, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare regarding the oversight of services for individuals with developmental disabilities. The report shall, at a minimum:

(1) identify the current level of quality service reviews required by the Department for home- and community-based services provided by the designated and specialized service agencies and other contracted agencies that

provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities and recommend any modifications to these requirements or processes; and

(2) identify the current requirements for the designated and specialized service agencies and other providers to perform on-site visits to individuals with a developmental disability receiving Medicaid-funded residential services, including the residences of individuals residing with shared living providers; the residences of individuals receiving services in their own home or the home of their family; and the residences of individuals residing in residential care homes, therapeutic community residences, nursing facilities, and any other residential settings.

(b) On or before January 15, 2023, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare regarding the oversight of services for individuals with developmental disabilities. The report shall develop an implementation plan that shall address the fiscal and workforce requirements for conducting a minimum of at least one annual on-site quality assurance and improvement visit by the Department to the designated and specialized service agencies and other providers serving individuals with developmental disabilities to address the quality of home- and community-based services, including health and safety, in accordance with personalized service plans for the individuals served.

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