

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Buckley  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Devlin

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do pass the A-Engrossed Measure

**Vote:** 24 – 2 – 0

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Read,  
Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays: Freeman, Hanna

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 12, 2013

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) or designee to assess support needs for all adults with developmental disabilities. Establishes a 90-day period for DHS to respond to assessment request. Directs DHS adopt rules procedures and criteria for requesting and conducting support assessment, procedure for denying request for assessment or DHS's failure to respond to request. Defines service provider and service rate. March 1, 2014 operative date. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Changes in support needs drive requests for reassessments
- Bill will clarify processes for reassessments
- Need a proactive system, not one driven by crisis
- Concern whether or not statutory changes will help improve agency performance

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Currently, adults with developmental disabilities in comprehensive care are assessed once every five years to determine the funding that their service providers will receive. If an individual's needs change within the five years, it is difficult to receive a reassessment of service needs for appropriate funding. At times, service providers are forced to file an exit notice to force the county to reassess the service funding.

Senate Bill 640-A requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to adopt rules to provide service assessment process and to develop a complaint process for client grievances.