

SB 20 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Knopp**Senate Committee On Human Services**

Action Date: 04/09/19
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Gelser, Heard, Knopp, Monnes Anderson
Exc: 1 - Fagan
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 1/22, 2/28, 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates distinction between developmentally disabled children and adults for purpose of eligibility and access to services by removing definition of "adult" and refining and reorganizing other definitions. Requires, rather than allows, Department of Human Services to use case management entities and to contract with support service brokerages and with each community developmental disabilities program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Self-determination language

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Refines and expands definition of "self-determination" to include making one's own choices and decisions, to control or have input, to contribute, to speak or act on one's own or others' behalf, and to participate in policy-making processes. Substitutes defined term "placement setting" with "community living setting." Modifies requirement for DHS to present two residential choices out of three possible settings, to at least one in-home choice out of three possible settings. Eliminates exceptions to requirement to present choices based on geography and waiver and adds exception if adult is moving between nonresidential settings. Clarifies that DHS is required to use case management entities and to contract with support service brokerages and each community developmental disabilities program to provide specified services and ensure choice, access, and appropriate planning and implementation. Other refinements, and clarifying and conforming changes.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), 28,174 adults and children were enrolled in case management services with the Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) as of September 2018. ODDS provides services through Community Developmental Disabilities Providers and brokerages. Community Developmental Disabilities Providers are able to deliver services to any eligible child or adult in any service setting; brokerages are able to deliver some services to some eligible adults and are not able to deliver any services to children.

Senate Bill 20 A consolidates eligibility for services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and provides more uniform access by eliminating the definition of "adult" and referring instead to "individuals." It also modifies other definitions, including definitions of "self-determination" and "community living setting." Finally, it requires DHS to use case management entities and to contract with support service brokerages and with each community developmental disabilities program concerning the provision of services.