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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 633, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to services for persons with developmental disabilities.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 633, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 633.032, to read as follows:

**633.032. 1. The department of mental health shall develop a plan to address the needs of persons who are on a waitlist for services, including persons in habilitation centers waiting for community placement. Such plan shall reflect the partnership between persons with developmental disabilities and their families, community providers, and state officials, and shall support the choice and control of consumers and their families in the delivery of services and supports. Such plan shall include the following:**

**(1) A method to reduce the waitlist for services over a period of five years and to reduce the waiting period to ninety days;**

**(2) A description of minimum supports and services available to all eligible individuals and their families;**

**(3) An evaluation of the capacity of current providers to serve more individuals;**

**(4) A method of adjusting support and service levels based on the needs of the eligible individual combined with family or other relevant circumstances affecting the support of such individual;**

**(5) A method for determining the circumstances when out-of-home twenty-four-**

hour care may be necessary;

(6) A description of how the plan will be implemented on a statewide basis;

(7) Any changes in state law that will be required to implement the plan; and

(8) An analysis of the budgetary and programmatic effects of providing supports and services for all eligible individuals and their families.

2. The plan required pursuant to this section shall be completed on or before November 1, 2003. The director of the department of mental health shall submit a copy of the plan to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro tem of the senate, and the governor.

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