

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Amend SS/SCS/HS/House Bill No. 432, Page 65, Section 452.410, Line 20,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "633.200. 1. [For purposes of this section, the term
4 "autism spectrum disorder" shall be defined as in standard
5 diagnostic criteria for pervasive developmental disorder, to
6 include autistic disorder; Asperger's syndrome; pervasive
7 developmental disorder-not otherwise specified; childhood
8 disintegrative disorder; and Rett's syndrome.

9 2. There is hereby created the "Missouri Commission on
10 Autism Spectrum Disorders" to be housed within the
11 department of mental health. The department of mental
12 health shall provide technical and administrative support as
13 required by the commission. The commission shall meet on at
14 least four occasions annually, including at least two
15 occasions before the end of December of the first year the
16 commission is fully established. The commission may hold
17 meetings by telephone or video conference. The commission
18 shall advise and make recommendations to the governor,
19 general assembly, and relevant state agencies regarding
20 matters concerning all state levels of autism spectrum
21 disorder services, including health care, education, and
22 other adult and adolescent services.

23 3. The commission shall be composed of twenty-four
24 members, consisting of the following:

25 (1) Four members of the general assembly, with two
26 members from the senate and two members from the house of

27 representatives. The president pro tem of the senate shall
28 appoint one member from the senate and the minority leader
29 of the senate shall appoint one member from the senate. The
30 speaker of the house shall appoint one member from the house
31 of representatives and the minority leader of the house
32 shall appoint one member from the house of representatives;

33 (2) The director of the department of mental health,
34 or his or her designee;

35 (3) The commissioner of the department of elementary
36 and secondary education, or his or her designee;

37 (4) The director of the department of health and
38 senior services, or his or her designee;

39 (5) The director of the department of public safety,
40 or his or her designee;

41 (6) The commissioner of the department of higher
42 education and workforce development, or his or her designee;

43 (7) The director of the department of social services,
44 or his or her designee;

45 (8) The director of the department of commerce and
46 insurance, or his or her designee;

47 (9) Two representatives from different institutions of
48 higher learning located in Missouri;

49 (10) An individual employed as a director of special
50 education at a school district located in Missouri;

51 (11) A speech and language pathologist;

52 (12) A diagnostician;

53 (13) A mental health provider;

54 (14) A primary care physician;

55 (15) Two parents of individuals with autism spectrum
56 disorder, including one parent of an individual under the
57 age of eighteen and one parent of an individual over the age
58 of eighteen;

59 (16) Two individuals with autism spectrum disorder;

60 (17) A representative from an independent private
61 provider or nonprofit provider or organization;

62 (18) A member of a county developmental disability
63 board.

64 The members of the commission, other than the members from
65 the general assembly and ex-officio members, shall be
66 appointed by the director of the department of mental
67 health. A chair of the commission shall be selected by the
68 members of the commission. Of the members first appointed
69 to the commission by the governor, half shall serve a term
70 of four years and half shall serve a term of two years, and
71 thereafter, members shall serve a term of four years and may
72 be reappointed. Members shall continue to serve until their
73 successor is duly appointed and qualified. Any vacancy on
74 the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the
75 original appointment. Members shall serve on the commission
76 without compensation but may be reimbursed for their actual
77 and necessary expenses from moneys appropriated to the
78 department of mental health.

79 4. The members of the commission shall consist of a
80 broad representation of Missouri citizens, both urban and
81 rural, who are concerned with the health and quality of life
82 for individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

83 5. The commission shall make recommendations for
84 developing a comprehensive statewide plan for an integrated
85 system of training, treatment, and services for individuals
86 of all ages with autism spectrum disorder. By July 1, 2009,
87 the commission shall issue preliminary findings and
88 recommendations to the general assembly.

89 6. In preparing the state plan, the commission shall
90 specifically perform the following responsibilities and
91 report on them accordingly, in conjunction with state
92 agencies and the office of autism services:

93 (1) Study and report on the means for developing a
94 comprehensive, coordinated system of care delivery across
95 the state to address the increased and increasing presence
96 of autism spectrum disorder and ensure that resources are
97 created, well-utilized, and appropriately spread across the
98 state:

99 (a) Determine the need for the creation of additional
100 centers for diagnostic excellence in designated sectors of
101 the state, which could provide clinical services, including
102 assessment, diagnoses, and treatment of patients;

103 (b) Plan for effectively evaluating regional service
104 areas throughout the state and their capacity, including
105 outlining personnel and skills that exist within the service
106 area, other capabilities that exist, and resource needs that
107 may be unmet;

108 (c) Assess the need for additional behavioral
109 intervention capabilities and, as necessary, the means for
110 expanding those capabilities in a regional service area;

111 (d) Develop recommendations for expanding these
112 services in conjunction with hospitals after considering the
113 resources that exist in terms of specialty clinics and
114 hospitals, and hospital inpatient care capabilities;

115 (2) Conduct an assessment of the need for coordinated,
116 enhanced and targeted special education capabilities within
117 each region of the state;

118 (3) Develop a recommendation for enlisting appropriate
119 universities and colleges to ensure support and
120 collaboration in developing certification or degree programs
121 for students specializing in autism spectrum disorder
122 intervention. This may include degree programs in
123 education, special education, social work, and psychology;
124 and

125 (4) Other responsibilities may include but not be
126 limited to:

127 (a) Provide recommendations regarding training
128 programs and the content of training programs being
129 developed;

130 (b) Recommend individuals to participate in a
131 committee of major stakeholders charged with developing
132 screening, diagnostic, assessment, and treatment standards
133 for Missouri;

134 (c) Participate in recommending a panel of qualified
135 professionals and experts to review existing models of
136 evidence-based educational practices for adaptation specific
137 to Missouri;

138 (d) Examine the barriers to accurate information of
139 the prevalence of individuals with autism spectrum disorder
140 across the state and recommend a process for accurate
141 reporting of demographic data;

142 (e) Explore the need for the creation of interagency
143 councils and evaluation of current councils to ensure a
144 comprehensive, coordinated system of care for all
145 individuals with autism spectrum disorder;

146 (f) Study or explore other developmental delay
147 disorders and genetic conditions known to be associated with
148 autism, including fragile X syndrome; Sotos syndrome;
149 Angelman syndrome; and tuberous sclerosis.] For purposes of
150 this section, the term "autism spectrum disorder" shall have
151 the same meaning as the term is defined in the current
152 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

153 2. There is hereby created the "Missouri Commission on
154 Autism Spectrum Disorders" to be housed within the
155 department of mental health. The department of mental
156 health shall provide technical and administrative support as
157 required by the commission. The commission shall meet on at

158 least four occasions annually, including at least two
159 occasions before the end of December of the first year the
160 commission is fully established. The commission may hold
161 meetings by telephone or video conference.

162 3. The Missouri commission on autism spectrum
163 disorders shall have the mission of producing an "Autism
164 Roadmap for Missouri" encompassing the lifespan of a person
165 living with an autism spectrum disorder. The autism roadmap
166 shall discuss best practices for care and services within
167 health care, education, vocational support, and community
168 resources and highlight opportunities for improvement. The
169 autism roadmap shall include:

170 (1) A targeted review of existing autism resources,
171 initiatives, and funding;

172 (2) The identification of unmet needs or gaps; and

173 (3) Tangible recommendations for system improvements,
174 including specific policy, programmatic, legislative, and
175 funding recommendations.

176 4. The commission shall be composed of twenty-five
177 members, consisting of the following:

178 (1) The director of the office of autism services
179 within the department of mental health;

180 (2) The directors from three of the designated
181 Missouri autism centers receiving state funding, or their
182 designees;

183 (3) Two independent providers of autism diagnosis and
184 related services in Missouri;

185 (4) Three representatives from separate not-for-profit
186 applied behavioral analysis and related allied health
187 service providers in Missouri;

188 (5) Two representatives from the rural health care
189 community whose practices or health care systems include
190 care of individuals with autism;

191 (6) Two representatives from organizations providing
192 vocational rehabilitation, educational, or adult service
193 opportunities for individuals with autism spectrum disorders;

194 (7) Two special education professionals or
195 administrators representing primary and secondary education
196 in Missouri;

197 (8) The director of the department of mental health,
198 or his or her designee;

199 (9) The commissioner of education, or his or her
200 designee;

201 (10) The commissioner of higher education, or his or
202 her designee;

203 (11) The director of the department of health and
204 senior services, or his or her designee;

205 (12) The director of the department of social service,
206 or his or her designee;

207 (13) The director of the department of commerce and
208 insurance, or his or her designee;

209 (14) Two parents of individuals on the autism
210 spectrum, one of whom shall be a parent of a child who is on
211 the autism spectrum and who is preschool- or school-aged and
212 the other shall be a parent of an adult who is on the autism
213 spectrum; and

214 (15) Two adults with autism spectrum disorders.

215 With the exception of department directors, the members of
216 the commission shall be appointed by the director of the
217 department of mental health. A chair of the commission
218 shall be selected by the members of the commission. Members
219 shall serve a term of four years, except that the directors
220 of the designated Missouri autism centers shall only serve
221 two year terms, but may be reappointed and shall continue to
222 serve until their successor is duly appointed and
223 qualified. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled in

224 the same manner as the original appointment. Members shall
225 serve on the commission without compensation but may be
226 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses from
227 moneys appropriated to the department of mental health.

228 5. The commission shall conduct its work in four
229 phases, with such phases including:

230 (1) Transitioning to adulthood for those living with
231 autism spectrum disorders, which shall include:

232 (a) Organizing and reviewing existing systems,
233 resources, and programs available to those living with
234 autism spectrum disorders who are approaching adulthood;

235 (b) Identifying unmet needs or gaps and prioritizing
236 such needs for those living with an autism spectrum disorder
237 who are approaching adulthood; and

238 (c) Reviewing best practices and developing strategic
239 goals to meet the needs of those living with an autism
240 spectrum disorder who are approaching adulthood;

241 (2) Early identification and intervention for those
242 living with autism spectrum disorders, which shall include:

243 (a) Organizing and reviewing existing systems,
244 resources, and programs available to quickly identify and
245 intervene in the lives of those living with an autism
246 spectrum disorder;

247 (b) Identifying unmet needs or gaps and prioritizing
248 such needs to quickly identify and intervene in the lives of
249 those living with an autism spectrum disorder; and

250 (c) Reviewing best practices and developing strategic
251 goals to quickly identify and intervene in the lives of
252 those living with an autism spectrum disorder;

253 (3) Access to care for those living with autism
254 spectrum disorders, which shall include:

255 (a) Organizing and reviewing existing systems,
256 resources, and programs available that provide access to
257 care for those living with an autism spectrum disorder;

258 (b) Identifying unmet needs or gaps and prioritizing
259 such needs in providing access to care for those living with
260 an autism spectrum disorder; and

261 (c) Reviewing best practices and developing strategic
262 goals for providing access to care for those living with an
263 autism spectrum disorder; and

264 (4) Challenging behavior and crisis care for those
265 living with autism spectrum disorders, which shall include:

266 (a) Organizing and reviewing existing systems,
267 resources, and programs available for challenging behavior
268 and crisis care for those living with an autism spectrum
269 disorder;

270 (b) Identifying unmet needs or gaps and prioritizing
271 such needs for challenging behavior and crisis care for
272 those living with an autism spectrum disorder; and

273 (c) Reviewing best practices and developing strategic
274 goals for challenging behavior and crisis care for those
275 living with an autism spectrum disorder.

276 6. The commission shall submit a report to the
277 director of the department of mental health and the governor
278 upon the completion of each phase. In addition, a final
279 document summarizing all completed tasks and remaining
280 recommendations shall be submitted to the director of the
281 department of mental health and the governor upon the
282 completion of all phases.

283 7. The first phase of work done by the commission
284 shall commence on January 1, 2022, with each new phase
285 commencing on January first of each of the following three
286 years. The work in each phase shall be complete by December
287 thirty-first of the year in which the phase began. Each

288 report shall be submitted to the director of the department
289 of mental health and the governor no later than April first
290 following the completion of the phase."; and

291 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.