

Government Oversight Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5252 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT REQUIRING THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TO REVIEW THE COSTS OF PROVIDING CERTAIN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH

Title: INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.

Vote Date: 3/17/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/3/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL: GOS

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill requires the Auditors of Public Accounts, and Office of Policy and Management, to review how residential and day programs are funded and delivered for individuals with intellectual disabilities who receive 24 hour residential services both public and private providers through DSS. The review must compare costs between state run and private programs and identify factors causing differences, analyze how costs vary based on clients' levels of need, and assess the quality of care in a sample of residential settings. The Auditors must recommend the most cost-effective system that maintains high quality care based on the findings and submit a report to the Government Oversight Committee by February 15, 2027.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Heather Ferguson-Hull, Lead Planning Analyst, Office of Policy and Management:](#) Testified in opposition, stating the bill exceeds OPM's expertise, in evaluating care quality, would require significant funding and use of external contractors, and includes an unrealistic timeline. She suggested technical revisions and expressed willingness to work with the committee on a more feasible approach.

[John C. Geragosian, Craig A. Miner, State Auditors, Auditors of Public Accounts:](#) Testified with concerns, stating the bill could compromise their independence by requiring collaboration with an agency they audit, and raised issues with the scope and timeline. They suggested an alternative approach where OPM conducts the analysis, and the auditors independently review it.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Ben Shaiken, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, Connecticut Community Nonprofit Alliance: Testified in support of the bill, emphasizing the need for an updated review of cost and quality differences between state run and nonprofit services, noting that nonprofit providers are generally more cost effective and can deliver equal or better quality care.

Danielle Middlebrooks, Director of Advocacy and Public Policy, The Arc Connecticut: Testified in support, emphasizing the need for updated data on cost and quality across service models, noting the shift to community-based care and urging the bill to help ensure informed, effective policy decisions moving forward.

Lando Sanders: Opposes this bill.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

**Reported by: Clerk- Greg Wolff
Assistant Clerk- Mike Hamann**

Date: 3/24/26