



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

**Substitute Bill No. 5556**



**AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLEX CARE SERVICE DELIVERY FOR YOUNG PERSONS WITH CO-OCCURRING MENTAL HEALTH AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY OR AUTISM DIAGNOSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The Commissioners of  
2 Children and Families, Developmental Services, Education, Social  
3 Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services shall design and  
4 implement a system to close service gaps for young persons ages  
5 seventeen to twenty-two, inclusive, with intellectual or developmental  
6 disabilities, including, but not limited to, autism spectrum disorder,  
7 who (1) have co-occurring behavioral health needs, (2) are in urgent  
8 need of community placement or state agency services, and (3) may  
9 qualify for support from more than one state agency.

10 (b) The system designed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
11 shall include, but need not be limited to:

12 (1) Memoranda of understanding signed by each commissioner  
13 concerning identification of such young persons who may be eligible for  
14 services administered by each state agency;

15 (2) Calculation of any additional resources needed by each state  
16 agency to provide services for such young persons;

17 (3) An inventory of residential behavioral health options for such

18 young persons who receive special education services but are not in the  
19 custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families; and

20 (4) Psychiatric residential treatment options, including, but not  
21 limited to, (A) a request for proposals by the Commissioner of Social  
22 Services for a facility of not more than ten beds that may be eligible for  
23 federal Medicaid reimbursement, and (B) an inventory of available state  
24 property that may be suitable for such a facility.

25 (c) Not later than October 1, 2026, the commissioners shall file a joint  
26 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
27 statutes, with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
28 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets  
29 of state agencies, children, education, human services and public health  
30 and the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning  
31 Committee established pursuant to section 2-137 of the general statutes.  
32 The report shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) any state  
33 appropriations needed to implement the provisions of this section, (2)  
34 an update on progress made by each state agency to close service gaps  
35 for such young persons, and (3) recommendations for ways to close such  
36 gaps in the future.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2026	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**  
"(NEW)" was inserted, references to "young adults" were changed to "young persons" and "agency" was changed to "state agency" throughout for accuracy and consistency.

**HS**            *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*