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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 5556**

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

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires commissioners of four state agencies (Department of Children and Families (DCF), State Department of Education, Department of Social Services (DSS), and Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services) to design and implement a system to close service gaps for young people ages 17 to 22 who:

1. have intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorder;
2. have co-occurring behavioral health needs;
3. urgently need community placement or state agency services;  
and
4. may qualify for support from more than one state agency.

The bill sets certain requirements for the system and requires the commissioners to report by October 1, 2026, to the Appropriations, Children, Education, Human Services, and Public Health committees and the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee. The report must include any state appropriations needed to implement the bill's provisions, a progress update on closing service gaps, and recommendations for ways to close gaps in the future.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

#### **SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

The system the state agencies implement must include:

1. memoranda of understanding signed by each commissioner on the identification of young people described above who may be eligible for agency services;
2. calculation of additional resources each agency needs to serve this population;
3. an inventory of residential behavioral health options for young people who receive special education services but are not in DCF custody; and
4. psychiatric residential treatment options, including a DSS request for proposals for a facility with up to 10 beds that may be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement, and an inventory of state property suitable for this facility.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/19/2026)