
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 500

AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-FUNDED CAREGIVER PROGRAM TO ASSIST PARENTS OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ENROLLED IN A MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Social Services commissioner, within available appropriations, to establish a state-funded caregiver respite program for parents of adult children enrolled in the Medicaid Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) waiver program.

By law, the ASD waiver program provides home- and community-based services to people with ASD who do not have an intellectual disability (an intelligence quotient score of at least 70). To qualify, a person must have substantial limitations in two or more specified major life activities that were diagnosed before age 22 and are expected to continue indefinitely.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/19/2026)