

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By \_\_\_\_\_

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for  
2 Senate Bill No. 43, Page 59, Section 579.076, Line 12, by inserting after all of said line and section  
3 the following:  
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5 "633.201. 1. For purposes of this section, the term "autism spectrum disorder" shall have  
6 the same meaning as the term is defined in the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental  
7 Disorders.

8 2. There is hereby created the "Missouri Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders" to be  
9 housed within the department of mental health. The department of mental health shall provide  
10 technical and administrative support as required by the commission. The commission shall meet on  
11 at least four occasions annually, including at least two occasions before the end of December of the  
12 first year the commission is fully established. The commission may hold meetings by telephone or  
13 video conference.

14 3. The commission shall have the mission of producing an "autism roadmap" for Missouri  
15 across the lifespan of a person living with an autism spectrum disorder. The autism roadmap shall  
16 discuss best practices for care and services within health care, education, vocational support, and  
17 community resources and highlight opportunities for improvement. Specifically, the autism  
18 roadmap shall include:

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

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

21 (3) Tangible recommendations for system improvements including specific policy,  
22 programmatic, legislative, and funding recommendations

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

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

25 (2) Directors from three of the designated Missouri autism centers receiving state funding,  
26 or the directors' designee;

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

28 (4) Three representatives from separate nonprofit applied behavioral analysis and related  
29 allied health service providers in Missouri;

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

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

34 (7) Two special education professionals or administrators representing primary and  
35 secondary education in Missouri;

36 (8) The director of the department of mental health, or the director's designee;

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- (9) The commissioner of the department of elementary and secondary education, or the commissioner's designee;
- (10) The commissioner of the department of higher education and workforce development, or the commissioner's designee;
- (11) The director of the department of health and senior services, or the director's designee;
- (12) The director of the department of social services, or the director's designee;
- (13) The director of the department of commerce and insurance, or the director's designee;
- (14) Two parents of individuals on the autism spectrum, one of which shall be a parent of a child who is on the autism spectrum who is preschool or school-aged and one of which shall be a parent of an adult who is on the autism spectrum; and
- (15) Two adults living with an autism spectrum disorder.

The members of the commission, other than members who are directors of a state department, shall be appointed by the director of the department of mental health. A chair of the commission shall be selected by the members of the commission. Members shall serve a term of four years, except that the directors of the designated Missouri autism centers shall serve only two-year terms but may be reappointed and shall continue to serve until their successor is duly appointed and qualified. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members shall serve on the commission without compensation but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses from moneys appropriated to the department of mental health.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. The first phase of work done by the commission shall commence on January 1, 2022, with each new phase commencing on January first of each of the following three years. The work in each phase shall be complete before December thirty first of the year in which the phase began. Each report shall be submitted to the director of the department of mental health and the governor before April first following the completion of the phase.

8. The provisions of this section shall terminate, January 1, 2027."; and

Further amend said bill, Page 59, Section 190.245, Line 14, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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

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

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

~~——— (1) Four members of the general assembly, with two members from the senate and two members from the house of representatives. The president pro tem of the senate shall appoint one member from the senate and the minority leader of the senate shall appoint one member from the senate. The speaker of the house shall appoint one member from the house of representatives and the minority leader of the house shall appoint one member from the house of representatives;~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~——— (9) Two representatives from different institutions of higher learning located in Missouri;~~

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

- 1 ——— (11) A speech and language pathologist;
- 2 ——— (12) A diagnostician;
- 3 ——— (13) A mental health provider;
- 4 ——— (14) A primary care physician;
- 5 ——— (15) Two parents of individuals with autism spectrum disorder, including one parent of an
- 6 individual under the age of eighteen and one parent of an individual over the age of eighteen;
- 7 ——— (16) Two individuals with autism spectrum disorder;
- 8 ——— (17) A representative from an independent private provider or nonprofit provider or
- 9 organization;
- 10 ——— (18) A member of a county developmental disability board.

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 12 The members of the commission, other than the members from the general assembly and ex-officio  
 13 members, shall be appointed by the director of the department of mental health. A chair of the  
 14 commission shall be selected by the members of the commission. Of the members first appointed to  
 15 the commission by the governor, half shall serve a term of four years and half shall serve a term of  
 16 two years, and thereafter, members shall serve a term of four years and may be reappointed.  
 17 Members shall continue to serve until their successor is duly appointed and qualified. Any vacancy  
 18 on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. Members shall  
 19 serve on the commission without compensation but may be reimbursed for their actual and  
 20 necessary expenses from moneys appropriated to the department of mental health.

21 ——— 4. The members of the commission shall consist of a broad representation of Missouri  
 22 citizens, both urban and rural, who are concerned with the health and quality of life for individuals  
 23 with autism spectrum disorder.

24 ——— 5. The commission shall make recommendations for developing a comprehensive statewide  
 25 plan for an integrated system of training, treatment, and services for individuals of all ages with  
 26 autism spectrum disorder. By July 1, 2009, the commission shall issue preliminary findings and  
 27 recommendations to the general assembly.

28 ——— 6. In preparing the state plan, the commission shall specifically perform the following  
 29 responsibilities and report on them accordingly, in conjunction with state agencies and the office of  
 30 autism services:

31 ——— (1) Study and report on the means for developing a comprehensive, coordinated system of  
 32 care delivery across the state to address the increased and increasing presence of autism spectrum  
 33 disorder and ensure that resources are created, well-utilized, and appropriately spread across the  
 34 state;

35 ——— (a) Determine the need for the creation of additional centers for diagnostic excellence in  
 36 designated sectors of the state, which could provide clinical services, including assessment,  
 37 diagnoses, and treatment of patients;

38 ——— (b) Plan for effectively evaluating regional service areas throughout the state and their  
 39 capacity, including outlining personnel and skills that exist within the service area, other capabilities  
 40 that exist, and resource needs that may be unmet;

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

43 ——— (d) Develop recommendations for expanding these services in conjunction with hospitals  
 44 after considering the resources that exist in terms of specialty clinics and hospitals, and hospital  
 45 inpatient care capabilities;

46 ——— (2) Conduct an assessment of the need for coordinated, enhanced and targeted special  
 47 education capabilities within each region of the state;

48 ——— (3) Develop a recommendation for enlisting appropriate universities and colleges to ensure  
 49 support and collaboration in developing certification or degree programs for students specializing in

1 autism spectrum disorder intervention. This may include degree programs in education, special  
2 education, social work, and psychology; and

3 ——— (4) Other responsibilities may include but not be limited to:

4 ——— (a) Provide recommendations regarding training programs and the content of training  
5 programs being developed;

6 ——— (b) Recommend individuals to participate in a committee of major stakeholders charged  
7 with developing screening, diagnostic, assessment, and treatment standards for Missouri;

8 ——— (c) Participate in recommending a panel of qualified professionals and experts to review  
9 existing models of evidence-based educational practices for adaptation specific to Missouri;

10 ——— (d) Examine the barriers to accurate information of the prevalence of individuals with  
11 autism spectrum disorder across the state and recommend a process for accurate reporting of  
12 demographic data;

13 ——— (e) Explore the need for the creation of interagency councils and evaluation of current  
14 councils to ensure a comprehensive, coordinated system of care for all individuals with autism  
15 spectrum disorder;

16 ——— (f) Study or explore other developmental delay disorders and genetic conditions known to  
17 be associated with autism, including fragile X syndrome; Sotos syndrome; Angelman syndrome;  
18 and tuberous sclerosis.]" ; and

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20 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
21 accordingly.