

By: Representatives Evans, Scott (80th)

To: Public Health and Welfare; Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 929

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROPOSED
2 COMPREHENSIVE STATE PLAN FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO PERSONS
3 WITH DISABILITIES IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MOST
4 INTEGRATED SETTING APPROPRIATE; TO PROVIDE ISSUES FOR
5 CONSIDERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED PLAN; TO PROVIDE
6 PRINCIPLES FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED
7 PLAN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 SECTION 1. The State of Mississippi is committed to
10 providing options to persons with disabilities and families that
11 include members who are persons with disabilities for services to
12 be provided in the most integrated setting appropriate. The State
13 of Mississippi is further committed to developing a comprehensive
14 plan to address needs, service options, opportunities, and service
15 settings appropriate for persons with disabilities and families
16 that include members who are persons with disabilities so that
17 they may participate in community life to the greatest extent that
18 is possible and that they desire.

19 SECTION 2. The following state agencies shall organize a
20 statewide work group to develop a proposed plan: the Department
21 of Mental Health, the State Department of Rehabilitation Services,
22 the Department of Human Services, the State Department of
23 Education, the State Department of Health and the Division of
24 Medicaid. The lead agency shall be the Division of Medicaid. The
25 statewide work group shall include any other state agencies that
26 are responsible for providing services to persons with
27 disabilities or to families that include members who are persons
28 with disabilities, the Office of the Attorney General, and any
29 advocacy groups, consumer groups, consumers, providers, provider



30 groups, associations, and any other persons, organizations, or
31 entities interested in the mission of the work group. The work
32 group shall seek input from the public, particularly from persons
33 with disabilities and families that include members who are
34 persons with disabilities. The statewide work group shall submit
35 the proposed plan to the Legislature no later than September 30,
36 2001.

37 SECTION 3. In developing the proposed plan, the following
38 issues shall be specifically addressed:

39 (a) Expansion of home and community-based services;

40 (b) Prevention of premature or inappropriate
41 out-of-home placement;

42 (c) Development of support services and networks
43 including, but not limited to:

44 (i) Communication services;

45 (ii) Counseling services;

46 (iii) Crisis intervention;

47 (iv) Day care;

48 (v) Dental and medical care that are not otherwise
49 covered;

50 (vi) Equipment and supplies and other assistive
51 technology;

52 (vii) Financial assistance;

53 (viii) Home and vehicle modifications;

54 (ix) Home health services;

55 (x) Homemaker services;

56 (xi) Parent education and training;

57 (xiii) Personal assistance services;

58 (xiii) Recreation;

59 (xiv) Respite care;

60 (xv) Self-advocacy training;

61 (xvi) Service coordination;

62 (xvii) Specialized diagnosis and evaluation;



63 (xviii) Specialized nutrition and clothing;
64 (xix) Specified utility costs;
65 (xx) Therapeutic and nursing services;
66 (xxii) Transportation;
67 (xxii) Vocational and employment supports;
68 (d) Appropriate maintenance of institutional services
69 for those persons with disabilities who desire or need them.

70 The proposed plan shall address any other issues pertinent to
71 the goal of the plan in addition to the issues listed in this
72 section.

73 SECTION 4. The following principles shall be considered in
74 the development of the proposed plan:

75 (a) Individuals with disabilities and their families
76 are best able to determine their own needs and should be empowered
77 to make decisions concerning necessary, desirable, and appropriate
78 services.

79 (b) Individuals with disabilities should receive the
80 support necessary for them to live as independently as possible at
81 home if they choose.

82 (c) Family support should be responsive to the needs of
83 the entire family unit.

84 (d) Supports should be sensitive to the unique needs
85 and strengths of individuals and families.

86 (e) Supports should build on existing social networks
87 and natural sources of support.

88 (f) Supports will usually be needed throughout the life
89 span of the individual who has a disability.

90 (g) Supports should encourage the integration of people
91 with disabilities into the community as much as possible and when
92 the consumer prefers that integration.

93 (h) Support services should be flexible enough to
94 accommodate unique needs of individuals and families as they
95 evolve over time.



96 (i) Support services should be consistent with the
97 cultural preferences and orientations of individuals and families.

98 (j) Support services should be comprehensive and
99 coordinated across the agencies that provide resources and
100 services, or both, to individuals and families.

101 (k) Individual and family home-based support services
102 should be based on the principles for sharing ordinary places,
103 developing meaningful relationships, learning things that are
104 useful, and making choices, as well as increasing the self-esteem
105 and status, and enhancing the reputation of the individuals
106 served.

107 (l) Supports should be developed and expanded in the
108 state that are necessary, desirable, and appropriate to support
109 individuals and families.

110 (m) Supports and services should enhance the
111 development of the individual with a disability and the family.

112 (n) A comprehensive, coordinated system of supports to
113 families effectively uses existing resources and minimizes gaps in
114 supports to families and individuals in all areas of the state.

115 (o) Services should be coordinated with other services.

116 (p) No individual who wishes to remain in an
117 institutional setting will be forced to receive support services
118 in a noninstitutional or home-based setting.

119 SECTION 5. The proposed plan shall provide the following:

120 (a) An estimate of the number of persons with
121 disabilities in the State of Mississippi who need services or will
122 need services;

123 (b) A proposed schedule for expanding home and
124 community-based services, service networks, support services, and
125 provider networks, and for maintaining institutional services so
126 that all persons with disabilities in the State of Mississippi
127 will have an opportunity to access services in the most integrated
128 setting appropriate;



129 (c) An estimate of the amount of appropriations
130 necessary over the course of the proposed schedule to accomplish
131 proposed plan;

132 (d) A proposal for funding the proposed plan.

133 SECTION 6. Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall stand
134 repealed on July 1, 2003.

135 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from
136 and after its passage.

