

5873-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Deccio, Parlette, Prentice and Thibaudeau)

Brief Description: Regarding the administration and management of services to developmentally disabled individuals.

SB 5873-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that, by December 1, 2003, the department of social and health services shall report to the legislature on the costs associated with providing a consolidated and unified management information system that will allow for informed authorization of services, efficient and consistent eligibility determinations, complete and consistent plans of care, thorough coordination of services, and uniform application of program policies on behalf of clients with developmental disabilities.

Recognizes that developmental disabilities advocates have invaluable insights into the needs of vulnerable people. The department of social and health services shall consider their views when deciding on priority populations in the allocation of services.

Requires the department to report back to the legislature by December 1, 2003, on categories of priority populations and the range of services that may be available to different priority populations. The report shall include a process for maintaining information on individuals in nonpriority status.