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By: Senator Howell

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO PROMULGATE
MORE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SERVICES
PROVIDED BY OR THROUGH THE DIVISION.

WHEREAS, the Division Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Human Services receives and disburses funds to provide services to developmentally disabled persons in this State; and

WHEREAS, the existing regulations of the Division relating to its services need to be more specific,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Human Services is hereby earnestly requested to promulgate regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act, after consultation with agency personnel, concerned groups and individuals including but not limited to parent groups, human development center superintendents and private providers contracting with the agency, to:

1. Clearly define each service provided by or through the Division;
2. Outline specific eligibility requirements for each service and procedures for accessing services provided by or through the Division;
3. Establish criteria for giving priority in the delivery of services to those persons who are on waiting lists for residential care;

4. Require that the priority lists be updated monthly and made available to all authorized personnel;
5. Establish criteria to define emergency needs and critical needs for admission to a facility upon the approval of the Deputy Director of the Division and notice given to the Director of the Department;
6. Provide for monthly reporting to the public of services rendered and the number of requests for services pending; and
7. Provide for quarterly reporting to the Arkansas Legislative Council.