

Committee Action:
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Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

ASSEMBLY BILL 422

Revises provisions relating to autism spectrum disorder. (BDR 38-774)

Sponsored By: Assemblywoman Gorelow
Date Heard: April 5, 2023
Fiscal Notes: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

Assembly Bill 422 provides that certain infants or toddlers who are determined to be at risk for having autism spectrum disorder are presumptively eligible for early intervention services provided according to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall refer such a child to the Autism Treatment Assistance Program.

Amendments:

Assemblywoman Gorelow proposes to replace the current provisions of this bill, and instead authorizes the Aging and Disability Services Division, DHHS, to initiate a pilot program through the Autism Treatment Assistance Program. The purpose of the program is to provide evidence-based services and supports for children diagnosed with fetal alcohol spectrum disorders that would lend to the development of a service delivery model and program to address the unmet needs and service gaps. The pilot program is based on available funding and ends no later than December 31, 2025.