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## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DRAFT - STUDY OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES AND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER PROGRAMS**

This memorandum provides information regarding items to include in a potential request for proposal to hire a consultant to provide information related to the Human Services Committee's study of developmental disabilities services and autism spectrum disorder programs.

As provided for in Senate Bill No. 2256 (2021) specific areas the study is to address include:

1. The state's existing programs to identify potential pathways for individuals who have a developmental disability and individuals who have an autism spectrum disorder but do not meet the eligibility criteria for existing programs;
2. The identification of gaps in services with programmatic recommendations identifying potential strategies to address the gaps, and potential federal and state funding sources, including the federal Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment;
3. Efforts and services offered by other states, including the planning and implementation process for any new or modified programs;
4. The impact of implementation and expansion of programs to address service gaps, including the number of individuals impacted, cost, and timeline for implementation; and
5. The elimination of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force, including contracting with a private, nonprofit entity that does not provide autism spectrum disorder services to facilitate and provide support services to the Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force.

The resulting contract will require periodic reports to the Human Services Committee on the status of the review and on tentative findings and recommendations with the final written report due by June 1, 2022.