

**SENATE AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_ Of \_\_\_\_\_

Amend SS/SCS/HS/House Bill No. 432, Page 65, Section 452.410, Line 20,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "633.200. 1. [For purposes of this section, the term  
4 "autism spectrum disorder" shall be defined as in standard  
5 diagnostic criteria for pervasive developmental disorder, to  
6 include autistic disorder; Asperger's syndrome; pervasive  
7 developmental disorder-not otherwise specified; childhood  
8 disintegrative disorder; and Rett's syndrome.

9 2. There is hereby created the "Missouri Commission on  
10 Autism Spectrum Disorders" to be housed within the  
11 department of mental health. The department of mental  
12 health shall provide technical and administrative support as  
13 required by the commission. The commission shall meet on at  
14 least four occasions annually, including at least two  
15 occasions before the end of December of the first year the  
16 commission is fully established. The commission may hold  
17 meetings by telephone or video conference. The commission  
18 shall advise and make recommendations to the governor,  
19 general assembly, and relevant state agencies regarding  
20 matters concerning all state levels of autism spectrum  
21 disorder services, including health care, education, and  
22 other adult and adolescent services.

23 3. The commission shall be composed of twenty-four  
24 members, consisting of the following:

25 (1) Four members of the general assembly, with two  
26 members from the senate and two members from the house of

representatives. The president pro tem of the senate shall appoint one member from the senate and the minority leader of the senate shall appoint one member from the senate. The speaker of the house shall appoint one member from the house of representatives and the minority leader of the house shall appoint one member from the house of representatives;

(2) The director of the department of mental health, or his or her designee;

(3) The commissioner of the department of elementary and secondary education, or his or her designee;

(4) The director of the department of health and senior services, or his or her designee;

(5) The director of the department of public safety, or his or her designee;

(6) The commissioner of the department of higher education and workforce development, or his or her designee;

(7) The director of the department of social services, or his or her designee;

(8) The director of the department of commerce and insurance, or his or her designee;

(9) Two representatives from different institutions of higher learning located in Missouri;

(10) An individual employed as a director of special education at a school district located in Missouri;

(11) A speech and language pathologist;

(12) A diagnostician;

(13) A mental health provider;

(14) A primary care physician;

(15) Two parents of individuals with autism spectrum disorder, including one parent of an individual under the age of eighteen and one parent of an individual over the age of eighteen;

(16) Two individuals with autism spectrum disorder;

60           (17) A representative from an independent private  
61 provider or nonprofit provider or organization;

62           (18) A member of a county developmental disability  
63 board.

64 The members of the commission, other than the members from  
65 the general assembly and ex-officio members, shall be  
66 appointed by the director of the department of mental  
67 health. A chair of the commission shall be selected by the  
68 members of the commission. Of the members first appointed  
69 to the commission by the governor, half shall serve a term  
70 of four years and half shall serve a term of two years, and  
71 thereafter, members shall serve a term of four years and may  
72 be reappointed. Members shall continue to serve until their  
73 successor is duly appointed and qualified. Any vacancy on  
74 the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the  
75 original appointment. Members shall serve on the commission  
76 without compensation but may be reimbursed for their actual  
77 and necessary expenses from moneys appropriated to the  
78 department of mental health.

79           4. The members of the commission shall consist of a  
80 broad representation of Missouri citizens, both urban and  
81 rural, who are concerned with the health and quality of life  
82 for individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

83           5. The commission shall make recommendations for  
84 developing a comprehensive statewide plan for an integrated  
85 system of training, treatment, and services for individuals  
86 of all ages with autism spectrum disorder. By July 1, 2009,  
87 the commission shall issue preliminary findings and  
88 recommendations to the general assembly.

89           6. In preparing the state plan, the commission shall  
90 specifically perform the following responsibilities and  
91 report on them accordingly, in conjunction with state  
92 agencies and the office of autism services:

93           (1) Study and report on the means for developing a  
94 comprehensive, coordinated system of care delivery across  
95 the state to address the increased and increasing presence  
96 of autism spectrum disorder and ensure that resources are  
97 created, well-utilized, and appropriately spread across the  
98 state:

99           (a) Determine the need for the creation of additional  
100 centers for diagnostic excellence in designated sectors of  
101 the state, which could provide clinical services, including  
102 assessment, diagnoses, and treatment of patients;

103           (b) Plan for effectively evaluating regional service  
104 areas throughout the state and their capacity, including  
105 outlining personnel and skills that exist within the service  
106 area, other capabilities that exist, and resource needs that  
107 may be unmet;

108           (c) Assess the need for additional behavioral  
109 intervention capabilities and, as necessary, the means for  
110 expanding those capabilities in a regional service area;

111           (d) Develop recommendations for expanding these  
112 services in conjunction with hospitals after considering the  
113 resources that exist in terms of specialty clinics and  
114 hospitals, and hospital inpatient care capabilities;

115           (2) Conduct an assessment of the need for coordinated,  
116 enhanced and targeted special education capabilities within  
117 each region of the state;

118           (3) Develop a recommendation for enlisting appropriate  
119 universities and colleges to ensure support and  
120 collaboration in developing certification or degree programs  
121 for students specializing in autism spectrum disorder  
122 intervention. This may include degree programs in  
123 education, special education, social work, and psychology;  
124 and

(4) Other responsibilities may include but not be limited to:

(a) Provide recommendations regarding training programs and the content of training programs being developed;

(b) Recommend individuals to participate in a committee of major stakeholders charged with developing screening, diagnostic, assessment, and treatment standards for Missouri;

(c) Participate in recommending a panel of qualified professionals and experts to review existing models of evidence-based educational practices for adaptation specific to Missouri;

(d) Examine the barriers to accurate information of the prevalence of individuals with autism spectrum disorder across the state and recommend a process for accurate reporting of demographic data;

(e) Explore the need for the creation of interagency councils and evaluation of current councils to ensure a comprehensive, coordinated system of care for all individuals with autism spectrum disorder;

(f) Study or explore other developmental delay disorders and genetic conditions known to be associated with autism, including fragile X syndrome; Sotos syndrome; Angelman syndrome; and tuberous sclerosis.] For purposes of this section, the term "autism spectrum disorder" shall have the same meaning as the term is defined in the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

2. There is hereby created the "Missouri Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders" to be housed within the department of mental health. The department of mental health shall provide technical and administrative support as required by the commission. The commission shall meet on at

158 least four occasions annually, including at least two  
159 occasions before the end of December of the first year the  
160 commission is fully established. The commission may hold  
161 meetings by telephone or video conference.

162 3. The Missouri commission on autism spectrum  
163 disorders shall have the mission of producing an "Autism  
164 Roadmap for Missouri" encompassing the lifespan of a person  
165 living with an autism spectrum disorder. The autism roadmap  
166 shall discuss best practices for care and services within  
167 health care, education, vocational support, and community  
168 resources and highlight opportunities for improvement. The  
169 autism roadmap shall include:

170 (1) A targeted review of existing autism resources,  
171 initiatives, and funding;

172 (2) The identification of unmet needs or gaps; and

173 (3) Tangible recommendations for system improvements,  
174 including specific policy, programmatic, legislative, and  
175 funding recommendations.

176 4. The commission shall be composed of twenty-five  
177 members, consisting of the following:

178 (1) The director of the office of autism services  
179 within the department of mental health;

180 (2) The directors from three of the designated  
181 Missouri autism centers receiving state funding, or their  
182 designees;

183 (3) Two independent providers of autism diagnosis and  
184 related services in Missouri;

185 (4) Three representatives from separate not-for-profit  
186 applied behavioral analysis and related allied health  
187 service providers in Missouri;

188 (5) Two representatives from the rural health care  
189 community whose practices or health care systems include  
190 care of individuals with autism;

191       (6) Two representatives from organizations providing  
192 vocational rehabilitation, educational, or adult service  
193 opportunities for individuals with autism spectrum disorders;

194       (7) Two special education professionals or  
195 administrators representing primary and secondary education  
196 in Missouri;

197       (8) The director of the department of mental health,  
198 or his or her designee;

199       (9) The commissioner of education, or his or her  
200 designee;

201       (10) The commissioner of higher education, or his or  
202 her designee;

203       (11) The director of the department of health and  
204 senior services, or his or her designee;

205       (12) The director of the department of social service,  
206 or his or her designee;

207       (13) The director of the department of commerce and  
208 insurance, or his or her designee;

209       (14) Two parents of individuals on the autism  
210 spectrum, one of whom shall be a parent of a child who is on  
211 the autism spectrum and who is preschool- or school-aged and  
212 the other shall be a parent of an adult who is on the autism  
213 spectrum; and

214       (15) Two adults with autism spectrum disorders.

215 With the exception of department directors, the members of  
216 the commission shall be appointed by the director of the  
217 department of mental health. A chair of the commission  
218 shall be selected by the members of the commission. Members  
219 shall serve a term of four years, except that the directors  
220 of the designated Missouri autism centers shall only serve  
221 two year terms, but may be reappointed and shall continue to  
222 serve until their successor is duly appointed and  
223 qualified. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled in

the same manner as the original appointment. Members shall serve on the commission without compensation but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses from moneys appropriated to the department of mental health.

5. The commission shall conduct its work in four phases, with such phases including:

(1) Transitioning to adulthood for those living with autism spectrum disorders, which shall include:

(a) Organizing and reviewing existing systems, resources, and programs available to those living with autism spectrum disorders who are approaching adulthood;

(b) Identifying unmet needs or gaps and prioritizing such needs for those living with an autism spectrum disorder who are approaching adulthood; and

(c) Reviewing best practices and developing strategic goals to meet the needs of those living with an autism spectrum disorder who are approaching adulthood;

(2) Early identification and intervention for those living with autism spectrum disorders, which shall include:

(a) Organizing and reviewing existing systems, resources, and programs available to quickly identify and intervene in the lives of those living with an autism spectrum disorder;

(b) Identifying unmet needs or gaps and prioritizing such needs to quickly identify and intervene in the lives of those living with an autism spectrum disorder; and

(c) Reviewing best practices and developing strategic goals to quickly identify and intervene in the lives of those living with an autism spectrum disorder;

(3) Access to care for those living with autism spectrum disorders, which shall include:



255        (a) Organizing and reviewing existing systems,  
256 resources, and programs available that provide access to  
257 care for those living with an autism spectrum disorder;

258        (b) Identifying unmet needs or gaps and prioritizing  
259 such needs in providing access to care for those living with  
260 an autism spectrum disorder; and

261        (c) Reviewing best practices and developing strategic  
262 goals for providing access to care for those living with an  
263 autism spectrum disorder; and

264        (4) Challenging behavior and crisis care for those  
265 living with autism spectrum disorders, which shall include:

266            (a) Organizing and reviewing existing systems,  
267 resources, and programs available for challenging behavior  
268 and crisis care for those living with an autism spectrum  
269 disorder;

270            (b) Identifying unmet needs or gaps and prioritizing  
271 such needs for challenging behavior and crisis care for  
272 those living with an autism spectrum disorder; and

273            (c) Reviewing best practices and developing strategic  
274 goals for challenging behavior and crisis care for those  
275 living with an autism spectrum disorder.

276        6. The commission shall submit a report to the  
277 director of the department of mental health and the governor  
278 upon the completion of each phase. In addition, a final  
279 document summarizing all completed tasks and remaining  
280 recommendations shall be submitted to the director of the  
281 department of mental health and the governor upon the  
282 completion of all phases.

283        7. The first phase of work done by the commission  
284 shall commence on January 1, 2022, with each new phase  
285 commencing on January first of each of the following three  
286 years. The work in each phase shall be complete by December  
287 thirty-first of the year in which the phase began. Each

288 report shall be submitted to the director of the department  
289 of mental health and the governor no later than April first  
290 following the completion of the phase."; and

291 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.