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89TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 633.010, RSMo 1994, relating to the department of mental health, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 633.010, RSMo 1994, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 633.010, to read as follows:

633.010. 1. The division of [mental retardation and] developmental disabilities, created by the omnibus reorganization act of 1974, section 9, appendix B, RSMo, shall be a division of the department. The division shall have the responsibility of insuring that mental retardation and developmental disabilities prevention, evaluation, care, habilitation and rehabilitation services are accessible, wherever possible. The division shall have and exercise supervision of division residential facilities, day programs and other specialized services operated by the department, and oversight over facilities, programs and services funded or licensed by the department.

2. The powers, functions and duties of the division shall include the following:

(1) Provision of funds for the planning and implementation of accessible programs to serve persons affected by mental retardation or developmental disabilities;

(2) Review of mental retardation and developmental disabilities plans submitted to receive state and federal funds allocated by the department;

(3) Provision of technical assistance and training to community-based programs to assist in the planning and implementation of quality services;

(4) Assurance of program quality in compliance with such appropriate standards as may be established by the department;

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

(5) Sponsorship and encouragement of research into the causes, effects, prevention, habilitation and rehabilitation of mental retardation and developmental disabilities;

(6) Provision of public information relating to mental retardation and developmental disabilities and their habilitation;

(7) Cooperation with nonstate governmental agencies and the private sector in establishing, conducting, integrating and coordinating mental retardation and developmental disabilities programs and projects;

(8) Cooperation with other state agencies to encourage appropriate health facilities to serve, without discrimination, persons who are mentally retarded or developmentally disabled who require medical care and to provide them with adequate and appropriate services;

(9) Participation in developing and implementing a statewide plan to alleviate problems relating to mental retardation and developmental disabilities and to overcome the barriers to their solutions;

(10) Encouragement of coordination of division services with other divisions of the department and other state agencies;

(11) Encouragement of the utilization, support, assistance and dedication of volunteers to assist persons affected by mental retardation and developmental disabilities to be accepted and integrated into normal community activities;

(12) Evaluation, or the requirement of the evaluation, including the collection of appropriate necessary information, of mental retardation or developmental disabilities programs to determine their cost-and-benefit effectiveness;

(13) Participation in developing standards for residential facilities, day programs and specialized services operated, funded or licensed by the department for persons affected by mental retardation or developmental disabilities.

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