

## OFFICE OF POLICY AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

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To: Joint Standing Committee on Health & Human Services  
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### **LD 577 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Crisis Prevention and Intervention Services, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services (emergency)**

**SUMMARY:** This resolve provides for legislative review of Chapter 6: Crisis Prevention and Intervention Services, a major substantive rule of DHHS, OADS (Filed on time)

The rule requires DHHS to maintain sufficient capacity to offer statewide in-home and out-of-home crisis prevention and intervention services for adults with ID, acquired BI and ASD. The rule specifies: service location; requires transportation; maintains a dedicated crisis telephone intake service 24/7; crisis management; placements; emergency transitional housing; post crisis services; training; and data collection and reporting.

#### **ISSUES FROM TESTIMONY:**

- Rulemaking required by PL 2019, c. 290. DHHS already had a system of crisis and respite for persons with intellectual disabilities or autism and their families. Goal of crisis services is to avoid removing people from their home, or return them home as quickly as possible if they are removed. Had to provisionally adopt rules by April 1, 2020 (late because of pandemic). (*The timing of the legislative review would be the same.*)
- New rule does not substantially modify or change any crisis service practices; it only enshrines them in the rule.
- No comments during rulemaking process received.

#### **DRAFTING ISSUES AND INFORMATION REQUESTS:**

None

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

OFPR preliminary fiscal impact statement: No fiscal impact. No fiscal note needed.