SB 101-FN Committee Majority Report

SB 101-FN, MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.
Rep. Fran Wendelboe for the Majority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs:
This bill would permit a person between 18 and 21 with a developmental disability, who receives special education services, to apply for residential services from an area agency. Several members were concerned about possible unintended consequences. Others expressed concerns that individuals under the age of 21 could potentially rise to the top of the waitlist over others who had been on the list for years. It became apparent that there are some situations that fall through the cracks and the majority of the committee felt this should be looked at by the Legislative Disability Waitlist Oversight Committee. The legislation has a large fiscal note attached and appears to potentially impact areas that may include education costs and the children in need of services statutes. (CHINS) The Legislative Disability Waitlist Oversight Committee will bring together all these players and make further recommendation. Therefore, this piece of legislation is not needed for this purpose. Vote 11-6.

Minority Report
Rep. Thomas E. Donovan for the Minority of Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs:
The minority of the committee, recognizing the emotional aspect of this bill as it may relate to the developmental disabilities waitlist, also realizes that this issue is much broader than solely the waitlist. Individuals that fall into this category of need in many cases are also eligible for educational services and are potentially eligible for children’s services through the Division of Children, Youth and Families. In light of that, the minority felt strongly that this issue needs to be addressed through a more global effort and, thus we are recommending ought to pass.
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