

SB 500 -- Redline

File No. 489 to APP Joint Favorable -- AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-FUNDED CAREGIVER PROGRAM TO ASSIST PARENTS OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ENROLLED IN A MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM.

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~~Senate~~ General Assembly ~~File~~ Substitute Bill No.

~~489~~ 500 February Session, 2026 ~~Substitute~~ AN Senate ACT Bill ~~CONCERNING No. A STATE-FUNDED CAREGIVER PROGRAM TO ASSIST PARENTS OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ENROLLED IN A MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM.~~

~~500 Senate, April 7, 2026 The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN.~~

~~LESSER of the 0th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.~~

~~AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-FUNDED CAREGIVER PROGRAM TO ASSIST PARENTS OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ENROLLED IN A MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM.~~

Within available appropriations, the commissioner shall establish a caregiver respite program to assist parents of persons enrolled in any Medicaid home and community- based waiver program for adults diagnosed with autism spectrum ~~sSB500~~ disorder ~~/by File~~ providing No. state-financed care of such persons.

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Section 1 July 1, 2026 17a-215c(d) ~~Statement~~ LC0 1 of Legislative2 Commissioners: Substitute Bill No.

~~In~~ 500 Subsection HS (d), Joint "children" Favorable was Subst. changed to "persons" and "waiver program" was changed to "waiver program for adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder" for clarity.

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~~489 The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose.~~

~~In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge.~~

~~Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.~~

~~OFA Fiscal Note State Impact:~~

~~Agency Affected Fund-Effect FY 27 \$ FY 28 \$ Social Services, Dept.~~

~~GF Cost See Below See Below Note:~~

~~GF-General Fund Municipal Impact:~~

~~None Explanation The bill results in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with creating a state-funded respite program to support caregivers of individuals with autism spectrum disorder who are enrolled in the Medicaid Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) waiver program.~~

~~The cost will depend on funds appropriated to the program and additional staff and resources needed to operate the program.~~

~~For reference, the most recent Autism Waiver Waitlist report (April 2025) reported that there were 2,240 individuals on the waitlist, 217 individuals actively receiving services, and 140 individuals assigned a case manager and moving through the enrollment process.~~

~~The Out Years The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.~~

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~~SUMMARY This bill requires the Department of Social Services commissioner, within available appropriations, to establish a state-funded caregiver respite program for parents of adult children enrolled in the Medicaid Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) waiver program.~~

~~By law, the ASD waiver program provides home- and community- based services to people with ASD who do not have an intellectual disability (an intelligence quotient score of at least 70).~~

~~To qualify, a person must have substantial limitations in two or more specified major life activities that were diagnosed before age 22 and are expected to continue indefinitely.~~

~~EFFECTIVE DATE:~~

~~July 1, 2026 COMMITTEE ACTION Human Services Committee Joint Favorable Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/19/2026) sSB500~~
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