

HB 2306 -- Transitioning the Services of Residents of
Developmental Disabilities Facilities

Sponsor: Guest

This bill requires the Department of Mental Health to develop a plan for transitioning the services for a resident of a state developmental disabilities facility to the most appropriate living setting for his or her needs. A report detailing the plan must be submitted to the Governor and General Assembly upon the completion of the plan's development. The plan must:

- (1) Be based on an assessment of an individual's needs and preferences and recommend services in the most appropriate setting, the cost of providing those services and the setting, and a timetable for the transition;
- (2) Identify recommended services and settings for court-committed individuals separately from residents who are not court-committed residents;
- (3) Include recommendations for residents who need institutional services and settings particularly court-committed residents who may pose a danger to themselves or others;
- (4) Include recommendations for permanent state employees working at state developmental disabilities facilities;
- (5) Make suggestions for alternative uses for state facility properties; and
- (6) Identify cost data for implementing the plan's recommendations and potential funding sources with a proposed schedule for the implementation of the plan.

By December 31, 2010, the department must submit a report on the plan to the Governor; the Senate Appropriation Committee; the Health, Mental Health, and Social Services Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives; and the Budget Committee of the House of Representatives.