

**JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE BILL****SUMMARY OF S.B. 18-231:**

**CONCERNING A TASK FORCE ON THE TRANSITION OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FROM EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

**Prime Sponsors:** Senators Lambert and Moreno and Representative Young

**Bill Summary**

The bill establishes a task force for transition planning to make recommendations on improvements for the transition of individuals with disabilities who are receiving services and supports in an educational setting to receiving services and supports through home- and community-based services. It specifies membership on the task force and duties including making a report to specified committees of the general assembly.

**Fiscal Impact**

The bill includes a net General Fund appropriation of \$109,500 in the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing for operating expenses (\$3,000) and general professional services and special projects (\$106,500).

**Background Information**

The Department of Education (CDE) supervises the administration by school districts of Part B of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for children with disabilities ages 3 to 21 years. This act ensures that children with disabilities have a free and appropriate public education to prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living. The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) supervises the administration by Community Centered Boards or the Department of Human Services of the three Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver programs that provide services to adult (over age 21) individuals with intellectual and development disabilities (IDD). These waiver services are intended to provide additional supports to individuals to allow them to remain living in the community of his or her choice. The proposed legislation provides an opportunity to begin addressing two challenges that exist in the IDD system:

- 1) The inability to determine the actual number of adult individuals with IDD in the state who need HCBS waiver services or will require them in the future; and
- 2) The need to improve the transition between Part B of IDEA and the adult IDD system.