**Section XXX.XX: LEGISLATIVE INTENT REGARDING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF OHIO’S DD SYSTEM**

Developmental Disabilities System Efficiency & Sustainability Plan

(A) It is the intent of this state and the General Assembly to create a sustainable developmental disabilities (DD) service system that is grounded in quality, efficiency, and accountability and ensures access to high-quality supports for people with developmental disabilities now and into the future.

(B) The Department of Developmental Disabilities (Department), in collaboration with key stakeholders, shall develop a comprehensive System Efficiency & Sustainability Plan for Ohio’s service system for Ohioans with DD. The plan shall:

1. Evaluate the structure, funding, and outcomes of the County Board system and make recommendations to strengthen efficiency, equity, and alignment with statewide priorities;
2. Review the current Targeted Case Management structure, including consideration of a Per Member Per Month payment model tied to quality outcomes and system performance;
3. Assess the roles, capacity, oversight, and viability of Independent Providers and Agency Providers, and propose strategies to ensure long-term provider stability;
4. Develop quality measures for service delivery and system performance indicators that promote person-centered outcomes, transparency, and system accountability;
5. Evaluate opportunities to align the DD system with Managed Care for acute care services and explore the feasibility and implications of Managed Care for long-term services and supports (LTSS);
6. Identify and recommend cost-saving innovations, including the use of technology (e.g., healthcare assessment services, telehealth, remote supports) that can reduce expenses on both the State Plan and in the three DD-specific home and community-based services waivers;
7. Recommend strategies to reduce fragmentation, streamline funding, and improve overall system coordination.

(C) Not later than June 30, 2026, the Department shall submit the final System Efficiency & Sustainability Plan to the General Assembly and the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee.

(D) The Department shall develop the plan in consultation with the following entities and stakeholder representatives:

1. Legislative leads: Four total – one republican and one democrat from each chamber
2. Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM)
3. Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS)
4. Ohio Department of Health (ODH)
5. County Boards of Developmental Disabilities
6. Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA)
7. Ohio Health Care Association (OHCA)
8. Ohio Association of County Boards of DD (OACBDD)
9. People with developmental disabilities
10. Family members of people with developmental disabilities
11. Independent Providers
12. Agency Providers
13. Advocacy and self-advocacy organizations
14. Other stakeholders as identified by the Department