**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 General Assembly shall establish a **Legislative Committee on the Sustainability of the Developmental Disabilities (DD) System**, comprised of legislators and supported by state agencies, individuals with developmental disabilities, families, providers, and other stakeholders. The Committee shall lead the development of a **System Efficiency & Sustainability Plan** to guide the modernization and long-term viability of Ohio’s DD service system. The plan shall:

1. **Evaluate the current system structure, financing mechanisms, and service delivery models** to identify reforms that improve efficiency, equity, and alignment with statewide goals;
2. **Assess the adequacy, composition, and distribution of the provider network**, including analysis of provider capacity, type (agency and independent), geographic/service deserts, and unmet needs across populations and regions;
3. **Examine the continuum of care** to determine whether the current system supports the full range of needs, including access to specialized services and supports for people with complex medical, behavioral, or forensic profiles;
4. **Review case management and coordination practices**, and explore the feasibility of alternative payment structures (e.g., per-member-per-month, value-based) that reward quality, outcomes, and system stewardship;
5. **Identify and recommend strategies to reduce fragmentation and streamline funding**, with the goal of improving coordination and reducing administrative burden;
6. **Analyze the impact of unfunded mandates, compliance costs, and regulatory complexity** on providers and the sustainability of service delivery;
7. **Develop a rate methodology that reflects the actual costs of service provision**, including costs associated with compliance, training, quality expectations, and the unique needs of specific populations;
8. **Promote innovation and cost-effective practices**, including the use of technology (e.g., telehealth, remote supports, electronic health records) to enhance outcomes and reduce reliance on high-cost services;
9. **Develop statewide quality and system performance measures** that promote person-centered outcomes, accountability, and continuous improvement.

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

(D) The Committee 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 Committee