

## House Resolution 633

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging and requesting the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Community  
2 Health, the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, and the Department of  
3 Juvenile Justice to take certain actions with respect to certain services for people with certain  
4 disabilities; creating the Oversight Committee for Planning to Provide Home and Community  
5 Based Services; and for other purposes.

6 WHEREAS, the provision of services and support for people with disabilities and their  
7 families has changed in recent years to focus less on institutional care and more toward  
8 providing home and community based services (HCBS) that allow people with  
9 developmental disabilities to receive the support necessary to live independent and  
10 productive lives in the community; and

11 WHEREAS, it is desirable to provide home and community based services and to avoid the  
12 use of institutions, especially with regard to children, adolescents, and persons who haven't  
13 attained the age of 22; and

14 WHEREAS, the state remains committed to providing people with opportunities for real  
15 homes, jobs, learning experiences, recreation, and genuine choice in their lives; and

16 WHEREAS, helping people remain with their communities now makes better economic  
17 sense than paying expensive institutional costs later; and

18 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the General Assembly and the State of Georgia to  
19 unlock the waiting lists for home and community based services.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 this body urges the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Community Health,  
22 the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Juvenile  
23 Justice to provide the General Assembly with a plan to provide home and community based

1 services for developmental disabilities to persons who have not attained the age of 22, with  
2 the goal of completely implementing the plan within five years. The Department of Human  
3 Resources and all its divisions, the Department of Community Health, the Department of  
4 Labor, and the Department of Juvenile Justice are requested to participate and cooperate in  
5 developing the plan. Consideration should be given to whether the plan should encompass  
6 persons under the age of 22 who are receiving disability services from any department in an  
7 institution; receiving residential treatment for developmental disabilities under court order;  
8 receiving disability services from the Department of Human Resources or a community  
9 service board or other provider by contract with the department; receiving disability services  
10 from any of the other agencies; receiving disability services or related medical services from  
11 any provider that receives state funds for providing such services; on a waiting list to receive  
12 disability services from the Department of Human Resources or a community service board  
13 or other provider by contract with the department; on a waiting list to receive disability  
14 services from any of the other agencies; or are in need of services because of a  
15 developmental disability. The plan should include an estimate of the resources needed for  
16 implementation, an identification of resources available for dedication to persons under age  
17 22 from each of the agencies, an estimate of additional resources that will be needed, and a  
18 proposed budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 to fund the first stage of implementation.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is created the Oversight Committee for Planning  
20 to Provide Home and Community Based Services to consist of three members of the House  
21 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and additional members to  
22 be appointed by the Speaker. The nonlegislative members of the committee shall be persons  
23 with disabilities, family members of persons with disabilities, and representatives from the  
24 Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Georgia Advocacy Office, and the  
25 Institute on Human Development and Disabilities. The Speaker shall appoint nonlegislative  
26 members in such a manner that 60 percent of such members shall be persons with disabilities  
27 or family members of persons with disabilities. The oversight committee shall assist in  
28 developing the plan.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body requests that such a plan be submitted to the  
30 Speaker of the House of Representatives by July 1, 2006. This body further requests that the  
31 Department of Human Resources, the Department of Community Health, the Department of  
32 Labor, and the Department of Juvenile Justice submit an annual progress report on  
33 implementation of the plan to the General Assembly and to the Oversight Committee for  
34 Planning to Provide Home and Community Based Services, with the first report to be  
35 submitted July 1, 2008.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Board of Human  
3 Resources, the Board of Community Health, the State Board of Education, the Commissioner  
4 of Labor, and the Board of Juvenile Justice.