

- 28 (2) "Disabled individual" means a person with a disability, as defined in the Americans
29 with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec.12102.
- 30 (3) "State protection and advocacy agency" means an entity designated by the governor as
31 the protection and advocacy agency for disabled individuals in this state.

32 Section 2. Section **26B-6-902** is enacted to read:

33 **26B-6-902 . State protection and advocacy agency.**

- 34 (1) The state protection and advocacy agency should:
- 35 (a) represent and advocate for the interests of all disabled individuals in the state;
- 36 (b) annually hold at least three meetings with the public throughout the state to:
- 37 (i) understand the needs in the local community; and
- 38 (ii) provide education, advocacy, and resources to disabled individuals in the local
39 community; and
- 40 (c) provide a written report annually to the Judiciary Interim Committee and Health and
41 Human Services Interim Committee on or before August 31.
- 42 (2) The report described in Subsection (1)(c) may include:
- 43 (a) the number and location of public meetings;
- 44 (b) the number and description of the types of services and advocacy provided, including
45 the number and description of advocacy incidents that:
- 46 (i) advocated for a more-integrated or less-integrated setting or care, according to the
47 appropriate need of the individual;
- 48 (ii) advocated for a greater level or lesser level of treatment, including medication
49 treatment, according to the appropriate need of the individual; and
- 50 (iii) advocated for a deviation from a treatment provider recommendation and the
51 reason;
- 52 (c) a list of the government entities that the state protection and advocacy agency
53 worked with;
- 54 (d) the number of individuals served that:
- 55 (i) are not capable of living independently;
- 56 (ii) can live somewhat independently, with formal supports;
- 57 (iii) live independently; and
- 58 (iv) are a family member of a disabled individual;
- 59 (e) the number of individuals that the state protection and advocacy agency:
- 60 (i) referred to and received voluntary treatment;
- 61 (ii) petitioned for and were ordered into involuntary treatment;

- 62 (iii) exited from homelessness into a residential or clinical setting;
- 63 (iv) was able to advocate for assisted outpatient treatment or assertive community
- 64 treatment that resulted in placement or acquisition of supportive housing; and
- 65 (v) advocated for with the goal of discontinuing any aspect of services or treatment
- 66 deemed to be appropriate for the need of the individual; and
- 67 (f) policy recommendations, if any.

68 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

69 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.