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1	BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR DIVISION OF
2	SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH
3	DISABILITIES
4	2007 GENERAL SESSION
5	STATE OF UTAH
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7	Senate Sponsor: Gregory S. Bell
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9	LONG TITLE
10	General Description:
11	This bill amends the definition of a direct service worker in the Services for People
12	with Disabilities chapter of the Utah Human Services Code.
13	Highlighted Provisions:
14	This bill:
15	 expands the definition of a direct service worker to include an employee of the
16	Division of Services for People with Disabilities who provides services to a person
17	with a disability while the employee has physical access to the person; and
18	 makes technical changes.
19	Monies Appropriated in this Bill:
20	None
21	Other Special Clauses:
22	None
23	Utah Code Sections Affected:
24	AMENDS:
25	62A-5-101, as last amended by Chapters 46 and 351, Laws of Utah 2006
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27	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
28	Section 1. Section 62A-5-101 is amended to read:
29	62A-5-101. Definitions.

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30	As used in this chapter:
31	(1) "Approved provider" means a person approved by the division to provide
32	home-based services.
33	(2) "Board" means the Board of Services for People with Disabilities established in
34	accordance with Section 62A-1-105.
35	(3) (a) "Brain injury" means an acquired injury to the brain that is neurological in
36	nature, including a cerebral vascular accident.
37	(b) "Brain injury" does not include a deteriorating disease.
38	(4) "Designated mental retardation professional" means:
39	(a) a psychologist licensed under Title 58, Chapter 61, Psychologist Licensing Act,
40	who:
41	(i) (A) has at least one year of specialized training in working with persons with mental
42	retardation; or
43	(B) has at least one year of clinical experience with persons with mental retardation;
44	and
45	(ii) is designated by the division as specially qualified, by training and experience, in
46	the treatment of mental retardation; or
47	(b) a clinical or certified social worker licensed under Title 58, Chapter 60, Mental
48	Health Professional Practice Act, who:
49	(i) has at least two years of clinical experience with persons with mental retardation;
50	and
51	(ii) is designated by the division as specially qualified, by training and experience, in
52	the treatment of mental retardation.
53	(5) "Deteriorating disease" includes:
54	(a) multiple sclerosis;
55	(b) muscular dystrophy;
56	(c) Huntington's chorea;
57	(d) Alzheimer's disease;

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58	(e) ataxia; or
59	(f) cancer.
60	(6) "Developmental center" means the Utah State Developmental Center, established in
61	accordance with Part 2, Utah State Developmental Center.
62	(7) "Direct service worker" means a person who provides services to a person with a
63	disability:
64	(a) when the services are rendered in:
65	(i) the physical presence of the person with a disability; or
66	(ii) a location where the person rendering the services has access to the physical
67	presence of the person with a disability; and
68	[(b) under:]
69	(b) (i) under a contract with the division; $[or]$
70	(ii) <u>under</u> a grant agreement with the division[.]; or
71	(iii) as an employee of the division.
72	(8) "Director" means the director of the Division of Services for People with
73	Disabilities.
74	(9) (a) "Disability" means a severe, chronic disability that:
75	(i) is attributable to:
76	(A) mental retardation;
77	(B) a condition that qualifies a person as a person with a related condition, as defined
78	in 42 C.F.R. 435.1009;
79	(C) a physical disability; or
80	(D) a brain injury;
81	(ii) is likely to continue indefinitely;
82	(iii) (A) for a condition described in Subsection (9)(a)(i)(A), (B), or (C), results in a
83	substantial functional limitation in three or more of the following areas of major life activity:
84	(I) self-care;
85	(II) receptive and expressive language;

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86	(III) learning;
87	(IV) mobility;
88	(V) self-direction;
89	(VI) capacity for independent living; or
90	(VII) economic self-sufficiency; or
91	(B) for a condition described in Subsection (9)(a)(i)(D), results in a substantial
92	limitation in three or more of the following areas:
93	(I) memory or cognition;
94	(II) activities of daily life;
95	(III) judgment and self-protection;
96	(IV) control of emotions;
97	(V) communication;
98	(VI) physical health; or
99	(VII) employment; and
100	(iv) requires a combination or sequence of special interdisciplinary or generic care,
101	treatment, or other services that:
102	(A) may continue throughout life; and
103	(B) must be individually planned and coordinated.
104	(b) "Disability" does not include a condition due solely to:
105	(i) mental illness;
106	(ii) personality disorder;
107	(iii) hearing impairment;
108	(iv) visual impairment;
109	(v) learning disability;
110	(vi) behavior disorder;
111	(vii) substance abuse; or
112	(viii) the aging process.
113	(10) "Division" means the Division of Services for People with Disabilities.

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114	(11) "Eligible to receive division services" or "eligibility" means qualification, based
115	on criteria established by the division in accordance with Subsection 62A-5-102(4), to receive
116	services that are administered by the division.
117	(12) "Endorsed program" means a facility or program that:
118	(a) is operated:
119	(i) by the division; or
120	(ii) under contract with the division; or
121	(b) provides services to a person committed to the division under Part 3, Admission to
122	Mental Retardation Facility.
123	(13) "Licensed physician" means:
124	(a) an individual licensed to practice medicine under:
125	(i) Title 58, Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act; or
126	(ii) Title 58, Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or
127	(b) a medical officer of the United States Government while in this state in the
128	performance of official duties.
129	(14) "Mental retardation" means a significant, subaverage general intellectual
130	functioning, that:
131	(a) exists concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior; and
132	(b) is manifested during the developmental period as defined in the current edition of
133	the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American
134	Psychiatric Association.
135	(15) "Mental retardation facility" means a residential facility for a person with mental
136	retardation, that receives state or federal funds under Title XIX of the federal Social Security
137	Act, for the purpose of serving a mentally retarded person in this state.
138	(16) "Physical disability" means a medically determinable physical impairment that has
139	resulted in the functional loss of two or more of a person's limbs.
140	(17) "Public funds" means state or federal funds that are disbursed by the division.
141	(18) "Resident" means an individual under observation, care, or treatment in a mental

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142 retardation facility.

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