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**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TESTIMONY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
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Senators Abrams and Somers, Representatives Steinberg and Petit and members of the Public Health Committee. My name is Peter Mason and I am the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Thank you for the opportunity to testify on **Proposed S.B. No. 367 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.**

This proposed bill offers a simple amendment to Special Act No. 18-2 by extending the reporting deadline for the Task Force on the Needs of Persons with Intellectual Disability from January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020.

In addition, the department notes that Section 12 of S.B. No. 807 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES proposes the same change.

As the Task Force on the Needs of Persons with Intellectual Disability was never convened, the department is supportive of extending the reporting deadline to allow time for establishment of the Task Force and thoughtful conversation around the needs of individuals with intellectual disability.

Thank you again for the opportunity to offer testimony regarding **Proposed S.B. No. 367 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.**

I would be happy to answer any questions you have at this time. You also may contact Krista Ostaszewski, DDS Director of Legislative Affairs at (860) 418-6066 with additional questions.