


02/26 Advocacy Day: I/DD Commission Advocacy Day

Creating an I/DD Commission

- **House Health and Human Services Committee:** This committee plays a central role in shaping policies related to Medicaid services and community-based support, making it crucial for advancing the creation of an I/DD Commission and addressing gaps in the support system.
- **House Human Relations and Aging Committee:** Focusing on services for vulnerable populations, including adults with I/DD, this committee would likely advocate for modernizing the state's support system.
- **Senate Health and Human Services Committee:** This committee reviews healthcare and Medicaid-related legislation, including initiatives like the I/DD Commission and funding additional waivers.
- **Senate Appropriations Committee – Health and Human Development Subcommittee:** This committee oversees funding for programs that impact people with disabilities, such as Medicaid waivers and community-based services.
- **House and Senate Rules Committees:** These committees determine which bills advance to the floor for debate and voting, making them essential for the legislative process.
- **House and Senate Economic Development Committees:** This committee could support the I/DD Commission by highlighting its role in improving services that promote community participation and workforce inclusion.







Ideas for Advocacy Strategies

- **Present Study Findings!** Share the 2022 Senate study committee's recommendations to highlight the need for an I/DD Commission and additional waivers.
- **Engage Families and Stakeholders!** Involve people with I/DD, their families, and service providers in advocacy efforts to emphasize the importance of system modernization.
- **Emphasize Fiscal Responsibility!** Demonstrate how an I/DD Commission could streamline services, improve outcomes, and ultimately save costs by addressing inefficiencies in the current system.
- **Reaching out to 2022 Senate Study Committee Legislators!** Since the Senate already had a study committee in 2022 recommending these actions, follow-up efforts could involve further study committees or special task forces to make sure the recommendations from the study come to life. By reaching out to legislators involved in the 2022 Senate study committee, advocates can make a compelling case for creating an I/DD Commission and funding 2,400 new waivers.

Committee	Legislators Involved		Final Report of The Senate Study Committee on People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Waiver Plan Access (SR 770)
2022 SR 770 Senate Study Committee on -People with IDD and Waiver Plan Access - Senate Rules	Study Committee Members:	Legislators who Sponsored SR 770 :	
<i>Sen. Harrell from the 40th Senate District introduced the bill (SR 770)that called for the creation of this study committee and co-chaired it.</i>	Co-Chair Sen. Sally Harrell,	Mullis, Jeff 53 rd Dugan, Mike 30 th Butler, Gloria 55 th Tillery, Blake 19 th Watson, Ben 1st	 Scan for the full Report
She may be reached by phone at (404) 463-2260 or via email at sally.harrell@senate.ga.gov.	Co-Chair Sen. John Albers, Sen. Dean Burke Sen. Marty Harbin Sen. Donzella James	Halpern, Sonya 39 th Miller, Butch 49 th Walker, III, Larry 20 th	

Below is information about key legislative committees that represent decision-makers to advance the creation of an I/DD Commission. It includes each committee's office locations, contact information, and leadership details. Advocates can use the information below to identify key legislators.

Committee Members

Committee	Office	Name	Position	Complete List of Legislators
<u>House Special Committee on Healthcare</u>	245-D State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 463-2246	Butch Parrish, 158 th	Chairman	Scan QR Code 
<u>House Human Relations and Aging</u>	226-B State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-5115	Jesse Petrea, 166 th Mike Cameron, 1 st Danny Mathis, 133 rd	Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary	Scan QR Code 
<u>Senate Health and Human Services</u>	325-A CLOB Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-7880	Ben Watson, 1 st Kay Kirkpatrick, 32 nd Ed Setzler, 37 th	Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary	Scan QR Code 
<u>Senate Appropriations</u> -Health and Human Development Subcommittee (HHD)	234 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-5038	Blake Tillery, 19 ^t Greg Dolezal, 27 th Clint Dixon, 45 th Ben Watson, 1 st	Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary Chairman HHD Subcommittee	Scan QR Code 
<u>House Rules</u>	HM-1 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-5141	Butch Parrish, 158 th Rob Leverett, 123 rd Mandi Ballinger, 23 rd	Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary	Scan QR Code 
<u>Senate Rules</u>	453 State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-0057	Jeff Mullis, 53 rd Bill Cowsert, 46 th Lee Anderson, 24 th	Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary	Scan QR Code 
<u>House Economic Development and Tourism</u>	226-A State Capitol Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-5115	Ron Stephens, 164 th Matthew Gambill, 15 th	Chairman Vice Chairman	Scan QR Code 
<u>Senate Economic Development and Tourism</u>	303-A CLOB Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 463-1378	Brandon Beach, 21 st Frank Ginn, 47 th Emanuel Jones, 10 th	Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary	Scan QR Code 