

Senate Bill 245

By: Senator Goggans of the 7th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 37-1-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 definitions relative to governing and regulation of mental health, so as to revise the definition  
3 of "developmental disability"; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 37-1-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions  
8 relative to governing and regulation of mental health, is amended by revising paragraph (8)  
9 as follows:

10 "(8) 'Developmental disability' means a severe, chronic disability of an individual that:  
11 (A) Is attributable to a significant intellectual disability; or ~~any combination of a~~  
12 ~~significant intellectual disability and a physical impairments~~ disability;  
13 (B) Is manifested before the individual attains age 22;  
14 (C) Is likely to continue indefinitely;  
15 (D) Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas  
16 of major life activities:  
17 (i) Self-care;  
18 (ii) Receptive and expressive language;  
19 (iii) Learning;  
20 (iv) Mobility;  
21 (v) Self-direction; and  
22 (vi) Capacity for independent living; and  
23 (E) Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special,  
24 interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of  
25 assistance which are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and  
26 coordinated."

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**SECTION 2.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.