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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND
HOSPITALS - DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Introduced By: Representatives Canario, Edwards, Bennett, Lima, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: January 23, 2020

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40.1-21 of the General Laws entitled "Division of Developmental
2 Disabilities" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **40.1-21-19. Speech and communication support.**

4 (a) The director of the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities
5 and hospitals shall provide any adult who has a communication disorder and is eligible for
6 disability services under the provisions of this chapter with a treatment plan necessary to provide
7 support and professional care and treatment for any such communication disorder.

8 (b) The director is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate all rules and regulations
9 as may be required to implement the provisions of this section.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require that adults eligible for services through the department of
2 behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals receive speech and
3 communication support.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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