

HB 1380 -- INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

SPONSOR: Peters

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill removes references of the phrases "mentally retarded" and "mental retardation" from statute and replaces them with "developmental disability" and "intellectual disability."

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will streamline some of the language we have historically used, but has become associated with a negative connotation, replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectually disabled."

Testifying for the bill was Representative Peters.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.