

194A.620 Legislative findings -- Purpose -- Definition.

- (1) The Kentucky General Assembly finds that the various departments, agencies, and entities providing care and treatment to individuals with an autism spectrum disorder, otherwise known as ASD, often do so without the necessary collaboration or sharing of information on training, treatments, and services. The General Assembly declares that the purpose of this section and KRS 194A.622 is to establish:
 - (a) A commission to develop and monitor the implementation of a comprehensive state plan for an integrated system of training, treatments, and services for individuals of all ages with an ASD; and
 - (b) A timeline for implementing and monitoring the recommendations of the plan, as appropriate, in all geographic regions of the state.
- (2) As used in this section and KRS 194A.622, "autism spectrum disorders" or "ASD" has the same meaning as "pervasive developmental disorders" in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fourth edition (DSM-IV). The term includes five (5) diagnostic subcategories:
 - (a) Autistic disorder;
 - (b) Asperger's disorder;
 - (c) Pervasive disorder not otherwise specified;
 - (d) Rett's disorder; and
 - (e) Childhood disintegrative disorder.

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