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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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

Introduced By: Representatives O`Grady, and Canario

Date Introduced: January 24, 2018

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

8           (b) The director is hereby authorized and directed to promulgate and and all rules and  
9     regulations 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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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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