

SENATE BILL No. 319

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT enacting the Kansas freedom of choice in long-term care, service and support.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Any person eligible for admission to a nursing facility, adult care home, intermediate care facility, nursing home for the mentally ill or state institution for the mentally ill or any other publicly-funded institution shall be afforded the choice to receive appropriate services in home and community in the most integrated setting which is appropriate for the needs of such person.

(b) Cost effectiveness shall be maintained by ensuring that home and community services for persons with disabilities, in the aggregate, shall cost less than if those same persons were served in a publicly-funded institution.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a person will be forced into a home and community program if that person chooses to enter or remain in a publicly-funded institution.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.