

Statutory Reference Changes from Mental Retardation to Intellectual Disability; Sub. for SB 397

Sub. for SB 397 replaces statutory references to "mental retardation" and similar terms with "intellectual disability," as well as terms such as "mentally retarded" with "person or people with intellectual disability," and enacts law to establish the change in terminology as the official state policy. The term "handicap" is to be replaced by "disability" in the statutes addressed by the bill previously referencing mental retardation. The bill also directs that when the terms "mental retardation" or "retardation" appear in the Kansas Administrative Regulations, the state agencies read and use the term "intellectual disability." Further, the bill directs state agencies to update terminology to reflect the state policy, as rules and regulations are naturally updated.