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Research Note

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Bill Number

House Bill 17-1046

Sponsors

***Representative Lebsock,
Senator Donovan***

Short Title

***Update Outdated Statutes
Persons With Disabilities***

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Status

This bill is currently pending before the House on second reading. This research note reflects the bill as referred by the House Public Health and Human Services Committee on January 24, 2017.

Background

Colorado statutes contain outdated and insensitive terms related to persons with an intellectual or physical disability that include, "mentally retarded," "mentally deficient person," "mental defect," and "physical defect." The bill changes those terms to be consistent with appropriate terms for persons with disabilities that are used in more current statute language. The replacement terms include, "a person with an intellectual and developmental disability," "mental illness," and "physical disability." The bill does not make any changes to the substance of existing law or policy.

House Action

House Public Health Care and Human Services (January 24, 2017). At the hearing, representatives from The Arc of Colorado, the League of Women Voters - Colorado, and Protect Life Coalition testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill, with no amendments, to the House Committee of the Whole.

