## P.L.2013, CHAPTER 99, *approved August 7, 2013* Assembly, No. 2431

1 AN ACT concerning the rights of persons with developmental 2 disabilities and supplementing P.L.1977, c.82 (C.30:6D-1 et 3 seq.). 4 5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 6 of New Jersey: 7 8 1. A person with a developmental disability who resides in a 9 facility, as that term is defined in section 3 of P.L.1977, c.82 10 (C.30:6D-3), or the person's legal guardian, when applicable, may 11 use an audio recording device during a meeting of, or telephone or face-to-face conversation with, any member of the person's 12 13 interdisciplinary team and any psychiatrist contracted by the facility 14 to provide consultation services, provided that the person or legal 15 guardian notifies the other participants prior to the start of the meeting or telephone or face-to-face conversation, as applicable, 16 17 that a recording device will be used. 18 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day following 19 20 enactment. 21 22 23 **STATEMENT** 24 25 This bill provides that a person with a developmental disability who resides in a facility, as that term is defined in section 3 of 26 27 P.L.1977, c.82 (C.30:6D-3), or the person's legal guardian, when 28 applicable, may use an audio recording device during a meeting of, 29 or telephone or face-to-face conversation with, any member of the 30 person's interdisciplinary team and any psychiatrist contracted by the facility to provide consultation services, provided that the 31 32 person or legal guardian notifies the other participants prior to the 33 start of the meeting or telephone or face-to-face conversation, as 34 applicable, that a recording device will be used. 35 An interdisciplinary team is responsible for the development of a 36 single, integrated individual habilitation plan for a person with a 37 developmental disability. The team typically consists of: the person 38 receiving services; the person's legal guardian; the parents or 39 family member of the person (at the preference of the person served 40 or guardian); those individuals who work most directly with the 41 person served; and professionals and representatives of service 42 areas who are relevant to the identification of the person's needs 43 and the design and evaluation of programs to meet them.

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- 3 Permits person with developmental disability and legal guardian
- 4 to audio record sessions of interdisciplinary team in which person
- 5 or guardian participates.