

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 232 Developmental Disabilities Institutions by Senator Fasano

Requires the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to give written notice to the Governor and Cabinet, each resident of the developmental disabilities institution, the resident's guardian, and any other authorized individual if it proposes to close or reduce by more than 10 percent, the resident population of an institution. Requires the Governor and Cabinet to give notice and hold a public hearing on any such proposal. Hearings must include, but need not be limited to, testimony concerning the capacity of the community to provide services, the effect on residents of the institution, monitoring and safety systems, the process that will be used to develop a community living plan for each resident, the cost, and the agency's reemployment plan for institution employees. Requires the Governor and Cabinet to approve or disapprove the proposal after considering testimony. Requires the APD to provide monthly reports to the Governor and the Legislature on the phase-down of the Gulf Coast Center located in Fort Myers. Requires the APD to conduct a study and prepare a report on the feasibility of an alternate facility. (See bill for details)