



2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 789

March 2, 2010 – Introduced by Representatives HINTZ, GOTTLIEB, HIXSON, TURNER, BROOKS, MOLEPSKE JR., HILGENBERG, KAUFERT and GRIGSBY, cosponsored by Senators WIRCH and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Insurance.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 632.895 (12m) (b) 4.; and *to create* 632.895 (12m) (b) 3m. of
2 the statutes; **relating to:** insurance coverage of the services of behavior
3 analysts for autism treatment.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, health insurance policies and self-insured governmental and school district health plans are required to cover a specified amount of intensive-level services and nonintensive-level services provided to an insured for the treatment of autism, Asperger's syndrome, and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified as long as the treatment is prescribed by a physician and provided by any of the following providers who are qualified to provide intensive-level services or nonintensive-level services: a psychiatrist; a psychologist; a social worker who is certified or licensed to practice psychotherapy; a paraprofessional working under the supervision of any of those three types of providers; a professional working under the supervision of an outpatient mental health clinic; a speech-language pathologist; or an occupational therapist. This bill provides that the coverage must also apply to services provided by a behavior analyst, excluding an assistant behavior analyst, who is certified to practice behavior analysis by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, Inc., or by a paraprofessional working under the supervision of such a behavior analyst, if the

