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### Turning 22

Chapter 688 (better known as the "Turning 22" law) was enacted in 1984 to provide a planning process for young adults with severe disabilities as they leave special education and transition into the adult service system. Every year we transition hundreds of young people into our adult service system.

#### Legislative Reports

Highlights the number of Turning 22 individuals served by DDS and the types of services provided to them within the fiscal year.

- [FY10 Turning 22 Legislative Report \(PDF\)](#) | [RTF](#)
- [FY09 Turning 22 Legislative Report \(PDF\)](#) | [RTF](#)
- [FY08 Turning 22 Legislative Report \(PDF\)](#) | [RTF](#)
- [FY07 Turning 22 Legislative Report \(PDF\)](#) | [RTF](#)

#### Transition Guide

- [The Road Forward - A Guide to Transition Planning \(RTF\)](#)
  - [Chinese version: 前进的道路 \(RTF\)](#)
  - [Haitian Creole version: Chemen Pou Ale Pi Devan \(RTF\)](#)
  - [Portuguese version: O Caminho a Seguir \(RTF\)](#)
  - [Russian version: Путь вперед \(RTF\)](#)
  - [Spanish version: El Camino a Recorrer \(RTF\)](#)

#### Helpful Resources

- [A Guide to Chapter 688 - EOHHS/DESE guide](#) provides an overview of the Ch. 688 transition process
- [Chapter 688 and DDS Adult Eligibility \(RTF\)](#)

This tool provides helpful information to gather in preparation for DDS adult eligibility
- [Task Force Findings on DDS Medically Intensive Turning 22 Consumers \(2MB Word\)](#) examines the emerging needs of DDS Turning 22 young adults who require ongoing intensive medical supports.
- [Transition from School to Adult Life](#)

This site from DESE provides helpful guidance on transition for both the student and their family

This information is provided by the [Department of Developmental Services](#).