

DDS Legislative Update – March 23, 2012

Bills Concerning the Definition of “Intellectual Disability” and the Disposal of Unused Medication and DDS Bill Tracking

Public Health Committee Votes on H.B. No. 5437 An Act Concerning the Definitions of Mental Retardation and Intellectual Disability.

On Friday, March 23, 2012, the **Public Health Committee** put [H.B. No. 5437 An Act Concerning the Definitions of Mental Retardation and Intellectual Disability](#) on its **Consent Calendar**, which means that all members of the committee agreed to pass the bill out of the committee. The bill would update the terminology in section 1-1g of the Connecticut General Statutes, which defines “intellectual disability”. The Joint Favorable Substitute (JFS) language which was voted on by the committee only added an “s” to the word “deficit” to make it plural. Other than that change the bill’s wording was the same as that in the original raised bill. Below is a link to the JFS language for the bill.

[Public Health Committee’s JFS Language for H.B. No. 5437](#)

Environment Committee Votes on S.B. No. 92 An Act Concerning the Disposal and Collection of Unused Medication.

On Wednesday, March 21, 2012, the **Environment Committee** passed [S.B. No. 92 An Act Concerning the Disposal and Collection of Unused Medication](#) with Joint Favorable Substitute language. The bill’s new language would have an impact on both DDS and DDS’s providers. Below is a link to the JFS language for the bill.

[Environment Committee’s JFS Language for S.B. No. 92](#)

DDS Legislative List of Bills Being Tracked as of March 22, 2012

Below is a link to the list of bills DDS is tracking and assessing as of March 22, 2012 that may be of interest to or may have a potential impact on DDS consumers, families and guardians, DDS employees and DDS providers.

[DDS Legislative List of Bills Being Tracked – March 22, 2012](#)