

DDS Legislative Update – February 15, 2013

DDS Testimony Before the Appropriations, Children’s and Education Committees

It is that time of year when all legislative committees have their public hearings on the more than 2,300 bills (so far) which have been filed. This means that DDS writes many pages of testimony on bills that may impact our services to individuals and their families. Of all the testimony DDS presents the most important is usually the testimony prepared for the Appropriations Committee on the Governor’s proposed budget. Below is the link to the **Appropriations Committee** testimony that was given by the Commissioner. Also there are links to DDS testimony for the **Children’s Committee** on piloting an automatic referral process from the Department of Children and Families to the Birth-to-Three program and for the **Education Committee** on relocating the Birth to Three Program from DDS to the Office of Early Childhood.

[February 15, 2013 – DDS Testimony Before the Appropriations Committee on the Governor’s Proposed FY 14-15 Budget](#)

[February 15, 2013 – DDS Testimony Before the Education Committee](#)

[February 14, 2013 – DDS Testimony Before the Children’s Committee](#)

The Governor’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Years (FY) 2014 and 2015

The Governor’s proposed budget for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 was released on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. Below are links to three budget documents.

[Department of Developmental Services Budget Summary](#)

[Department of Developmental Services Budget-in-Detail](#)

[Governor’s Proposed Budget for FY14 and FY15](#)

Complete Appropriations Committee budget hearing information is at:

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/APP/docs/2013/2013%20Budget%20Hearing%20Schedule%20for%20Publication.pdf>

DDS Legislative List of Bills Being Tracked as of February 5, 2013

Below is a link to the list of bills DDS is tracking and assessing as of February 5, 2013 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 – February 5, 2013](#)

Link to the DDS Legislative Affairs Webpage

<http://www.ct.gov/dds/cwp/view.asp?a=2039&q=394202>