

DDS Legislative Update – February 5, 2013

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Note: This update is not a comprehensive list of bills before the Connecticut General Assembly. DDS is tracking and assessing the bills listed below for their potential impact on DDS consumers, families and guardians, DDS employees and DDS providers.

This legislative update shows the bills that are being tracked by DDS this session.

As the legislative session goes forward, bills will be referred from legislative committees to the House or Senate. The House or Senate then may refer the bills to other committees or chose to vote on them. In these updates, the last action taken on a bill will be in **bold**. For a bill to become a law, both the House and the Senate must vote favorably on it by June 5, 2013 at midnight and the Governor must sign the bill into law.

Key to Legislative Terminology:

Vote to Draft means a Proposed Bill will be drafted as a Committee Bill.

Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing means a bill will have a Public Hearing but the date of the Public Hearing is still to be determined.

Change of Reference means that the original committee is moving the bill to another committee without a Joint Favorable action.

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A File Number (**File No.**) is a unique number given to a bill once it has reached the House or Senate Floor. A file copy of a bill with the file number has a plain-language description of what the bill's provisions do, written by the Office of Legislative Research and a fiscal note that explains what a bill would cost or save to implement, written by the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

A House or Senate Calendar Number (**House or Senate Cal. No.**) is also a unique number that is given to a bill once it reaches the House or Senate Floor. This number is used to hold the bill's place on either the House or Senate Calendar. If the bill is a House bill (H.B. 5000 or higher) or a Senate bill (S.B.1 to 4999) it first gets a Calendar Number from the chamber the bill originated in. Once a House bill is passed in the House, it goes

on to the Senate where it receives a Senate Calendar Number. Likewise once a Senate bill (with a Senate Calendar Number) passes the Senate, it goes to the House and receives a House Calendar Number.

- **Bills Proposed by the Department of Developmental Services**

AN ACT CONCERNING INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES. (Currently being drafted)

AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUTES. (Currently being drafted)

- **Senate Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

Proposed [S.B. No. 1](#) SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS FROM VIOLENCE', to protect children, families and other individuals from violence.
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 6](#) SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to permit state employees to fill their prescriptions at independent pharmacies.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 7](#) SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REFORM OF STATE-SPONSORED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS', to reform state-sponsored public employee pension systems.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 9](#) SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COVERAGE FOR DEPENDENTS UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT HEALTH PLAN', to provide health care coverage for dependents of state retirees.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 10](#) SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS STATE SERVICE IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM', to allow state employees with a break in service to use all previous state service towards retirement credit.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 51](#) SEN. MEYER, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF "PHYSICALLY HELPLESS" WITH RESPECT TO SEXUAL ASSAULT OFFENSES', to expand the definition of the term "physically helpless", with respect to sexual assault offenses, to include a person who is unable to talk or who is severely intellectually disabled or physically disabled.
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 53](#) SEN. MEYER, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING LONGEVITY PAYMENTS AND ELIMINATING OVERTIME COMPENSATION FROM THE CALCULATION OF PENSIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to establish more accountability in public employee compensation.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 54](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN FOR LOW-INCOME PRIVATE SECTOR WORKERS', to create a retirement plan for low-income workers.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing.

Proposed [S.B. No. 56](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE STATE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE', to provide a higher standard of living for Connecticut citizens earning minimum wage.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 105](#) SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN AREAS RESERVED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to require police officers to issue either a written warning or a summons for commission of a violation of the handicapped parking statute.

REF. TRANSPORTATION Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing.

Proposed [S.B. No. 106](#) SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT TIME', to allow certain state employees to purchase state retirement time for their prior work performed for the federal government.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 111](#) SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST.; REP. GUERRERA, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING E-GOVERNMENT', to implement the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning e-government to improve the performance of state government.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 129](#) SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST.; REP. NAFIS, 27th DIST.; REP. LOPES, 24th DIST.; REP. GUERRERA, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE HARTFORD REGIONAL CENTER OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to prevent the closure of the Hartford regional center group home located in Newington.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 134](#) SEN. BYE, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING STATE BUILDINGS TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY', to give persons with a disability equal access to state government services.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Proposed [S.B. No. 137](#) SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR PARKING SPACES DESIGNATED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO PERSONS WITH CERTAIN MENTAL DISABILITIES', to expand access to permits to utilize parking spaces designated for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities to persons with certain mental disabilities.

REF. TRANSPORTATION Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing.

Proposed [S.B. No. 144](#) SEN. BYE, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES', to provide a greater ease in voting for individuals with disabilities.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 153](#) SEN. MARKLEY, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REFORM OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM', to provide tangible taxpayer relief by reforming the state employees retirement system.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 245](#) SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST.; SEN. MARKLEY, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENSION PRESERVATION', to enact the Pension Preservation Act to safeguard retirement benefits for future state retirees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 262](#) SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE BY PSYCHIATRISTS CONCERNING PATIENTS THAT MAY POSE A THREAT TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS', to require psychiatric professionals to provide notice to authorities when a patient is a threat to himself or herself or to other persons.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 287](#) SEN. KANE, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES WHO WORK WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS', to protect vulnerable clients of the Departments of Children and Families and Developmental Disabilities.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 290](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHOSE ABILITY TO CONSENT IS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPAIRED DUE TO MENTAL DISABILITY', to clarify that a person may be guilty of sexual assault if the victim's ability to consent is substantially impaired due to a mental disability and the actor knows or has reasonable cause to know that the ability of such victim to communicate lack of consent to such sexual contact is so impaired.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 297](#) SEN. KANE, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM STATE LICENSING PROCESS FOR PRIVATE COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS', to ease the licensure burden currently faced by private providers who are required to file duplicative applications for multiple state agencies and achieve efficiencies and cost reductions in administrative expenses for both the state and the private providers.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 308](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION BENEFITS', to end the practice of pension padding and provide that overtime pay cannot be used to increase pension benefits for state employees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 346](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN AND STATE EMPLOYEE PENSIONS', to save the state money by

reducing its long-term liabilities through comprehensive pension reform.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 373](#) SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DIAGNOSES OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to allow a person diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder to retain the diagnosis despite any change in the new edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" (DSM 5).

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Change of Reference to the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 389](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND AND THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND', to prevent raiding the State Employees Retirement Fund and the Teachers' Retirement Fund for General Fund revenue.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 457](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FULL FUNDING OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM'

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 503](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION', to ensure that state agencies submit required information on a timely basis to federal authorities to ensure accurate federal criminal background checks.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

[S.B. No. 518](#) (RAISED) AGING . 'AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY EMPLOYMENT ISSUES CONCERNING REGISTRIES IN THE HOMEMAKER AND COMPANION SERVICES INDUSTRY'

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 5, 2013](#)

[S.B. No. 521](#) (RAISED) AGING . 'AN ACT CONCERNING A REPORT ON THE SURVEY OF ACCESSIBILITY IN AND TO STATE BUILDINGS', to ensure state buildings comply with the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 5, 2013](#)

Proposed [S.B. No. 591](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGULATION REVIEW COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE ALL CURRENT REGULATIONS', to ease the regulatory burden on businesses by having existing regulations reviewed and repealed if outdated, burdensome or unnecessary.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 593](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to end the inefficient dual delivery of social services by the state and local providers.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 614](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE DUTIES OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATION OF ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN PROBATE COURT MATTERS', to ensure that elderly persons and persons with disabilities have adequate legal representation in probate court matters by expanding the duties of the Chief Public Defender to include the provision of legal services to such persons in such matters.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 652](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REFERRALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE BIRTH TO THREE PROGRAM', to pilot an automatic referral process from the Department of Children and Families to the birth-to-three program.

REF. CHILDREN Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Proposed [S.B. No. 761](#) SEN. MUSTO, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING THE JANITORIAL WORK PILOT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY OR A DISADVANTAGE PERMANENT', to make the janitorial work pilot program for persons with a disability and persons with a disadvantage permanent.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 762](#) SEN. MUSTO, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCY INTERNET WEB SITES', to give state agencies the discretion to remove information from their Internet web sites.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

- **House Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

Proposed [H.B. No. 5006](#) REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE', to ensure that retired state employees get the healthcare coverage they have been promised.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5009](#) REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to move state employee pensions to defined contribution plans.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5010](#) REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES FOR MILEAGE OR OTHER EXPENSES FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to decrease the state's budget deficit by reducing future state pension costs.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5011](#) REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION BENEFIT PLAN FOR UNCLASSIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES', to help save the state money by shifting certain state employees to a different benefit plan.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5013](#) REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN AGREEMENTS OR STIPULATIONS REQUIRED TO BE APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY', to require a vote by each chamber on all state employee collective bargaining agreements and all agreements or stipulated agreements under section 3-125a of the general statutes.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5015](#) REP. BERGER, 73rd DIST.; REP. LARSON, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS SOLVENCY', to establish a special purpose quasi-public entity to create a mechanism for funding the state's pension obligations by allowing such entity to use pension fund moneys to buy certain insurance premiums, the benefits of which shall return to the pension fund.
REF. COMMERCE Change of Reference to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5051](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING MUNICIPAL AND STATE REVERSE AUCTION AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF SERVICES', to expand the authority of municipalities, school districts and state agencies to use reverse auctions for the purchase of certain services in order for municipalities and the state to save money.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5069](#) REP. BERGER, 73rd DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING HEALTH CARE FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE', to reduce health care program fraud, waste and abuse by adopting prepayment fraud detection technologies.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5071](#) REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL SERVICES BY PRIVATE PROVIDERS', to increase efficiency in the delivery of state social services by transferring a portion of the responsibility for the delivery of such services to qualified private community-based providers.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5077](#) REP. RITTER, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHO IS PHYSICALLY HELPLESS', to redefine "physically helpless" with respect to sexual assault offenses to include physical or intellectual disabilities that render a person unable to verbalize lack of consent to sexual contact.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5078](#) REP. HURLBURT, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "PHYSICALLY HELPLESS" WITH RESPECT TO SEXUAL ASSAULT OFFENSES', to redefine "physically helpless" with respect to sexual assault offenses to include a physical or intellectual disability that renders an individual unable to verbalize a lack of consent.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5085](#) REP. DIMINICO, 13th DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE FROM AN INTOXICATED OR INCAPACITATED VICTIM', to study whether to amend the sexual assault evidence collection protocol to permit the collection of forensic evidence from a victim of a sexual assault who is unable to provide consent because such victim is intoxicated or otherwise incapacitated in order to ensure that evidence is collected in a timely manner and not lost.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5086](#) REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPLETION OF PRO BONO LEGAL WORK BY ATTORNEYS WHOSE INCOME IS DERIVED FROM STATE FUNDS', to require a person engaged in the practice of law who receives fifty per cent or more of his or her annual income from state funds to complete not less than forty hours of pro bono legal work during the calendar year in which the income is earned.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5140](#) REP. ROSE, 118th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR THE COLLECTION OF UNWANTED PHARMACEUTICALS', to establish a program a program for the collection and disposal of unused pharmaceuticals.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

Proposed [H.B. No. 5169](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE EMPLOYERS FROM REQUIRING STATE EMPLOYEES TO JOIN A UNION OR PAY

UNION DUES', to prohibit the forced unionization of Connecticut state employees.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5171](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR GROUP HOMES', to require public hearings on applications for new group homes.
REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [H.B. No. 5175](#) REP. D'AMELIO, 71st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S PURCHASE OF GROUP HOMES', to limit state costs incurred in purchasing group homes.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Change of Reference to the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5190](#) REP. BUCK-TAYLOR, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION BENEFIT PLAN FOR NEW STATE EMPLOYEES', to create a defined contribution pension plan for new state employees.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5191](#) REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE EMPLOYEES TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM', to ensure additional funding for the state employees retirement system.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5217](#) REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF LAND TO THE TOWN OF SOUTHBURY', to convey a parcel of land to the town of Southbury.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5222](#) REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM', to develop and implement an internship program for adults with autism.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES Change of Reference to the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5267](#) REP. BOWLES, 42nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGIONAL DELIVERY OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to facilitate greater regional coordination of social services and foster collaboration and organizational efficiencies.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5299](#) REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF ANTIEPILEPTIC MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL SETTINGS', to facilitate prompt medicinal response to an epileptic seizure to certain children attending public and nonpublic schools in the event that a qualified school nurse is not present to administer the required medication in a timely manner by authorizing a trained unlicensed surrogate to administer the medication.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5353](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST.; SEN. BYE, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING STATE BUILDINGS TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY', to give persons with a disability equal access to state government services.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS Change of Reference to the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5360](#) REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM', to develop and implement an internship program for adults with autism.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES Change of Reference to the Public Health Committee

Proposed [H.B. No. 5373](#) REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS FROM POWER OUTAGES', to protect vulnerable populations in the event of a power outage.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5431](#) REP. HWANG, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT TRANSFERRING A PORTION OF SOCIAL SERVICE DELIVERY TO PRIVATE PROVIDERS', to increase efficiency in the delivery of state social services by transferring a portion of the responsibility for delivery of such services to qualified private community-based providers.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5454](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AND STIPULATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH A LAWSUIT', to require the General Assembly to vote on all collective bargaining agreements and agreements and stipulated agreements in connection with a lawsuit.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5559](#) REP. ZIOBRON, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT REPLACING THE DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES WITH A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN', to replace state employee pensions with a defined contribution plan.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5563](#) REP. FREY, 111th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAYMENTS FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME', to prevent state pensions from being artificially inflated by the overuse and abuse of overtime.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5575](#) REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AID FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES', to achieve fairness in funding special education by reimbursing a school district for the total cost of its special education services when that school district's special education costs are greater than the average of all the state's school districts' special education

costs.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5624](#) REP. MILLER, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING ACCESSIBLE HOUSING IN SET-ASIDE DEVELOPMENTS', to enhance accessibility and safety within affordable housing developments.

REF. HOUSING Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing. [Public Hearing February 8, 2013](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5698](#) REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS', to create parity between state and private pension plans.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5702](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS, COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS AND DEFINED BENEFIT CONTRIBUTION PLANS', to reduce the state's financial burden and to create parity between state and private pension plans.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5703](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING LONGEVITY PAYMENTS FOR ALL STATE EMPLOYEES', to ensure that all similarly situated employees are treated equally by eliminating longevity payments for all state employees.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5705](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNION STEWARDS AND STATE COMPENSATION', to require transparency and accountability in government.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5710](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NEWLY HIRED STATE EMPLOYEES AND PENSION OPTIONS', to create parity between state and private pension plans.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5823](#) REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON LANDS THAT COMPRISE THE SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL', to permanently preserve valuable farmland while enabling the state to retain ownership of such land.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

Proposed [H.B. No. 5901](#) REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING A PERCENTAGE DECREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE CONTRACTS', to attain state savings in contracts with vendors when there is a deficit.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5917](#) REP. CONROY, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DELAYS IN MEDICAID APPLICATION PROCESSING', to ensure that eligible recipients and providers are not denied Medicaid coverage due to delays caused by the Department of Social Services in processing applications.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5921](#) REP. CARTER, 2nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSITIONAL CARE FOR MEDICAID PATIENTS', to reduce the cost of care for Medicaid patients whose needs do not require a skilled nursing facility but exceed the level of care provided in a hospital.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5932](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST.; REP. MEGNA, 97th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS', to retain health insurance coverage for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders as currently defined.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [H.B. No. 6001](#) REP. WOOD, 141st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to address the need for residential and community services for young adults with developmental disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6005](#) REP. NAFIS, 27th DIST.; SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST.; REP. GUERRERA, 29th DIST.; REP. LOPES, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON THE CLOSURE OF GROUP HOMES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to prevent the disruption of current, long-term group home clients.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6106](#) REP. NAFIS, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION OF A CLIENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES AS AN ELECTOR IN AN UPCOMING ELECTION', to require the Department of Developmental Services to notify guardians of a client that the client may vote in an upcoming election.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 6113](#) REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SUNSET FOR STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS', to require an adequate review of state agency regulations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 6126](#) REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHO IS PHYSICALLY HELPLESS', to change the definition of "physically helpless" with respect to a sexual assault offense to include any physical or intellectual disability that renders a person unable to verbalize lack of consent to sexual contact.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6130](#) REP. MIKUTEL, 45th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY OF A MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL TO WARN OF POTENTIAL VIOLENT CONDUCT OF A PATIENT', to promote public safety by enacting a statutory duty for a mental health professional to warn law enforcement officials when a patient has communicated a serious threat to inflict imminent physical injury on a reasonably identifiable third party.
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6146](#) REP. HEWETT, 39th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES AND VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE', to require the Department of Administrative Services to report the number of complaints of abusive conduct in the workplace between state employees to the General Assembly.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 6159](#) REP. FAWCETT, 133rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANTIEPILEPTIC MEDICATIONS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN', to allow certain unlicensed persons to administer antiepileptic medications to school children.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6172](#) REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAYMENTS FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME FOR STATE EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING', to help reduce the cost of retirement income payments to unionized state employees from the State Employees Retirement Fund.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 6239](#) REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE TRAINING OF HEALTH CARE EMPLOYEES CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL HIPAA LEGISLATION', to protect patients' confidential health information.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6297](#) REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT REDEFINING "PHYSICALLY HELPLESS" WITH RESPECT TO THE VICTIM OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT', to redefine the term "physically helpless" with respect to sexual assault offenses.
REF. JUDICIARY