

DDS Legislative Update – April 11, 2014

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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 some of 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 law, both the House and the Senate must vote favorably on it by May 7, 2014 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.

JF means the committee reported the bill favorably to the House or Senate.

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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**

S.B. No. 255 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #3' **File No. 116**, Senate Cal. No. 112, to repeal statutes relating to Unified School District #3 due to its closure.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 5, 2014** Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 256 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES REVOLVING LOAN FUND' **File No. 117**, Senate Cal. No. 113, to allow the Department of Developmental Services to administer the residential facility revolving loan program through an agreement with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 5, 2014** Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 362 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATORY REPORTING OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AND THE DEFINITION OF ABUSE', to require reporting of suspected abuse or neglect of persons receiving services from the Department of Developmental Services' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services and to expand the definition of abuse for purposes of the registry of persons who have been terminated or separated from employment as a result of substantiated abuse or neglect.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 5, 2014** Bill died in the Public Health Committee. **S.B. No. 362** concepts incorporated in **H.B. No. 5456**.

S.B. No. 463 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSERVATOR FOR A PERSON WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY', to allow a licensed psychologist to introduce psychological evidence to the probate court in a conservatorship proceeding regarding a respondent who has intellectual disability, in lieu of medical evidence presented by a physician.

REF. JUDICIARY **Public Hearing March 17, 2014** Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate.

H.B. No. 5328 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADVISORY AND PLANNING COUNCILS FOR STATE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES REGIONS, A CHANGE IN TERMINOLOGY AND THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ADVISORY COUNCIL' **File No. 441**, House Cal. No. 255, to make changes to the advisory and planning councils for state developmental services regions and to make a technical change relating to terminology.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 5, 2014** Public Health Committee JFS to the House.

H.B. No. 5456 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY', to make the Department of Developmental Services abuse and neglect registry information available to organizations that recruit volunteers to support programs for persons with autism spectrum disorder and to make technical changes.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 5, 2014** Public Health Committee JFS to the House.

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

S.B. No. 7 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF STEP THERAPY FOR AND OFF-LABEL PRESCRIBING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to regulate the imposition of certain prescription drug utilization requirements on insureds. REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE **Public Hearing February 17, 2014** **S.B. No. 7** died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee

S.B. No. 25 SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD' **File No. 417**, Senate Cal. No. 278, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations. REF. EDUCATION **Public Hearing March 3, 2014** Education Committee JFS to the Senate.

S.B. No. 26 SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION' **File No. 478**, Senate Cal. No. 302, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations. REF. EDUCATION **Public Hearing March 3, 2014**

S.B. No. 78 (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE JOB EXPANSION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM' **File No. 369**, Senate Cal. No. 247, to extend eligibility for the job expansion tax credit to new jobs created in 2014. REF. COMMERCE **Public Hearing February 27, 2014** Commerce Committee JF to the Senate.

Proposed **S.B. No. 138** SEN. MAYNARD, 18th DIST.; REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; SEN. STILLMAN, 20th DIST.; REP. WRIGHT, 41st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING SERVICES UNDER A MEDICAID WAIVER FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to eliminate the waiting list for services under a Medicaid waiver program for persons with autism spectrum disorder. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **S.B. No. 138** died in the Public Health Committee.

S.B. No. 255 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #3' **File No. 116**, Senate Cal. No. 112, to repeal statutes relating to Unified School District #3 due to its closure. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 5, 2014** Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 256 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES REVOLVING LOAN FUND' **File No. 117**, Senate Cal. No. 113, to allow the Department of Developmental Services to administer the residential facility revolving loan program through an agreement with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 5, 2014** Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 294 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' **File No. 177**, Senate Cal. No. 141, to require state criminal background checks for certain individuals applying for employment with the Department of Children and Families and to require annual criminal background checks for all employees of the Departments of Developmental Services and Children and Families who work directly with individuals receiving services from said departments.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN **Public Hearing March 6, 2014** Committee on Children JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 295 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY' **File No. 121**, Senate Cal. No. 114, to implement the Department of Public Health's recommendation regarding waiver of its sovereign immunity.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 5, 2014** Public Health Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee

S.B. No. 326 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL MEDICAID WAIVERS' **File No. 384**, Senate Cal. No. 267, to determine the state's need for additional Medicaid waivers and Medicaid state plan amendments.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing March 11, 2014** Human Services Committee JFS to the Senate.

S.B. No. 344 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF STATE AGENCIES PROVIDING PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to review the programs and services administered or provided by state agencies providing public health, mental health or developmental services.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS **Public Hearing March 25, 2014** Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 360 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF PROBATE COURT ORDERS TO STATE AGENCIES', to require each state agency to follow any order, denial or decree of a Probate Court that is applicable to a determination made by the state agency, and clarify that a state agency has standing to appeal any such order, denial or decree to the Superior Court with respect to its applicability to the state agency's determination.

REF. JUDICIARY **Public Hearing March 17, 2014** **S.B. No. 360** died in the Judiciary Committee.

S.B. No. 362 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATORY REPORTING OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AND THE DEFINITION OF ABUSE', to require reporting of suspected abuse or neglect of persons receiving services from the Department of Developmental Services' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services and to expand the definition of abuse for purposes of the registry of persons who have been terminated or separated from employment as a result of substantiated abuse or neglect.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 5, 2014](#) Bill died in the Public Health Committee. [S.B. No. 362](#) concepts incorporated in [H.B. No. 5456](#).

[S.B. No. 364](#) (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE STATUTE' [File No. 67](#), Senate Cal. No. 77, to expand eligibility for supportive housing initiatives and to add the Department of Developmental Services and the Department of Veterans' Affairs to the list of agencies collaborating on such initiatives.

REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing March 4, 2014](#) Housing Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Human Services Committee. Human Services Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed.**

[S.B. No. 413](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT' [File No. 426](#), Senate Cal. No. 288, to implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations regarding the establishment of a pilot program to implement the use of medical orders for life-sustaining treatment.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 14, 2014](#) Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 463](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSERVATOR FOR A PERSON WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY', to allow a licensed psychologist to introduce psychological evidence to the probate court in a conservatorship proceeding regarding a respondent who has intellectual disability, in lieu of medical evidence presented by a physician.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 17, 2014](#) Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 492](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE BY PERSONS WHO ARE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES OF NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS', to require any director, officer or employee of a nonprofit corporation to report any act of suspected child abuse or neglect committed by any person acting on behalf of such corporation.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 31, 2014](#) Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate.

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

H.B. No. 5001 (COMM) AGING. 'AN ACT PROVIDING RENTAL COST RELIEF TO ELIGIBLE SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES' **File No. 76**, House Cal. No. 54, to assist eligible senior citizens and persons under the age of sixty-five with disabilities by providing rebates of rental payments.

REF. AGING **Public Hearing February 25, 2014** Aging Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the House.**

H.B. No. 5049 REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT REGULATION', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS **Public Hearing March 3, 2014** Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House.

H.B. No. 5052 REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations concerning human services programs.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 20, 2014** Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the House.**

Proposed **H.B. No. 5212** REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to increase the number of residential placements for young adults with developmental disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **H.B. No. 5212** died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed **H.B. No. 5213** REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR AUTISTIC WELLNESS PROGRAMS', to promote the health and well-being of the state's autistic population.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **H.B. No. 5213** died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 5279 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN CITIZENS OF CONNECTICUT', to eliminate the minimum fair wage exception for individuals with impaired capacity.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES **Public Hearing February 27, 2014** **H.B. No. 5279** died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

H.B. No. 5326 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPASSIONATE AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS', to allow a physician to prescribe medication at the request of a mentally competent patient that has a terminal illness that such patient may self-

administer to bring about his or her death.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 17, 2014](#) [H.B. No. 5326](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

[H.B. No. 5328](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADVISORY AND PLANNING COUNCILS FOR STATE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES REGIONS, A CHANGE IN TERMINOLOGY AND THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ADVISORY COUNCIL' [File No. 441](#), House Cal. No. 255, to make changes to the advisory and planning councils for state developmental services regions and to make a technical change relating to terminology.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 5, 2014](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the House.

[H.B. No. 5374](#) (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY ON THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AS THEY RELATE TO PREPARATION OF YOUTHS AGING OUT OF STATE CARE' [File No. 208](#), House Cal. No. 136, to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to submit a progress report to the General Assembly on the steps the Department of Children and Families has taken to comply with the recommendations contained in the 2014 Legislative Program Review and Investigations report on services to prepare youths aging out of state care.

REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS [Public Hearing March 4, 2014](#) Program Review and Investigations Committee JFS to the House. House referred to the Human Services Committee. Human Services Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 5392](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICATION' [File No. 97](#), House Cal. No. 75, to establish a program for the collection and disposal of unused pharmaceuticals.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing March 4, 2014](#) Public Safety and Security Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Planning and Development Committee. Planning and Development Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 5456](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY', to make the Department of Developmental Services abuse and neglect registry information available to organizations that recruit volunteers to support programs for persons with autism spectrum disorder and to make technical changes.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 5, 2014](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the House.

[H.B. No. 5457](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DATA BY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES', to require certain state agencies to collect and maintain identifying information concerning the persons such agencies serve.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 5, 2014](#) [H.B. No. 5457](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 5534 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES' **File No. 474**, House Cal. No. 282, to require the Department of Developmental Services to provide certain services to individuals with intellectual disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 19, 2014** Public Health Committee JF to the House.

H.B. No. 5558 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to require the provision of certain services to persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and to establish a pilot program for such persons.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 19, 2014** **H.B. No. 5558** died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 5594 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMS', to: (1) Clarify that application and program fees required by statute for certain pretrial diversionary programs are waived for a person who is represented by a public defender, (2) provide the court with discretion to place offenders in certain diversionary programs for a second or subsequent time, and (3) provide for the sealing of court files for offenders who are placed in diversionary programs.

REF. JUDICIARY **Public Hearing March 31, 2014** Judiciary Committee JFS to the House.