

DDS Legislative Update – April 30, 2015

DDS Creates New Budget Webpage

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has collected all the budget-related documents for the fiscal years 2016 - 2017 on a new webpage [DDS State Budget, Testimony & Updates](#) that can be accessed on the DDS website under “Featured Links” or on the Legislative Affairs webpage. This new webpage gives you access to both the Governor’s and the Appropriations Committee’s proposed budgets, the DDS sections of the proposed budgets, DDS budget testimony and DDS budget updates.

Appropriations Committee Votes on Their Proposed Budget

DDS Section of the Appropriation Committee’s FY16 – FY17 Biennium Budget

The DDS portion of the Appropriations Committee’s proposed budget can be found on pages 196 to 204 and in the link above. The full Appropriations Committee fiscal years 2016 and 2017 (FY16-FY17) proposed budget can be found at: [FY 2016 - FY 2017 Biennium Appropriations Committee's Budget](#).

Columns 1 and 2 in the budget document are the actual FY14 budget and the Governor’s estimate for FY15 budget that ends on June 30, 2015. Columns 3 and 4 are the Governor’s proposed budget funding for FY16 and FY17. Columns 5 and 6 are the Appropriations Committee’s proposed funding levels for FY16 and FY17.

In the account detail section that follows the DDS line item budget, there are columns with the amount of funding that the Appropriations Committee is proposing in each of the fiscal years and then columns that show the difference between the Appropriations Committee’s proposed funding and the Governor’s proposed funding. If these columns showing the difference are -0- then the Appropriations Committee’s recommended funding is the same as the Governor’s. Also in the account detail there are columns labeled “Pos” that stands for employee positions, which do not come into play except when employee positions are expected to be added or transferred from DDS. Most of the “Pos” columns will have zeros in them.

The Appropriations Committee voted along party lines to pass the Committee’s version of the state budget. The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee voted two days later, almost along party lines, to pass a revenue package that would fund the Appropriations Committee proposed budget. The House and Senate leadership must now work with the Governor to craft a FY16-FY17 budget that the General Assembly can pass and the Governor can sign. This will take negotiations and compromise on the part of all participants. The last day of the 2015 session is Wednesday, June 3rd.

Link to all DDS Testimony

DDS Testimony for the Connecticut General Assembly

Link to the DDS Legislative Affairs Webpage

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