

DDS Legislative Update – February 23, 2015

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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 June 3, 2015 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**

[H.B. No. 6815](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION AND USE OF THE TERM "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY"', to replace the obsolete term "mental retardation" with "intellectual disability".

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

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

S.B. No. 5 (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TELEMEDICINE SERVICES' **File No. 8**; Senate Cal. No. 62, to require health insurance coverage of medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment provided through telemedicine if such advice, diagnosis, care or treatment is covered when provided through in-person consultation.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Public Hearing February 5, 2015 Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 7 (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS' **File No. 9**; Senate Cal. No. 63, to require health insurance policies that provide coverage for intravenously administered medications for the treatment or palliation or therapeutic intervention for the prevention of disabling or life-threatening chronic diseases to provide coverage for orally administered medications for such treatment, palliation or intervention on a basis no less favorable than intravenously administered medications.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Public Hearing February 3, 2015 Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 15 (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDER ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS' **File No. 12**; Senate Cal. No. 66, to require health insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Public Hearing February 3, 2015 Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 16 (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE . 'AN ACT CONCERNING BENEFITS PAYABLE FOR ASSESSMENTS TO DETERMINE A DIAGNOSIS OF A MENTAL OR NERVOUS CONDITION AND RELATED CONSULTATIONS', to prohibit limits on the number of visits to assess an insured for a diagnosis of a condition and to require health insurance coverage for consultations with certain health care providers during the assessment for a diagnosis of a condition and after a diagnosis of a mental or nervous condition.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Public Hearing February 17, 2015

Proposed S.B. No. 47 SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO YOUNG ADULTS', to establish a task force to study the availability and delivery of behavioral health services to young adults.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Proposed S.B. No. 47 died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed S.B. No. 59 SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NEWBORN SCREENING TESTS FOR GLOBOID CELL LEUKODYSTROPHY', to require newborn

screening tests for globoid cell leukodystrophy, which is also known as "Krabbe disease".
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Proposed [S.B. No. 59](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 79](#) SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CERTAIN NEWLY-HIRED STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES', to achieve financial relief on pension burdens by requiring certain newly-hired state and municipal employees to participate in a defined contribution pension plan.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 101](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN THE WORKFORCE OF STATE CONTRACTORS', to increase diversity in the workforce of state contractors.
REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT [Public Hearing February 10, 2015](#)

[S.B. No. 175](#) (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE . 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PATIENT LIFTS', to require health insurance coverage for the purchase or rental of a patient lift that operates to lift an individual from a bed or a wheelchair by hydraulic operation, provided such individual's treating physician has certified, in writing, that the patient lift is medically necessary.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 17, 2015](#)

Proposed [S.B. No. 203](#) SEN. CHAPIN, 30th DIST.; REP. SMITH, 108th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY RESIDENCES', to require community residences to comply with local zoning and land use regulations and ordinances.
REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Proposed [S.B. No. 269](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GROUP HOME CLOSURES', to provide clarity for residents when the state closes a group home.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES Human Services Committee Change of Reference to the Public Health Committee. Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Committee on Children.

Proposed [S.B. No. 271](#) SEN. KENNEDY, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REFORM TO PROMOTE AGING IN PLACE', to increase opportunities for senior citizens and persons with disabilities to age in place in their communities and live independently.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES Human Services Committee Vote to Draft

Proposed [S.B. No. 468](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT PROMOTING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS', to promote public-private partnerships and increase efficiency in the provision of state services for persons with intellectual disabilities.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Proposed [S.B. No. 468](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 536](#) SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO THREE', to require annual reporting and public hearings on Connecticut's strategic plan to improve health and well-being

outcomes for children ages birth to three.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN Proposed [S.B. No. 536](#) died in the Committee on Children.

Proposed [S.B. No. 638](#) SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. CASE, 63rd DIST.; REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to establish a pilot supportive housing project for persons with disabilities.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES Proposed [S.B. No. 638](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 668](#) SEN. COLEMAN, 2nd DIST.; SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; REP. ALBIS, 99th DIST.; REP. ALEXANDER, 58th DIST.; REP. BARAM, 15th DIST.; REP. FLEISCHMANN, 18th DIST.; REP. LOPES, 24th DIST.; REP. HENNESSY, 127th DIST.; REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST.; REP. LEMAR, 96th DIST.; REP. MORIN, 28th DIST.; REP. ROSE, 118th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST.; REP. MILLER, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING A MEDICAL OPTION OF COMPASSIONATE AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS', to allow a terminally ill person who is mentally competent the option to receive a prescription for medication that he or she can self-ingest to bring about a peaceful death.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 679](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR NONPROFIT GROUP HOMES', to eliminate confusion regarding tax exemption of group homes owned by private nonprofit corporations.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Proposed [S.B. No. 683](#) SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. CASE, 63rd DIST.; REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES', to establish a pilot supportive housing project for persons with intellectual disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Proposed [S.B. No. 810](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION ON PROVIDER PRICE VARIATION AND REFORM', to study the extent of price variation between providers of health care services, identify the causes of such price variation and recommend policy changes to reduce such variation and ensure that prices fairly relate to actual cost and quality.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

[S.B. No. 841](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN'S MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLAN', to establish the Children's Behavioral Health Plan Implementation Advisory Board that shall (1) execute and oversee the comprehensive implementation plan developed pursuant to section 17a-22bb, and (2) ensure the continued collaboration of agencies and stakeholders in order to prevent or reduce the long-term negative impact of mental, emotional and behavioral health issues on children.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 24, 2015](#)

S.B. No. 873 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT EXPANDING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS', to expand health insurance coverage for hearing aids from children twelve years of age or younger to all insured individuals.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 17, 2015](#)

S.B. No. 888 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE AND SAFE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AND YOUNGER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to ensure adequate and safe state-assisted housing for the elderly and younger persons with disabilities.
REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 17, 2015](#)

S.B. No. 918 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY', to require the Department of Developmental Services to provide certain services to individuals with intellectual disabilities.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 927 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT IN SCHOOLS', to protect students by preventing the use of physical restraint or seclusion for anything other than emergency situations and to include the topics of restraint, seclusion and other deescalation techniques as a part of in-service training for teachers.
REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 24, 2015](#)

S.B. No. 955 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 956 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE CARE 4 KIDS PROGRAM', to allow more individuals access to the Care 4 Kids program and to enable the Office of Early Childhood to implement an information sharing process to identify and better care for individuals who are receiving services from multiple state agencies.
REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

S.B. No. 972 (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS . 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFFING', to implement the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning school paraprofessional staffing.
REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS [Public Hearing February 27, 2015](#)

S.B. No. 990 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES . 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE HOME CARE INDUSTRY', to prevent consumers who receive certain services from an individual provided by a homemaker-companion agency, homemaker-home health aide agency or registry from being responsible for unemployment compensation, workers'

compensation and wages as they relate to the individual.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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

Proposed [H.B. No. 5040](#) REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INVENTORIES OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH STATE AGENCY FACILITIES', to require the annual inventories to identify state facilities that are being underutilized.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5060](#) REP. BELSITO, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING', to eliminate overlapping state services and promote efficiency in government by undoing the prior transfer of functions from the Department of Social Services to the Department on Aging and by eliminating the Department on Aging.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES Human Services Committee Change of Reference to the Aging Committee. Proposed [H.B. No. 5060](#) died in the Aging Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5061](#) REP. BUCK-TAYLOR, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FRAUD DETECTION IN SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS', to expand fraud detection and prevention efforts in social services programs.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES Proposed [H.B. No. 5061](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5081](#) REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CHANGING THE RETIREMENT BENEFIT SYSTEM FOR NEW STATE EMPLOYEES', to study options for alternative retirement benefit systems for new state employees.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Proposed [H.B. No. 5081](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5082](#) REP. TWEEDIE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR THE FALSIFICATION OF PUBLIC BENEFIT APPLICATIONS', to provide financial relief to the state and to discourage public benefit fraud by state employees.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Proposed [H.B. No. 5082](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5083](#) 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 retirement plan.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Proposed [H.B. No. 5083](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5099](#) REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM CONCERNING AN ACCOUNT FOR USE BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to create a tax-free savings account to allow persons with disabilities to pay certain expenses in a state program modeled after the federally-proposed legislation: Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 ("ABLE") .

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5100](#) REP. CASE, 63rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS' ACCEPTANCE OF PRIVATE INSURANCE FOR THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO YOUNG ADULTS', to require the acceptance of private insurance for mental health services provided to adolescents.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Proposed [H.B. No. 5100](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5104](#) REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICATION', to allow for the safe disposal of prescription drugs.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the General Law Committee. Proposed [H.B. No. 5104](#) died in the General Law Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5175](#) REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A SUNSET FOR STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS', to require an adequate review of state agency regulations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5189](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MANAGING MEDICAID CARE', to improve quality of care and cost efficiencies in the Medicaid program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES Proposed [H.B. No. 5189](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5237](#) REP. BECKER, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS', to help offset the cost of providing retiree health care benefits to all state retirees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5239](#) REP. JANOWSKI, 56th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FULL STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS', to reduce towns' property tax burden by providing for one hundred per cent state funding of special education costs.

REF. EDUCATION Proposed [H.B. No. 5239](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5270](#) REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VIDEO MONITORING OF NONVERBAL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS', to ensure the safety and security of nonverbal nursing home residents via video monitoring.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Proposed [H.B. No. 5271](#) REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NEWBORN SCREENING TESTS FOR CYTOMEGALOVIRUS AND GLOBOID CELL LEUKODYSTROPHY AND ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR CYTOMEGALOVIRUS', to proactively detect cytomegalovirus in newborn infants, provide education regarding cytomegalovirus, which can lead to hearing loss and developmental disabilities, and require a screening test for globoid cell leukodystrophy if recommended by the Department of Health and Human Services' Discretionary Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 20, 2015](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5273](#) REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING FOR CHILDREN', to have children screened for mental health at their yearly exams.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Proposed [H.B. No. 5273](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5309](#) REP. YACCARINO, 87th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS', to require health insurance coverage for hearing aids for individuals with a hearing loss of ninety per cent or greater and establish a graduated deductible for such individuals.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Proposed [H.B. No. 5309](#) died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5377](#) 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 and allow a tax credit for businesses that utilize such program.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5447](#) REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TAX-FREE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS FOR USE BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS', to create a tax-free savings account to allow persons with disabilities to pay certain expenses in a state program modeled after the federally-proposed legislation: Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 ("ABLE").

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5455](#) REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY CAREGIVERS', to provide additional support for family caregivers and improve health outcomes of persons being discharged from hospitals.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 10, 2015](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5483](#) REP. D'AMELIO, 71st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF PROPOSED STATE AGENCY HOUSING FACILITIES', to require state agencies to conduct public hearings on proposals for housing facilities.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5523](#) 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 Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. [Public Hearing February 25, 2015](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5526](#) REP. RYAN, 139th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES ON STATE PROPERTY AND IN STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS', to expand healthy food choices on state property and in state-supported institutions.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Proposed [H.B. No. 5618](#) REP. TWEEDIE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES', to enact recommendations concerning state-operated group homes.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT [Public Hearing February 13, 2015](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5820](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION TO AID PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to increase the number of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder who receive long-term support by creating an interagency collaboration between the Departments of Rehabilitation Services and Developmental Services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES Proposed [H.B. No. 5820](#) died in the Human Services Committee. Provisions of [H.B. No. 5820](#) are incorporated in [H.B. No. 6860](#) 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROJECT TO IMPROVE TRANSITIONAL SERVICES FOR EMPLOYABLE YOUNG ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER'.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5821](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to facilitate participation of autistic people in physical and other activities that are beneficial to their well-being.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES Proposed [H.B. No. 5821](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5826](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. MARKLEY, 16th DIST.; SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; REP. CONROY, 105th DIST.; REP. FOX, 148th DIST.; REP. SANTIAGO, 84th DIST.; REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST.; REP. CUEVAS, 75th DIST.; REP. HENNESSY, 127th DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; REP. ROSATI, 44th DIST.; REP. BECKER, 19th DIST.; REP. D'AGOSTINO, 91st DIST.; REP. MEGNA, 97th DIST.; REP. ROVERO, 51st DIST.; REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; REP. SAYERS, 60th DIST.; REP. URBAN, 43rd DIST.; REP. WILLIS, 64th DIST.; REP. ALTOBELLO, 82nd DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST.; SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST.; SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST.; SEN. LARSON, 3rd DIST.; SEN. BARTOLOMEO, 13th DIST.; REP. MCGEE, 5th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PROVIDER AUDITS', to ensure that audits of Medicaid providers are conducted in a fair and reasonable manner.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Proposed [H.B. No. 5866](#) REP. PAVALOCK, 77th DIST. 'AN ACT PREVENTING OVERTIME PAYMENTS FROM BEING USED TO CALCULATE THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF STATE EMPLOYEES', to prevent state employee pensions from being artificially inflated by eliminating overtime payments from the calculation of retirement income.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Proposed [H.B. No. 5866](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5893](#) REP. KINER, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE GOALS FOR EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to increase employment opportunities for

persons with disabilities at state agencies.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Proposed [H.B. No. 5893](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5895](#) REP. KINER, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TAX INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES', to expand tax credits for employers who hire and retain persons with intellectual disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5900](#) REP. KINER, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC ELIGIBILITY FORMS FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES', to reduce burdensome paperwork requirements for persons with intellectual disabilities and their parents.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 23, 2015](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5909](#) REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. RUTIGLIANO, 123rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TAX FREE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS FOR DISABILITY EXPENSES', to establish a program modeled after the federally-proposed legislation, Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 ("ABLE"), to allow tax-free savings accounts for disability-related expenses.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5918](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st 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 [H.B. No. 5918](#) died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6359](#) REP. BUTLER, 72nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SNOW REMOVAL AND HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES', to create a fine for placing snow removal in handicapped parking spaces.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 11, 2015](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 6475](#) REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; SEN. BYE, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION OF JUVENILES', to require oversight of the use of and reduction of the use of restraints for children and youth.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6483](#) REP. ROJAS, 9th DIST.; REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; REP. TWEEDIE, 13th DIST.; REP. CURREY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY GROUP HOME DISTRIBUTION', to determine how to equitably distribute group homes throughout the state.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT [Public Hearing February 13, 2015](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 6490](#) REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to require the provision of certain services to persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and establish a pilot program for such persons.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Proposed [H.B. No. 6550](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. MARKLEY, 16th DIST.; SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST.; REP. WOOD, 141st DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; REP. MORRIS, 140th DIST.; REP. CONROY, 105th DIST.; REP. FOX, 148th DIST.; REP. SANTIAGO, 84th DIST.; REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST.; REP. CUEVAS, 75th DIST.; REP. HENNESSY, 127th DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; REP. ROSATI, 44th DIST.; REP. BECKER, 19th DIST.; REP. D'AGOSTINO, 91st DIST.; REP. MEGNA, 97th DIST.; REP. ROVERO, 51st DIST.; REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; REP. SAYERS, 60th DIST.; REP. URBAN, 43rd DIST.; REP. WILLIS, 64th DIST.; REP. ALTOBELLO, 82nd DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST.; SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST.; SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST.; SEN. LARSON, 3rd DIST.; SEN. BARTOLOMEO, 13th DIST.; REP. MCGEE, 5th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PROVIDER AUDITS', to ensure that audits of Medicaid providers are conducted in a fair and reasonable manner.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 11, 2015](#) Human Services Committee Vote to Draft.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6573](#) REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST.; REP. ROJAS, 9th DIST.; REP. TWEEDIE, 13th DIST.; REP. CURREY, 11th DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY GROUP HOME DISTRIBUTION', to determine how to equitably distribute group homes throughout the state.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Proposed [H.B. No. 6573](#) died in the Planning and Development Committee.

[H.B. No. 6669](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS . 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL', to establish an Office of the Inspector General to detect and prevent fraud, waste and abuse in state government.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 6, 2015](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 6673](#) REP. WOOD, 141st DIST.; REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED YOUNG ADULTS', to provide towns with an incentive to develop affordable housing for developmentally disabled young adults.

REF. HOUSING Proposed [H.B. No. 6673](#) died in the Housing Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6681](#) REP. WOOD, 141st DIST.; REP. STEINBERG, 136th 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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

H.B. No. 6714 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES . 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID FUNDING TO PROVIDE OR EXPAND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to seek Medicaid funding to provide or expand physical activity programs to promote the health and well-being of persons with autism spectrum disorder.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 10, 2015](#)

Proposed **H.B. No. 6719 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. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY Proposed **H.B. No. 6719** died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

H.B. No. 6737 (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING TRANSITIONAL SERVICES FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to implement the recommendations of the Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning transitional services for youth and young adults with autism spectrum disorder.
REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS [Public Hearing February 27, 2015](#)

H.B. No. 6738 (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE FEDERAL ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE ACT', to implement the recommendations of the Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning the federal Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014.
REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS [Public Hearing February 27, 2015](#)

H.B. No. 6805 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BIRTH-TO-THREE PROGRAM AND YEARLY HEARING TESTS', to require annual hearing screenings for every child who is currently receiving services under the Department of Developmental Services birth-to-three program.
REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 24, 2015](#)

H.B. No. 6815 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION AND USE OF THE TERM "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY"', to replace the obsolete term "mental retardation" with "intellectual disability".
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 6824 REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2017, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearings February 24, 25, 27, March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 2015](#)

H.B. No. 6846 REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th 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 26, 2015

H.B. No. 6847 REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT ENHANCING ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SERVICES FOR YOUTHS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

H.B. No. 6860 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES . 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROJECT TO IMPROVE TRANSITIONAL SERVICES FOR EMPLOYABLE YOUNG ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to establish a pilot program designed to increase transitional services for employable young adults with autism spectrum disorder.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. 6878 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES . 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION LIABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES FROM PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS', to shift workers' compensation liability for personal care attendants from the consumer to the state by considering such personal care attendants to be state employees for the purposes of chapter 568 of the general statutes.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.J. No. 3 REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN LOBBYING IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE CHAMBERS', to subject agency liaisons to the same rules as lobbyists regarding their presence on the House and Senate floor.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS