

DDS Legislative Update – February 27, 2015

Public Health Committee Public Hearing DDS Agency Bill and Other Bills Impacting DDS Wednesday, March 4, 2015

The Public Health Committee (DDS's Committee of Cognizance) will be holding a **Public Hearing Wednesday, March 4, 2015** beginning at **1:00 pm in Room 1D** of the Legislative Office Building. This public hearing is on DDS's one agency bill, [H.B. No. 6815](#) - AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION AND USE OF THE TERM "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY", and five other bills that have the potential to impact individuals receiving supports and services from DDS (for links to all six of these bills, see below in the agenda.) **Details of the public hearing process, how to sign up and how to submit testimony are below along with the complete public hearing agenda.**

The **Public Health Committee** will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 4, 2015** at **1:00 P.M. in Room 1D** of the LOB. The Committee is accepting electronic testimony via email at phctestimony@cga.ct.gov. Please submit electronic testimony in Word or PDF format no later than 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. If you are unable to submit electronic testimony, please submit 10 copies of written testimony no later than 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 in Room 3000 of the LOB. Please submit separate testimony for each bill. Testimony submitted after the deadline will not be available until after the hearing. **Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 11:00 A.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB.** The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. **Bills will be heard in the order listed in the Bulletin.** Unofficial sign-up sheet sheets have no standing with the Committee.

SUBJECT MATTER: Public Health Related Bills

*Proposed [H.B. No. 6579](#) - AN ACT CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS FOR CHILDREN, to ensure children are screened, that the results are shared across early childhood settings, with parental consent, and to increase opportunities for early intervention.

*Proposed [H.B. No. 6490](#) - 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.

* Proposed [H.B. No. 6681](#) - 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..

*Proposed [S.B. No. 683](#) - AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, to establish a pilot supportive housing project for persons with intellectual disabilities.

*[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.

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

*Proposed H.B. No. 6268 AN ACT CONCERNING PEDIATRIC VISION SCREENING.

*Proposed H.B. No. 5912 AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING IN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.

*Proposed H.B. No. 5626 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS.

*Proposed H.B. No. 5444 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES.

*Proposed H.B. No. 6276 AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION.

*Proposed H.B. No. 6269 AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR HOMELESS YOUTH.

*Proposed H.B. No. 5058 AN ACT CONCERNING SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT.

*Proposed H.B. No. 6281 AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS.

*Proposed H.B. No. 6294 AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS.

*H.B. No. 6270 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING HOME BAKERIES.

*Proposed S.B. No. 766 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF PATIENT INFORMATION BY NURSING HOMES FOR PURPOSES UNRELATED TO PATIENT CARE.

*Proposed H.B. No. 5896 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NUTRITION EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL.

*Proposed H.B. No. 6279 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING, CONTINUING EDUCATION AND THE RETURN OF UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

*Proposed H.B. No. 6265 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING.

*Proposed H.B. No. 6280 AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR GENEALOGY SEARCHES.

*Proposed H.B. No. 5904 AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELDER ABUSE REGISTRY.

*Proposed H.B. No. 5101 AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF POOLS.

*Proposed H.B. No. 6287 AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTS OF IMPAIRED HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

*Proposed H.B. No. 5448 AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST INFLUENZA.

[Information on the Appropriations Committee Public Hearings on the Governor's Proposed Budget](#)

The General Assembly's Appropriations Committee will hold public hearings on the various parts of the Governor's proposed FY 16/FY17 budget the weeks of February 23rd and March 2nd.

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The public hearing for the Health section of the budget which includes the DDS budget is scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2015 beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building. The schedule for that Friday includes a budget presentation by DDS beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB. **Below is a schedule of state agency budget presentations for March 6th.**

Friday, March 6, 2015 Health Budget (Room 2C)

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Department of Public Health

11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Department of Developmental Services

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. LUNCH RECESS

1:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. Department of Veterans' Affairs

1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

4:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; Psychiatric Security Review Board

4:30 P.M. Public Budget Hearings on Health Agencies' Budgets (Room 2C)

Complete Appropriations Committee Budget Hearing Information:

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/app/special/Budget%20Hearing%20Schedule.pdf>

Link to the DDS Legislative Affairs Webpage

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