

## DDS Legislative Update – January 12, 2015

**This legislative update is divided into three sections:**

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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**

**DDS Bill Concept sent to the Public Health Committee for review.**

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

Proposed [S.B. No. 15](#) SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDER ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS', to require health insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections.

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE**

Proposed [S.B. No. 16](#) SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AND RELATED CONSULTATIONS', to require health insurance coverage for behavioral health assessments and health care provider consultations related to such assessments.

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE**

- **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

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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**

**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. 5180](#) REP. CAMILLO, 151st DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING AN OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'**, to detect and prevent fraud, waste and abuse in state government.  
**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**

**[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**