

DDS Legislative Update – May 28, 2015

The Senate passed, in concurrence with the House, [H.B. No. 6815](#) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION AND USE OF THE TERM "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY" in the early morning hours of May 28th. [H.B. No. 6815](#) is the department's bill removing the last remaining references to the term "mental retardation" in state statute. The provisions of the bill will go into effect when the Governor signs it.

For those of you who are not well-versed in the use of brackets and underlining in legislative documents, below is how section 1-1g of the Connecticut General Statutes will read as a result of the unanimous passage of [H.B. No. 6815](#) by the Connecticut General Assembly. **"Intellectual disability" is no longer defined in relation to the "R" word.**

"Sec. 1-1g. "Intellectual disability", defined. (a) Except as otherwise provided by statute, "intellectual disability" means a significant limitation in intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior that originated during the developmental period before eighteen years of age.

(b) As used in subsection (a) of this section, "significant limitation in intellectual functioning" means an intelligence quotient more than two standard deviations below the mean as measured by tests of general intellectual functioning that are individualized, standardized and clinically and culturally appropriate to the individual; and "adaptive behavior" means the effectiveness or degree with which an individual meets the standards of personal independence and social responsibility expected for the individual's age and cultural group as measured by tests that are individualized, standardized and clinically and culturally appropriate to the individual."

This legislative update is divided into three sections:

- [Bills Proposed by DDS](#)
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- [House Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by DDS](#)

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.

Note: Once a bill has been JF'd to the Senate or the House, it will be drafted as a File Copy with a File Number (File No.). The File Copy contains a plain language description of what the bill will do if enacted and a Fiscal Note which states the amount it will cost or save if the bill is passed. Links to each bill's File Copy can be accessed by selecting the File No. after the title of the bill. If there is no File No., the bill either has not received one yet or has died in committee.

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.

JF Change of Reference means the committee reported the bill favorably to another committee.

JFS means the committee reported the bill favorably to the House or Senate but with substitute language.

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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"' **House File No. 525**; House Cal. No. 331; **Senate File No. 785**; Senate Cal. No. 450, to replace the obsolete term "mental retardation" with "intellectual disability".

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing March 4, 2015 Public Health Committee JFS to the House. House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A in Concurrence.

- **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. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. **Senate recommitted to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee and S.B. No. 5 died.**

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; House Cal. No. 468, 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. **Senate passed.**

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. **Senate recommitted to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee and S.B. No. 15 died.**

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' **File No. 42**; Senate Cal. No. 88, 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 Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. **S.B. No. 16 died in the Appropriations Committee.**

S.B. No. 101 (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO INCREASE DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE OF STATE CONTRACTORS' **File No. 144**; Senate Cal. No. 152, to increase diversity in the workforce of state contractors.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT [Public Hearing February 10, 2015](#) Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Government Administration and Election Committee. Government Administration and Election Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar.**

[S.B. No. 175](#) (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PATIENT LIFTS' [File No. 43](#); **Senate Cal. No. 89, 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](#) Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. **[S.B. No. 175](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

[S.B. No. 203](#) (COMM) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY RESIDENCES', to allow municipalities to designate an employee to serve as a liaison between the municipality and any state agency with respect to community residences located in such municipality.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT [Public Hearing March 6, 2015](#) **[S.B. No. 203](#) died in the Planning and Development Committee.**

[S.B. No. 271](#) (COMM) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REFORM TO PROMOTE AGING IN PLACE' [File No. 776](#); **Senate Cal. No. 453, to establish a pilot program to allow more persons to age in place at home by reforming the Medicaid eligibility process.**

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 17, 2015](#) Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate**

[S.B. No. 366](#) (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CERTAIN MICROBIALS' [File No. 543](#); **Senate Cal. No. 317, to extend the ban on the use of lawn care pesticides to schools that house grades nine to twelve, inclusive, and to apply a similar prohibition to the application of lawn care pesticides on property that is under the custody, control or care of any state agency.**

REF. ENVIRONMENT [Public Hearing March 11, 2015](#) Environment Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate referred to the Education Committee. Education Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.**

[S.B. No. 841 Public Act 15-27](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN'S MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLAN' [File No. 150](#); **Senate Cal. No. 149, House Cal. No. 528, 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](#) Committee on Children JFS to the Senate. Senate referred to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Education Committee. Education Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A in Concurrence. [Public Act 15-27](#)**

[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. 873](#) died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[S.B. No. 888](#) (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE AND SAFE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AND YOUNGER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES' [File No. 258](#); Senate Cal. No. 188, to ensure adequate and safe state-assisted housing for the elderly and younger persons with disabilities.

REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 17, 2015](#) Housing Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate referred to the Human Services Committee. Human Services Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.**

[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 [Public Hearing March 4, 2015](#) Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **[S.B. No. 918](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

[S.B. No. 927](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT IN SCHOOLS' [File No. 72](#); Senate Cal. No. 96, 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 de-escalation techniques as a part of in-service training for teachers.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 24, 2015](#) Committee on Children JF to the Senate. Senate adopted Senate Amendment A. Senate referred to the Education Committee. Education Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendments A and B.**

[S.B. No. 947](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES' [File No. 845](#); Senate Cal. No. 528, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing April 6, 2015](#) Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS to the Senate.

[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 [Public Hearing March 18, 2015](#) [S.B. No. 955](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 956](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE CARE 4 KIDS PROGRAM' [File No. 156](#); Senate Cal. No. 151, 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 [Public Hearing March 3, 2015](#) Committee on Children JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Education Committee. Education Committee JF to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. **Senate recommitted to the Committee on Children and** [S.B. No. 956](#) died.

[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' [File No. 814](#); Senate Cal. No. 494, 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](#) Program Review and Investigations Committee JFS Change of Reference to the Education Committee. Education Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate.**

[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 [Public Hearing March 5, 2015](#) [S.B. No. 990](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

[S.B. No. 1024](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECURITY OF CONSUMER DATA' [File No. 270](#); Senate Cal. No. 193; House Cal. No. 570, to require health insurers and other entities to implement security technology that encrypts the personal information of insureds and enrollees that is compiled or maintained by such insurer or entity, and to authorize the Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations in consultation with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to establish minimum standards for such security technology.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 5, 2015](#) Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.**

S.B. No. 1060 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION 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 de-escalation techniques as a part of in-service training for teachers.

REF. EDUCATION **Public Hearing March 11, 2015 S.B. No. 1060** died in the Education Committee.

S.B. No. 1088 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY' **File No. 805**; Senate Cal. No. 492, to require the Commissioner of Developmental Services to develop a plan for the closure of intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 18, 2015** Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

S.B. No. 1089 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES' **File No. 662**; **File No. 862**; Senate Cal. No. 381, to amend the general statutes concerning the provision of mental health services.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 18, 2015** Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate referred to the Human Services Committee. Human Services Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar.

S.B. No. 1111 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND THE REMOVAL OF THE TERMS "CRIPPLED" AND "DEFECTIVE EYESIGHT" FROM THE GENERAL STATUTES', to (1) amend certain general statutes relating to the duties and responsibilities of the professional staff of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, and (2) remove the terms "crippled" and "defective eyesight" from the general statutes.

REF. JUDICIARY **Public Hearing March 23, 2015 S.B. No. 1111** died in the Judiciary Committee.

S.B. No. 1123 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF STATE AGENCIES PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES' **File No. 778**; Senate Cal. No. 455, to review the programs administered by state agencies providing social services.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS **Public Hearing April 21, 2015** Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar.

S.B. No. 1124 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF STATE AGENCIES PROVIDING PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' **File No. 779**; Senate Cal. No. 456, to review the programs and services administered or provided by state agencies providing public health, mental health or developmental services.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS **Public Hearing April 21, 2015** Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar.

S.B. No. 1125 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL FUND' File No. 780; Senate Cal. No. 457, to review appropriations from the General Fund.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS Public Hearing April 21, 2015 Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate.

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

H.B. No. 5271 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NEWBORN SCREENING AND A PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR GLOBOID CELL LEUKODYSTROPHY' **File No. 453**; House Cal. No. 282, to require a screening test for globoid cell leukodystrophy if recommended by the Department of Health Human Services' Discretionary Advisory Committee of Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children, and provide education regarding globoid cell leukodystrophy.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing February 20, 2015** Public Health Committee JF to the House.

H.B. No. 6483 (COMM) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY GROUP HOME DISTRIBUTION' **File No. 462**; House Cal. No. 291; Senate Cal. No. 547, to establish a task force to determine how to equitably distribute group homes throughout the state.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT **Public Hearing February 13, 2015** Planning and Development Committee JF to the House. **Housed passed.**

H.B. No. 6490 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER' **File No. 649**; House Cal. No. 408, 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 **Public Hearing March 4, 2015** Public Health Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. **H.B. No. 6490** died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 6550 (COMM) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PROVIDER AUDITS' **File No. 523**; House Cal. No. 329, to ensure fairness in audits of Medicaid providers.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 11, 2015** Human Services Committee JFS to the House.

H.B. No. 6669 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL' **File No. 228**; House Cal. No. 159, 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** Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. **H.B. No. 6669** died in the Appropriations Committee.

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](#) [H.B. No. 6714](#) died in the Human Services 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' [File No. 562](#); [File No. 867](#); [House Cal. No. 346](#), 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](#) Program Review and Investigations Committee JFS Change of Reference to the Human Services Committee. Human Services Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Education Committee. **Education Committee JFS to the House.**

[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' [File No. 817](#); [House Cal. No. 545](#); [Senate Cal. No. 563](#), 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](#) Program Review and Investigations Committee JFS Change of Reference to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS to the House. **House passed.**

[H.B. No. 6805](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BIRTH-TO-THREE PROGRAM AND HEARING TESTS' [File No. 41](#); [File No. 368](#); [House Cal. No. 61](#); [Senate Cal. No. 551](#), 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](#) Committee on Children JFS to the House. House referred to the Public Health Committee. Public Health Committee JFS to the House. **House passed.**

[H.B. No. 6815](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION AND USE OF THE TERM "INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY"' [House File No. 525](#); [House Cal. No. 331](#); [Senate File No. 785](#); [Senate Cal. No. 450](#), to replace the obsolete term "mental retardation" with "intellectual disability".

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 4, 2015](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the House. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A in Concurrence.**

[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' [File](#)

[No. 800](#); House Cal. No. 541, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearings February 24, 25, 27, March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 2015](#)
Appropriations Committee JFS to the House.

[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. 6846](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[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' [File No. 417](#); House Cal. No. 275, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 3, 2015](#) Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS to the House.

[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 [Public Hearing March 12, 2015](#) Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. [H.B. No. 6860](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 6878](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION LIABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES FROM PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS' [File No. 382](#); House Cal. No. 238, 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 [Public Hearing March 5, 2015](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. [H.B. No. 6878](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 6928](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM RECOGNITION OF SUBSTITUTE DECISION-MAKING DOCUMENTS ACT', to adopt the Connecticut Uniform Recognition of Substitute Decision-Making Documents Act.
REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 6, 2015](#) [H.B. No. 6928](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

[H.B. No. 6932](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE' [File No. 385](#); House Cal. No. 241, to expand the current family and medical leave system and to provide paid time off for such leave.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 5, 2015](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee.
Appropriations Committee JF to the House.

H.B. No. 6947 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONTRACTS FOR HUMAN SERVICES', to ensure uniform and adequate reimbursement for private providers of health and human services who enter into contracts with state agencies.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2015](#) Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **H.B. No. 6947 died in the Appropriations Committee.**

H.B. No. 6998 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND' File No. 593; House Cal. No. 383, to convey various parcels of state land and easements over state land.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 16, 2015](#) Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House.

H.B. No. 7015 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS', to allow a physician to dispense or 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. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 18, 2015](#) **H.B. No. 7015 died in the Judiciary Committee.**

H.B. No. 7016 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MORE COMMISSION SPECIAL EDUCATION SELECT WORKING GROUP' File No. 685; House Cal. No. 450, to implement the recommendation of the MORE Commission Special Education Select Working Group.

REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing March 19, 2015](#) Education Committee JFS to the House.

H.B. No. 7038 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX-FREE ACCOUNTS TO PROVIDE FOR DISABILITY RELATED EXPENSES PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE ACT', to enable the establishment of tax-free accounts to pay disability related expenses pursuant to the federal Achieving A Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing April 6, 2015](#) **H.B. No. 7038 died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.** See [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' for a bill moving forward on similar subject matter that has been voted out of committee.