

DDS Legislative Update – February 22, 2016

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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. If a Public Hearing on a bill has been scheduled the date of the public hearing and in most instances a link to the public hearing agenda will be after the bill’s description.

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 May 4, 2016 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.

JF means the committee reported the bill favorably to the House or Senate.

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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**

S.B. No. 132 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATION ON INVOLUNTARY FACILITY ADMISSIONS', to replace outdated reference concerning involuntary admissions.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 24, 2016](#)

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

S.B. No. 9 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC SPENDING', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

S.B. No. 11 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', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing February 26, 2016](#)

S.B. No. 16 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING AGENCY EFFICIENCY IN THE REGULATION PROCESS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 22, 2016](#)

S.B. No. 17 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 18, 2016](#)

S.B. No. 36 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS', to require health insurance policies that provide coverage for certain intravenously administered medications to provide coverage for certain orally administered medications on a basis no less favorable than for the intravenously administered medications.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 18, 2016](#)

S.B. No. 38 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PATIENT LIFTS', to require health insurance coverage for the purchase or rental of patient lifts.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 18, 2016](#)

S.B. No. 70 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH PROVIDERS', to redefine "telehealth provider" to include speech and language pathologists and respiratory care practitioners.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 16, 2016](#)

S.B. No. 113 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL MEDICAID WAIVERS', to determine the state's need for additional Medicaid waivers and Medicaid state plan amendments.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

S.B. No. 114 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE', to allow more elderly persons to receive care at home while saving state Medicaid expenditures on institutional care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 23, 2016](#)

Proposed **S.B. No. 125** SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG COPAYS PAID BY STATE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES', to provide budget relief by increasing the amount of medical and prescription drug costs paid by state employees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

S.B. No. 126 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM', to require the Commissioner of Developmental Services to develop a plan for an internship program serving adults with autism.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 24, 2016](#)

S.B. No. 132 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATION ON INVOLUNTARY FACILITY ADMISSIONS', to replace outdated reference concerning involuntary admissions.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 24, 2016](#)

S.B. No. 157 (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 23, 2016](#)

S.B. No. 164 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF TELEMONITORING SERVICES', to provide Medicaid coverage for home telemonitoring services by a home health care agency.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 25, 2016](#)

S.B. No. 219 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS', to: (1) Provide a Probate Court with the ability to transfer a file when another Probate Court has jurisdiction over the file, (2) eliminate the requirement that the Probate Court provide notice of certain proceedings to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, (3) require a hearing for a person under voluntary representation who is without an attorney before a change of residence for such person

occurs, (4) set forth additional activities that require a filing fee, (5) clarify who may be granted rights of visitation with a minor, (6) expand jurisdictional venue in certain Probate Court proceedings involving removal of guardian or termination of parental rights, and (7) expand the types of entities that may be appointed as a conservator.

REF. JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 221 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE', to implement a system of paid family and medical leave in the state.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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

Proposed **H.B. No. 5014** REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN ABLE ACCOUNT', to allow a deduction from the personal income tax for contributions made to an ABLE account.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

H.B. No. 5044 REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS Public Hearings February 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 18, 19, 2016

H.B. No. 5046 REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING Public Hearing February 26, 2015

H.B. No. 5050 REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT MODERNIZING THE SYMBOL OF ACCESS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS Public Hearing February 22, 2016

Proposed **H.B. No. 5057** REP. ZIOBRON, 34th DIST.; SEN. KANE, 32nd DIST.; REP. AMAN, 14th DIST.; REP. BELSITO, 53rd DIST.; REP. BETTS, 78th DIST.; REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST.; REP. CASE, 63rd DIST.; SEN. CHAPIN, 30th DIST.; REP. MULLIGAN, 55th DIST.; REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST.; REP. WILMS, 142nd DIST.; REP. TWEEDIE, 13th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST.; REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. MINER, 66th DIST.; REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST.; REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST.; SEN. MARKLEY, 16th DIST.; REP. LEGEYT, 17th DIST.; REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; SEN.

KISSEL, 7th DIST.; REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST.; SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS', to close the gap between state employee and private sector benefit plans and to make our state budget responsive to current economic realities.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. No. 5128 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to require funds appropriated to the Department of Developmental Services that are unexpended at the end of fiscal years 2016 and 2017 remain available for expenditure by the department.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing February 16, 2016

H.B. No. 5176 (RAISED) 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, and to establish a task force to study the distribution of community residences throughout the state.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Public Hearing February 19, 2016

Proposed H.B. No. 5210 REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CHAPEL HAVEN IN NEW HAVEN', to authorize bonds of the state for the rehabilitation of Chapel Haven in New Haven.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5255 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GUARDIANSHIP OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY', to remove obsolete terms and clarify confidentiality of records and other provisions in statutes concerning guardianships of persons with intellectual disabilities.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. 5271 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING IN STATE AND LOCAL POLICE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF PROVIDERS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON AN ON-CALL BASIS', to require (1) state and local police training programs to provide training on handling incidents involving individuals affected with a developmental disability and to require the duration of training on individuals affected with a serious mental illness or developmental disability to be not less than two hours; and (2) on-call mental health services providers.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing February 24, 2016

H.B. No. 5285 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE OMBUDSMAN TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING RECIPIENTS OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE', to expand the oversight of the State Ombudsman to home and community-based services.

REF. AGING Public Hearing February 25, 2016

H.B. No. 5289 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE PERSONS', to improve protective services for vulnerable persons in the state.
REF. AGING Public Hearing February 25, 2016

H.B. No. 5305 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL TRAINING', to provide annual training to school paraprofessionals.
REF. EDUCATION Public Hearing February 24, 2016

H.B. No. 5346 (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY CONFIDENTIALITY BASED ON A PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY', to implement the recommendations of the Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning the protection of confidential information.
REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS Public Hearing February 29, 2016

H.B. No. 5361 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROTECTED PERSON'S RIGHT TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS', to protect the rights of protected persons to interact with family and friends.
REF. AGING

H.B. No. 5368 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER SERVICES AND HOMEMAKER COMPANION AGENCIES', to designate a homemaker-companion agency, registry or homemaker-home health agency as the employer of an individual providing certain services to consumers for the purposes of unemployment compensation, wages and workers' compensation and to remove liability for such individual's personal injuries arising out of and in the course of employment from the consumer.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.B. No. 5370 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE', to raise the minimum wage, incrementally, to fifteen dollars per hour.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.B. No. 5373 (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE MAINTENANCE OF A CONFIDENTIAL STATE AGENCY PERSONAL DATA SYSTEMS INVENTORY BASED ON A PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY', to implement the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning the creation of a confidential state agency personal data systems inventory.
REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS

- **Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments Fiscal Year 2017**

On the 2016 session's opening day, February 3, 2016, Governor Malloy addressed the General Assembly and detailed his midterm budget adjustments for fiscal year 2017. Below is the link to the webpage for the **Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments** and links to the various sections of the budget adjustment document. The pages on which DDS information is available are shown next to the

links. Also, below is a PDF link to the two page DDS budget summary from the budget adjustment document.

GOVERNOR’S MIDTERM BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2017

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