

DDS Legislative Update – February 11, 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.

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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**

The **Public Health Committee** at their **February 10, 2016** meeting raised the Department of Developmental Services 2016 legislative proposal as “**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES RECOMMENDATIONS ON INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION.**”

- **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

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

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](#)

- **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

[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

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

- **Appropriations Committee Public Hearings and DDS Budget Presentation**

The Appropriations Committee will hold state agency budget presentations and public hearings on **Thursday, February 18, 2016** for Health Agencies that include the **Department of Developmental Services (DDS)**. **The public hearing on February 18th will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Room 2C of the Legislative Office Building (LOB)**. The **Department of Developmental Services (DDS)** also will give a **budget presentation** to the Appropriations Committee from **2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on February 18, 2016 in Room 2C of the LOB**.

Below are the **rules for testifying** before the Appropriations Committee. **Please note** that for both the Health Agencies public hearing and the Human Services Agencies public hearing, **the Appropriations Committee makes accommodations for persons with special needs and their families**.

Public speaker order for the public hearings will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. in the LOB First Floor Atrium and from 10:15 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. in Room 2700. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list. The list of speakers registered through the lottery system will be posted outside the designated hearing room two hours prior to the start of the public hearing.

On February 11th and February 18th the Committee will provide a separate sign-up sheet for persons with special needs. Those speakers will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. The Committee Chairs will alternate between the specialized lists and the standard list until the specialized lists have been exhausted. **For the February 18th public hearing, Room 2B will be reserved for individuals with special needs in need of a quiet space while waiting to testify.**

Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. Please submit 30 copies of written testimony at the time of sign-up, but not later than 2:00 P.M. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to APPtestimony@cga.ct.gov. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. **All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information.** As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and will be indexed by internet search engines. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.

- **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](#)

<u>SECTION A: FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>	DDS Pages A-29 and A-30
<u>SECTION B: BUDGET SUMMARY</u>	DDS Pages B-60 and B-61
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[DDS MIDTERM BUDGET ADJUSTMENT SUMMARY FY17](#)