

DDS Legislative Update – May 6, 2016

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- **End of the 2016 Session, Budget Adjustments and Special Session**

The 2016 legislative session ended at midnight on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Although a budget adjustment bill for the fiscal year 2017 was not passed (see below for details) a great deal of legislation received final action on the last night of session. All legislation passed in both the Senate and the House becomes either a **Public Act (PA)** or a **Special Act (SA)** and then must be signed by the Governor for it to become law. If the Governor vetoes a bill both the Senate and the House may override the Governor’s veto by a two-thirds majority of its members and then the bill would become law.

Budget Update: Governor Malloy and the House and Senate Democrats reached an agreement on the budget adjustments for fiscal year 2017 on the last day of the 2016 session. The legislative leadership decided that there was not enough time for the House and Senate members to read and understand the various provisions of the budget adjustment bill and the bills needed to implement the proposed budget adjustments, so the leadership determined that these bills would be taken up in a special session. Both the Senate and the House passed [Senate Joint Resolution No. 46](#) **RESOLUTION CONVENING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SPECIAL SESSION** that calls the legislature into special session for purposes of taking up the budget adjustments including budget adjustment implementer bills, state bond authorizations, school construction bonding, and the conveyance bill. The Senate and House are expected to convene the May Special Session sometime during the week of May 9, 2016.

Because no budget adjustments were passed during the regular session, the FY16/FY17 budget passed last year ([Public Act No. 15-244](#) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE, DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX FAIRNESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**) remains in effect but with an anticipated shortfall of more than \$900 million still to be resolved.

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. **As of May 4th any bill that was not voted out of committee has been removed from the bill tracking lists.**

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' **File No. 123**, Senate Cal. No. 145, House Cal. No. 457 The bill replaces an outdated reference concerning involuntary admissions.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing February 24, 2016** Public Health Committee JF to the Senate. Senate passed. House passed.

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

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' **File No. 712**, Senate Cal. No. 506, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING **Public Hearing February 26, 2016** Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS to the Senate. **S.B. No. 11** died in the Senate.

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' **File No. 426**, Senate Cal. No. 303, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 18, 2016** Human Services Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate recommitted **S.B. No. 17** to the Human Services Committee, where the bill died

S.B. No. 36 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS' **File No. 25**, Senate Cal. No. 77, 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** Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate. **S.B. No. 36** died in the Senate.

S.B. No. 70 **Public Act 16-25** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH PROVIDERS' **File No. 118**, Senate Cal. No. 141, House Cal. No. 394 The bill, as amended, adds licensed speech and language pathologists, respiratory care practitioners, and audiologists to the list of health care providers authorized to provide health care services using telehealth. Under the bill, these providers must provide telehealth services within their profession's scope of practice and standard of care, just as other telehealth providers must under existing law. The bill also expands to all telehealth providers, the provision in existing law concerning on-call coverage,

consultations, and hospital orders.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 16, 2016](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. [Public Act 16-25](#)

[S.B. No. 113](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL MEDICAID WAIVERS' [File No. 470](#), Senate Cal. No. 317, to determine the state's need for additional Medicaid waivers and Medicaid state plan amendments.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 8, 2016](#) Human Services Committee JF to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate recommitted [S.B. No. 113](#) to the Human Services Committee, where the bill died.

[S.B. No. 132](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATION ON INVOLUNTARY FACILITY ADMISSIONS' [File No. 123](#), Senate Cal. No. 145, House Cal. No. 457 The bill replaces an outdated reference concerning involuntary admissions.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 24, 2016](#) Public Health Committee JF to the Senate. Senate passed. House passed.

[S.B. No. 143](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS' [File No. 587](#), Senate Cal. No. 371, House Cal. No. 491, to require each state agency to follow any order, denial or decree of a Probate Court that is applicable to a determination made by the state agency, and clarify that a state agency has standing to appeal any such order, denial or decree to the Superior Court with respect to its applicability to the state agency's determination.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing February 24, 2016](#) Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate. Senate passed. [S.B. No. 143](#) died in the Senate.

[S.B. No. 157](#) (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADEQUATE AND SAFE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AND YOUNGER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES' [File No. 261](#), Senate Cal. No. 197, to ensure adequate and safe state-assisted housing for the elderly and younger persons with disabilities.

REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 23, 2016](#) Housing Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Committee on Aging. Committee on Aging JF to the Senate. [S.B. No. 157](#) died in the Senate.

[S.B. No. 164](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF TELEMONITORING SERVICES' [File No. 161](#), Senate Cal. No. 154, to provide Medicaid coverage for home telemonitoring services by a home health care agency.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 25, 2016](#) Committee on Aging JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Human Services Committee. Human Services Committee JF to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate recommitted [S.B. No. 164](#) to the Committee on Aging, where the bill died.

[S.B. No. 210](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION LIABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES

FROM PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS' [Senate File No. 55](#), Senate File No. 778, Senate Cal. No. 92, 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 February 25, 2016](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. [S.B. No. 210](#) died in the House.**

[S.B. No. 219 Public Act No. 16-7](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS' [File No. 370](#), Senate Cal. No. 273, House Cal. No. 438, 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 [Public Hearing March 2, 2016](#) Judiciary Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate passed. House passed. **[Public Act No. 16-7](#) signed by the Governor.**

[S.B. No. 221](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE' [File No. 264](#), Senate Cal. No. 205, to implement a system of paid family and medical leave in the state.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 8, 2016](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS to the Senate. **[S.B. No. 221](#) died in the Senate.**

[S.B. No. 268](#) (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS STATE BUDGET PROJECTIONS, TRENDS, AREAS OF GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EFFICIENCY, FEDERAL BUDGET ACTIVITY AND SPENDING CONTROL OPTIONS AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED THERETO' [File No. 674](#), Senate Cal. No. 428, to establish a working group to discuss certain budget-related matters and develop recommendations related to such matters.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 11, 2016](#) Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate recommitted [S.B. No. 268](#) to the Appropriations Committee, where the bill died.**

[S.B. No. 269](#) (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTING A FORTY-HOUR WORK WEEK FOR STATE EMPLOYEES' [File No. 675](#), Senate Cal. No. 429, to require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to study the impact of requiring all state employees to work a forty-hour work week.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 4, 2016](#) Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate referred to the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the Senate. **[S.B. No. 269](#) died in the Senate.**

S.B. No. 279 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT WAIVING ASSET LIMITS FOR WORKING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO RECEIVE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE' File No. 317, Senate Cal. No. 236, to provide incentives for working persons with disabilities to retain assets and qualify for medical assistance.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES Public Hearing March 3, 2016 Human Services Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. S.B. No. 279 died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 292 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS' File No. 318, Senate Cal. No. 247, to require the licensure of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing March 2, 2016 Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate recommitted S.B. No. 292 to the Public Health Committee, where the bill died.

S.B. No. 294 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY' File No. 509, Senate Cal. No. 334, House Cal. No. 558 The bill, as amended, allows an individual determined by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to be eligible for department funding or services, or his or her legal guardian or representative, to request from DDS a copy of (1) the individual's "priority status" for residential services, (2) the request for funding or services submitted to the regional "planning and resource allocation team," and (3) any decision the team makes on the request. Additionally, if the individual receives annual funding or services from DDS, he or she, or his or her guardian or representative, may request a copy of his or her individualized service plan and "level of need assessment." DDS must furnish any copies requested under the bill.

The bill, as amended, requires DDS to report annually to the Public Health and Appropriations committees on the number of individuals determined by DDS to be eligible for DDS funding or services and who (1) have unmet residential care or employment opportunity and day services needs or (2) are eligible for the department's behavioral services program and are waiting for a funding allocation. Additionally, the bill, as amended, requires the DDS commissioner, at least annually, to provide to individuals who receive annual DDS funding or services or their guardians or representatives, information about (1) the regional advisory council's statutory responsibilities and (2) how to access information about the council's meetings.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing March 2, 2016 Public Health 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. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.

S.B. No. 298 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH SERVICES FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS' File No. 319, Senate Cal. No. 237, House Cal. No. 531 The bill, as amended, requires the Department of Social Services (DSS), within available state and federal resources, to provide Medicaid coverage for telehealth services that the commissioner determines are: 1. clinically appropriate to provide via telehealth, 2. cost-effective for the state, and 3.

likely to expand access to medically necessary services for Medicaid recipients who experience undue hardship accessing appropriate health care services.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 2, 2016](#) Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference to the Human Services Committee. Human Services Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.**

[S.B. No. 302 Public Act 16-32](#) (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON BUSINESSES' [File No. 321](#), Senate Cal. No. 223, House Cal. No. 483, to require fiscal notes by the Office of Fiscal Analysis to include an estimate of the number of businesses that would be affected by proposed legislation and an estimated fiscal impact on such businesses and, for regulatory flexibility analyses of proposed regulations, to redefine small business to include any business with two hundred fifty or fewer employees and to require additional information in such analyses.

REF. COMMERCE [Public Hearing March 1, 2016](#) Commerce Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate referred to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed. House passed. [Public Act 16-32](#)**

[S.B. No. 392](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS FAIRNESS ACT IN CONNECTICUT UPON PASSAGE IN CONGRESS' [File No. 388](#), Senate Cal. No. 268, House Cal. No. 485, to exclude for Medicaid eligibility purposes assets from a special needs trust established by a nonelderly individual with disabilities on his or her own behalf upon passage by Congress of the Special Needs Trust Fairness Act of 2015.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 8, 2016](#) Human Services Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed. House passed.**

[S.B. No. 419](#) (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAXES FOR NONPROFIT GROUP HOMES' [File No. 517](#), Senate Cal. No. 337, to exempt from property taxes specified real property used for permanent housing owned by, or held in trust for, federally tax-exempt organizations organized exclusively for charitable purposes.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT [Public Hearing March 11, 2016](#) Planning and Development Committee JF to the Senate. **[S.B. No. 419](#) died in the Senate.**

[S.B. No. 421](#) (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT' [File No. 519](#), Senate Cal. No. 339, to (1) create requirements for the expenditure of municipal revenue sharing grants and select payment in lieu of taxes grants; (2) authorize the Office of Policy and Management to create and maintain a web site for the solicitation of proposals for solutions to urban area problems; and (3) establish pilot programs based on such proposals, and to establish a commission to study the manner in which state funding is utilized by nonprofit providers and review the requirements imposed on nonprofit providers by state agencies and compliance with those requirements by nonprofit providers.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT [Public Hearing March 11, 2016](#) Planning and Development Committee JFS to the Senate. **[S.B. No. 421](#) died in the Senate.**

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

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' **File No. 662**, House Cal. No. 417, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS Public Hearings February 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 18, 19, 2016 Appropriations Committee JFS to the House. **H.B. No. 5044 died in the House.**

H.B. No. 5046 REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE' **File No. 711**, House Cal. No. 489, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING Public Hearing February 26, 2015 Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS to the House. **H.B. No. 5046 died in the House.**

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' **File No. 335**, House Cal. No. 229, Senate Cal. No. 600 This bill requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner, by January 1, 2017, to promulgate a policy and adopt regulations designating a new symbol of access for people with disabilities. The symbol, which replaces the international access symbol, must (1) depict a logo with a dynamic character leaning forward with a sense of movement, be readily identifiable, and be simply designed with no secondary meaning and (2) provide for the equivalent facilitation and accessibility as the international access symbol.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS Public Hearing February 22, 2016 Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House. **House passed. Senate passed.**

H.B. No. 5176 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY RESIDENCES' **File No. 46** House Cal. No. 58, 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 Planning and Development Committee JFS to the House. **H.B. No. 5176 died in the House.**

H.B. No. 5255 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GUARDIANSHIP OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY' **File No. 135** House Cal. No. 117, Senate Cal. No. 393 This bill updates terminology and makes unrelated changes to statutes governing probate court processes to appoint guardians for adults with intellectual disabilities. The bill also expands the types of entities that the probate court may appoint as guardians for adults with intellectual disabilities to include, in addition to private, nonprofit corporations authorized under current law, (1) for-profit corporations, (2) limited liability companies, (3) partnerships, and (4) other state-recognized nonprofit or for-profit entities. Under the bill, this change applies to both (1) plenary guardians, who supervise all aspects of an adult's care, and (2) limited guardians, who supervise certain specified aspects of an adult's care. The

bill makes several changes to the confidentiality of documents in guardianship cases. Additionally, the bill renames the term “ward” to “protected person,” which still refers to a person for whom the probate court grants guardianship.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 3, 2016](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Judiciary Committee. Judiciary Committee JF to the House. **House passed. Senate passed.**

[H.B. No. 5289](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR VULNERABLE PERSONS' [File No. 140](#) House Cal. No. 122, Senate Cal. No. 551 The bill, as amended, broadens the circumstances when the Department of Social Services (DSS) must disclose the results of an investigation into suspected elderly abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment, but limits the type of information that may be disclosed. Under current law, if the elderly individual is a long-term care facility resident, the commissioner must, upon request, disclose the investigation's results to the person who initially reported the suspected abuse. The bill (1) requires the commissioner to disclose an investigation's results to the person who made the report, regardless of whether the elderly individual resides in a long-term care facility, and (2) restricts what information may be disclosed. The bill also requires the DSS commissioner to develop a plan to (1) incorporate the federal Administration for Community Living's Voluntary Consensus Guidelines for State Adult Protective Services into the state's elderly protective services program and (2) align state elder abuse data collection with the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System standards. It also (1) extends, from 30 to 45 days, the time the DSS has after completing an investigation to disclose the findings to the person who reported the suspected abuse and (2) restricts the disclosure to mandated reporters.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 25, 2016](#) Committee on Aging JF to the House. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

[H.B. No. 5346](#) (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY CONFIDENTIALITY BASED ON A PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY' [File No. 485](#), House Cal. No. 306, 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](#) Program Review and Investigations Committee JFS Change of Reference to the Public Health Committee. Public Health Committee JF to the House. **[H.B. No. 5346](#) died in the House.**

[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' [File No. 117](#), [File No. 687](#), House Cal. No. 111, 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 [Public Hearing February 29, 2016](#) Program Review and Investigations Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JFS to the House. **[H.B. No. 5373](#) died in the House.**

H.B. No. 5417 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CREATING AN OFFICE OF OVERTIME ACCOUNTABILITY' File No. 664, House Cal. No. 418, to create an Office of Overtime Accountability to examine overtime costs of state agencies and make recommendations for reducing such costs.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS Public Hearing March 4, 2016 Appropriations Committee JFS to the House. **H.B. No. 5417 died in the House.**

H.B. No. 5438 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT DELETING OBSOLETE STATUTORY PROVISIONS CONCERNING WORKSHOPS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES' House File No. 150, House Cal. No. 132, Senate File No. 724, Senate Cal. No. 499 The bill, as amended, makes the following changes in statutes concerning the Department of Rehabilitation Services' (DORS) programs: 1. eliminates DORS workshops for blind people (DORS has not operated the workshops since 2003); 2. eliminates eligibility for state employee health insurance coverage for blind individuals formerly employed in DORS workshops; 3. eliminates labeling and registering requirements for certain goods made by blind people; and 4. eliminates a requirement that entities supported in whole or part by the state that purchase products or services provided by persons with disabilities (excluding blindness) do so through DORS.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES Public Hearing March 3, 2016 Human Services Committee JF to the House. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

H.B. No. 5497 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE LIST OF LEGISLATIVELY APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS' File No. 490, House Cal. No. 311, to require the posting of a publicly accessible list of all boards, commissions or councils that have legislative appointments.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS Public Hearing March 7, 2016 Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House. **H.B. No. 5497 died in the House.**

H.B. No. 5498 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REVISING THE REGULATION REVIEW PROCESS' House File No. 491, House Cal. No. 312, Senate File No. 753, Senate Cal. No. 530 The bill, as amended, makes several changes to the regulation adoption process for state agencies. It (1) transfers, from the Regulation Review Committee to state agencies' legislative committees of cognizance, responsibility for conducting periodic reviews of agencies' existing regulations; (2) makes minor changes to certain deadlines and effective periods associated with emergency regulations; (3) expands the reasons for which agencies may propose amendments to regulations without prior notice or public comment; and (4) modifies provisions concerning the agency's (a) posting of notices of proposed regulations on the eRegulations System, (b) delivery of the notices to certain interested parties, and (c) responses to public comments.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS Public Hearing March 7, 2016 Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

H.B. No. 5537 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES' House File No. 535, House Cal. No. 337, Senate File No.

766, Senate Cal. No. 567 This bill, as amended, makes numerous substantive, minor, and technical changes to Department of Public Health (DPH)-related statutes and programs. The bill: 1. makes changes affecting local health departments, such as establishing a process to address alleged impropriety by local health directors or their employees; 2. creates a new designation of dental assistant and requires dental professionals to take continuing education in infection control; 3. allows nursing home patients to receive methadone treatment for opioid addiction at the nursing home; 4. recognizes in statute a category of psychology technicians and allows them to provide services related to psychological testing; 5. as of July 1, 2017, eliminates the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities and requires the governor to designate a nonprofit entity to serve this function; 6. creates a diabetes advisory council in DPH, within available appropriations; and 7. creates a nail salon working group and a medical records task force.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing March 7, 2016 Public Health Committee JFS to the House. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

H.B. No. 5558 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF ABLE ACCOUNTS' File No. 295, House Cal. No. 219, to study the possibility of converting funds deposited in 529 college savings accounts into ABLE accounts.

REF. BANKING Public Hearing March 8, 2016 Banking Committee JF to the House. **H.B. No. 5558 died in the House.**

H.B. No. 5587 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES' House File No. 301, House Cal. No. 225, Senate File No. 764, Senate Cal. No. 543 The bill, as amended, establishes, within the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight (MAPOC), a standing subcommittee to study, make recommendations, and report to the governor, MAPOC, and the Children's, Human Services, and Public Health committees on the efficacy of support systems for children and young adults age 21 or younger with developmental disabilities, with or without co-occurring mental health conditions. For purposes of completing the two required reports, the bill requires the following individuals to be on the subcommittee: 1. the child and healthcare advocates, or their designees; 2. a family or child advocate; 3. the executive directors of the Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, or their designees; and 4. an expert in diagnosing, evaluating, educating, and treating children and young adults with developmental disabilities.

For the bill's purposes, "developmental disability" means an individual's severe, chronic disability as defined by federal law.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES Public Hearing March 8, 2016 Human Services Committee JF to the House. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

H.B. No. 5616 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICES AND PUBLIC INFORMATION' File No. 571, House Cal. No. 354, Senate Cal. No. 444, to (1) redact the month and day of an individual's date of birth when a list prepared under title 9 of the general statutes is disclosed pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and prohibit publication of any such list on the Internet web site by the person having requested such list pursuant to said act, (2) require that certain meeting notices are electronically filed with the Secretary of the State

and posted on an Internet web site designated by said Secretary, and (3) allow for notice of special and reconvened sessions to be sent electronically.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 18, 2016](#)
Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House. **House passed. [H.B. No. 5616](#)**
died in the Senate.

[H.B. No. 5619](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONVEYING CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND AND REQUIRING A STUDY OF CERTAIN STATE REAL PROPERTY' [File No. 502](#), House Cal. No. 323, to convey certain parcels of land owned by the state and to require a study of certain property owned by the state.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 14, 2016](#)
Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House. **[H.B. No. 5619](#) died in the House.**

- **Midterm Budget Adjustments Fiscal Year 2017**

Both the Republican House and Senate Caucus and the Democrat House and Senate Caucus have put forward budget adjustment proposals for fiscal year 2017 since the Appropriations Committee voted on **[H.B. No. 5044 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017](#)**. Governor Malloy has indicated that he will release a third version of midterm budget adjustments taking into consideration some items that have been in the caucuses' budget adjustment proposals. The **[Consensus Revenue Estimates](#)** that were signed off on by the Office of Policy and Management and the Office of Fiscal Analysis were put forward on April 29, 2016. These are the revenue estimates that inform how much money is available to fund the spending portion of any budget bill.

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

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, Governor Malloy released the **[GOVERNOR'S REVISED MIDTERM BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2017](#)** in response to the budget adjustments proposed by the Appropriations Committee in **[H.B. No. 5044 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017](#)**. The Governor's revised budget adjustments would close the state's projected \$922 million deficit for fiscal year 2017. DDS's agency operations funding total for FY17 remained at \$ 610,004,298 in the Governor's Revised Midterm Budget Adjustments, which was the same total as in the Governor's original **[GOVERNOR'S MIDTERM BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2017](#)** put forward in February.

The legislative leadership and the Governor must now work on drafting Budget Adjustment legislation that will pass the House and Senate and be signed by the Governor.

- **FY17 Appropriations Committee Budget Adjustments**

On Wednesday, April 6, 2016, the Appropriations Committee voted on its budget adjustment bill, **[H.B. No. 5044 AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017](#)**. The bill passed with a vote of 33 yea and 24 nay along party lines. The Office of Fiscal Analysis' **[APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE BUDGET FY 17](#)**

[MIDTERM ADJUSTMENTS](#) details the various changes to each state agency's budget for fiscal year 2017 that begins on July 1, 2016. **On pages 168 through 173, the Department of Developmental Services' budget adjustments for FY17 are shown.**

The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee on Thursday, April 7, 2016 voted 30 to 21 to pass [H.B. No. 5046](#) **ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET** The Office of Fiscal Analysis' [Preliminary Fiscal Notes for Finance Committee Meeting on April 7, 2016](#) explains the adjustments to the state's revenue stream for FY17 to support the budget adjustments previously passed by the Appropriations Committee.

Both [H.B. No. 5044](#) and [H.B. No. 5046](#) would need to be passed by both the House and the Senate and be signed by the Governor for these bills' budget adjustments to take effect. **The FY17 budget adjustments are needed to cover an estimated \$900 million shortfall in the state's budget for FY17 that begins July 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2017.** Governor Malloy has indicated that he will put forward a revised FY17 Midterm Budget Adjustments bill that would provide additional budget adjustments to cover the growing projected budget deficit for FY17.

- **FY16 Legislative Deficit Mitigation**

On Tuesday, March 29, 2016, the Senate and House passed Emergency Certified [S.B. No. 474](#) **AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017** as amended by [Senate Amendment A](#). Senate Amendment A was a "strike-all" amendment that replaced the original language in the bill with the agreed upon deficit mitigation plan. The Senate passed the amended bill on a vote of 33 to 3. The House of Representatives passed the bill 127 to 16. The provisions of the bill will go into effect once the Governor has signed it. **The deficit mitigation package in [S.B. No. 474](#) replaces Governor Malloy's list of [rescissions announced on March 16, 2016](#).**

[S.B. No. 474](#), as amended by [Senate Amendment A](#), reduces the current fiscal year's (FY16) expenditures by a total of \$220 million. **DDS's portion of these deficit mitigation reductions is just under \$3.4 million.** The 2016 fiscal year ends June 30, 2016 and the bill's reductions are being made to the final quarter (April, May and June) of the department's budget.

Members of the General Assembly also voted to extend the JF deadlines (the day a committee must report out its bills) by one week for the Appropriations Committee until April 7th and the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee until April 8th so as to allow these committees to complete work on the fiscal year 2017 (FY17) budget adjustment legislation.

- **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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