

DDS Legislative Update – February 17, 2017

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE’S HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

Health Subcommittee (Room 2C of the LOB)

10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.	Department of Public Health
11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.	Department of Developmental Services
12:00 P.M.-1:00 P.M.	Lunch Recess
1:00 P.M.-1:30 P.M.	Department of Veterans’ Affairs
1:30 P.M.-2:00 P.M.	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
2:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Public Budget Hearings (Room 2C of the LOB) 4:30 P.M.

H.B. No. 7027 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR'

- ❖ **Information for Persons Wishing to Testify at the Appropriations Committee Public Hearing on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. on the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) FY18/FY19 proposed budget.**

The Appropriations Committee will hold state agency budget presentations and public hearings from Tuesday, February 14, 2017 through Friday, February 24, 2017. 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 at least one hour prior to the start of the public hearing. **On February 16 and February 23 the Committee will provide a separate sign-up sheet for persons with special needs,** and on February 21 a separate sign-up sheet will be provided for elementary and secondary education students. **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 23 public hearing, Room 2D 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

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Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. All public hearing testimony, written & spoken, is public information. 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 Proposed Budget for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019**

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- **Planning and Development Committee Public Hearing on Bills with Potential to Impact Individuals with Disabilities Living in the Community**

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017

The Planning and Development Committee will hold a **public hearing** on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 2D of the LOB. **Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 9:00 A.M. in Room 2100 of the LOB. Please submit at least 2 copies of written testimony to the Committee staff in Room 2100 between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.** Testimony received after the designated time may not be uploaded until after the hearing. **Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to PDtestimony@cga.ct.gov.** Testimony should clearly state testifier name and related bills. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour will be reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

Proposed **[H.B. No. 6601](#)** 'AN ACT STUDYING THE MUNICIPAL FISCAL IMPACT OF GROUP HOMES'

Proposed **[H.B. No. 6931](#)** 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND MUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS'.

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- **Completed DDS Five-Year Plan 2017 – 2022 Submitted to the General Assembly**

To: All DDS Stakeholders and Other Interested Persons

From: Jordan A. Scheff, Acting Commissioner, Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

Date: February 16, 2017

RE: Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) 2017-2022 Five-Year Plan

Pursuant to section 17a-211 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has completed its Five-Year Plan 2017 to 2022. The finalized DDS Five-Year Plan 2017 to 2022 may be accessed on the DDS website at [DDS Final Five Year Plan 2017-2022](#). This link is to the full color version of the 34-page plan. A “gray scale” version of the plan may be accessed at [DDS Final Five Year Plan 2017-2022](#) (grayscale).

To complete the DDS 2017-2022 Five-Year Plan, the department requested public comment during a period beginning on November 22, 2016 and ending on December 22, 2016 and held two public hearings on December 6, 2016. DDS received comments from more than 100 stakeholders including individuals receiving funding or services from the department, their families, DDS qualified providers, DDS staff and advocates. In accordance with the provisions of section 17a-211 CGS, the transcripts of both public hearing are posted at [DDS Five Year Plan 2017-2022 - Public Hearing Transcript](#). All public comments on the DDS Five-Year Plan 2017 to 2022 may be accessed at [Public Comments - DDS Five Year Plan \(2017-2022\)](#).

I hope you will find the DDS Five-Year Plan 2017-2022 helpful in understanding the DDS system of services and the department's goals and objectives over the next five years.

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