

DDS Legislative Update – March 8, 2017

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- **Information on Testifying at the Public Health Committee’s March 13, 2017 Public Hearing on “S.B. No. 796 - An Act Concerning the Use of Respectful and Person-First Language”**

The Public Health Committee will be holding a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB. One bill on the agenda of particular interest is the Governor’s bill [S.B. No. 796](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RESPECTFUL AND PERSON-FIRST LANGUAGE. The bill, among its several provisions, removes the terms “the handicapped” and “the disabled” in state statute and replaces them with person-first, respectful language. Please see information below on how to submit testimony and testify in person at this public hearing. [S.B. No. 796](#) appears first on the agenda and so will be heard early on in the hearing.

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 1D of the LOB. The Committee is accepting electronic testimony via email at phtestimony@cga.ct.gov. Please submit electronic testimony in Word or PDF format no later than 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 11, 2017. If you are unable to submit electronic testimony, please submit 10 copies of written testimony no later than 9:00 A.M. on Monday, March 13, 2017, in Room 3000 of the LOB. Please submit separate testimony for each bill. Testimony received after the deadline will not be made available to legislators until after public hearing. Sign-up for the public hearing will begin at 9:00 A.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB. All individuals wishing to sign up after the start of the public hearing may do so with the Committee staff inside the hearing room. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. Bills will be heard in the order listed in the Bulletin. 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.

SUBJECT MATTER: Public Health Related Bills

*[S.B. No. 796](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RESPECTFUL AND PERSON-FIRST LANGUAGE.

- [Links to DDS Testimony Before the Public Health Committee and the Appropriations Committee](#)

[March 7, 2017 - DDS Testimony Before the Public Health Committee on H.B. No. 5808](#)

[March 7, 2017 - DDS Testimony Before the Public Health Committee on S.B. No. 839](#)

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[March 7, 2017 - DDS Testimony Before the Public Health Committee on S.B. No. 246](#)

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[March 7, 2017 - DDS Testimony Before the Public Health Committee on S.B. No. 244](#)

[March 7, 2017 - DDS Testimony Before the Public Health Committee on S.B. No. 39](#)

[March 7, 2017 - DDS Testimony Before the Public Health Committee on S.B. No. 38](#)

[March 2, 2017 - DDS Testimony Before the Appropriations Health Subcommittee Workgroup](#)

Attachment A [DDS Public Conversion Worksheets](#)

Attachment B [DDS Regional Centers Closure Savings Estimates](#)

[February 23, 2017 - DDS Testimony Before the Appropriations Committee on the Governor's Proposed Budget for FY 2018 and FY 2019](#)

- **Links to the Connecticut General Assembly and Legislative Committees**

[Connecticut General Assembly](#)

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[Public Health Committee](#)

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