

DDS Legislative Update – March 2, 2018

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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 9, 2018 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, which explains what a bill would cost or save if implemented, written by the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

A House or Senate Calendar Number (**House Cal. No. 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 five bills that make up DDS's 2018 legislative package are:

[S.B. No. 165](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO ITS STATUTES', to implement the recommendations of the Department of Developmental Services regarding technical changes to its statutes.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **[Public Hearing February 28, 2018](#)**

[S.B. No. 168](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GROUP HOME LICENSING VISITS', to implement the recommendations of the Department of Developmental Services regarding group home licensing visits.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **[Public Hearing February 28, 2018](#)**

[H.B. No. 5153](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP ASSESSMENTS', to implement the recommendations of the Department of Developmental Services regarding guardianship assessments.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **[Public Hearing February 28, 2018](#)**

[H.B. No. 5155](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATION REGARDING WAIVER OF LICENSING FEES FOR PRIVATE PROVIDERS', to implement the recommendations of the Department of Developmental Services regarding waiver of licensing fees for private providers.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **[Public Hearing February 28, 2018](#)**

[H.B. No. 5159](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES REGARDING OVERSIGHT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND END-OF-LIFE PLANNING', to implement the recommendations of the Department of Developmental Services regarding oversight of emergency medical care and end-of-life planning.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

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

S.B. No. 1 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EARNED FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE', to establish a paid family and medical leave system in Connecticut.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 2 (COMM) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AND NET NEUTRALITY PRINCIPLES', to require Internet service providers to register and pay registration fees and require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to apply net neutrality principles to Internet service providers and enforce such principles with civil penalties.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 8 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing February 26, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 10 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st 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 March 2, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 12 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER PURPOSES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing March 2, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 15 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIR AND EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 16 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 19](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT FUNDING THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY-BASED AND HOME-BASED CARE', to expand the provision of cost-effective community-based and home-based care for persons who are elderly or who have Alzheimer's disease.
REF. AGING

Proposed [S.B. No. 20](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST.; SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING RECEIPT OF STATE RETIREMENT INCOME DURING TIMES OF REEMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE', to prohibit the receipt of pension and salary payments from the state at the same time.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 92](#) SEN. LINARES, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENSION REFORM', to establish a reasonable cap on state employee pensions for newly retired employees.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 93](#) SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT MANDATING FULL PAYMENTS TO THE STATE'S UNFUNDED LIABILITIES', to mandate full payments to the state's unfunded liabilities.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 132](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT COMBATTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL ASSAULT', to combat sexual harassment and sexual assault.
REF. JUDICIARY **Vote to Draft.**

Proposed [S.B. No. 143](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENSION AND HEALTH CARE REFORM', to implement pension and benefit reform and restore fiscal stability to our state.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 148](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM', to increase the number of persons eligible for the Alzheimer's disease respite care program by raising the income an eligible participant can earn.
REF. AGING

[S.B. No. 155](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS', to increase the amount of income residents of long-term care facilities may keep for personal needs before their income is applied to Medicaid-funded care.
REF. AGING [Public Hearing March 1, 2018](#)

[S.B. No. 158](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM', to expand eligibility for the Alzheimer's disease respite care program.
REF. AGING [Public Hearing March 1, 2018](#)

**Proposed [S.B. No. 159](#) SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT RESTORING FUNDING FOR THE MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM', to permanently restore eligibility levels for the Medicare Savings Program and to appropriate enough funds to ensure participants do not lose coverage.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 163](#) SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT PARITY FOR MEDICAL SPECIALISTS WHO SERVE MEDICAID PARTICIPANTS', to achieve payment parity among primary care providers and medical specialists serving Medicaid recipients.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES**

**[S.B. No. 165](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO ITS STATUTES', to implement the recommendations of the Department of Developmental Services regarding technical changes to its statutes.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 28, 2018](#)**

**[S.B. No. 168](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GROUP HOME LICENSING VISITS', to implement the recommendations of the Department of Developmental Services regarding group home licensing visits.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 28, 2018](#)**

**[S.B. No. 201](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED HEALTH BENEFIT REVIEW', to alter the manner in which the General Assembly enacts new mandated health benefits.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 27, 2018](#)**

**[S.B. No. 205](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RESCISSION, CANCELLATION AND LIMITATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE', to alter when and how an insurer or health care center may rescind, cancel or limit health insurance coverage.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 27, 2018](#)**

**[S.B. No. 208](#) (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 prescription drugs to provide coverage for intravenously administered drugs on a basis no less favorable than orally administered drugs.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 1, 2018](#)**

**[S.B. No. 211](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BURDEN OF PROOF DURING ADVERSE DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEWS', to require that health carriers bear the burden of proving that certain health care services under adverse determination or utilization review are not medically necessary.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 1, 2018](#)**

S.B. No. 218 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING INVOLUNTARY STERILIZATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to prohibit the involuntary sterilization of persons with disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 28, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 236 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS CARING FOR ELDERLY PERSONS, CHILDREN AND DISABLED PERSONS', to provide a tax deduction for taxpayers caring for elderly persons, children and disabled persons.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 238 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT', to extend to ten years the statute of limitations for the prosecution of certain sexual assault crimes.

REF. JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 240 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT PROMOTING THE REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT', to promote the reporting of child abuse and neglect by ensuring that persons who make good faith reports of such abuse or neglect are afforded certain legal protections.

REF. JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 244 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS TO BE MANDATED REPORTERS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT', to require that behavior analysts become mandated reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 256 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENTS', to permit any member to request the preparation of a racial and ethnic impact statement.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 5, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 258 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXEMPTION OF PROBATE-COURT APPROVED CONSERVATOR AND FIDUCIARY FEES FROM MEDICAID INCOME ELIGIBILITY AND ASSET TRANSFER DETERMINATIONS', to exempt from Medicaid income eligibility and asset transfer determinations conservator and fiduciary fees approved by the Probate Court and assessed to a Medicaid applicant or recipient.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 296 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO SERVE PEOPLE SEEKING RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to establish a pilot program to better serve people waiting for residential services from the Department of Developmental Services.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 303 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING URGENT CARE CENTERS', to protect patients from unexpected costs and fees.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 5, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 312 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to develop investigation, assessment and case-planning procedures that are responsive to the needs of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing March 6, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 364 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING', to lower the excess cost threshold from four and one-half times to two times the average per pupil educational costs of a board of education.
REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 366 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING', to provide mental health services in the state by the most cost-efficient, equitable and effective means.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 9, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 367 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS', to review employment and retirement benefits for state employees and elected or appointed officials.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

S.B. No. 371 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE AND CLINICAL SERVICES PROVIDED AT STATE EXPENSE', to require that each department, agency or institution that provides health care services at state expense submit an annual report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

S.B. No. 379 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO HEALTH INSURERS' PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES', to limit when an insurer may change prescription drug formularies during the term of certain group and individual health insurance policies.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 6, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 380 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF A PRESCRIBED DRUG DURING ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCESSES', to require dispensation and coverage of a prescribed drug for an insured for the duration of any grievance or review filed or requested by such insured of an adverse determination or a final adverse determination.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 6, 2018](#)

S.B. No. 400 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GRADUATE FUNDING AND THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY', to ensure the provision of quality services to persons with intellectual disability.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 404 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED REPORTERS', to add certain professions to the list of mandated reporters.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

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

Proposed [H.B. No. 5013](#) [H.B. No. 5091](#) [H.B. No. 5132](#) 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS TAX', to eliminate the ambulatory surgical centers tax.
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [H.B. No. 5029](#) REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR ABLE ACCOUNT DEPOSITS', to establish a deduction from the personal income tax for deposits made by a taxpayer to an achieving a better life experience account.
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [H.B. No. 5033](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BUDGETING FOR MEDICAID EXPENDITURES', to ensure that budget calculations reflect the full cost of Medicaid programs for purposes of determining compliance with the state constitutional spending cap.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

[H.B. No. 5034](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

[H.B. No. 5035](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT ADJUSTING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2019', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearings February 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5038](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations for human services programs.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 6, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5039](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT PROTECTING HEALTH CARE FAIRNESS AND AFFORDABILITY', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5043](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT PROMOTING A FAIR, CIVIL AND HARASSMENT-FREE WORKPLACE', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5044](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIR TREATMENT OF SICK

WORKERS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5047](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING COPAYS UNDER STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PLANS', to increase copays for all state employees by one per cent.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5048](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CAP ON STATE EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to cap educational reimbursements for state employees to an in-state university tuition level.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5049](#) REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE SALARIES OF ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED STATE OFFICIALS BY TEN PER CENT', to save money by reducing the salaries of state elected and appointed officials.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5061](#) REP. BELSITO, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING OVERTIME BY STATE EMPLOYEES', to reduce state employee overtime by fifty per cent.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5068](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE COST OF LABOR TO STATE GOVERNMENT', to address the state budget crisis by reducing the cost of labor to state government.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5071](#) REP. MORIN, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GENERATORS IN STATE-FUNDED GROUP HOMES', to provide funding for generators in state-funded group homes.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5076](#) REP. FLEISCHMANN, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE BUDGET RESERVE FUND TO CLOSE THE STATE BUDGET DEFICIT', to close the state budget deficit for the current fiscal year without further undermining key state programs or structures.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5077](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to provide a cost savings to the state.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5134](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A TAX CREDIT

FOR BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE', to establish a tax credit for businesses that provide paid family and medical leave to employees.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing.

[Public Hearing March 2, 2018](#)

Proposed **[H.B. No. 5138](#)** REP. ALBIS, 99th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE'**, to establish a minimum wage of fifteen dollars per hour in the state of Connecticut.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed **[H.B. No. 5139](#)** REP. ALBIS, 99th DIST. '**AN ACT CREATING A PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE SYSTEM IN THE STATE'**, to establish a paid family and medical leave system in Connecticut.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed **[H.B. No. 5140](#)** REP. MORRIS, 140th DIST. '**AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE'**, to increase the minimum fair wage to fifteen dollars per hour.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

[H.B. No. 5144](#) (RAISED) AGING. '**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-FUNDED PROGRAMS'**, to require the Commissioner of Social Services to study the efficacy of Medicaid-funded state programs.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing March 1, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5153](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP ASSESSMENTS'**, to implement the recommendations of the Department of Developmental Services regarding guardianship assessments.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 28, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5155](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATION REGARDING WAIVER OF LICENSING FEES FOR PRIVATE PROVIDERS'**, to implement the recommendations of the Department of Developmental Services regarding waiver of licensing fees for private providers.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 28, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5157](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. '**AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF VIDEO CAMERAS IN THE ROOMS OF NONVERBAL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS'**, to ensure the safety of nonverbal residents of nursing homes.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 28, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5159](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES REGARDING OVERSIGHT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AND END-OF-LIFE PLANNING'**, to implement the recommendations of the Department of Developmental Services regarding oversight of emergency medical care and end-of-life planning.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5163 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES', to implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations regarding various revisions to the public health statutes.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 5, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5172 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY DATA MANAGEMENT AND PROCESSES, THE TRANSMITTAL OF TOWN PROPERTY ASSESSMENT INFORMATION AND THE SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS', to increase access to data by executive branch agencies by codifying the provisions of Executive Order 39, to require the Office of Policy and Management to establish and oversee a state-wide process improvement initiative, to require towns to transmit certain property assessment information to their regional council of governments or the Office of Policy and Management and to permit state agencies to suspend regulatory requirements for paper or facsimile submission of documents or data.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 26, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5174 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT RESTRICTING LOBBYING BY FORMER STATE EMPLOYEES', to impose a one-year moratorium on lobbying by former state employees.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 26, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5175 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING APPEALS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to permit the Freedom of Information Commission to grant relief from vexatious requesters to public agencies.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 26, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5177 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION OF REQUESTS MADE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to expand the requirement for notification to public agency employees of requests made for their personnel, medical or other similar files.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 26, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5210 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT MANDATING INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS AND EXPANDING MANDATED HEALTH BENEFITS FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS', to (1) mandate insurance coverage of essential health benefits, (2) expand mandated health benefits for women, children and adolescents, and (3) expand mandated contraception benefits.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 1, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5214 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES AND NEBULIZER TREATMENTS', to allow medical assistants to administer vaccines and nebulizer treatments.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 5, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5216 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DISABILITY RIGHTS ORGANIZATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES REGARDING ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to require the Department of Developmental Services to notify persons with disabilities who allege abuse or neglect regarding the disability rights organization designated by the Governor as the Connecticut protection and advocacy system and to notify such organization if there is an abuse or neglect case under investigation by the department.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 28, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5226 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES ASSISTING IN A CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY', to permit state employees who volunteer with a local organization for civil preparedness to assist in a civil preparedness emergency or local civil preparedness emergency without loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave or earned overtime accumulation.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing February 27, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5242 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FROM STATE INCOME TAX', to exempt Social Security benefits from taxation under the state income tax.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5244 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CONSERVED PERSON'S RIGHT TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS', to safeguard the rights of a conserved person to interact with family and others.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5245 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY BEST PRACTICES FOR PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR DISABLED PERSONS, SENIOR CITIZENS AND VETERANS', to establish a task force to study best practices to provide transportation for disabled persons, senior citizens and veterans.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5246 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS IN THE CASE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT', to allow for the prosecution of sexual assault cases without time limitations posed by statutes of limitation.

REF. JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5253 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO THE MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND REPEALING OBSOLETE STATUTES', to expand access to the Money Follows the Person demonstration project

and repeal obsolete statutes.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. 5255 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ADVISORY COUNCIL', to eliminate the planned termination of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 6, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5256 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO COLLECT AND MAINTAIN DATA CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF MEDICAID RECIPIENTS', to ensure that the Department of Social Services collects and maintains data regarding the nonemergency transportation needs of Medicaid recipients.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5257 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY OR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to reduce from seventy-two to twenty-four hours the amount of time a mandated reporter has to file a report of suspected abuse or neglect involving a person with intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5260 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING STATE CONTRACTORS TO ADOPT A NET NEUTRALITY POLICY', to require Internet service providers that are state contractors to adopt a net neutrality policy.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 5, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5263 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE LIST OF LEGISLATIVELY APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS', 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 5, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5264 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT PERMITTING BUSINESSES TO SEEK AN OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS', to require the attorney general to issue opinions when requested by businesses who have a dispute with a state agency regarding its regulations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 5, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5266 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE SUSPENSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES IMPOSED ON CERTAIN BUSINESS ENTITIES PURSUANT TO STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS', to permit businesses to remediate first-time regulatory violations without civil penalty if such remediation is done in a timely manner.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 5, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5267 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS', to redefine "privatization contract" and "state contracting agency", modify the quorum requirement of the State Contracting Standards Board, impose additional requirements on proposed privatization contracts and require the Auditors of Public Accounts to issue compliance reports regarding staffing levels of the State Contracting Standards Board.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 5, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5271 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REDEFINING "PUBLIC AGENCY" FOR PURPOSES OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to redefine "public agency" for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act to include certain organizations established by certain governmental entities.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 5, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5299 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH PRESCRIBING FOR TREATMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS', to (1) allow Connecticut licensed physicians to prescribe certain medications via telehealth for treatment of psychiatric disorders and change certain patient consent requirements; (2) add telehealth examinations; and (3) implement payment for parity for telehealth services.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5302 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC BATHROOMS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to require the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee to amend the State Building Code to provide for the installation of one wall-mounted grab bar and one drop-down grab bar in public bathrooms.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing March 6, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5326 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID FUNDING', to provide funding for Medicaid by the most cost-efficient, equitable and effective means.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 9, 2018](#)

H.B. No. 5327 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET', to review the process by which appropriations are made from the General Fund in the state budget.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. No. 5332 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to (1) require the Department of Children and Families to include in its strategic plan strategies to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities within child welfare practice; (2) require the Commissioner of Children and Families to collect data on the race and ethnicity of children and families involved with the department, and work to eliminate certain disparities based on race, ethnicity and other factors; (3) require the department to disclose records to the Chief State's Attorney for the purpose of investigating or prosecuting an allegation of fraud in the receipt of certain benefits; (4) create an exception from the requirement that the commissioner obtain consent from the parent or guardian of a child to interview

such child for the purpose of investigating a claim of neglect if such parent or guardian is the perpetrator of the alleged neglect; (5) require certain health care providers to notify the department of newborns exhibiting certain symptoms consistent with prenatal substance exposure and other conditions and require the department to establish guidelines for the safe care of such newborns; (6) clarify the definition of "fictive kin caregiver"; (7) clarify that certain residential facilities may care for or board a child without a license obtained from the commissioner; and (8) permit the commissioner to investigate and maintain actions in the name of the state for violations of certain statutes pertaining to the unlicensed caring for, boarding of and placing of a child.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing March 6, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5333](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to make a reasonable effort to notify the employer of an individual placed on the child abuse and neglect registry of such individual's placement on the registry if such individual has direct contact with children through such employment.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing March 6, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5386](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS PAY EQUITY AND FAIRNESS MATTERS', to strengthen provisions of the law concerning pay equity and fairness.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5387](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE', to establish a paid family and medical leave system in Connecticut.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5388](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A FAIR MINIMUM WAGE', to provide more economic security to Connecticut families by increasing the minimum fair wage.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 8, 2018](#)

[H.B. No. 5389](#) (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION ISSUES', to allow temporary and permanent livery permit holders to use stretcher vans to transport elderly persons and persons with disabilities who must be transported on a stretcher.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

[H.B. No. 5417](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING END-OF-LIFE CARE', to allow a physician to dispense or prescribe medication at the request of a mentally competent patient that has a terminal illness that such patient may self-administer to bring about his or her death.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

- **DDS Public Hearing Testimony**

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On the 2018 session's opening day, February 7, 2018, Governor Malloy addressed the General Assembly and detailed his midterm budget adjustments for fiscal year 2019. 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 DDS budget summary from the budget adjustment document.

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