

DDS Legislative Update – February 21, 2020

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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 6, 2020 at midnight, and then 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, 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 Public Health Committee at their [February 10, 2020 committee meeting](#) voted to raise DDS's six legislative proposals as one bill. These six legislative proposals will now be drafted as one bill which will have a Public Health Committee public hearing sometime towards the end of February or in early March. **The bill that contains DDS's 2020 legislative proposals is:**

An Act Concerning Department of Developmental Services' Recommendations for Revisions to the General Statutes

DDS's draft concepts, which will become part of the Public Health Committee bill, are posted on the Office of Policy and Management's (OPM) at:

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OPM/Budget/2020_2021_Biennial_Budget/2020-Legislative-Proposals/DDS2020LEG.pdf?la=en

Once the bill has been drafted it will be posted on this page of the legislative update.

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

S.B. No. 1 (COMM) **INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DIABETES AND HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS'**, to: (1) Expand required health insurance coverage for prescription drugs, equipment and supplies used to treat diabetes; (2) restrict cost-sharing for such drugs, equipment and supplies; (3) require licensed pharmacists to dispense such drugs, equipment and supplies without a prescription in certain circumstances; (4) require the Commissioner of Social Services to study and report regarding the feasibility of implementing a low-income diabetes assistance fund; and (5) make changes to various provisions of the general statutes concerning high deductible health plans to more closely conform to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code concerning health savings accounts and medical savings accounts.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

Proposed S.B. No. 3 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. FONFARA, 1st DIST.; SEN. HARTLEY, 15th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST.; SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY JOBS', to incentivize the creation of new jobs and increase employment in the state.

REF. COMMERCE Vote to draft

Proposed S.B. No. 6 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGALIZATION AND TAXATION OF THE RETAIL SALE OF MARIJUANA', to legalize and tax the retail sale of marijuana.

REF. JUDICIARY

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 FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

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, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

S.B. No. 13 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN LICENSED OCCUPATIONS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GENERAL LAW

S.B. No. 16 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADULT USE OF CANNABIS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed S.B. No. 64 SEN. BIZZARRO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS', to allow long-term care facility residents who receive medical assistance to keep more of their income for personal needs.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed S.B. No. 66 SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM', to allow more persons to receive services through the Alzheimer's disease respite care program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed S.B. No. 67 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM', to expand access to services for persons with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed S.B. No. 69 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS', to allow long-term care facility residents who receive medical assistance to keep more of their income for personal needs.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed S.B. No. 71 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS', to allow long-term care facility residents who receive medical assistance to keep more of their income for personal needs.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed S.B. No. 72 SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RESIDENTS', to increase the amount long-term care facility residents can keep for personal needs while still qualifying for medical assistance.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

S.B. No. 73 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT REPEALING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST RIDICULE OF ANOTHER PERSON ON ACCOUNT OF CREED, RELIGION, COLOR,

DENOMINATION, NATIONALITY OR RACE', to repeal section 53-37 of the general statutes concerning ridicule of another person on account of creed, religion, color, denomination, nationality or race.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing February 21, 2020](#)

[S.B. No. 84](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETROACTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE SERVICES', to allow Medicaid beneficiaries who are receiving home care the same right to retroactive Medicaid coverage as beneficiaries who are in nursing homes.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 18, 2020](#)

Proposed **[S.B. No. 123](#) SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COMMUNITY NONPROFIT PROVIDERS'**, to begin catch-up payments to community nonprofit providers.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

[S.B. No. 134](#) (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PRIVACY', to require businesses to disclose the proposed use of any personal information and to give consumers the right to discover what personal information the business possesses and to opt out of the sale of such information and to create a cause of action and penalties for violations of such requirements.

REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

[S.B. No. 135](#) (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO PHARMACY AND DRUG CONTROL STATUTES', to make revisions to Department of Consumer Protection pharmacy and drug control statutes.

REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

[S.B. No. 137](#) (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DATA PRIVACY BREACHES', to expand the data privacy breach notification statute to protect consumers.

REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

[S.B. No. 150](#) (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF CAMERA VIDEO SYSTEMS INSIDE SCHOOL BUSES AND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THE MAXIMUM SPEED SCHOOL BUSES MAY TRAVEL ON A DIVIDED LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAY', to study (1) issues related to the installation of camera video systems inside school buses and student transportation vehicles used to transport students with special needs, and (2) whether to increase the maximum speed a school bus may travel on a divided limited access highway.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 26, 2020](#)

[S.B. No. 152](#) (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS WHO ARE ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CONFINED TO A STRETCHER', to allow temporary and permanent livery permit holders to transport in a stretcher van certain elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 26, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 161 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVES', to appropriate a sufficient amount of funds to expand aging in place initiatives.
REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 27, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 163 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES', to study the efficacy of state programs providing long-term care services.
REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 27, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 172 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION', to implement the recommendations of the Department of Education.
REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing February 26, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 173 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSING THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CONNECTICUT', to require the Department of Education to develop a framework for evaluating the effectiveness of school district programs and policies that are intended to address disparities in academic achievement among racial and socio-economic lines.
REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing February 26, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 185 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING CERTAIN FACILITIES FROM THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES FOR ZONING PURPOSES', to define community residence to exclude commercial medical facilities or facilities requiring a certificate of need.
REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 27, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 191 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE HUSKY B PROGRAM', to cap copayments to the HUSKY B health program and repeal a program offering intensive services that are offered under a related program.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 195 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to clarify that persons eligible to receive Medicaid-funded services are not eligible to receive services under the Connecticut home-care program for persons with disabilities.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 197 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN EPINEPHRINE CARTRIDGE INJECTORS', to prohibit certain health insurers from denying, or making any distinction or discrimination in, coverage for an epinephrine cartridge injector administered to an insured by a third party who provided or administered the injector to the insured to provide an emergency first aid response for an allergic reaction, regardless of whether the insured held a valid prescription for such injector.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 199 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR LOW PROTEIN MODIFIED FOOD PRODUCTS, AMINO ACID MODIFIED PREPARATIONS AND SPECIALIZED FORMULAS', to require health insurance coverage for specialized formulas for individuals twelve years of age and older.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 203 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS', to require health insurance coverage for motorized wheelchairs, including, but not limited to, used motorized wheelchairs, repairs to motorized wheelchairs and replacement batteries for motorized wheelchairs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 208 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GENETIC TESTING', to: (1) Restrict the manner in which certain insurers may use, and obtain the results of, genetic testing; and (2) provide that certain uses of genetic testing shall constitute a violation of the Connecticut Unfair Insurance Practices Act.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 227 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A FAIR WORK WEEK SCHEDULE', to prohibit the practice of on-call shift scheduling.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 228 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE TO JOIN OR SUPPORT A UNION', to protect the rights of public employees to join or support unions.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

S.B. No. 229 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' RIGHTS', to require the Labor Commissioner to adopt regulations regarding workers' rights.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 233 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS', to (1) require registrars of voters to certify certain information regarding designated locations for election day registration, permit the Secretary to order any changes deemed necessary for the effective conduct of election day registration and eliminate the requirement to perform a cross-check before admitting an applicant for election day registration, (2) permit applicants in line for election day registration prior to eight o'clock p.m. to be admitted as electors and cast a vote in a regular election, (3) restore, without the payment of certain fines, the electoral privileges of convicted felons who are on parole, (4) establish processes at certain state agencies for eligible individuals to automatically apply for voter registration, and (5) require the Secretary of the State to develop a system through which election-related forms can be signed electronically.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.B. No. 235 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE', to establish a cybersecurity task force.
REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

S.B. No. 237 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DUE TO AN EMPLOYER OTHER THAN THE STATE UNDER THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS', to apply substantial conflict of interest provisions in the state code of ethics for public officials and state employees to conflicts involving the public official's or state employee's nonstate employer or spouse's employer.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.J. No. 15 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT EARLY VOTING'
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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

H.B. No. 5005 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, 2021', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearings February 11, 13, 14, 18, 19, and 21, 2020](#)

H.B. No. 5006 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, 2020', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. No. 5007 REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SMALL BUSINESS EXPRESS PROGRAM', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. COMMERCE [Public Hearing February 27, 2020](#)

H.B. No. 5010 REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st 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. 5012 REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPTIMIZATION OF STATE AGENCY OPERATIONS AND SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 5014 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR PROVIDERS OF CLINICAL NURSING EXPERIENCES', to provide a tax credit to preceptors who provide clinical nursing experiences to nursing students earning a bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree from an institution of higher education in the state.
REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT [Public Hearing February 13, 2020](#)

H.B. No. 5015 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.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. 5018 REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE COST GROWTH IN CONNECTICUT', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

H.B. No. 5019 REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIR FUTURES FOLLOWING ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5020 REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed **H.B. No. 5024** REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR HOME HEALTH CARE COSTS', to establish a deduction under the personal income tax for the cost of full-time home health care.
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed **H.B. No. 5041** REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR ABLE ACCOUNT DEPOSITS', to establish a deduction under the personal income tax for deposits made by a taxpayer to an achieving a better life experience account.
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

H.B. No. 5043 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN IMMUNIZATION CONSULTATIONS', to require health insurance coverage for at least a twenty-minute consultation between a health care provider and a covered individual concerning the immunizations that are recommended for such individual by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 19, 2020](#)

H.B. No. 5044 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS', to protect the public health by ensuring adequate and appropriate immunizations of children.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 19, 2020](#)

Proposed **H.B. No. 5059** REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT EMPLOY INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to establish a tax credit for businesses that employ individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing February 27, 2020](#)

Proposed **H.B. No. 5073** REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT', to increase the amount of the state earned income tax credit from twenty-three per cent to thirty per cent of the federal earned income tax credit.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [H.B. No. 5082](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELIMINATING STATE RECOVERY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXCEPT AS REQUIRED UNDER FEDERAL LAW', to end the cycle of poverty by eliminating recovery of past public assistance payments from beneficiaries except as required under federal law.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5083](#) REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PROVIDER RATES AND ACCESS TO CARE', to require the Commissioner of Social Services to pay Medicaid providers enough to ensure that Medicaid recipients have access to quality care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5084](#) REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT RATES', to provide sufficient Medicaid reimbursement to providers to ensure adequate access to care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5085](#) REP. HALL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING STATE RECOVERY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS', to reduce the financial burden on public assistance beneficiaries by eliminating the requirement they reimburse the state, except as required under federal law.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

[H.B. No. 5094](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES', to allow medical assistants to administer vaccines.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

[H.B. No. 5095](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY A CONSERVED PERSON'S RIGHT TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS', to ensure that a conserved person has the right to timely visits with loved ones.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 18, 2020](#)

[H.B. No. 5096](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE PROGRAM', to increase access to the Alzheimer's disease respite program.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 18, 2020](#)

[H.B. No. 5098](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT RAISING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE INSTITUTIONS', to increase the amount of money residents of long-term care institutions who receive medical assistance may keep for personal needs.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 18, 2020](#)

[H.B. No. 5111](#) (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WORK-BASED LEARNING

OPPORTUNITIES IN INDUSTRIES WITH A HIRING NEED IN THE STATE', to establish a task force to identify high-growth, high-demand jobs and analyze the implementation and creation of partnerships that provide apprenticeship opportunities for such jobs.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT [Public Hearing February 20, 2020](#)

[H.B. No. 5144](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS AND PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME', to require health insurance coverage for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 18, 2020](#)

[H.B. No. 5145](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORTING OF THE NUMBER OF VERIFIED ACTS OF BULLYING IN SCHOOLS', to eliminate the requirement that each school under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education annually report the number of verified acts of bullying in such school to the Department of Education.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 18, 2020](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5153](#) REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A QUALIFIED ABLE PROGRAM', to provide funding for a state-run qualified ABLE program.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5156](#) REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING HANDICAP RAMPS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt handicap ramps for residential use from the sales and use taxes.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

[H.B. No. 5175](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DIABETES AND HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS', to: (1) Expand required health insurance coverage for prescription drugs, equipment and supplies used to treat diabetes; (2) restrict cost-sharing for such drugs, equipment and supplies; (3) require licensed pharmacists to dispense such drugs, equipment and supplies without a prescription in certain circumstances; (4) require the Commissioner of Social Services to study and report regarding the feasibility of implementing a low-income diabetes assistance fund; and (5) make changes to various provisions of the general statutes concerning high deductible health plans to more closely conform to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code concerning health savings accounts and medical savings accounts.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

[H.B. No. 5177](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS', to make various revisions to statutes governing Judicial Branch processes and procedures.

REF. JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5179 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF PERMITTING RESPONDERS WHO ARE NOT PRIMARY SERVICE AREA RESPONDERS TO RESPOND TO A PRIMARY SERVICE AREA', to require a study of the impact of allowing nonprimary service area responders to respond to a primary service area.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5181 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REMOTE ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS MAINTAINED BY HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS', to allow the Department of Public Health to have remote access to electronic medical records of hospitals that involve reportable diseases, emergency illnesses and health conditions or reportable tumors.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5185 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TITLE PROTECTION FOR NURSES', to require title protection for nurses.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing February 26, 2020

H.B. No. 5206 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to remove impediments to timely financial relief for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.
REF. AGING Public Hearing February 27, 2020

H.B. No. 5218 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD', to implement the recommendations of the Office of Early Childhood.
REF. EDUCATION Public Hearing February 26, 2020

H.B. No. 5219 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH CAMPS', to require licensed youth camp employees who are eighteen years of age or older to submit to a comprehensive background check.
REF. EDUCATION Public Hearing February 26, 2020

H.B. No. 5233 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to ensure adequate payment to providers of social services to ensure access to quality care and integrate peer support services for behavioral health into the Medicaid program.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES Public Hearing February 25, 2020

H.B. No. 5234 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ADVISORY COUNCIL', to add persons with autism spectrum disorder or their parents as chairpersons of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES Public Hearing February 25, 2020

H.B. No. 5240 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING', to require new construction of affordable

housing developments to comply with additional accessibility, lighting and renewable energy requirements.

REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 27, 2020](#)

[H.B. No. 5249](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN', to allow children, stepchildren and other dependent children to retain dental insurance coverage under their parents' insurance policies until they attain the age of twenty-six or obtain substitute coverage through an employer.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

[H.B. No. 5250](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIBING CLINICALLY INAPPROPRIATE QUANTITIES OF OUTPATIENT PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS', to prohibit health insurance policies providing coverage for outpatient prescription drugs, and mental health care benefits provided under state law, with state funds or to state employees, from requiring a prescribing health care provider to prescribe an outpatient psychotropic drug in a quantity that such provider deems clinically inappropriate.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 27, 2020](#)

[H.B. No. 5253](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN', to allow children, stepchildren and other dependent children to retain dental and vision insurance coverage under their parents' insurance policies until they attain the age of twenty-six or obtain substitute coverage through an employer.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

[H.B. No. 5257](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES FOR COVERED DEPENDENT CHILDREN WHO ARE YOUNGER THAN NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE', to require health insurance coverage for (1) at least one pair of prescription eyeglasses during each policy year for each covered dependent child who is younger than nineteen years of age, and (2) not more than one additional pair of prescription eyeglasses for such child during such policy year if the pair of covered prescription eyeglasses that such child previously received during such policy year is lost during such policy year.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

[H.B. No. 5276](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DOMESTIC WORKERS', to expand the application of various labor laws to domestic workers.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 25, 2020](#)

[H.B. No. 5277](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT DECREASING FEES FOR COPYING PUBLIC RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to reduce the fees paid by the public for copies of public records.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 5278 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING STATUTES', to revise certain absentee voting statutes to no longer require that an elector be absent from his or her town of voting residence during all the hours of voting at a primary, election or referendum.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 5286 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEAVE OF LEVEL TWO OR NONESSENTIAL STATE EMPLOYEES ASSISTING IN A CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY', to permit level two or nonessential 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

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

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** will hold **state agency budget presentations** and a **public hearing** on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020** in **ROOM 2C of the Legislative Office Building (LOB)**. The budget presentations for state health agencies are scheduled on February 21st as follows:

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Department of Developmental Services
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
1:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.	Department of Public Health
2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	Office of Health Strategy

The Appropriations Committee Public Hearing on February 21, 2020 will begin at 4:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB.

The Governor’s budget adjustment bill is [H.B. No. 5005](#) AN ACT ADJUSTING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2021. See [Governor’s Midterm Budget Adjustments Fiscal Year 2021](#) below for more details on these budget adjustments.

Public testimony will be heard on the following state agencies: Department of Public Health; **Department of Developmental Services;** Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; Psychiatric Security Review Board; and Department of Veterans’ Affairs

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 at least one hour prior to the start of the public hearing. **On February 19 and February 21, 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. **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. **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 Midterm Budget Adjustments Fiscal Year 2021**

On the 2020 session’s opening day, February 6, 2020, Governor Lamont addressed the General Assembly and detailed his midterm budget adjustments for fiscal year 2021 (FY21). 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.

[GOVERNOR’S MIDTERM BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2021](#)

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