

DDS Legislative Update – February 7, 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.

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 Department of Developmental Services has proposed six concepts to be raised as bills for the 2020 legislative session. DDS is waiting to hear if these concepts will be raised as bills in the Public Health Committee (DDS's legislative committee of cognizance). DDS's draft concepts 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

If the **Public Health Committee** agrees to raise the DDS concepts as bills, each bill will be drafted by the Legislative Commissioner's Office (LCO) and then will have a public hearing. These bills will either (1) be passed out of the committee with or without amendments, or (2) will not be voted out of the committee. Once the bills have been drafted they will be posted on this page of the legislative update.

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

Proposed [S.B. No. 1](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. ANWAR, 3rd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th 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 THE MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF INSULIN', to require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services and the Insurance Commissioner, to impose a fee on the manufacture and distribution of insulin.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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

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

- **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

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

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

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

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

The **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE** will hold **state agency budget presentations** and **public hearings** on the **Governor's Proposed Midterm Budget Adjustments** in February. The first round of hearings will begin the week of February 10, 2020. **At this time the Health and the Human Services agencies public hearing schedules have not been finalized.** We will let you know when DDS's budget presentation and public hearing is scheduled as soon as the Appropriations Committee finalizes the rest of its schedule.

- **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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[DDS MIDTERM BUDGET ADJUSTMENT SUMMARY FY21](#)

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Complete Budget Adjustment Document (242 pages)