

## DDS Legislative Update – March 6, 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.

**Note:** All legislative committees have passed their committee bill deadlines to Reserve for Subject Matter Public Hearing or Vote to Draft a proposed bill. Any proposed bills that were not “reserved” or “drafted” by the committee bill deadline are dead and have been removed from this update.

**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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**JFS** means the committee reported the bill favorably to the House or Senate but with substitute language.

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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**

**S.B. No. 246 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUTES'**, to (1) make information in the Department of Developmental Services' abuse and neglect registry available to the Department of Administrative Services, (2) allow the Commissioner of Developmental Services or a Department of Developmental Services regional or training school director to consent to emergency medical treatment for an individual under the custody or control of the department, (3) restrict legal representatives of persons with intellectual disabilities from accessing abuse and neglect reports when the legal representative is the alleged perpetrator of such abuse or neglect or is residing with the alleged perpetrator, and (4) encourage licensed residential facilities to adopt standards that promote energy efficiency and incorporate environmentally friendly building materials.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing March 6, 2020**

- **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](#) Insurance and Real Estate JF to the Senate.**

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**

**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 [Public Hearing March 13, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 9** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. **'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE JOBSCT TAX REBATE PROGRAM'**, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

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

**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 [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)**

**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 [Public Hearing March 2, 2020](#)

**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](#) Committee on Aging JF to the Senate.

**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 28, 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 28, 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](#) Committee on Aging JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee.

[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](#) Committee on Aging JF to the Senate.

[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 March 6, 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 March 6, 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](#) Human Services Committee JF to the Senate.

[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](#) Human Services Committee JF to the Senate.

[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. 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 [Public Hearing March 3, 2020](#)**

**[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 [Public Hearing February 28, 2020](#)**

**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 [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)

**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 [Public Hearing February 28, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 244 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS BY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND PHARMACIES'**, to prohibit any health care facility or pharmacy from selling cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products.  
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 6, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 246 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUTES'**, to (1) make information in the Department of Developmental Services' abuse and neglect registry available to the Department of Administrative Services, (2) allow the Commissioner of Developmental Services or a Department of Developmental Services regional or training school director to consent to emergency medical treatment for an individual under the custody or control of the department, (3) restrict legal representatives of persons with intellectual disabilities from accessing abuse and neglect reports when the legal representative is the alleged perpetrator of such abuse or neglect or is residing with the alleged perpetrator, and (4) encourage licensed residential facilities to adopt standards that promote energy efficiency and incorporate environmentally friendly building materials.  
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 6, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 247 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL'**, to permit additional organizations to certify instructors that provide mental health first aid training to emergency medical services personnel and require mental health first aid training for recertification of emergency medical services personnel.  
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 6, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 249 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS'**, to make various changes concerning Probate Court processes and procedures.  
REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 13, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 273 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER DUAL DELIVERY OF STATEADMINISTERED HUMAN SERVICES BY COMMUNITY NONPROFIT AGENCIES'**, to explore more efficient and effective delivery of state administered human services via provision of more services by community nonprofit agencies.

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)**

**[S.B. No. 276](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING DRIVERS OF PARATRANSIT VEHICLES TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE, NEGLIGENCE OR EXPLOITATION OF ELDERLY PERSONS', to make drivers of paratransit vehicles mandated reporters of suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment of elderly persons.**

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)**

**[S.B. No. 299](#) (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS', to curtail the automatic distribution of single-use plastic straws in the state at certain locations.**

**REF. ENVIRONMENT [Public Hearing March 6, 2020](#)**

**[S.B. No. 316](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMITMENT OF A PERSON FOUND NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT', to allow the state's attorney to make application for commitment of certain acquittees to a hospital for psychiatric disabilities prior to the acquittee's discharge at the expiration of the acquittee's maximum term of commitment if the acquittee would constitute a danger to himself or herself or others or is gravely disabled.**

**REF. JUDICIARY**

**[S.B. No. 318](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT PROTECTING EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND CONSCIENCE', to prohibit an employer from coercing any employee into attending or participating in a meeting sponsored by the employer concerning the employer's views on political or religious matters.**

**REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 6, 2020](#)**

**[S.B. No. 323](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SURPRISE BILLING AND COST SHARING FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUT-OF-NETWORK PROVIDERS AT IN-NETWORK FACILITIES', to: (1) Expand the definition of "surprise bill" to include emergency health care services and nonemergency health care services; and (2) prohibit health carriers from charging out-of-network cost sharing for certain health care services provided by out-of-network health care providers at in-network facilities.**

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)**

**[S.B. No. 324](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES AND REQUIRING NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT REGARDING THE POTENTIAL COST OF SUCH SERVICES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES', to: (1) Modify mandatory health insurance benefits for ambulance services to (A) include medically necessary transportation to a covered person's place of residence, and (B) require that such benefits be provided at an in-network level; (2) provide for electronic notification of assignments of bills for ambulance services; and (3) require an ambulance provider to notify, and obtain consent from, a person before providing transportation services to the person if the provider reasonably believes that such services are not emergency services.**

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 340 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTION EFFORTS BY HOSPITALS AND COLLECTION AGENTS AGAINST UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED PATIENTS'**, to restrict (1) the amount that a hospital or collection agent may recover from an uninsured or underinsured patient for the unpaid cost of health care, and (2) the manner in which a hospital or collection agent may secure or recover payment for such unpaid cost.

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 10, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 346 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT'**, to: (1) Establish the ConnectHealth Program, the ConnectHealth Trust Account and the ConnectHealth Advisory Board; (2) require the Comptroller, in consultation with the ConnectHealth Advisory Board and the Office of Health Strategy, to establish the ConnectHealth Plan; (3) authorize the Comptroller to offer coverage to plan participants and beneficiaries in this state under a multiemployer plan, nonprofit employers and their employees, and small employers and their employees; and (4) require the Commissioner of Social Services to seek to amend the federal waiver for the state-wide dental plan that provides for the administration of the dental services portion of the department's medical assistance to expand coverage to include additional individuals in this state.

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 348 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE REGARDING THE STATE WORKFORCE AND RETIRING EMPLOYEES'**, to establish a task force to study the state workforce and retiring employees.

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 3, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 369 (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 [Public Hearing March 10, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 372 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' LEVEL OF NEED ASSESSMENT'**, to establish a task force to study the Department of Developmental Services' level of need assessment system.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

**S.B. No. 375 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS'**, to require each state agency to follow any order, denial or decree of a Probate Court that is applicable to a determination made by the state agency, and clarify that a state agency has standing to appeal any such order, denial or decree to the Superior Court with respect to such order's applicability to the state agency's determination.

**REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 13, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 380 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF A FAMILY MEMBER OF A PATIENT ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL'**, to require hospitals to notify a patient's designated family member not later than twenty-four hours after admission.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 9, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 384 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR DISTRACTED DRIVING'**, to increase the penalties for distracted driving.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 13, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 385 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES'**, to amend various statutes relating to the responsibilities of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with respect to the provision of sexual harassment training, the filing of discriminatory practice complaints and the approval of affirmative action plans.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 13, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 396 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES'**, to study the efficiency and responsiveness of programs administered by the Department of Social Services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 397 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT AND THE ECONOMY BY ADDRESSING THE BENEFITS CLIFF'**, to promote employment advancement and boost the economy by addressing disincentives that prevent working public assistance beneficiaries from increasing their income beyond eligibility thresholds.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 399 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS ALLOWING EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO RECEIVE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE'**, to require the Commissioner of Social Services to study whether income and asset limits allowing employed persons with disabilities to receive medical assistance should be increased.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 400 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILY OF A CONSERVED PERSON IN DSS CONSERVATORSHIPS'**, to ensure the Commissioner of Social Services or the commissioner's designee regularly communicates with known immediate family of a conserved person when the commissioner has been appointed conservator of such person.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 401 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT PARITY FOR CERTAIN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS'**, to determine whether providers of human services receive disparate payment rates based on location and whether rate adjustments are required to ensure payment parity in the future.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2020](#)

**S.B. No. 403 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES, ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR CERTAIN MISDEMEANOR AND FELONY OFFENSES AND PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON ERASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION'**, to (1) require certain training to members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and to require the board to provide a written explanation when denying a pardon, to streamline record erasure in the case of misdemeanors and certain felonies, (2) waive certain fees for applicants for a pardon, (3) allow for appointment of a deputy warden to serve as director of reentry services, (4) establish a reentry employment advisory committee, and (5) prohibit discrimination against a person based on such person's erased criminal history record information.  
**REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 9, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 404 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC REGISTRY OF PERSONS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSAULT OR ABUSE OF ELDERLY PERSONS'**, to provide the public with access to a searchable database of perpetrators of crimes of assault or abuse of elderly persons.  
**REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing March 10, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 406 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE ACCESSIBILITY OF STATE BUILDINGS'**, to require the Department of administrative Services to study the accessibility of state buildings to people with disabilities.  
**REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing March 10, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 422 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT STRENGTHENING HOME CARE SERVICES'**, to establish a public registry of homemaker-companion agency employees.  
**REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 427 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE AND FIRE SAFETY CODE'**, to (1) rename an advisory committee as the Fire Prevention Code Committee, (2) clarify the application and enforcement of the State Fire Prevention Code and the Fire Safety Code, and (3) make technical changes.  
**REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing March 10, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 428 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES'**, to allow assisted outpatient treatment of people with psychiatric disabilities who pose a risk of causing serious physical injury to other persons if they fail to follow a treatment plan.  
**REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing March 10, 2020](#)**

**S.B. No. 439 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEGACY COSTS'**, to require a study of legacy costs associated with the state employees retirement system and the teachers' retirement system.  
**REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 13, 2020](#)**

**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 [Public Hearing February 28, 2020](#)**

- **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 [Public Hearing March 19, 2020](#)

**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 [Public Hearing March 11, 2020](#)

**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 [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)

**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 [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)

**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 [Public Hearing March 9, 2020](#)

**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 [Public Hearing March 6, 2020](#)

**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](#) Public Health Committee JF to the House.

**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](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the House.

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](#)

**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](#) Committee on Aging JF to the House.

**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](#) Committee on Aging JF to the House.

**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](#) Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee JFS to the House.

**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](#)

**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](#) Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the House.

**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 [Public Hearing March 13, 2020](#)

**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 [Public Hearing March 6, 2020](#)

**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](#) Committee on Aging JFS to the House.

**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 March 6, 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 March 6, 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](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House.

**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 Human Services Committee JF to the House.**

**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 Public Hearing March 10, 2020**

**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 Public Hearing March 10, 2020**

**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 Public Hearing March 10, 2020**

**H.B. No. 5270** (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](#)

**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 [Public Hearing February 28, 2020](#)

**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 [Public Hearing February 28, 2020](#)

**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 [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5289** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF STAFFING LEVELS FOR NURSE'S AIDES IN NURSING HOMES', to require a study of the staffing levels for nurse's aides in nursing homes.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

**H.B. No. 5290** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INTERSEX PERSONS', to address the needs of the intersex community who have suffered from discrimination and inaccurate documentation of their sex by providing relief from such issues.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 9, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5298** (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION TRANSPARENCY', to require charitable organizations to disclose their registration numbers and certain financial information when soliciting funds.

REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5305** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES', to amend or repeal statutes concerning the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5309** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID AUDITS', to eliminate extrapolation of provider clerical errors in Medicaid audits and limit recovery by the state against such providers to any resulting overpayment and state administrative expenses related to investigation of the clerical error.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

**H.B. No. 5311** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to ensure students with autism spectrum disorder have the necessary support to achieve success at state institutions of higher education.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5328** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ROLE OF BIRTH-TO-THREE SERVICE PROVIDERS AT PLANNING AND PLACEMENT TEAM MEETINGS', to (1) allow parents at planning and placement team meetings to request the attendance and participation of their child's birth-to-three service coordinator and that the recommendations of such child's birth-to-three service provider be addressed, and (2) protect birth-to-three service providers from discipline for making recommendations for special education services at planning and placement team meetings.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing March 3, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5332** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE TIMELINESS OF REPORTS AND FAILURE TO REPORT BY MANDATED REPORTERS', to require the Department of Children and Families to conduct a study of the timeliness of reports and failure to report by mandated reporters.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing March 3, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5333** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY', to require (1) the Department of Public Health to administer the national Youth Risk Behavior Survey, (2) high schools to participate in the survey, if selected, and (3) the Child Advocate to develop questions assessing the risk to youths of being victims of sexual assault or misconduct by an adult.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing March 3, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5336** (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF LICENSED YOUTH CAMPS', to require licensed youth camp employees who are eighteen years of age or older to submit to a comprehensive background check.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing March 3, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5361 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES AND LISTS OF COVERED DRUGS'**, to limit the circumstances in which a health carrier may remove a prescription drug from a drug formulary or list of covered drugs, or move a prescription drug to a different cost-sharing tier, during a plan year.  
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 3, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5366 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS'**, to: (1) Cap aggregate monthly cost-sharing for prescription drugs covered under certain individual and group health insurance policies; (2) cap the cost of generic drugs in this state; (3) require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to submit a request to the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services to implement a Canadian prescription drug reimportation program in this state and, if the secretary approves such request, implement such program in this state; (4) require pharmaceutical manufacturers to send notice to the Insurance Commissioner regarding "pay-for-delay" agreements, and require health carriers and pharmacy benefits managers to reduce the cost of brand name prescription drugs that are the subject of such agreements; (5) establish a Critical Drug Shortage Review Board; and (6) limit the circumstances in which a health carrier may remove a prescription drug from a drug formulary or list of covered drugs, or move a prescription drug to a different cost-sharing tier, during a plan year.  
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 3, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5371 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COVERAGE FOR THE REMOVAL OF TREES FROM REAL PROPERTY'**, to provide that insurers that are licensed to write homeowners or commercial property insurance in this state may provide coverage for the removal of trees that fall onto covered real property due to a natural disaster.  
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 10, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5385 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ENSURING FAIR AND EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK'**, to ensure fair and equal pay for equal work.  
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 3, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5389 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CRIMINAL RECORD'**, to protect individuals from discrimination based on criminal history record information.  
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 5, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5407 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUPERSEDEANCE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT'**, to provide that future collective bargaining agreements or arbitration agreements may not supersede the Freedom of Information Act.  
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 6, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5415 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INDEPENDENT PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES RELOCATING TO CONNECTICUT'**, to allow advanced practice registered nurses to independently engage in the performance of advanced practice level nursing activities after collaboration with a physician licensed to

practice medicine in this state or outside of this state for not less than three years and not less than two thousand hours.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

**H.B. No. 5417 (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 9, 2020**

**H.B. No. 5419 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING BUSINESSES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO EMPLOY PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER OR INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES'**, to require businesses receiving financial assistance from the Department of Economic and Community Development to make good faith efforts to employ persons with autism spectrum disorder or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**REF. COMMERCE Public Hearing March 10, 2020**

**H.B. No. 5420 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS'**, to provide aid in dying to terminally ill patients.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing March 13, 2020**

**H.B. No. 5422 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A TRANSITION PLAN FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY WHO ARE A RESIDENT OF A COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY OR PARTICIPANT IN A DAY CARE PROGRAM, DAY CAMP PROGRAM OR RECREATIONAL PROGRAM'**, to require the Department of Developmental Services to develop a transition plan for persons with intellectual disability who are a resident of a community-based residential facility or a participant in a day care program, day camp program or recreational program.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

**H.B. No. 5426 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIENS FOR UNPAID WAGES AND A REQUIREMENT THAT FISCAL INTERMEDIARIES MEET EMPLOYER TIMELY PAY OBLIGATIONS'**, to authorize the Labor Commissioner or an employee to seek to establish a lien against the property of an employer for unpaid wages; and to establish requirements relating to the payment of timely wages on fiscal intermediaries that provide payroll services to personal care attendants.

**REF. BANKING Public Hearing March 10, 2020**

**H.B. No. 5437 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO BULLYING AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN SCHOOLS'**, to establish a task force to study issues relating to bullying and sexual harassment in schools.

**REF. EDUCATION Public Hearing March 9, 2020**

**H.B. No. 5440** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE ANIMALS', to align state law with federal law concerning service animals and raise public awareness as to the rights and responsibilities of persons with service animals, emotional support animals and therapy animals.  
REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5441** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES', to study the efficacy of state programs providing long-term care services.  
REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5443** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-FUNDED PROGRAMS', to study the efficacy of Medicaid-funded programs.  
REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5444** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS IN THE ROOMS OF NONVERBAL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS', to allow nonverbal nursing home residents or their representatives to install electronic monitoring devices in their rooms, provided any roommates agree in writing to the use of such devices and liability for any breach of privacy related to the resident's use of such device is waived for nursing homes.  
REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5445** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FOR MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES', to require the Department of Social Services to consider recommendations made by the state Auditors of Public Accounts in negotiating any contract for nonemergency medical transportation and reduce administrative burdens on beneficiaries who need such transportation.  
REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5446** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF IN-HOME COUNSELING AND SUPPORT PROVIDED BY A HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCY', to provide Medicaid reimbursement for in-home counseling, assessment and support services provided to a Medicaid recipient by a social worker employed by a home health care agency.  
REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 12, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5449** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT REQUIRING EXPANSION OF THE CRISIS INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE', to require the Division of State Police to expand the CRISIS Initiative Pilot Program to all areas of the state.  
REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing March 10, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5482** (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES', to require that a copy of any executed memorandum of understanding between two or more executive branch agencies be submitted to the relevant joint standing committees of the General Assembly.  
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 13, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5484** (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERFORMANCE-INFORMED BUDGET REVIEW', to update the performance-informed budget review process of state agencies.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 13, 2020](#)

**H.B. No. 5485** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES', to enact the Connecticut Sentencing Commission's recommendations with respect to misdemeanor offenses.

REF. JUDICIARY

**H.B. No. 5487** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO HOSPITAL OR HEALTH SYSTEM FACILITY FEES', to make various revisions to hospital or health system facility fees.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

**H.B. No. 5488** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS' SCOPE OF PRACTICE', to make various revisions to the general statutes concerning physician assistants' scope of practice.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

- **DDS Public Hearing Testimony**

All **DDS Public Hearing testimony** before legislative committees of the General Assembly is posted to the **DDS Legislative Affairs webpage** and may be accessed at: [2020 DDS Testimony for the Connecticut General Assembly](#).

[March 6, 2020 - DDS Testimony Before the Government Administration and Elections Committee on H.B. No. 5411](#)

[March 6, 2020 - DDS Testimony Before the Public Health Committee on S.B. No. 246](#)

[March 5, 2020 - DDS Testimony Before the Human Services Committee on S.B. No. 273](#)

[February 25, 2020 - DDS Testimony Before the Appropriations Committee Health Subcommittee Workgroup](#)

[February 21, 2020 - DDS Testimony Before the Appropriations Committee on H.B. No. 5005](#)

All **Public Hearing testimony** on a particular bill may be accessed by going to that bill's webpage and scrolling down and then choosing "**Public Hearing Testimony**>". This will bring you to the links for all written testimony that was submitted to the committee on that bill.

- **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.

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