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## Legislative Update #4

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The Connecticut General Assembly's 2023 legislative session is almost reached the half way point! By the DMHAS legislative team count, there are over 150 bills that could impact the behavioral health community. DMHAS Commissioner Navarretta has testified in person or in writing on several bills and was joined by behavioral health advocates in testifying before both the Public Health and Appropriations and Committees. The majority of bills impacting DMHAS are raised in the Public Health Committee who had a deadline for reporting bills out of committee of March 29<sup>th</sup> to the House, Senate or another committee. This update concentrates on bills that have been voted out of the Public Health Committee and are ready for action in other Committees, the House or Senate.

**DMHAS Bill:** [HB-6729](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF VARIOUS ADVISORY BOARDS AND COUNCILS. On the House Calendar for further action.

[Substitute SB-9](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS. On the Senate Calendar for further action.

[SB-919](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY CHILHOOD AND ADULT PSYCHOSIS. On the Senate Calendar for further action.

[SB-956](#) AN ACT REQUIRING DISCHARGE STANDARDS REGARDING FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENTS AND PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS FOR PATIENTS BEING DISCHARGED FROM A HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME FACILITY. On the Senate Calendar for further action.

[SB-1211](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER PILOT PROGRAM. On the Senate Calendar for further action.

[HB-5001](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY. Referred to the Appropriations Committee.

[HB-6562](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH. On the House Calendar for further action.

[HB-6600](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR REGIONAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ACTION ORGANIZATIONS. Referred to the Appropriations Committee.

[HB-6698](#) AN ACT CONCERNING DRUG POLICY, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PEER SUPPORT SERVICES AND MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN DRUG-RELATED CRIMES. - On the House Calendar for further action.

[Substitute HB-6913](#) AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS. - On the House Calendar for further action.

[Substitute HB-6914](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS IN THE OPIOID AND TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS AND FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE AS PART OF ANY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH A MANUFACTURER OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEM AND VAPOR PRODUCTS. - On the House Calendar for further action.

[Substitute HB-6915](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS USE PREVENTION EFFORTS RELATED TO YOUTH. - On the House Calendar for further action.

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