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State legislative committees have been very active, as expected, during this long budget session year. DMHAS has been tracking bills that if passed could affect the behavioral health community or the agency operations. We have provided highlights on some of the bills of note.

[HB-6729](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF VARIOUS ADVISORY BOARDS AND COUNCILS. This is the DMHAS agency bill. It was heard in Public Health on 3/1/2023

[SB-972](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN POLICE OFFICERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS. Heard in Public Safety on 2/23/2023

[HB-5001](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY. Heard in Human Services on 3/13/2023

[SB-986](#) AN ACT PROTECTING MATERNAL HEALTH. This is a Governor's bill. Heard on 3/13/2023

Public Health Committee bills of interest:

[SB-898](#) AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PROBATE COURT ISSUE AN ORDER ALLOWING A PATIENT WHO IS INCAPABLE OF GIVING INFORMED CONSENT TO RECEIVE SHOCK THERAPY Heard on 2/01/2023. Committee indicated some drafting errors so is pending new language.

[SB-919](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY CHILDHOOD AND ADULT PSYCHOSIS. Heard in Public Health on 2/1/2023. Voted out of committee and pending on the Senate Calendar

[HB-6488](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS. Heard in Public Health on 2/01/2023

[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. Heard in Public Health on 2/22, voted out of committee, pending action on the Senate calendar.

[SB-958](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMELY TRANSFER OF MEDICAL RECORDS BETWEEN HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS. Voted out of committee with substitute language.

[SB-960](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CROWDING. Heard in Public Health on 2/22/2023 and voted out of committee with substitute language.

Additional of Bill of interest hearing date:

[SB-1205](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR PEER RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES. Human Services Committee Public Hearing tomorrow Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. in Room 2A of the LOB and via Zoom. The public hearing can be viewed via YouTube Live. Individuals who wish to testify must register using the On-line Testimony Registration Form: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/HS/tmy.htm>

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