

DMHAS Legislative Newsletter

Greetings to DMHAS Staff and Partners!

The final weeks of the legislative session are here! Please see below what has taken place at the CT General Assembly this week.

Last Week at the Capitol

The Senate was the only chamber in session last week, and several bills were debated and voted on.

Below we have highlighted a couple of bills that were discussed and voted on:

[SB 397](#), *An Act Concerning Democracy and Government Accountability*, makes various changes to laws related to civil rights and law enforcement activity.



[SB 468](#), *An Act Concerning Reporting Requirements and Payment of Nonprofit Human Services Providers*, requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to establish policies and procedures requiring state agencies to pay a private provider organization for any services provided under a purchase of service contract within 45 days after the receipt of a properly completed claim or receipt of services, whichever is later.

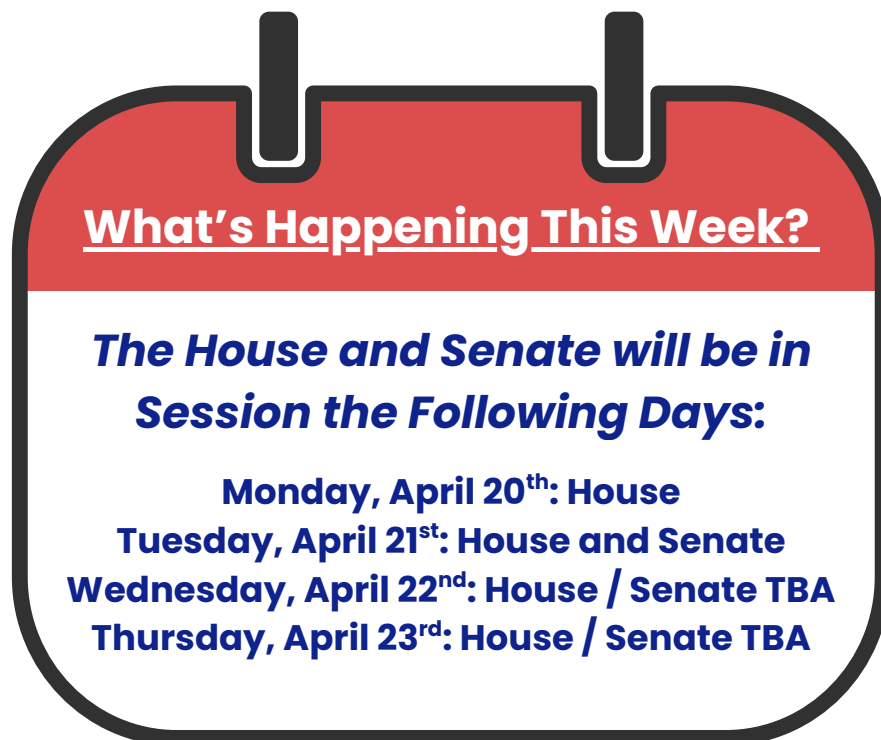
These bills must now be voted on in the House before the Governor can sign them into law.

What Happens When a Bill Gets Referred to Another Committee?

After a bill has been voted out of committee, it can be referred to another committee. Oftentimes, this happens when a bill involves a topic that falls under another committee of cognizance. For example, if a committee votes a bill out that may have a fiscal note to the floor, it can then be referred to the Appropriations Committee since it involves money.

The referred committee will then have **7 days** to take action on that bill. This means they can either vote the bill out of committee and take no action at all and the bill will not move forward.

The Appropriations Committee held committee meetings on Monday, April 13th and Friday, April 17th. Not every bill that was on the committee agenda was voted on. The Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee will also be holding a committee meeting on Monday, April 20th.



What's Happening This Week?

The House and Senate will be in Session the Following Days:

Monday, April 20th: House
Tuesday, April 21st: House and Senate
Wednesday, April 22nd: House / Senate TBA
Thursday, April 23rd: House / Senate TBA

Have a Great Week!
In partnership, Chandra & Kelly