

E-Board 2019 CT Legislative Session End Executive Update

Updated As of 7/10/19

Key E-Board Interest Bills Passed By Both House and Senate

SB 375 – Nursing Home Staffing Levels-Ensure Adequate Reporting - requires additional staffing information to be posted at the beginning of each shift including APRN, RN, LPN, and CNA staffing hours; minimum required hours per DPH; exclude transportation aide hours if not provide direct care for primary portion of shift; requires DPH website or internet link to be posted to report any violations; no discrimination or retaliation allowed against resident or staff for reporting staffing concerns, Public Act 19-89, Governor Signed 7/1

SB 804 - LTCOP To Investigate HCBS Complaints - State Ombudsman and DSS Commissioner to submit report by 1/1/20 to Aging and Human Services Committee outlining persons to be served, types of services to be offered, and appropriations-budget needed to staff up, Special Act 19-18, Governor Signed 7/1

SB 827 - Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Training Best Practices - specific Alzheimer's disease diagnosis and treating training for physicians required; Commission on Women, Children, Seniors and Equity will convene a working group to review the task force recommendations based on earlier bill and make recommendations for any additional best practices; working group includes the State Ombudsman and Department of Aging and Disability Services Commissioner among many members, Public Act 19-115, Governor Signed 7/1

SB 832 - Registries of Persons Found Responsible for Assault of Abuse, Neglect, Exploit, Abandon Elderly of Persons Who Are Disabled - Commission on Women, Children, Seniors and Equity will have a portal established on its website with links to publicly available background databases; Commission will convene a working group; bill specifies disqualifying offenses, Public Act 19-116, Governor Signed 7/1

SB 1088 - Participation By a Resident of A Nursing Home Facility or Residential Care Home Resident In A Receivership Proceeding - also includes right of responsible legal party to testify at receivership court hearing without having to file an appearance as a party to the proceeding, Public Act 19-42, Governor Signed 6/21

HB 5004 - Increasing The Minimum Fair Wage - to \$15/hour by June 1, 2023 and incremental increase each year till then, Public Act 19-4, Governor Signed 5/28

HB 7163 – Implementing Governor's Budget Recommendations for Department of Aging and Disability Services, and Meals on Wheels – new department name and increases Meals on Wheels funding, Public Act 19-157, Governor Signed 7/8

HB 7424 - State Budget for Biennium Ending 6/30/21 - Appropriations Therefore and Implementing Provisions of the Budget - includes section on nursing home closures. Public Act 19-117, Governor Signed 6/26.

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LTCOP Program-Related Bills Passed By One Chamber Only

HB 7166 – Nonemergency Medical Transportation for Medicaid Beneficiaries - timely performance requirements and appeal rights, passed by House only

SB 829 – Task Force on Voluntarism for Ombudsman Program - passed by Senate only

Selected LTCOP Program-Related Bill Topics That Did Not Pass Either Chamber

Increase PNA to \$72/Month; Permit Video Camera Installation, and Nursing Home Falls

Selected Other Bills That Passed Both Chambers This Session

SB 1 - Paid Family and Medical Leave, Public Act 19-25, Governor Signed 6/25

SB 945 - Innovative Incentive Program for Non-Profit Providers of Human Services – establishes a pilot incentive program for certain revenue level non-profit human service providers that contract with the state, Public Act 19-127, Governor Signed 7/1

SB 1052 - Expanding Medicaid Coverage of Telehealth, Public Act 19-76, Governor Signed 6/28

SB 1091 - Designating Various Days and Weeks including April 16 Advanced Directive Awareness Day, 1st week of September kidney disease awareness week, February 22nd encephalitis day, June 3 clubfoot day, May 6 moyamoya cerebrovascular disease awareness day, and establishment of Centennial Commission on Women's Suffrage, Public Act 19-152, Governor Signed 7/9

HB 7198 - Concerning Social Workers - limitations and requirements for use of social worker title, Public Act 19-164, Governor Signed 7/9