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Legislative Liaison	Kevin Bronson DDS Director of Communications Legislation and Regulations Jill Kennedy DDS Legislative and Regulations Specialist
Division Requesting This Proposal	Commissioner's Office
Drafter	Jill Kennedy DDS Legislation and Regulation Specialist

Title of Proposal	An Act Concerning the Recommendation of the Department of Developmental Services Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions to the Developmental Services Statutes.
Statutory Reference, if any	Section 1. 17a-238a
Brief Summary and Statement of Purpose	Section 1. makes a technical revision to change the Department's "behavioral services program" to "children's services program".
How does this proposal relate to the agency's mission?	



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SECTION-BY-SECTION SUMMARY

Summarize sections in groups where appropriate

Section 1.

Makes a technical revision to change “behavioral services program” to “children’s services program” to mirror the Department’s current structure. This change is necessary due to the consolidation of programs within the Department. Additionally, the change centers the program towards addressing an individual’s comprehensive needs. By eliminating the stigma associated with “behavioral” issues, we can move towards a more person-first approach to providing support and services to an individual.

BACKGROUND

Origin of Proposal

☒ New Proposal

☐ Resubmission

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Please consider the following, if applicable:

Have there been changes in federal/state laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?	No
Has this proposal or a similar proposal been	No



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implemented in other states? If yes, to what result?	
Have certain constituencies called for this proposal?	no

INTERAGENCY IMPACT

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1. Agency Name	
Agency Contact (name, title)	
Date Contacted	
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Talks Ongoing
Open Issues, if any	



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FISCAL IMPACT

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State	
Municipal (Include any municipal mandate that can be found within legislation)	
Federal	
Additional notes	

MONITORING & EVALUATION PLAN

If applicable, please describe the anticipated measurable outcomes and the data that will be used to track those outcomes. Include the section number(s) responsible for those outcomes

[X] Check here if this proposal does NOT lead to any measurable outcomes

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ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD KNOW?

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Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17a-238a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof. (Effective Upon Passage):

(c) The Commissioner of Developmental Services shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, at least annually, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies concerning the number of individuals determined by the department to be eligible for funding or services from the department and who (1) have unmet residential care needs, (2) have unmet employment opportunity and day service needs, or (3) are eligible for the department's **[behavioral]** children's services program and are waiting for a funding allocation. The commissioner shall post such report on the department's Internet web site.



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Division Requesting This Proposal	Commissioner's office, Legal & Government Affairs
Drafter	Jill Kennedy DDS Legislation and Regulation Specialist

Title of Proposal	An Act Concerning the Department of Developmental Services recommendations regarding the Department's Abuse and Neglect Registry
Statutory Reference, if any	17a-247b
Brief Summary and Statement of Purpose	This proposal will allow the Department to place a licensee, or their designee licensed to provide services through a Community Companion Home whose license has been revoked due to substantiated abuse or neglect to be placed on the Department of Developmental Services Abuse and Neglect Registry.
How does this proposal relate to the agency's mission?	The Department has the responsibility to meet the health and safety needs of the individuals for whom we provide support and services. This will ensure that persons who have substantiated abuse and neglect are not able to gain additional access to any individuals supported in our system.



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This proposal will ensure the safety of individuals receiving support and services through DDS by placing a licensee of a community companion home or their designee on the DDS Abuse and Neglect Registry when there has been substantiated abuse and neglect.

BACKGROUND

Origin of Proposal

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Have there been changes in federal/state laws or regulations that make this legislation necessary?	No
Has this proposal or a similar proposal been implemented in other states? If	No



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yes, to what result?	
Have certain constituencies called for this proposal?	No

INTERAGENCY IMPACT

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Agency Contact (name, title)	
Date Contacted	
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Talks Ongoing
Open Issues, if any	

FISCAL IMPACT

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Additional notes	

MONITORING & EVALUATION PLAN

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Section 17a-247b of the General Statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1):

(a) The Department of Developmental Services shall establish and maintain a registry of former employees who have been terminated or separated from employment, or a licensee who has had their license revoked as a result of substantiated abuse or neglect. The department shall, for the purposes of maintaining the Department of Developmental Services Abuse and Neglect registry, be capable of responding to inquiries in accordance with subsection (c) of this section as to whether a former employee has been terminated or separated from employment or licensee as a result of substantiated abuse or neglect. Such capability may include response by telephone voice mail or other automated response for initial inquiries. For purposes of this section, “licensee” means the person, who is authorized by the Commissioner to operate a community companion home and “designee” means the person who provides intermittent support and services for the licensee.

(b) The registry shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) The names, addresses and Social Security numbers of those former employees, terminated or separated from employment, a designee or a licensee who are referred to the Department of Developmental Services Abuse and Neglect Registry, or whose licenses are revoked or are in the process of revocation as a result of substantiated abuse or neglect; (2) the date of termination or separation; (3) the type of abuse or neglect; and (4) the name of any employer or authorized agency requesting information from the registry, the reason for the request and the date of the request.

(c) The department shall make information in the registry available only to: (1) Authorized agencies, for the purpose of protective service determinations; (2) employers who employ employees to provide services to an individual who receives services or funding from the department; (3) the Departments of Children and Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Social Services and Administrative Services and the Office of Labor Relations, for the purpose of determining whether an applicant for employment with the Departments of Children and Families, Developmental Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Social Services ~~revoked~~ appears on the registry; or (4) charitable organizations that recruit volunteers to support programs for persons with intellectual disability or autism spectrum



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disorder, upon application to and approval by the commissioner, for purposes of conducting background checks on such volunteers.

(d) The department shall limit responses to requests for identifying information from the registry established under this section to (1) identification of the former employee terminated or separated from employment, the licensee or designee for substantiated abuse or neglect, and (2) the type of abuse or neglect so substantiated.

(e) Not later than five business days following receipt of written notification by an authorized agency of the substantiation of abuse or neglect by a former employee who has been terminated or separated from employment for such abuse or neglect, or a designee who has been referred to the Department of Developmental Services Abuse and Neglect Registry, an employer or licensee shall submit to the department the name of such former employee or designee and such other information as the department may request. Upon receipt of notification of such termination or separation, the department shall conduct a hearing in accordance with sections 4-177 to 4-181a, inclusive, governing contested cases. The department shall not place a former employee's name on the registry until the department has completed the hearing and the hearing has resulted in a decision to place the former employee's name on the registry.

(f) Upon completion of an investigation, the Department shall notify the licensee that their license is being revoked and is being placed on the Department of Developmental Services abuse and neglect registry due to substantiated abuse or neglect. Any licensee who contests the license revocation and placement on the registry may request an administrative hearing that will be conducted in conjunction with a revocation hearing request pursuant to section 17a-227. If the licensee requests a hearing contesting the license revocation, the Department shall not place licensee on an abuse or neglect registry until the department has completed the hearing and the hearing has resulted in a decision to place the community companion home licensee on the registry.

~~[(f)]~~(g) The department shall remove a former employee's, licensee's or designee's name from the registry if (1) an arbitration or a legal proceeding results in a finding that the former employee was unfairly terminated from employment (2) or upon presentation of a certified death certificate.

~~[(g)]~~(h) No employer shall be liable in any civil action for damages brought by an employee, former employee or an applicant for employment whose name appears on the registry established by this section arising out of the conduct of the employer in (1) making any report



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in good faith pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, (2) testifying under oath in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising from such report, (3) refusing to hire or to retain any person whose name appears on the registry established under this section, or (4) taking any other action to conform to the requirements of this section. The immunity provided in this subsection shall not apply to gross negligence or to willful or wanton misconduct.



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Division Requesting This Proposal	Commissioner’s Office, Legal & Government Affairs
Drafter	Jill Kennedy DDS Legislative and Regulations Specialist

Title of Proposal	An Act Concerning the Department of Developmental Services Recommendations Regarding Diabetes Care in DDS Licensed or Certified Facilities
Statutory Reference, if any	20-14h 20-14i
Brief Summary and Statement of Purpose	Revise the statutes regarding the Administration of medications by unlicensed personnel to allow DDS to provide diabetes care.
How does this proposal relate to the agency’s mission?	DDS’s mission is to help individuals with intellectual disability and their families by partnering with them to support their lifelong planning. Under the federal requirements of Home and Community Based settings and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Final Settings Rule, Medicaid Waiver participants through DDS must receive support in the least restrictive setting and must be afforded the right of autonomy and independence in making life choices. Individuals living in higher levels of care due to



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	statutory limitations meet the Department's vision to allow individuals to be independent in their residential setting.
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SECTION-BY-SECTION SUMMARY

Summarize sections in groups where appropriate

Conn. Gen. Stat. 20-14h through 20-14j does not allow the administration of medicine by trained persons to provide “injections.” This means that medically certified staff are prohibited from assisting individuals with diabetes management tasks, such as administering insulin injections or conducting finger prick tests. This limitation mandates that individuals must either self-administer diabetes injection medication with nurse oversight or receive support from a nurse, which often leads to their placement in higher levels of care.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), however, requires that the department provide comprehensive medical care, including diabetes management, in the least restrictive setting possible.

This proposal seeks to amend the definition of “administration” of medication by trained persons to allow for the use of auto injector pens for diabetes care. The proposed revision aims to enable medical certified staff to assist with insulin injections and finger prick testing in Community Living Arrangements (CLA) and Community Companion Homes (CCH), aligning with the ADA mandates and reducing the need for higher levels of care for most of the individuals managing their diabetes.



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BACKGROUND

Origin of Proposal

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Have certain constituencies called for this proposal?	No



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INTERAGENCY IMPACT

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1. Agency Name	Department of Public Health
Agency Contact (name, title)	Adam Skowera, Legislative Liaison
Date Contacted	09/12/24
Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talks Ongoing
Open Issues, if any	DDS received notification that DPH is good with the language moving forward. We will continue to work with DPH if LCO recommends language changes.

2. Agency Name	Department of Children and Families
Agency Contact (name, title)	Vincent Russo Michael Carone
Date Contacted	09/24/24
Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Talks Ongoing
Open Issues, if any	DCF requested the change not encompass all agencies, but approved a carve out for DDS facilities.



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3. Agency Name	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Agency Contact (name, title)	Kelly Sinko
Date Contacted	09/24/24
Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Talks Ongoing
Open Issues, if any	No concerns

4. Agency Name	Department of Corrections
Agency Contact (name, title)	David McClusky
Date Contacted	09/24/24
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talks Ongoing
Open Issues, if any	

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MONITORING & EVALUATION PLAN

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The Department will be able to track the individuals that may be moving from a higher level of care in a residential setting to a setting where they are able to live in the least restrictive setting.

ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD KNOW?

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Section 1. Sec. 20-14h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substitute in lieu thereof. (Effective October 1, 2025):

Definitions. As used in sections 20-14h to 20-14j, inclusive:

(1) “Administration” means the direct application of a medication by means other than injection to the body of a person [except as allowed pursuant to section 20-14i](#).

(2) “Day programs”, “residential facilities” and “individual and family support” include only those programs, facilities and support services designated in the regulations adopted pursuant to section 20-14j.

(3) “Juvenile residential centers” include only those centers operated under the jurisdiction of the Judicial Department.

(4) “Medication” means any medicinal preparation, and includes any controlled substances specifically designated in the regulations or policies adopted pursuant to section 20-14j.

(5) “Trained person” means a person who has successfully completed training prescribed by the regulations or policies adopted pursuant to section 20-14j.

Section 2. Section 20-14i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof. (Effective October 1, 2025):

Any provisions to the contrary notwithstanding, chapter 378 shall not prohibit the administration of medication to persons (1) attending day programs, residing in residential facilities or receiving individual and family support, under the jurisdiction of the Departments of Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services and Mental Health and Addiction



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Services, (2) being detained in juvenile residential centers or residing in residential facilities dually licensed by the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Public Health, **[or]** (3) residing in substance abuse treatment facilities licensed by the Department of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-145 when such medication is administered by trained persons, pursuant to the written order of a physician licensed under this chapter, a dentist licensed under chapter 379, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, authorized to prescribe such medication or (4) the administration of auto injector pens for persons residing in facilities licensed or certified by the Department of Developmental Services by trained persons who have received specialized training in the administration of the auto injector pens. The provisions of this section shall not apply to institutions, facilities or programs licensed pursuant to chapter 368v.