

## DDS Legislative Update – March 30, 2012

### Appropriations Committee's Mid-Term Budget, Deaf Child Bill of Rights included in Special Education Bill and DDS Bill Tracking

#### Appropriations Committee Votes on its Mid-Term Budget Adjustments.

On Thursday, March 29, 2012, the **Appropriations Committee** voted on [H.B. No. 5014](#) - **An Act Making Adjustments to State Expenditures and Revenues for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013**. This bill's Joint Favorable Substitute (JFS) language makes changes to the Governor's proposed Mid-Term Budget Adjustments. Now that the bill has been voted out of the Committee, there will be negotiations between the Governor's office and the House and Senate leadership to reconcile the two versions of the Mid-Term Budget Adjustments. The final version of the bill must be passed by a majority in both the House and the Senate and then be signed by the Governor. Below are links to the Appropriations Committee's Mid-Term Budget Adjustments for the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) included in H.B. No. 5014 and the Appropriations Committee's Mid-Term Budget Adjustments for All State Agencies. This document shows (1) what the Governor has proposed for the Mid-Term Budget Adjustments; (2) what the Appropriations Committee recommends; and (3) the difference between the two versions of the Mid-Term Budget Adjustments. The main differences include a reduction to the personal services and other expenses accounts. Additionally, funding for the private provider COLA has been included in the DDS budget instead of the Office of Policy and Management's. DDS staff are in the process of evaluating the impact of the Appropriations Committee's version of the mid-term budget adjustments.

[Appropriations Committee Mid-Term Budget Adjustments for DDS](#)

[Appropriations Committee Mid-Term Budget Adjustments for All State Agencies](#)

#### Education Committee includes Provisions of the Deaf Child Bill of Rights Bill in H.B. No. 5353 - An Act Concerning Individualized Education Programs and Other Issues Relating to Special Education.

The **Education Committee** passed [H.B. No. 5353](#) - **An Act Concerning Individualized Education Programs and Other Issues Relating to Special Education** with Joint Favorable Substitute language. The bill's new language includes, in **Section 11**, the provisions of [H.B. No. 5357](#) - **An Act Concerning a Deaf Child Bill of Rights**. Below is a link to the File Copy (**File No. 183**) of H.B. No. 5353.

[H.B. No. 5353 - AAC Individualized Education Programs and Other Issues Related to Special Education, File Copy No. 183](#)

## **DDS Legislative List of Bills Being Tracked as of March 29, 2012**

Below is a link to the list of bills DDS is tracking and assessing as of March 29, 2012 that may be of interest to or may have a potential impact on DDS consumers, families and guardians, DDS employees and DDS providers.

**[DDS Legislative List of Bills Being Tracked – March 29, 2012](#)**