

DDS Legislative Update – February 28, 2012

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Note: This update is not a comprehensive list of bills before the Connecticut General Assembly. DDS is tracking and assessing the bills listed below for their potential impact on DDS consumers, families and guardians, DDS employees and DDS providers.

This legislative update shows the bills that are being tracked by DDS this session.

As the legislative session goes forward, bills will be referred from legislative committees to the House or Senate. The House or Senate then may refer the bills to other committees or chose to vote on them. In these updates, the last action taken on a bill will be in **bold**. For a bill to become a law, both the House and the Senate must vote favorably on it by May 9, 2012 at midnight and the Governor must sign the bill into law.

Key to Legislative Terminology:

Vote to Draft means a Proposed Bill will be drafted as a Committee Bill.

Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing means a bill will have a Public Hearing but the date of the Public Hearing is still to be determined.

Change of Reference means that the original committee is moving the bill to another committee without a Joint Favorable action.

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A File Number (**File No.**) is a unique number given to a bill once it has reached the House or Senate Floor. A file copy of a bill with the file number has a plain-language description of what the bill's provisions do, written by the Office of Legislative Research and a fiscal note that explains what a bill would cost or save to implement, written by the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

A House or Senate Calendar Number (**House or Senate Cal. No.**) is also a unique number that is given to a bill once it reaches the House or Senate Floor. This number is used to hold the bill's place on either the House or Senate Calendar. If the bill is a House bill (H.B. 5000 or higher) or a Senate bill (S.B.1 to 4999) it first gets a Calendar Number from the chamber the bill originated in. Once a House bill is passed in the House, it goes

on to the Senate where it receives a Senate Calendar Number. Likewise once a Senate bill (with a Senate Calendar Number) passes the Senate, it goes to the House and receives a House Calendar Number.

- **Bills Proposed by the Department of Developmental Services**

S.B. No. 205 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE BIRTH-TO-THREE PROGRAM', to amend sections 38a-490a and 38a-516a concerning health insurance coverage for birth-to-three programs to allow the state to establish a new baseline of state and local expenditures for early intervention services in the next federal fiscal year pursuant to federal regulations.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2D of the LOB.

H.B. No. 5105 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE JOB EXPANSION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM AND INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING CERTAIN SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to allow employers that hire individuals receiving employment services through the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Developmental Services to qualify for the job expansion tax credit program.

REF. COMMERCE

The Commerce Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB.

- **Senate Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

Proposed [S.B. No. 1](#) SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT JOBS AND THE ECONOMY', to expand certain state programs to continue to grow Connecticut jobs.

REF. COMMERCE

The Commerce Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB.

Proposed [S.B. No. 2](#) SEN. MEYER, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING LONGEVITY PAYMENTS AND ELIMINATING OVERTIME COMPENSATION FROM THE CALCULATION OF PENSIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to establish more accountability in public employee compensation.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 10](#) SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX RATE', to retain and attract more people and businesses capable of funding the necessary revenue for the state.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

[S.B. No. 27](#) SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; REP. DONOVAN, 84th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST. 'AN ACT TRANSITIONING THE REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES TO AN ONLINE FORMAT', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB.

[S.B. No. 30](#) SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; REP. DONOVAN, 84th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET CONCERNING HUMAN SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB.

[S.B. No. 35](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS AND REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS', to redefine lobbyist registration and reporting requirements by those who lobby within the scope of employment, to require prospective members of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board to certify that they are aware of the special restrictions of the code of ethics that would apply to them, to prohibit public officials from taking certain actions that would benefit their outside employers, to subject board members of the State Health Insurance Exchange to the Code of Ethics, to redefine "gift" for

purposes of the codes of ethics and to make other revisions to the codes of ethics.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB.

S.B. No. 36 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS', to permit the Office of State Ethics to recover the amount of any financial benefit received by a state contractor for certain violations, to add a violation of section 1-101nn of the general statutes to the list of violations that are grounds for disqualifying a state contractor, to prohibit the staff and members of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board and the Office of State Ethics from participating in political campaigns, to give the Office of State Ethics the authority to interpret Parts III and IV of chapter 10 of the general statutes, to give the Office of State Ethics the ability to enforce the revolving door restrictions applying to former Gaming Policy Board members and directors of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, to increase the threshold for lobbyist registration to \$3,000, to add other agencies to the definition of quasi-public agencies, to change certain reporting dates, to exempt the Office of State Ethics from certain fee requirements, and to make other changes to the codes of ethics.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB.

Proposed S.B. No. 52 SEN. RORABACK, 30th DIST.; SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST.; SEN. WELCH, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION REFORM', to save the state money and reduce the state's long-term liabilities by enacting comprehensive pension reform.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

S.B. No. 92 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION OF UNUSED MEDICATION', to prohibit healthcare institutions from disposing medications into waste water systems and to establish a program for the collection and disposal of unused pharmaceuticals.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

The Environment Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1C of the LOB.

S.B. No. 94 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EQUAL TREATMENT OF RENTERS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES', to clarify certain protections under state housing law for persons with disabilities.

REF. HOUSING

The Housing Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1C of the LOB.

S.B. No. 153 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEE WORKFORCE RESERVE', to require the Commissioner of Administrative Services to develop a plan to utilize retired state employees on a part-time basis rather

than allow state employees to accumulate overtime.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 1B of the LOB.

S.B. No. 157 (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF A CHILD CARE FACILITY TO CONFORM WITH THE DEFINITION OF A CHILD', to revise the definition of a child care facility to conform with the definition of a child and permit any person not more than twenty-one years of age who is in school or a job training program to be placed in a child care facility without requiring that person to have been placed in a congregate residential setting prior to his eighteenth birthday.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 1D of the LOB.

Proposed S.B. No. 162 SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION BENEFITS', to end the practice of pension padding and provide that overtime pay cannot be used to increase pension benefits for state employees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 163 SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING LONGEVITY PAYMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES', to stop the practice of paying longevity bonuses to state employees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

S.B. No. 202 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS', to require insurance coverage for hearing aids for persons who have reached fifty-five years of age but have not reached sixty-five years of age.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2D of the LOB.

S.B. No. 205 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE BIRTH-TO-THREE PROGRAM', to amend sections 38a-490a and 38a-516a concerning health insurance coverage for birth-to-three programs to allow the state to establish a new baseline of state and local expenditures for early intervention services in the next federal fiscal year pursuant to federal regulations.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2D of the LOB.

S.B. No. 214 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS FOR THE PERMANENTLY DISABLED', to make absentee ballot status permanent for the permanently physically disabled and to clarify instructions for the recipient of such status.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB.

S.B. No. 247 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF PERSONS WHOSE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE LACK OF CONSENT IS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPAIRED', to provide that sexual intercourse or sexual contact with a person whose ability to communicate lack of consent to such sexual activity is substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition constitutes the crime of sexual assault.
REF. JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 257 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS ON THE INTERNET', to require state agency regulations to be posted on the Internet web site of the state agency adopting such regulations.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.B. No. 259 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP', to open the state employee insurance pool to municipal, small and nonprofit employers.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

- **House Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

H.B. No. 5014 REP. DONOVAN, 84th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

The Appropriations Committee will hold Public Hearings on February 15, 16, 17, 21, and 22, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB.

H.B. No. 5015 REP. DONOVAN, 84th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. No. 5016 REP. DONOVAN, 84th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. No. 5027 REP. DONOVAN, 84th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION, CONSOLIDATION AND MODIFICATION OF VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB.

Proposed **H.B. No. 5033** REP. BERGER, 73rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE IN THE MEDICAID PROGRAM AND THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM', to improve program integrity in the Medicaid program and the Children's Health Insurance Program by implementing waste, fraud and abuse prevention detection and recovery policies.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. 5036 (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SELECTED SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY', to implement the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee regarding the

provision of selected services for persons with intellectual disabilities.

REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS

The Program Review and Investigations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2D of the LOB.

H.B. No. 5037 REP. DONOVAN, 84th DIST.; REP. SHARKEY, 88th DIST.; SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed H.B. No. 5044 REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION BENEFIT PLAN FOR UNCLASSIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES', to help save the state money by shifting certain state employees to a different benefit plan.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. No. 5105 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE JOB EXPANSION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM AND INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING CERTAIN SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to allow employers that hire individuals receiving employment services through the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Developmental Services to qualify for the job expansion tax credit program.

REF. COMMERCE

The Commerce Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB.

H.B. No. 5150 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM ADULT PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS JURISDICTION ACT', to adopt the Connecticut Uniform Adult Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act.

REF. JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5235 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN EMPLOYEE'S RIGHT TO INSPECT, COPY OR DISPUTE THE CONTENTS OF HIS OR HER PERSONNEL FILE', to provide an employee or former employee the right to copy their personnel files and require employers to provide copies of any documented discipline notices and copies of statements notifying an employee of their right to dispute certain documents in their personnel file.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2A of the LOB.

H.B. No. 5291 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE, REMOVING THE MINIMUM WAGE TIP CREDIT, AND INCREASING PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE MINIMUM WAGE', to raise the minimum wage and base future raises on the consumer price index, remove the tip credit, and increase penalties for failure to pay the minimum wage.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 1B of the LOB.

H.B. No. 5313 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY A STATE-ADMINISTERED PENSION FUND FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE', to create a task force to study a state-administered defined benefit plan for employees of employers in the state.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.B. No. 5325 (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN AND YOUTH', to require a study of government organization providing services to children and youth.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN