DDS Legislative Update – February 21, 2013

DDS Agency Bills for 2013

The legislative proposals that DDS submitted to the Public Health Committee to draft as "Raised" bills have been returned to the Public Health Committee and will be scheduled for a public hearing. The Public Health Committee's public hearing on DDS's two bills tentatively has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2013.

S.B. No. 874 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH . 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES'

STATUTES', to make a technical change to the statute establishing the Camp Harkness Advisory Committee, to change term limits and appointments to the Birth-to-Three Interagency Coordinating Council, and to establish the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

H.B. No. 6388 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH . 'AN ACT CONCERNING INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL

DISABILITIES', to replace the terms "intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded" and "residential facility for the mentally retarded" with "intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities" and "residential facility for persons with intellectual disability", respectively, in accordance with the federal terminology.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

DDS Legislative List of Bills Being Tracked as of February 20, 2013

Below is a link to the list of bills DDS is tracking and assessing as of February 20, 2013 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 – February 20, 2013

DDS Budget Testimony

<u>February 15, 2013 – DDS Testimony Before the Appropriations Committee on the</u> <u>Governor's Proposed FY 14-15 Budget</u>

The Governor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Years (FY) 2014 and 2015

The Governor's proposed budget for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 was released on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. Below are links to three budget documents.

Department of Developmental Services Budget Summary

Department of Developmental Services Budget-in-Detail

Governor's Proposed Budget for FY14 and FY15

Link to the DDS Legislative Affairs Webpage

http://www.ct.gov/dds/cwp/view.asp?a=2039&q=394202