

DDS Legislative Update – June 2, 2017

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Note: All of the legislative committees now have reached their Joint Favorable (JF) Report deadlines. All proposed bills that have died in committee have been removed from this legislative update. This does not mean that the concepts in the proposed bill may not show up in another bill or amendment but for this session that particular bill will not be moving forward. For a complete list of bills having been tracked by DDS, including proposed bills, please see [DDS Legislative List of Bills Being Tracked – April 27, 2017](#) on the DDS Legislative Affairs webpage.

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 individuals receiving funding or services from DDS, their families and guardians, DDS employees and DDS qualified providers.

This legislative update shows some of the bills that are being tracked by DDS this session. If a Public Hearing on a bill has been scheduled the date of the public hearing and in most instances a link to the public hearing agenda will be after the bill's description.

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 law, both the House and the Senate must vote favorably on it by June 7, 2017 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.

JF means the committee reported the bill favorably to the House or Senate.

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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.

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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.

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

S.B. No. 839 Public Act No. 17-9 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO ITS STATUTES AND REFERENCES TO INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY' File No. 274, Senate Cal. No. 163, House Cal. No. 439, to implement the Department of Developmental Services' recommendations regarding technical and minor changes to its statutes and references to intellectual disability.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing March 7, 2017 DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 839 Public Health Committee JF to the Senate. Senate passed on Consent. House passed in Concurrence. Public Act No. 17-9 Signed by the Governor.

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

S.B. No. 1 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EARNED FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE' **File No. 236**, Senate Cal. No. 153, to establish a paid family and medical leave system in Connecticut.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Public Hearing February 16, 2017 Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 3 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DONATION OF ORGANS AND BONE MARROW' **File No. 466**, Senate Cal. No. 247, to promote and facilitate the donation of life-saving organs and bone marrow.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing February 17, 2017 Public Health Committee JF to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. Senate referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. **Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JF to the Senate.**

S.B. No. 6 (COMM) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX', to fully exempt Social Security benefits from the personal income tax.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING Public Hearing March 3, 2017 S.B. No. 6 died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

S.B. No. 21 (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS', to require health insurance policies that provide coverage for prescription drugs to provide coverage for intravenously administered drugs on a basis no less favorable than orally administered drugs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Public Hearing February 7, 2017 Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. S.B. No. 21 died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 22 (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT LIMITING COST-SHARING FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to limit coinsurance, copayments, deductibles and other out-of-pocket expenses imposed on insureds for prescription drugs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Public Hearing February 7, 2017 S.B. No. 22 died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

S.B. No. 27 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCLUDING CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL INJURY" UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES' **File No. 60**, Senate Cal. No. 81, to expand workers' compensation coverage in certain situations that result in mental or emotional impairment.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Public Hearing February 14, 2017 Labor and Public

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Employees Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. [S.B. No. 27](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 38](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY', to prevent disruption of services to persons with an intellectual or developmental disability.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 38](#) [S.B. No. 38](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

[S.B. No. 39](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE QUALITY SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES' [File No. 602](#), Senate Cal. No. 323, to provide preference for respite care services, skills training and an array of support services to those persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have the most need for such services.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 39](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar.

[S.B. No. 85](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING OF INDIVIDUALS STAFFING RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH' [File No. 603](#), Senate Cal. No. 324, to ease the burden placed on residential care homes licensed by the Department of Public Health.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 246](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE WAITING LIST FOR RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES' [File No. 604](#), [File No. 774](#), Senate Cal. No. 325, House Cal. No. 589, to better serve persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities by developing a state-wide comprehensive residential waiting list.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 246](#) Public Health Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate passed as amended by [Senate Amendment A](#).

[S.B. No. 316](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY REGARDING REFERRALS BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES' [File No. 434](#), Senate Cal. No. 236, to require a study of health care provider self-referrals.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 17, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 345](#) (COMM) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIVERY SERVICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND ELDERLY PERSONS' [File No. 402](#), Senate Cal. No. 223, House Cal. No. 519, to allow temporary and permanent livery permit holders to use stretcher vans to transport elderly persons and persons with disabilities who must be transported on a stretcher.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 15, 2017](#) Transportation Committee JF to the Senate. Senate passed as amended by [Senate Amendment A](#).

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S.B. No. 426 (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTS BETWEEN HEALTH CARRIERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AGENTS OR VENDORS, PARTICIPATING PROVIDER DIRECTORIES AND SURPRISE BILLS' **File No. 337**, Senate Cal. No. 184, to (1) prohibit contracts between health carriers and health care providers, or agents or vendors of health care providers, from proscribing disclosure of certain information, (2) require that health carriers maintain accurate, current and detailed preferred provider directories, and (3) restrict surprise bills for health care services.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Public Hearing February 7, 2017 Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS to the Senate.

S.B. No. 445 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIRNESS IN PHARMACY AND PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER CONTRACTS' **File No. 519**, Senate Cal. No. 295, House Cal. No. 591, to increase public and government knowledge of pharmaceutical prices.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing March 7, 2017 Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee. Judiciary Committee. JF to the Senate. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.**

S.B. No. 451 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROTECTING PATIENTS FROM UNREASONABLE MEDICAL BILLS' **File No. 610**, Senate Cal. No. 331, to protect patients from unreasonable medical bills.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing February 17, 2017 Public Health Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar.**

S.B. No. 611 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHARGING OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO EMPLOYERS' **File No. 84**, Senate Cal. No. 90, to prohibit charging the payment of unemployment compensation benefits to an employer when an employee voluntarily terminated his or her employment, and the employee is subsequently terminated by a second employer and paid unemployment compensation benefits.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Public Hearing February 14, 2017 Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 734 (COMM) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CITIZENS IN NEED ACCOUNT' **File No. 744**, Senate Cal. No. 425, House Cal. No. 621, to establish a citizens in need account to receive charitable contributions to assist residents of this state who have had their benefits from state social services programs administered by the Department of Social Services reduced due to state budgetary constraints, and to provide a state tax deduction at the rate of two hundred per cent of the amount contributed to said account.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING Public Hearing February 24, 2017 Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment B.**

S.B. No. 747 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING "ON-CALL" SHIFT SCHEDULING FOR EMPLOYEES' **File No. 271**, Senate Cal. No. 162, to prohibit the unfair employment practice of on-call shift scheduling.

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REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 16, 2016](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 758](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-FUNDED PROGRAMS' [File No. 35](#), Senate Cal. No. 70, to ensure that Medicaid-funded programs are effective and accessible.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Committee on Aging JF to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 760](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM' [File No. 19](#), Senate Cal. No. 51, to expand eligibility for the Alzheimer's disease respite care program.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) Committee on Aging JF to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. [S.B. No. 760](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 776](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING FAIRNESS FOR FAMILIES IN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND REIMBURSEMENT DETERMINATIONS', to equalize compensation rates between family and non-family professional caregivers in programs administered by the Department of Social Services, use the same Medicaid reimbursement criteria for home care clients as is used for institutional clients and prohibit determinations of ineligibility for Medicaid based on an inaccessible asset or an asset discovered after a person applies for Medicaid.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 776](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

[S.B. No. 786](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION MANDATE RELIEF AND THE TRANSPARENCY OF ENDOWED ACADEMIES' [File No. 525](#), Senate Cal. No. 274, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing March 6, 2017](#) Education Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 787](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET' [File No. 761](#), Senate Cal. No. 462, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing March 9, 2017](#) Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 788](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES' [File No. 760](#), Senate Cal. No. 463, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing March 9, 2017](#) Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS to the Senate.

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S.B. No. 791 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UTILIZATION OF RECENT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA TO UPDATE HIRING GOALS' **File No. 671**, Senate Cal. No. 353, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. JUDICIARY **Public Hearing March 13, 2017** Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. **S.B. No. 791** died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 795 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY AND IMPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM' **File No. 574**, Senate Cal. No. 333, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 20, 2017** Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate.

S.B. No. 796 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RESPECTFUL AND PERSON-FIRST LANGUAGE' **File No. 482**, Senate Cal. No. 272, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 13, 2017** **DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 796** Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

S.B. No. 797 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 20, 2017** **DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 797** **S.B. No. 797** died in the Public Health Committee.

S.B. No. 801 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING CLIENT-SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND EMPLOYEE TRANSITION PLANNING FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE PROVIDERS', to protect the interests of clients receiving home and community-based services funded by Medicaid by requiring client-specific employee training and employee transition planning.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 14, 2017** Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **S.B. No. 801** died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 802 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED BY PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS EMPLOYED DIRECTLY BY CONSUMERS IN THE COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE PROGRAM', to require the state to procure and administer workers' compensation coverage for personal care attendants employed directly by consumers in the Community First Choice program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 14, 2017** Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **S.B. No. 802** died in the Appropriations Committee.

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S.B. No. 803 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE', to allow more persons to receive care at home and save the state the greater cost of institutional care by establishing a system for presumptive Medicaid eligibility for home care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES Public Hearing February 14, 2017 S.B. No. 803 died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 804 Public Act No. 17-20 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SOCIAL WORK IN-HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM' File No. 62, Senate Cal. No. 80, House Cal. No. 471, to rename a program offering community-based services to persons with disabilities and eliminate duplication of services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES Public Hearing February 14, 2017 Human Services Committee JF to the Senate. Senate passed on Consent. House passed in Concurrence. Public Act No. 17-20

S.B. No. 839 Public Act No. 17-9 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO ITS STATUTES AND REFERENCES TO INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY' File No. 274, Senate Cal. No. 163, House Cal. No. 439, to implement the Department of Developmental Services' recommendations regarding technical and minor changes to its statutes and references to intellectual disability.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing March 7, 2017 DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 839 Public Health Committee JF to the Senate. Senate passed on Consent. House passed in Concurrence. Public Act No. 17-9 Signed by the Governor.

S.B. No. 859 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS' File No. 625, Senate Cal. No. 318, to require each state agency to follow any order, denial or decree of a Probate Court that is applicable to a determination made by the state agency, and clarify that a state agency has standing to appeal any such order, denial or decree to the Superior Court with respect to such order's applicability to the state agency's determination.

REF. JUDICIARY Public Hearing February 24, 2017 Public Hearing February 27, 2017 DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 859 Judiciary Committee JFS to the Senate.

S.B. No. 867 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME HEALTH CARE REGISTRIES' File No. 88, Senate Cal. No. 87, House Cal. No. 443, to provide an exception for emergency circumstances that prevent home health care registries from complying with notice requirements at the time a contract is entered into with a consumer.

REF. GENERAL LAW Public Hearing March 2, 2017 General Law Committee JF to the Senate. Senate passed on Consent. House passed in Concurrence.

S.B. No. 874 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' File No. 440, Senate Cal. No. 235, House Cal. No. 613, to ensure timely notice of bulletins, guidelines and other information affecting Department of Social Services programs.

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REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 2, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JFS to the Senate. **Senate passed on Consent.**

[S.B. No. 891](#) (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION OF ADULT STUDENTS IN TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS', to eliminate the requirement for the school children sign for vehicles transporting adult students in transitional programs.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 27, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 891](#) died in the Transportation Committee.

[S.B. No. 913](#) (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL TRAINING', to require annual training of school paraprofessionals.

REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing March 1, 2017](#) Education Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. [S.B. No. 913](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 922](#) (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY HEALTH CARE STRUCTURES' [File No. 529](#), Senate Cal. No. 293, House Cal. No. 539, to allow municipalities to permit residents to install temporary health care structures on their property.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT [Public Hearing March 3, 2017](#) Planning and Development Committee JFS to the Senate. **Senate passed on Consent.**

[S.B. No. 929](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT EXTENDING WHISTLE-BLOWER PROTECTIONS TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES' [File No. 673](#), Senate Cal. No. 355, House Cal. No. 568, to extend whistle-blower protections to an employee who objects, or refuses to participate in any activity that the employee reasonably believes to be a violation or suspected violation of any state or federal law or regulation, any municipal ordinance or regulation or any court order.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 6, 2017](#) Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed.**

[S.B. No. 938](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STATE-WIDE ADOPTION OF THE MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT PROGRAM' [File No. 615](#), Senate Cal. No. 334, to provide the Commissioner of Public Health with the authority to implement the medical orders for life-sustaining treatment program state-wide.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 20, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 958](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO MOTION PICTURE SCREENINGS IN THE STATE', to expand access to motion picture screenings by persons who are deaf, blind or hearing or sight impaired.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 958](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

[S.B. No. 976](#) [Public Act No. 17-7](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONSERVATOR ACCOUNTABILITY' [File No. 617](#), Senate Cal. No. 320, House Cal. No. 483, to provide the Probate Court Administrator with the authority to: (1) Audit an account of a conservator of

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the estate, and (2) adopt, in consultation with the Connecticut Probate Assembly, standards of practice that will provide guidance to court-appointed conservators in the performance of their duties.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate. Senate passed as amended by [Senate Amendment A](#) on Consent. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A in Concurrence. [Public Act No. 17-7](#) **Signed by the Governor.**

[S.B. No. 985](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DUE TO AN EMPLOYER OTHER THAN THE STATE UNDER THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS' [File No. 618](#), Senate Cal. No. 313, House Cal. No. 623, to apply substantial conflict of interest provisions in the state code of ethics for public officials and state employees to conflicts involving the public official's or state employee's nonstate employer or spouse's employer.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed.**

[S.B. No. 989](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS' [File No. 619](#), House Cal. No. 376, to redefine "privatization contract" and "state contracting agency", modify the quorum requirement of the State Contracting Standards Board, impose additional requirements on proposed privatization contracts and require the Auditors of Public Accounts to issue compliance reports regarding staffing levels of the State Contracting Standards Board.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) Government Administrations and Elections Committee **Senate Favorable Report Failed.** Government Administration and Elections Committee **House Favorable Report to the House.**

[S.B. No. 1007](#) (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF DATA RELATING TO SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES AND THE INTENTIONAL UNDERBUDGETING OF SPECIAL EDUCATION' [File No. 568](#), Senate Cal. No. 302, to require the Department of Education to annually collect and report on data relating to local special education expenditures and to permit the Commissioner of Education to withhold education cost-sharing grant funds to any board of education that intentionally underbudgets its estimated special education expenditures.

REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing March 16, 2017](#) Education Committee JFS to the Senate. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. **Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate.**

[S.B. No. 1008](#) (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF BOARDS OF EDUCATION RESULTING FROM RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to require the Department of Developmental Services to be financially responsible for the costs associated with the residential placement of a student.

REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing March 16, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 1008](#) Education Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **[S.B. No. 1008](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

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S.B. No. 1031 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THRESHOLDS FOR STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, THE SHARING OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY DATA AND THE REPEAL OF A PROVISION CONCERNING APPRAISAL FEES', to increase the threshold for construction contracts requiring the approval of the Department of Administrative Services from five hundred thousand to two million dollars, to increase access to date by executive branch agencies by codifying the provisions of Executive Order 39 and to repeal a requirement that the Office of Policy and Management establish an appraisal fee schedule.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 20, 2017](#)
S.B. No. 1031 died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

S.R. No. 7 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES BARGAINING AGENT COALITION' [File No. 3](#)

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing January 24, 2017](#) Appropriations Committee Senate Favorable to the Senate.

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H.B. No. 5077 (COMM) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PHARMACIES' **House File No. 64**, **Senate File No. 747**, House Cal. No. 76, Senate Cal. No. 432, to allow pharmacies to accept and dispose of unused prescription drugs. REF. GENERAL LAW **Public Hearing February 7, 2017** General Law Committee JF to the House. House passed as amended by **House Amendment A**.

H.B. No. 5087 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE SUSPENSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES IMPOSED ON CERTAIN BUSINESS ENTITIES PURSUANT TO STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS', to permit businesses to remediate first-time regulatory violations without civil penalty if such remediation is done in a timely manner. REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS **Public Hearing February 15, 2017** **H.B. No. 5087** died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

H.B. No. 5210 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS PAY EQUITY AND FAIRNESS MATTERS' **File No. 50**, House Cal. No. 66, to strengthen provisions of the law concerning pay equity and fairness. REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES **Public Hearing January 31, 2017** Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS to the House.

H.B. No. 5564 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESSIBILITY OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT', to require medical diagnostic equipment purchased by health care facilities to meet technical standards for accessibility by persons with disabilities. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing February 17, 2017** **H.B. No. 5564** died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 5591 (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAY EQUITY IN THE WORKFORCE' **House File No. 66**, **Senate File No. 626**, House Cal. No. 78, Senate Cal. No. 346, to help ensure pay equity in the workforce by requiring employers to provide equal pay to employees in the same workplace. REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES **Public Hearing February 16, 2017** Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the House. House passed as amended by **House Amendment A**.

H.B. No. 5743 (COMM) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HATE CRIMES' **House File No. 654**, **Senate File No. 749**, House Cal. No. 418, Senate Cal. No. 435, to increase penalties for hate crimes, provide that probation for hate crimes may include related community service, broaden threatening statutes to include threats directed against houses of worship, religious community centers and day care centers, broaden hate crimes to include bias against the gender of a person, establish a State-Wide Hate Crimes Advisory Council, establish text and telephone hotlines to provide assistance for persons inquiring about or reporting hate crimes with funding provided through a minimum fine structure for hate crimes and provide employees protections if they need limited time from work to care for a child whose school or day care center is evacuated or closed due to a threat of violence.

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REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 27, 2017](#) Judiciary Committee JFS to the House. **House passed as amended by [House Amendment A](#).**

[H.B. No. 5943](#) (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UTILIZATION OF BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES' [File No. 253](#), House Cal. No. 193, Senate Cal. No. 408, to require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to include in the annual inventories of state real property the number of state employees per square foot in buildings occupied by executive branch agencies.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 15, 2017](#) Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House. **House passed.**

[H.B. No. 6099](#) (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILD CARE FACILITY NEIGHBOR RELATIONS TASK FORCE' [File No. 69](#), House Cal. No. 81, Senate Cal. No. 477, to establish a task force to study strategies for the improvement of relationships between residents of child care facilities licensed by the Department of Children and Families and residents of the municipalities in which such facilities are located.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 6099](#) Committee on Children JFS to the House. **House passed.**

[H.B. No. 6155](#) (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING DEEMED STATUS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS' [File No. 579](#), House Cal. No. 381, to reduce costs for nonprofit providers by providing a means for them to forgo duplicative state licensing requirements for certain license and certificate renewals if they are accredited by an accepted national accrediting body that has requirements more stringent than the state's.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 15, 2017](#) Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 6206](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AGE DISCRIMINATION IN HIRING PRACTICES' [File No. 53](#), House Cal. No. 69, to reduce the incidence of age discrimination in hiring practices.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Judiciary Committee. [H.B. No. 6206](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

[H.B. No. 6208](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE' [File No. 23](#), House Cal. No. 51, to increase the minimum wage to fifteen dollars an hour over a five-year period.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. [H.B. No. 6208](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 6209](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNION STEWARDS AND COMPENSATION FROM THE STATE', to prohibit the use of state funds to compensate union stewards for work performed on state time.

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REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 21, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6209](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

[H.B. No. 6212](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EARNED FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE' [File No. 217](#), House Cal. No. 170, to establish a paid family and medical leave system in Connecticut.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 6260](#) (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR STATE AND LOCAL POLICE REGARDING JUVENILES WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER OR NONVERBAL LEARNING DISORDER' [House File No. 316](#), [Senate File No. 628](#), House Cal. No. 231, Senate Cal. No. 348, to require the training program for state and local police to include training for the handling of cases involving the elopement or wandering of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) Public Safety and Security Committee JF to the House. House passed as amended by [House Amendment A](#).

[H.B. No. 6261](#) (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES ASSISTING IN A CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY' [File No. 171](#), House Cal. No. 140, to permit state employees who volunteer with a local organization for civil preparedness to assist in a civil preparedness emergency or local civil preparedness emergency without loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave or earned overtime accumulation.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) Public Safety and Security Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. [H.B. No. 6261](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 6297](#) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY VOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' [File No. 119](#), House Cal. No. 114, Senate Cal. No. 529, to protect parental rights when a child is voluntarily placed in out-of-home care for the purpose of obtaining treatment for a mental health issue or developmental disability.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) Committee on Children JFS to the House. House passed.

[H.B. No. 6483](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE REGARDING THE IMPENDING SHORTAGE IN THE PSYCHIATRY WORKFORCE' [House File No. 317](#), [Senate File No. 682](#), House Cal. No. 232, Senate Cal. No. 377, to establish a task force to make recommendations regarding the projected shortage in the psychiatry workforce.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 17, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the House. House passed as amended by [House Amendment A](#).

[H.B. No. 6603](#) (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF CERTAIN TENANTS OF STATE-FUNDED PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS' [File No. 121](#), House Cal. No. 116, to ensure adequate and safe state-assisted housing for the elderly and younger persons with disabilities.

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REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) Committee on Housing JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the House. **House passed as amended by [House Amendment A](#) and [House Amendment B](#).**

[H.B. No. 6619](#) (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING' [File No. 318](#), House Cal. No. 233, to require health carriers to: (1) Notify each insured who receives a previously used wheelchair as a covered benefit that the insured has received a previously used wheelchair and may return such wheelchair to the carrier; (2) cover the cost of repairing or replacing a damaged or defective wheelchair; and (3) process claims to repair or replace a damaged or defective wheelchair.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS to the House. House referred to the Education Committee. **[H.B. No. 6619](#) died in the Education Committee.**

[H.B. No. 6668](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE' [File No. 222](#), House Cal. No. 186, Senate Cal. No. 526, to improve workplace protections for pregnant women.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS to the House. **House passed.**

[H.B. No. 6901](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOUPMENT OF STATE COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO LOW WAGE EMPLOYEES', to recoup state costs relating to services provided to workers who earn a low wage.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) **[H.B. No. 6901](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.**

[H.B. No. 6983](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME-CARE SERVICES' [File No. 7](#), House Cal. No. 35, to provide Medicaid coverage retroactively for eligible individuals.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. **[H.B. No. 6983](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

[H.B. No. 6984](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE OMBUDSMAN TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING RECIPIENTS OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES' [File No. 8](#), House Cal. No. 36, to expand the oversight of the State Ombudsman to home and community-based services.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. **[H.B. No. 6984](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

[H.B. No. 6985](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CONSERVED PERSON'S RIGHT TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS' [File No. 9](#), House Cal. No. 37, to prevent a conservator from banning a conserved person's loved ones from interacting with the conserved person, except under limited circumstances.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Judiciary Committee. **Judiciary Committee JF to the House.**

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H.B. No. 6987 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FROM STATE INCOME TAX' **File No. 11**, House Cal. No. 39, to exempt Social Security income includable for federal income tax purposes from the state income tax.

REF. AGING **Public Hearing February 7, 2017** Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. **H.B. No. 6987** died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

H.B. No. 7005 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS CARING FOR ELDERLY PERSONS, CHILDREN AND DISABLED PERSONS' **File No. 27**, House Cal. No. 55, to provide a tax deduction for taxpayers caring for elderly persons, children and disabled persons.

REF. AGING **Public Hearing February 14, 2017** Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. **H.B. No. 7005** died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

H.B. No. 7007 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES' **House File No. 320**, **Senate File No. 479**, House Cal. No. 235, Senate Cal. No. 265, to encourage innovation and efficiency in the delivery of human services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 7, 2017** Human Services Committee JFS to the House. House passed as amended by **House Amendment A**.

H.B. No. 7009 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DETERRING MEDICAID FRAUD', to ensure that a federally required electronic visit verification system for home and community-based services funded under Medicaid is implemented with minimum burdens or penalties for providers of home and community-based services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 7, 2017** Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **H.B. No. 7009** died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 7021 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY BEST PRACTICES TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR VETERANS, SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PERSONS' **File No. 29**, House Cal. No. 57, to create a task force to study transportation issues facing veterans, senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

REF. AGING **Public Hearing February 14, 2017** Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Transportation Committee. **Transportation Committee JF to the House.**

H.B. No. 7027 REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS Public Hearings February 14 through February 24, 2017 **DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 7027** **H.B. No. 7027** died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 7032 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT REGARDING THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURY'S RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE

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EXPERIENCE PROGRAM' [House File No. 185](#), [Senate File No. 775](#), House Cal. No. 154, Senate Cal. No. 471, to implement the Office of the Treasury's recommended revisions to the Achieving a Better Life Experience program.

REF. BANKING [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Committee on Banking JFS to the House. House passed as amended by [House Amendment A](#).

[H.B. No. 7035](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION' [File No. 503](#), House Cal. No. 344, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing March 1, 2017](#) Education Committee JFS to the House.

[H.B. No. 7038](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO COMBINE RATES FOR HOMEMAKER AND COMPANION SERVICES' [File No. 425](#), House Cal. No. 298, to authorize the Commissioner of Social Services to pay one rate for homemaker and companion services to a provider who provides both services in a single visit to the same client of a Medicaid-funded program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JFS to the House.

[H.B. No. 7039](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REDUCING STATE CONSERVATORSHIP EXPENSES' [File No. 74](#), House Cal. No. 86, to secure payment for expenses related to conservatorships.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Judiciary Committee. Judiciary Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. **Appropriations Committee JF to the House.**

[H.B. No. 7040](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS' [File No. 389](#), House Cal. No. 284, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 2, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JFS to the House.

[H.B. No. 7042](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; REP. DUFF, 2nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONTROLLING CONSUMER HEALTH CARE COSTS' [File No. 226](#), House Cal. No. 178, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 23, 2017](#) Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 7049](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES' [File No. 426](#), House Cal. No. 299, to make technical corrections to certain public health statutes.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JF to the House.

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H.B. No. 7052 REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT PREVENTING PRESCRIPTION OPIOID DIVERSION AND ABUSE' [House File No. 186](#), [Senate File No. 821](#), House Cal. No. 155, Senate Cal. No. 564, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing February 21, 2017](#) General Law Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Public Health Committee. Public Health Committee JF to the House. **House passed as amended by [House Amendment A](#).**

H.B. No. 7057 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AFFORDABLE HOUSING', to amend the affordable housing appeals procedure under section 8-30g of the general statutes.

REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) Committee on Housing JFS Change of Reference to the Planning and Development Committee. **H.B. No. 7057 died in the Planning and Development Committee.**

H.B. No. 7060 (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS' [File No. 187](#), [File No. 716](#), House Cal. No. 156, Senate Cal. No. 473, to prohibit the disclosure of identifying information of Department of Housing program applicants and participants other than for research or law enforcement purposes.

REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 28, 2017](#) Committee on Housing JFS to the House. House referred to the Judiciary Committee. Judiciary Committee JFS to the House. **House passed.**

H.B. No. 7075 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCY SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS', to require homemaker-companion agencies to maintain surety bonds of not less than ten thousand dollars.

REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing February 21, 2017](#) **H.B. No. 7075 died in the General Law Committee.**

H.B. No. 7082 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS' [File No. 287](#), House Cal. No. 217, Senate Cal. No. 402, to make various revisions to statutes relating to the administration of the Probate Court system.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing February 24, 2017](#) [Public Hearing February 27, 2017](#) Judiciary Committee JFS to the House. **House passed.**

H.B. No. 7111 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESTRAINT, SECLUSION AND PLACING IN TIME OUT OF STUDENTS BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' [File No. 132](#), [File No. 505](#), House Cal. No. 127, to (1) clarify the definition of physical restraint, (2) define time out, and (3) require local and regional boards of education to (A) establish policies regarding the use of time out, (B) provide certain additional training to school professionals, paraprofessional staff members and administrators regarding the physical restraint and seclusion of students, and (C) maintain a list of crisis intervention team members at each school.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 28, 2017](#) Committee on Children JFS to the House. House referred to the Education Committee. **Education Committee JFS to the House.**

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H.B. No. 7118 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS' **House File No. 189**, **Senate File No. 793**, House Cal. No. 158, Senate Cal. No. 525, to add biological products to existing law regarding substitution of generic drugs.

REF. GENERAL LAW **Public Hearing March 2, 2017** General Law Committee JFS to the House. House referred to the Public Health Committee. Public Health Committee JF to the House. **House passed as amended by House Amendment B**.

H.B. No. 7123 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO HEALTH INSURERS' PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES', to limit when an insurer may change prescription drug formularies during the term of certain group and individual health insurance policies.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE **Public Hearing March 2, 2017** Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **H.B. No. 7123** died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 7136 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR ALTERING REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND AND PERSON WITH DISABILITIES' **File No. 291**, House Cal. No. 221, to establish a fine for the alteration of removable windshield placards for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY **Public Hearing March 9, 2017** Public Safety and Security JF to the House. House referred to the Transportation Committee. **H.B. No. 7136** died in the Transportation Committee.

H.B. No. 7165 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICES AND PUBLIC INFORMATION', to require that certain meeting schedules, agendas, notices, and minutes of public agencies of the state be electronically filed with the Secretary of the State and posted on an Internet web site designated by said Secretary.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS **Public Hearing March 6, 2017** **H.B. No. 7165** died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

H.B. No. 7167 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS' **House File No. 457**, **Senate File No. 803**, House Cal. No. 318, Senate Cal. No. 540, to require the licensure of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 13, 2017** Public Health Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the House. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A**.

H.B. No. 7184 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE AND CLINICAL SERVICES PROVIDED AT STATE EXPENSE AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO MAXIMIZE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR COVERED BENEFITS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCIES' **House File No. 294**, **Senate File No. 788**, House Cal. No. 224, Senate Cal. No. 491, to require that certain health carriers reimburse the state for covered benefits and services provided, directly or indirectly, by state agencies to insureds and enrollees under the Department of Children and Families' voluntary services program, and establish a task force to study and develop strategies to

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maximize reimbursements from health carriers for covered benefits and services provided by state agencies to insureds and enrollees.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS to the House. **House passed as amended by [House Amendment A](#).**

[H.B. No. 7186](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING THE STATE COMPTROLLER' [House File No. 507](#), [Senate File No. 753](#), House Cal. No. 347, Senate Cal. No. 433, to enhance the State Employee Campaign for charitable giving by providing flexibility in its administration.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House. **House passed as amended by [House Amendment A](#).**

[H.B. No. 7189](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-FUNDED PROGRAMS' [File No. 346](#), House Cal. No. 246, to ensure that Medicaid-funded programs are effective and accessible.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 7190](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PROVIDER AUDITS AND ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION' [House File No. 331](#), [Senate File No. 794](#), House Cal. No. 247, Senate Cal. No. 534, to ensure the efficiency and responsiveness of programs administered by the Department of Social Services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House. **House passed as amended by [House Amendment A](#).**

[H.B. No. 7191](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL MEDICAID WAIVERS AND STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS' [File No. 332](#), House Cal. No. 248, to determine the need for additional federal Medicaid waivers or Medicaid state plan amendments.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 7192](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES' [House File No. 333](#), [Senate File No. 795](#), House Cal. No. 249, Senate Cal. No. 530, to ensure that long-term care programs are accessible and sufficient to meet the needs of state residents.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House. **House passed as amended by [House Amendment A](#).**

[H.B. No. 7212](#) (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROMOTION OF LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS' [House File No. 459](#), [Senate File No. 776](#), House Cal. No. 320, Senate Cal. No. 472, to promote student loan forgiveness programs.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT [Public Hearing March 9, 2017](#) Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee JFS to the House. **House passed as amended by [House Amendment A](#).**

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H.B. No. 7222 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES' **File No. 594**, House Cal. No. 396, to implement the recommendations of the Department of Public Health concerning various revisions to the public health statutes.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing March 20, 2017** Public Health Committee JF to the House.

H.B. No. 7237 Public Act No. 17-30 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADVISORY BOARD FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING' **File No. 335**, House Cal. No. 251, Senate Cal. No. 267, to rename, reconstitute and revise the mission of an advisory board on issues concerning deaf and hard of hearing persons and establish oversight of complaints concerning interpreters.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing March 7, 2017** Human Services Committee JFS to the House. House passed. Senate passed on Consent. **Public Act No. 17-30**

H.B. No. 7256 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATUTES AND THE REPORTING OF THE DEATH OF ANY PERSON IN STATE CUSTODY' **House File No. 638**, **Senate File No. 816**, House Cal. No. 409, Senate Cal. No. 557, to provide notification to the state's attorney of the death of an individual in the care or custody of a state agency or department; to refine the law protecting health care workers from on-the-job violence; to correct oversights in public act 16-148; to address the issue raised in State v. Apt., 319 Conn. 494 (2015) concerning the disclosure of erased records, to make such disclosure mandatory, and to make such disclosure available for use in connection with collateral matters in which evidence of a nolle or dismissed criminal charge may become relevant when the petitioner challenges the validity of a guilty plea.

REF. JUDICIARY **Public Hearing March 15, 2017** Judiciary Committee JF to the House. House passed as amended by **House Amendment A**.

H.B. No. 7277 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION' **File No. 597**, House Cal. No. 399, to decrease the amount of state funds used for legislators to send mail, to decrease the membership of the Commission on Equity and Opportunity to thirty-three members, to permit state agencies to require regulated entities to e-file documents and other data required to be submitted to the agency under state or federal law or agency regulation and to require the Commissioner of Administrative Services to develop a plan for establishing kiosks in state parking areas.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS **Public Hearing March 20, 2017** Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House.

H.B. No. 7278 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND' **File No. 598**, House Cal. No. 400, to convey various parcels of state land.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS **Public Hearing March 20, 2017** Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House.

H.B. No. 7303 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND THE RESOLUTION

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OF COMPLAINTS FILED WITH SAID COMMISSION' [File No. 706](#), House Cal. No. 462, to make various revisions relating to the administration of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities to the processes utilized by said Commission when handling complaints that allege the commission of a discriminatory practice.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 27, 2017](#) Judiciary Committee JFS to the House.

[H.B. No. 7322](#) (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE', to (1) increase the rate of the sales and use taxes and repeal certain exemptions, (2) impose a rate of fifty-five per cent for state-owned real property and college and hospital property for the purposes of grants in lieu of taxes payments, (3) require regional councils of governments to submit collaboration plans and establish a regional collaboration account to fund such plans, (4) make various revisions to methods of funding municipalities and municipal projects, (5) make an allocation adjustment to the municipal revenue sharing account, (6) increase the uniform municipal assessment rate, and (7) increase certain municipal filing fees.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing April 25, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 7322](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

[H.J. No. 6](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN LOBBYING IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE CHAMBERS', to subject agency liaisons to the same rules as lobbyists regarding their presence on the House and Senate floor.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [H.J. No. 6](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

[H.R. No. 8](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES BARGAINING AGENT COALITION' [File No. 4](#), House Cal. No. 23

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing January 24, 2017](#) Appropriations Committee House Favorable to the House. House adopted.

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- **Deficiency Appropriations and Deficit Mitigation for FY 2017**

Emergency Certified [H.B. No.7323](#) AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 This bill reduces FY 17 General Fund appropriations to the state comptroller for fringe benefit costs by a total of \$19,496,939 million and makes FY 17 deficiency appropriations to various state agencies in the same amount. In section 1 of the bill it appropriates to the Department of Developmental Services \$7.6 million to cover deficiencies in the department's Personal Services, Other Expenses, and Workers' Compensation Claims Accounts for Fiscal Year 2017 ending June 30, 2017. **House passed. Senate passed in Concurrence.**

Emergency Certified [S.B. No.1059](#) AN ACT CONCERNING DEFICIT MITIGATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 This bill makes various changes to address the projected General Fund deficit for Fiscal Year 2017. Section 69 of the bill requires the Governor, by June 30, 2017, to restore \$1 million in reductions made during FY 17 to the Department of Developmental Services' Employment Opportunities and Day Services Account. **Senate passed. House passed in Concurrence.**

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- **Proposed Budget for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019**

The Governor and the legislative leadership have determined that a budget for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 will be finalized in a Special Legislative Session sometime after the end of the current legislative session, which ends on June 7, 2017 at midnight.

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