

DDS Legislative Update – February 19, 2020

Appropriations Committee Public Hearings and DDS Budget Presentation

The APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE will hold state agency budget presentations and a public hearing on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020 in ROOM 2C of the Legislative Office Building (LOB). The budget presentations for state health agencies are scheduled on February 21st as follows:

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Department of Developmental Services
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
1:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.	Department of Public Health
2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	Office of Health Strategy

The Appropriations Committee Public Hearing on February 21, 2020 will begin at 4:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB.

The Governor's budget adjustment bill is [H.B. No. 5005](#) AN ACT ADJUSTING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2021. See [Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments Fiscal Year 2021](#) below for more details on these budget adjustments.

Public testimony will be heard on the following state agencies: Department of Public Health; Department of Developmental Services; Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Office of the Chief Medical Examiner; Psychiatric Security Review Board; and Department of Veterans' Affairs

Below are the rules for testifying before the Appropriations Committee. Please note that for both the Health Agencies public hearing and the Human Services Agencies public hearing, **the Appropriations Committee makes accommodations for persons with special needs and their families.**

Public speaker order for the public hearings will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. in the LOB First Floor Atrium and from 10:15 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. in Room 2700. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list. The list of speakers registered through the lottery system will be posted outside the designated hearing room at least one hour prior to the start of the public hearing. **On February 19 and February 21, the Committee will provide a separate sign-up sheet for persons with special needs. Those speakers will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis.** The Committee Chairs will alternate between the specialized lists and the standard list until the specialized lists have been exhausted. **Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. Please submit 30 copies of written testimony at the time of sign-up, but not later than 2:00 P.M.** Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. **Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to APPtestimony@cga.ct.gov.** The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. **All public hearing testimony, written & spoken, is public information.** The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. **All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be**

made available on the CGA website and will be indexed by internet search engines. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.

Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments Fiscal Year 2021

On the 2020 session's opening day, February 6, 2020, Governor Lamont addressed the General Assembly and detailed his midterm budget adjustments for fiscal year 2021 (FY21). Below is the link to the webpage for the **Governor's Midterm Budget Adjustments** and links to the various sections of the budget adjustment document. The pages on which DDS information is available are shown next to the links. Also, below is a PDF link to the DDS budget summary from the budget adjustment document.

GOVERNOR'S MIDTERM BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FISCAL YEAR 2021

SECTION A: FINANCIAL SUMMARY

DDS - Pages A-26, A-36 and A-38

DSS - Page A-28 Community Residential Services

SECTION B: BUDGET SUMMARY

DDS - Pages B-49 and B-50

DSS Pages B-56, B-57 and B-58

SECTION C: PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

DDS Pages C-7 and C-8

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DDS MIDTERM BUDGET ADJUSTMENT SUMMARY FY21

FY 2021 RECOMMENDED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Complete Budget Adjustment Document (242 pages)

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Connecticut General Assembly

Appropriations Committee

Public Health Committee

Human Services Committee

Link to DDS Legislative Affairs

DDS Legislative Affairs Webpage

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