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Re: 2011 DDS Legislative Session Summary

The bills and public acts contained in this document from the 2011 session of the General Assembly in some way impact upon, or might be of interest to, DDS consumers and their families or guardians, DDS employees or DDS providers. If you are reading this online or via email, we have included the link to each Public Act for bills that passed. [Bracketed] language indicates a deletion. Underlined language or the word "NEW" indicates new language. We have also attached a list of bills that we were tracking that did NOT pass as of the end of session on June 8, 2011. We have provided a link to the bill history page for all bills in this summary, regardless of if they passed or not. These lists are by no means exhaustive. Please keep in mind that many multiple bills on the same or similar issues that did not pass (died) during the session may have been incorporated into a compromise bill. Also, if there were multiple bills on a similar subject, we may have only included the one that went the farthest in the legislative process. Please note: SB stands for Senate Bill, HB stands for House Bill, PA stands for Public Act and FY stands for Fiscal Year. A fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. The fiscal year that begins July 1, 2011 and ends June 30th, 2012 is considered FY 12.

Summaries in this document include information from the Connecticut General Assembly's Office of Legislative Research and the Office of Fiscal Analysis. Please note that this document is up-to-date as of July 29, 2011 including information from the June 2011 Special Session.

If you have questions on these or any other bills from the 2011 legislative session, please contact us at Rod.OConnor@ct.gov or Christine.Pollio@ct.gov. Enjoy!

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BILLS PROPOSED BY (OR AT THE REQUEST OF) THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES:

[S.B. No. 885](#) (PA 11-26) AN ACT PERMITTING INQUIRY ACCESS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS TO WORK WITH PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES. This act permits charitable organizations that recruit volunteers to support programs for people with intellectual disabilities to access the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) abuse and neglect registry to conduct background checks on volunteers. It requires these organizations to apply to and get approval from the DDS commissioner before accessing the registry. Effective date: Upon passage. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00026-R00SB-00885-PA.htm>

[H.B. No. 6278](#) (PA 11-4) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER SERVICES. This act makes technical changes updating terminology used by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in its provision of autism services. It uses the term “autism spectrum disorder” instead of just “autism” to encompass all autism diagnoses on the autism spectrum. It also substitutes the term “intellectual disability” for “mental retardation” to reflect changes in federal law. The bill allows, rather than requires, DDS annually to make recommendations to the governor and Public Health Committee about legislation and funding needed to provide necessary services to persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. The bill also repeals a statute concerning an autism pilot program that ended in 2009. Effective date: Upon passage. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00004-R00HB-06278-PA.htm>

[H.B. No. 6279](#) (PA 11-16) AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO STATUTES RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES INCLUDING THE UTILIZATION OF RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE WHEN REFERRING TO PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.

This act updates terminology used by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities (OPA) in their provision of services. It substitutes the term “intellectual disability” for “mental retardation” to reflect changes in federal law. It also uses the term “autism spectrum disorder” instead of just “autism” to encompass all autism diagnoses on the autism spectrum. It also deletes or updates language in outdated sections of the DDS statute and eliminates some reporting requirements. Additionally, the bill replaces statutory references to “community training homes” with “community companion homes and community living arrangements” to reflect updated terminology. Effective date: Upon passage. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00016-R00HB-06279-PA.htm>

[H.B. No. 6314](#) (PA 11-113) ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF PERSONS PLACED OR RECEIVING SERVICES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES. This act makes it (1) 2nd-degree sexual assault to have sexual intercourse or (2) 4th-degree sexual assault to have intentional sexual contact with someone when the perpetrator has disciplinary or supervisory authority over the victim who is placed or receiving services under the developmental services commissioner's direction in a facility or program, whether public or private. Second-degree sexual assault is a class C felony unless the victim is under age 16, in which case it is a class B felony. In

either case, the law requires a mandatory minimum of nine months' imprisonment. A class C felony is punishable by up to 10 years' imprisonment, up to a \$10,000 fine, or both. A class B felony is punishable by up to 20 years' imprisonment, up to a \$15,000 fine, or both. Fourth-degree sexual assault is a class A misdemeanor unless the victim is under age 16, in which case it is a class D felony. A class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in prison, a \$ 2,000 fine, or both. A class D felony is punishable by up to five years' imprisonment, up to a \$ 5,000 fine, or both. This addition to the criminal statutes clarifies a loophole in existing law. Effective date: October 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00113-R00HB-06314-PA.htm>

BILLS THAT WERE SIGNED INTO LAW:

S.B. No. 152 (PA 11-160) AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD COLLECTION PROGRAM. This act creates the Connecticut Umbilical Cord Blood Collection Board to establish a state umbilical cord blood collection program. The board consists of the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner and seven members appointed by the governor and legislative leaders. Effective date: Upon passage. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00160-R00SB-00152-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 361 (PA 11-223) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CREDIT SCORES IN HIRING DECISIONS. This act prohibits employers and their agents, representatives, or designees from requiring an employee's or prospective employee's consent to a request for a credit report as a condition of employment. There are certain cases where the prohibition does not apply when. Effective date: October 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00223-R00SB-00361-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 799 (PA 11-228) AN ACT CONCERNING MISREPRESENTATION AS A BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST. This act makes it a crime to represent oneself as a "board certified behavior analyst" (BCBA) or a "board certified assistant behavior analyst" (BCABA) unless certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. A person violating these provisions is guilty of an unclassified felony punishable by a fine of up to a \$500, imprisonment for up to five years, or both. Each illegal contact or consultation constitutes a separate offense. Effective date: October 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00228-R00SB-00799-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 849 (PA 11-19) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS AND MINOR CHANGES TO THE INSURANCE AND RELATED STATUTES. The act broadens the applicability of various health insurance benefits required by law. By doing so, the act applies the listed benefit requirements to individual and group health insurance policies delivered, issued, renewed, amended, or continued in the state. Most of the provisions apply to (1) individual and group health insurance policies that cover (a) basic hospital expenses; (b) basic medical-surgical expenses; (c) major medical expenses; or (d) hospital or medical services, including coverage under an HMO plan and (2) individual health insurance policies that cover limited benefits. Some of the benefits covered in this act include: 1. continuation of coverage of handicapped children; 2. coverage for off-label prescription drugs; and 3. coverage for home health care services. Effective Date: Various dates. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00019-R00SB-00849-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 863 (PA 11-81) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF SWIMMING POOL INSTALLERS, ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY REGULATIONS AND MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES. Among other provisions, the act eliminates the requirement for state agencies to deliver notice for proposed regulations by mail, thereby allowing them to send such notices electronically and gives state agencies the

option of providing paper or electronic versions of proposed regulations to those requesting them. These provisions of the bill are effective October 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00081-R00SB-00863-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 882 (PA 11-229) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EVALUATION OF CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS BY PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES. This act makes several changes to state contracting laws. Among other provisions, it generally eliminates requirements for contractors and bidders to affirm that they are in compliance with state ethics laws each time they enter into a state contract. Instead, the act generally requires contractors to provide these affirmations only when there is a change to the information contained in previously filed affirmations. It also allows the affirmations to be provided electronically. State ethics laws covered by the affirmations include gift bans, anti-discrimination laws, and laws banning collusion. Effective date: October 1, 2011, except for the DAS report and the repeal of the obsolete statute, which are effective upon passage. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00229-R00SB-00882-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 911 (PA 11-230) AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER SERVICES AND HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCIES. This act requires homemaker service and homemaker-companion agency registries to notify a consumer within seven days of providing a referral or placement, that he or she may be considered the employer of the homemaker or companion and thus responsible for withholding applicable taxes or making other payments. The act allows the consumer protection commissioner to (1) revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue or renew a certificate of registration of a homemaker-companion agency; (2) place an agency on probation; or (3) issue a letter of reprimand for any agency, acting as a registry, that fails to comply with the notice requirement. Effective date: January 1, 2012. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00230-R00SB-00911-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 913 (PA 11-52) AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES. This act requires most employers that employ 50 or more people in the state to provide certain employees with paid sick leave accruing at a rate of one hour per 40 hours worked. The bill provides paid sick leave to service workers who work in an occupation with one of 68 federal Standard Occupational Classification System titles named in the bill and are paid by the hour. The earliest service workers can begin accruing sick leave is January 1, 2012. They must meet the following thresholds before they can begin using accrued sick leave: (1) have worked for the employer for at least 680 hours and (2) have worked an average of at least 10 hours a week for the employer in the most recent complete calendar quarter. The bill excludes manufacturers and certain tax-exempt organizations from its requirements. It also bans employers from retaliating or discriminating against employees who request or use the leave the bill provides or that the employer voluntarily provides. Effective date: January 1, 2012. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/pdf/2011PA-00052-R00SB-00913-PA.pdf>

S.B. No. 921 (PA 11-53) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE. This act establishes the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange as a quasi-public agency to satisfy requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“PPACA”). Under the bill, a 14-member board manages the exchange, including operating an online marketplace where individuals and small employers (i.e., those with up to 50 employees) can compare and purchase health insurance plans that meet federal requirements beginning in 2014. Please see the bill analysis for additional information on this legislation. Effective date: Upon passage. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00053-R00SB-00921-PA.htm>
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/BA/2011SB-00921-R01-BA.htm>

S.B. No. 923 (PA 11-83) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND CERTAIN CANCER SCREENINGS. By law, certain health insurance policies must cover colorectal cancer screening, including (1) an annual fecal occult blood test and (2) colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, or radiologic imaging, in accordance with American College of Gastroenterology (ACOG) recommendations

regarding age, family history, and test frequency. This act requires ACOG to consult with the American College of Radiology, not just the American Cancer Society, when making screening recommendations. This act prohibits specified individual and group health insurance policies from imposing a coinsurance, copayment, deductible, or other out-of-pocket expense for any additional colonoscopy a physician orders for an insured person in a policy year beyond those already covered by law. Effective date: January 1, 2012.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00083-R00SB-00923-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 927 (PA 11-54) AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

EDUCATORS. This act makes several changes to the required qualifications for early childhood educators. It modifies the (1) staff qualification requirements that are in effect until July 1, 2015 and (2) criteria for eligible degree programs and certifications. It specifies that, on and after July 1, 2015, the staff qualification requirements apply to all preschool programs accepting state funds, including school readiness or childcare services funds and funds from the Department of Social Services (DSS). The act also, with certain exceptions, delays, from July 1, 2015 until July 1, 2020, the requirement that programs have a person in each classroom with a teaching certificate or bachelor's degree in certain fields. It instead requires (1) at least 50% of early childhood educators with primary responsibility for a classroom to meet this requirement by July 1, 2015 and (2) the remaining individuals to have an associate's degree. It requires the Department of Higher Education (DHE) to develop a plan to meet these requirements. Effective date: July 1, 2011.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00054-R00SB-00927-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 954 (PA 11-174) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF

CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS. When someone is investigated for or accused of a capital felony or class A or B felony, this bill presumes that a statement the person made during a custodial interrogation at a place of detention is inadmissible as evidence against him or her in a criminal proceeding unless: 1. there is an audiovisual recording of the custodial interrogation made by an electronic or digital audiovisual device and 2. the recording is substantially accurate and not intentionally altered. The act applies to oral, written, and sign language statements. Under the bill, if the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that a person's custodial interrogation was not recorded, any statement made during or following the non-recorded custodial interrogation, even if otherwise complying with the bill, is presumed inadmissible in any criminal proceeding against the person. The bill will not take effect until January 1, 2014 to give police departments time to comply with the new mandate. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00174-R00SB-00954-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 970 (PA 11-175) AN ACT CONCERNING WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND RESPONSE IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS.

This act (1) requires certain health care employers to develop and implement workplace violence prevention and response plans, (2) requires health care employers to report incidents of workplace violence to local law enforcement, and (3) establishes criminal penalties for assault of a health care employee. The act allows the labor commissioner to adopt implementing regulations. Effective date: July 1, 2011 for the provisions on workplace safety committees, risk assessment, violence prevention plans, patient care assignment, and regulations; October 1, 2011 for the remaining provisions.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00175-R00SB-00970-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 973 (PA 11-176) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF UNDUE HARDSHIP FOR PURPOSES OF MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY.

This act, as amended in the Senate, establishes new and codifies existing circumstances under which the Department of Social Services (DSS) could not impose a penalty period for certain Medicaid eligibility related asset transfers when the penalty would create an undue hardship for the person transferring the asset. The bill establishes and codifies a process that Medicaid applicants and DSS must follow when an applicant disagrees with DSS' decision to impose a penalty period. The bill requires DSS to independently perform a disability determination when someone who claims to have a disability and is a beneficiary of a special needs trust has not received a disability determination from the Social

Security Administration. Effective date: July 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00176-R00SB-00973-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 983 (PA 11-66) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN AFFECTED BY DISASTER AND TERRORISM. By law, the DEMHS commissioner must prepare a comprehensive civil preparedness plan and program, subject to the governor's approval. All state and local government agencies must perform the duties and functions assigned in the plan and program. The commissioner may amend the plan and program as needed. The act requires the commissioner to amend and update them to address the needs of children during natural or man-made disasters and terrorism. The changes must be developed within available appropriations and in consultation with Commission on Children and the commissioners of children and families, education, mental health and addiction services, public health, and social services. The DEMHS commissioner may also consult with parents, child care providers, and local emergency service providers when amending the plan and program. The act requires the amended plan to require that all schools and licensed child day care services have written multi-hazard disaster response plans. Effective date: Upon passage.
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00066-R00SB-00983-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 1043 (PA 11-167) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. This act expands the list of parties to whom the Department of Children and Families (DCF) must disclose its otherwise confidential records without the consent of the person named in the record. It also expands the list of parties to whom DCF may, at its discretion, disclose records without consent. It makes some of the disclosures that are mandatory under current law discretionary and others that are currently discretionary, mandatory. The bill also broadens DCF's ability to refuse to disclose such records, and it prohibits disclosure of records that are (1) privileged (e. g., doctor-patient or attorney-client communication) or (2) confidential under federal law or regulation unless authorized by law or court order. The bill still allows the sharing of information by DCF to DDS for the purposes of the Voluntary Services Program. Effective date: October 1, 2011.
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00167-R00SB-01043-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 1103 (PA 11-181) AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION. This act creates, by July 1, 2013, a coordinated system of early care and education and child development and requires the governor to appoint a planning director, by July 15, 2011, to develop a plan to implement the new system. The bill lists the new system's duties and the items the planning director, who is within the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), must consider in developing the implementation plan. The bill requires various state agencies, including DDS, to assist the planning director in the plan's development. It requires the system to collaborate with local and regional early childhood councils to implement the system at the local level. Among other things, this system must create a unified set of reporting requirements for (a) school readiness; (b) Head Start; (c) family resource centers; (d) child care programs, facilities, and licensing; (e) **Birth to Three**; (f) professional development activities relating to early childhood education; and (g) other relevant early childhood programs and services, in order to collect data necessary for quality assessments and longitudinal analysis. The bill lists the childhood council's duties in the collaboration. It requires the planning director to report to the Early Childhood Education Cabinet and several committees of the General Assembly, at certain points in time, regarding progress of the system's planning and implementation. By January 30, 2013, the planning director must report to the Appropriations, Human Services and Education committees with recommendations on the department to serve as the lead agency and where the staff of the coordinated system will be located. The bill eliminates the State Department of Education's (SDE) Office of Early Childhood Planning, Outreach, and Coordination and all of its duties. It also changes the membership of the Early Childhood Education Cabinet and expands it from 17 to 20. Effective date: July 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00181-R00SB-01103-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 1138 (PA 11-232) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STRENGTHENING OF SCHOOL

BULLYING LAWS. This act expands the types of conduct that constitute school bullying and the situations where it can occur. It expressly identifies as bullying (1) any targeting of a student based on the student's actual or perceived "differentiating" characteristics, and (2) actions taken through electronic communications or devices that otherwise qualify as bullying and are known collectively as "cyberbullying." In defining bullying, the bill explicitly includes conduct targeting a student's actual or perceived possession of, or association with others possessing or perceived as possessing, any differentiating characteristic based on race; color; religion; ancestry; national origin; gender; sexual orientation; gender identity or expression; socioeconomic or academic status; physical appearance; or mental, physical, developmental, or sensory disability. Effective date: July 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00232-R00SB-01138-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 1199 (PA 11-240) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' REGIONAL STRUCTURE, DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE, AND POVERTY

EXEMPTION. This act authorizes the Department of Children and Families (DCF) commissioner to establish a "differential response program" for cases that the department classifies as a lower risk. Accordingly, it allows the commissioner or a designee, when the department receives reports of alleged child abuse or neglect, to refer to community providers for family assessments and services, rather than investigate, those cases that it classifies as presenting a lower risk. The act prohibits DCF from finding a child or youth neglected solely because his or her parents are impoverished. It also eliminates children or youth who have been abused from the definition of "neglect. The act also changes the definition of "abuse" of children and youth by providing that a child or youth can be found to be abused, rather than deemed to be abused, if he or she is found to have statutorily specified adverse conditions. The act also removes the definition of "dependent" children in the law governing petitions for commitment to DCF and makes technical changes in this law. Finally, the act requires DCF, in its annual report on children and youth in its custody, to include specific information about children and youth who have unauthorized absences from DCF's care. Effective date: July 1, 2011; except for the duplicate definitions sections that were revised as part of 2009 changes to the juvenile justice ("raising the age") law, which are effective on July 1, 2012. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00240-R00SB-01199-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 1242 (PA 11-57) AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZING SPECIAL TAX OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.

This act authorizes \$5 million in bond funds in each FY (12 and 13) for fire, safety, and environmental improvements for client and staff needs related to DDS facilities. It also authorizes \$2 million in bond funds in each FY (12 and 13) for grants to nonprofit organizations for alterations and improvements to non residential facilities. Bond authorizations are the first step in a two step process. Funds are allocated by a vote of the Bond Commission. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00057-R00SB-01242-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 1201 (PA 11-76) AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT ACCESS AND CONTROL OVER

MEDICAL TEST RESULTS. This act (1) requires clinical laboratories to provide patient test results to additional health care providers in certain situations and (2) allows a patient to directly receive test results when the patient is undergoing repeated testing. The Department of Public Health (DPH) must adopt regulations to implement the act. Effective date: October 1, 2011. The language of this act is identical to that in [PA 11-242](#) (Section 79). <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00076-R00SB-01201-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 5045 (PA 11-32) AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO DISPLAY PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION BADGES DURING WORK HOURS.

This act requires a health care provider who provides direct patient care as an employee or on behalf of a healthcare facility or institution to wear an employer-issued photo-identification badge during working hours. The badge must be worn in plain view and include the (1) facility or institution's name; (2) provider's name; and (3) provider's license, certificate,

or employment title. The bill defines “healthcare facility or institution” as a (1) hospital; (2) nursing home; (3) rest home; (4) home health care agency; (5) homemaker-home health aide agency; (6) emergency medical services organization; (7) assisted living services agency; (8) outpatient surgical facility; or (9) infirmary operated by an educational institution for the care of its students, faculty, and employees. The bill also requires these facilities to consult with the Department of Public Health, to develop policies and procedures concerning (1) the badge size and format and (2) any necessary exemptions to ensure patient and health care provider safety. DDS and other state agencies were exempted out of this bill through an amendment to the bill. Effective date: October 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/Pa/pdf/2011PA-00032-R00HB-05045-PA.pdf>

H.B. No. 5174 (PA 11-33) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES AND TRAINING TO DEAL WITH WORKPLACE VIOLENCE. The act requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to develop an employee training program on workplace violence awareness, prevention, and preparedness. It requires full-time state employees hired after January 1, 2012, as a condition of employment, to attend the training within six months of being hired. Full-time employees hired before January 1, 2012 must attend the training, but the act creates no deadline for them to do so. The act also eliminates the requirement that DAS, in consultation DMHAS and DPS, include workplace violence awareness and preparedness in an annual training program for state employees, thus limiting the subjects covered in this program to workplace stress awareness and prevention. Effective Date: October 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00033-R00HB-05174-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6103 (Special Act 11-9) AN ACT CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE COST TO MUNICIPALITIES OF STATE-MANDATED SPECIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS. The special act requires the Commissioner of Education to review and develop a report on various special education state mandates. Effective upon passage. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/SA/2011SA-00009-R00HB-06103-SA.htm>

H.B. No. 6113 (Public Act 11-102) AN ACT CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF MISSING ADULT PERSONS REPORTS. This act changes the way police must handle reports of missing adults, which the bill defines as anyone age 18 or older. It requires the state and local police to accept without delay any report of a missing adult. It requires local police departments that receive a report of a missing child under age 18, rather than those under age 15 as required by current law, to immediately accept the report for filing and notify all on-duty police officers and other appropriate law enforcement agencies. By law, police must take the same actions with regard to persons who are mentally impaired age 18 or older and adults age 65 or older. Effective Date: October 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00102-R00HB-06113-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6176 (PA 11-12) AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASING PENALTIES FOR REPEAT VIOLATORS OF THE PERSONNEL FILES ACT. The act increases the fine for violating the Personnel Files Act from \$300 to \$500 for a first violation and to \$1,000 for any subsequent violations related to the same employee. The Personnel Files Act (1) requires employers to provide an employee with access to his or her personnel file and medical records and (2) prohibits employers from disclosing the file or records without the employee's consent. Effective Date: October 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00012-R00HB-06176-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6276 (PA 11-15) AN ACT CONCERNING COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL. This act requires the person in charge of a mental health treatment facility providing inpatient treatment to a defendant who is incompetent to stand trial (usually Connecticut Valley Hospital), or a designee, to submit a clinical progress report to the court whenever she or the designee believes the defendant remains incompetent but has improved sufficiently that continued inpatient commitment is not the least restrictive placement appropriate and available to restore competency. The court must schedule a hearing within 10 days of receiving the report. If the court agrees with its findings, the law permits it to continue or modify the placement order. The act requires it to

consider whether the availability of a less restrictive placement is a sufficient basis on which to release the defendant on (1) a promise to appear, (2) conditions of release, or (3) cash bail or bond. The court may order the defendant to continue treatment on an outpatient basis. Effective Date: October 1, 2011.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00015-R00HB-06276-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6282 (PA 11-109) AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANNUAL RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD EVALUATING STATE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IMPACTING CHILDREN. This act requires the legislature's Children's Committee to (1) maintain an annual report card evaluating the progress of state policies and programs affecting children; (2) develop, with a working group, progress indicators and measures related to issues affecting children; and (3) consult with the Appropriations Committee's results-based accountability (RBA) subcommittee to identify child welfare system programs that must prepare their own annual report cards. The act specifies (1) the progress indicators that must be included in the Children's Committee's report card along with relevant data and (2) the report card's distribution requirements. It identifies the participants in the working group, the issues for which indicators and measures must be developed, and the subsequent review process the committee must conduct. Effective Date: July 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00109-R00HB-06282-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6306 (PA11-199) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LISTING OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES IN MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION PROVIDER LISTINGS, AND PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER DESIGNATIONS. This act requires the managed care organization's list of health care providers participating in the plan to include, under a separate category or heading, participating advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). The act also allows an enrollee of a managed care plan that requires selection of a primary care provider to instead choose a participating, in-network APRN. Under prior law, an enrollee could only select a participating, in-network primary care physician. Effective Date: October 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00199-R00HB-06306-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6308 (PA 11-58) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP. This act, among its several provisions: 1. requires the comptroller to offer employee and retiree coverage under "partnership plans" to (a) non-state public employers beginning January 1, 2012 and (b) nonprofit employers beginning January 1, 2013; 2. establishes the (a) Office of Health Reform and Innovation (OHRI) and (b) SustiNet Health Care Cabinet in the lieutenant governor's office; 3. requires the Insurance Department to license and regulate third-party administrators (TPA); 4. changes various health insurance statutes to conform with the 2010 federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), including covering dependents until age 26, not denying coverage to children under age 19 because of preexisting conditions, and eliminating lifetime benefit maximums; and 5. revises the health insurance utilization review, grievance, and external appeal statutes to comply with the PPACA. Effective Date: Various dates for each provision. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00058-R00HB-06308-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6356 (PA 11-122) AN ACT CONCERNING A CLARIFICATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' REQUIREMENT TO GIVE NOTICE REGARDING REPAYMENT OF SERVICES. This act requires DSS when it learns the identity of the legally liable relatives only after awarding the assistance, to notify them of their liability within 30 days of learning who they are. Under existing law, DSS has to notify the relatives within 30 days after awarding the assistance. The repayment obligation applies to DSS-administered programs, including medical assistance, state supplement, Temporary Family Assistance, and state-administered general assistance programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00122-R00HB-06356-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6357 (PA 11-137) AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS UNDER THE MEDICAID ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND RETURN RECEIPTS FOR AGENCY NOTICES. This act, among its several provisions, requires the Department of Social Services

(DSS), in accordance with a provision in the federal 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), to develop and implement a Medicaid health information technology plan. DSS must also establish a Medicaid health record incentive program that provides incentive payments to qualifying hospitals and health care providers that adopt and meaningfully use electronic health records to improve patient health and the quality and efficiency of health care service delivery. Effective upon passage.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00137-R00HB-06357-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6373 (PA 11-40) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PERIPHERALLY-INSERTED CENTRAL CATHETERS IN LONG-TERM CARE SETTINGS. This act allows an intravenous (IV) therapy nurse employed or contracted by a nursing home that operates an IV therapy program to administer a peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) as part of the home's IV therapy program. Currently, Department of Public Health regulations allow only a physician to administer a PICC. Effective Date: October 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00040-R00HB-06373-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6438 (PA 11-128) AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS. This act makes various changes regarding probate court operations. The original bill would have eliminated the panel for interdisciplinary teams in proceedings to determine an individual's ability to give informed consent to a sterilization procedure and allow professionals who have a personal working relationship with the respondent to appear on the interdisciplinary team. This provision was removed from the bill and is not part of the PA 11-128. Effective Date: Various dates. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00128-R00HB-06438-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6440 (PA 11-129) AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF AN ADULT WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND CERTAIN STATUTORY CHANGES RELATED TO INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY. This act allows a parent or guardian of a person under age 18 to apply for guardianship of that child 180 days prior to that child turning 18. In addition to other technical terminology changes made by the bill, it specifies that the substitution of the term "intellectual disability" for "mental retardation," as well as the substitution of related phrases, applies to specified sections of the general statutes. Effective date: October 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00129-R00HB-06440-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6449 (PA 11-255) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF PERSONS ENTERING OR EXITING A SCHOOL BUS. This act, among its various provisions, allows towns and school boards to install cameras on school buses to record motor vehicles that violate the law that drivers must stop at least 10 feet from a school bus displaying flashing red signal lights. The act requires police to issue a summons based on the recorded images and allows the images to be used as evidence against vehicle owners. Effective Date: July 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00255-R00HB-06449-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6472 (PA 11-204) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR OSTOMY SUPPLIES. The act prohibits insurers from applying any payments for ostomy appliances and supplies toward any durable medical equipment benefit maximum. Such payments cannot be used to decrease policy benefits that exceed the required coverage amount. The act applies to individual and group health insurance policies delivered, issued, renewed, amended, or continued in Connecticut that cover (1) basic hospital expenses; (2) basic medical-surgical expenses; (3) major medical expenses; or (4) hospital or medical services, including coverage under an HMO plan. Effective Date: January 1, 2012. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00204-R00HB-06472-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6474 (PA 11-205) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION OF LIENS IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASES. This act reduces an employer's claim for reimbursement of workers' compensation benefits paid to an employee when the employee sues someone who is liable for the injury and the employer does not join the suit. But the reduction does not apply if reimbursement is to the (1) state or a

political subdivision, including a local public agency, as the employer or (2) Second Injury Fund administrator. Effective Date: July 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00205-R00HB-06474-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6501 (PA 11-235) **AN ACT CONCERNING DELAYS IN THE EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION PROCESS FOR STUDENTS SUSPECTED OF REQUIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES** This act, among its several provisions, requires school districts to evaluate children without delay and according to state and federal special education laws and regulations to determine if they are eligible for special education and related services. Federal special education regulations require school districts to promptly request parental consent to evaluate a child and, once the consent is granted, complete the evaluation within 60 days. Effective Date: July 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00235-R00HB-06501-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6549 (PA 11-209) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO SCOPE OF PRACTICE DETERMINATIONS FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS'**, This act establishes a process for the submission and review of requests from health care professions seeking to revise or establish a scope of practice prior to consideration by the General Assembly. Under the act, scope of practice review committees may review and evaluate these requests and provide findings to the Public Health Committee. The Department of Public Health (DPH) is responsible for receiving requests and for establishing and providing support to the review committees. Effective Date: July 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00209-R00HB-06549-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6552 (PA 11-236) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER AND DISCHARGE OF NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS.** This act, among its several provisions, changes the process that the Department of Social Services (DSS), nursing homes, and their residents or their representatives must follow when nursing homes transfer or discharge residents, or when beds are reserved for residents who are hospitalized (i.e., a "bed-hold"). With respect to transfers and discharges, the act: 1. grants residents an explicit right to appeal these moves; 2. requires the home to readmit the resident when DSS determines that the move violates the law; and 3. explicitly allows residents to request hearings when informed that they no longer need nursing home care, including residents with mental disabilities in homes that transfer or discharge them when the homes cannot provide needed services. The act also establishes three criteria for "bed-holds", one of which a home must meet in order to be able to refuse to readmit a resident. It sets up a consultation process for homes and residents when the home is concerned about readmitting a resident because it cannot meet the resident's needs or the resident may be a danger to himself, herself, or others. It requires the home to provide notice when it decides not to readmit. Effective upon passage. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00236-R00HB-06552-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6581 (PA 11-213) **AN ACT MAKING REVISIONS TO MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES** This act, among its several provisions, makes a number of changes to motor vehicle laws including: 1. increases fines for using a cell phone or texting while driving and imposes additional penalties for texting while driving a commercial motor vehicle; 2. imposes license suspensions on certain drivers who repeatedly commit certain traffic violations and increases the number of violations for which the DMV commissioner may do this; and 3. ends the distribution of handicapped license plates (except for motorcycles) but allows people who already have them to renew them. The act also requires DMV to conduct a privatization study; allows it to change the renewal notification process for registrations, licenses and other documents; and authorizes it to contract with independent contractors for some services. Effective Date: Various dates. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00213-R00HB-06581-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6595 (PA 11-237) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES** The act, among its several provisions, changes how the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) handles discrimination complaints, including: 1. providing an automatic legal

review of complaints dismissed during the merit assessment review process, except when the complainant has requested a release from jurisdiction; 2. allowing CHRO's executive director to recommend that an investigator find that there is no reasonable cause to believe that discrimination has occurred, and specifies when the investigator must follow that recommendation; 3. requiring that a reconsideration request must state specifically why it should be granted, and narrows the reasons for allowing someone to make such a request. It adds to the reasons that CHRO can dismiss a complaint or enter a default order against a respondent; 4. decreasing the time period that a discrimination complainant must wait to request a release of jurisdiction from CHRO from 210 to 180 days, allowing complainants who wish to proceed in court to begin the process sooner; 5. allowing CHRO attorneys to be involved in proceedings alleging retaliation for making a whistleblower complaint. Effective Date: October 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00237-R00HB-06595-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6600 (PA 11-150) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PAPERLESS TASK FORCE AND THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REDUCTION OF STATE AGENCY PAPER AND DUPLICATIVE PROCEDURES The act allows (1) fewer printed copies of several legislative documents and publications to be produced and (2) bills and amendments to be posted to the legislature's website rather than placed on legislators' desks before they are voted on. The act also requires agencies to electronically submit their proposed regulations to the Regulations Review Committee. It allows agencies to respond to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests electronically or by facsimile in certain circumstances and reduces the number of copies of required reports they must file with the State Library. The act requires a one-time report from each state agency that 1) lists all federal and state statutory reporting requirements (with citations); (2) issue recommendations for (a) consolidating required reports, (b) eliminating obsolete reports, and (c) using federally mandated reports to satisfy duplicative state reporting requirements, along with the reasons for doing so and associated cost savings. Effective date: Various Dates. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00150-R00HB-06600-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6612 (PA 11-238) AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION ON NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RELATING TO PURCHASE OF SERVICE CONTRACTS This act requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to report annually to the General Assembly on the state's purchase of service (POS) contracting activity. The report must include an assessment of the aggregate financial condition of nonprofit community-based health and human service agencies that enter into POS contracts. A POS contract is one between a state agency and a private provider organization or municipality to purchase ongoing direct health and human services for agency clients. The act also requires OPM, in consultation with the nonprofit liaison to the governor and representatives of nonprofit, community-based health and human service providers and within available appropriations, to study the feasibility of establishing a statewide data warehouse. The purpose of the warehouse is to store public and private health and human services data to enable state agencies to track data trends, operate more efficiently, and recommend policy changes. The OPM secretary must report on the study to the Human Services and Government Administration and Elections committees by January 1, 2012. Effective Date: July 1, 2011. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00238-R00HB-06612-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6618 (PA 11-242) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED STATUTES. This act makes numerous substantive and minor changes to Department of Public Health (DPH)-related statutes and programs. Among the provisions of the bill: **Section 519** requires a study of the feasibility of (1) establishing a uniform state licensing process for community-based providers and (2) implementing deemed status. The study must be undertaken by the nonprofit liaison to the governor, in consultation with the public health, developmental services, social services, children and families, and mental health and addiction services commissioners or their designees; and two representatives of community-based providers, selected by the governor's liaison, one recommended by the Connecticut association of Nonprofits and the other by the Connecticut Community Providers Association. At a minimum, the study must examine whether a community-based provider may be allowed to obtain a single state license that allows it to offer

services for the benefit of multiple state agencies without requiring it to obtain separate licenses from each state agency for which services are offered. By January 1, 2012, the nonprofit liaison must report to the Public Health and Human Services committees on the feasibility of establishing a uniform licensing process for community-based providers, and implementing deemed status. The nonprofit liaison may include any legislative recommendations that she believes are necessary for meeting these objectives.

Section 554 requires long-term care facilities to ensure that potential service providers undergo criminal history and patient abuse background searches (background search) before they are allowed direct access to patient or residents. It requires DPH to establish, within available appropriations, a program to facilitate the searches, receive criminal history record check results from the Department of Public Safety (DPS), and notify facilities of people with disqualifying offenses. By July 1, 2012, it requires the DPH commissioner to adopt implementing regulations. It allows the department to implement policies and procedures to establish the program while in the process of adopting them as regulation. She must publish notice of intent to adopt the regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal within 20 days of implementation. These policies and procedures are valid until the final regulations are adopted. It also makes technical changes. (Please see the attached Bill Summary for additional details.) DPH must consult with DDS and other state agencies as part of the implementation of this program. Effective date: Various Dates. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00242-R00HB-06618-PA.htm>

BILLS THAT WERE VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR:

Governor Malloy vetoed a total of six bills from the 2011 legislative session. Of these six bills, only the one below (SB 11) might have impacted DDS stakeholders.

S.B. No. 11 (PA 11-170) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE RATE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES.** This act would have established procedures for a hearing for rate or amount filings made for certain insurance policies, agreements or contracts, and authorizes the Healthcare Advocate or the Attorney General, or both, to be a party to any such hearing and to specify the amount of time the Insurance Department is required to retain certain records. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00170-R00SB-00011-PA.htm> **This bill was vetoed by Governor Malloy on July 1, 2011.**

BUDGET BILLS:

S.B. No. 1239 (PA 11-6) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO REVENUE.** The legislature passed a budget bill in early May that was mostly in sync with what passed out of the Appropriations Committee with a few changes to the tax structure. Attached are the links to the fiscal note and bill summary for PA 11-6. For DDS, current services were generally maintained minus a 1% reduction in self directed payments; a reduction to the Autism account of \$340,000 to reflect FY10 and projected FY11 spending; a reduction in the Birth to Three account (to be offset by additional insurance revenue); continued consolidation of STS residential cottages and the closure of 5 publicly operated Community Living Arrangements in FY12. Additional funding was included for new high school graduates, age outs and individuals in the Voluntary Services Program (VSP) in FYs 12 and 13. The budget as passed includes a delay in start dates for high school graduates, but DDS will be able to manage this internally so that those who need programs earlier in the fiscal year will be able to get them. In addition to DDS line item appropriations, the following sections are specifically related to DDS: Sec. 26- language related to ending the cost settlement process with private provider agencies; Sec. 27- allows up to \$125,000 of FY 11 appropriations for the Autism Pilot Program to not lapse and be available to conduct a study

related to the needs of persons with autism spectrum disorder; and Sec 35- transfers federal funds from the State Department of Education to DDS for the Birth to Three program in order to carry out Part B responsibilities consistent with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The bill contains a placeholder for the union concessions of \$1B in each fiscal year. (Please see budget implementer H.B. 6652 (PA 11-6) and H.B. 6701 (PA 11-1 JSS) below for additional details on the concessions)

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00006-R00SB-01239-PA.htm>

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/BA/2011SB-01239-R01-BA.htm>

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/FN/2011SB-01239-R01-FN.htm>

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/SFN/2011SB-01239-R00LCO05700-COR.htm>

Budget Implementers:

Following passage of PA 11-6, the legislature passed several budget “implementer” bills during the last few weeks of the session to clarify or enact various provisions in the budget.

H.B. No. 6651 (PA 11-48) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET

CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT. Among other things, this bill consolidates nine “watchdog” agencies including the Office of State Ethics, State Elections Enforcement Commission, Freedom of Information Commission, Judicial Review Council, Judicial Selection Commission, Board of Firearms Permit Examiners, Office of the Child Advocate, Office of the Victim Advocate, and the State Contracting Standards Board. <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00048-R00HB-06651-PA.htm>

S.B. No. 1240 (PA 11-44) AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUREAU OF REHABILITATIVE SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET CONCERNING HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

This bill transfers all of the powers, functions, and duties of the (1) Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB) and (2) Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (CDHI) to a new Bureau of Rehabilitative Services (BRS), which is within the Department of Social Services (DSS) for administrative purposes only. The bill transfers all of the rehabilitation service functions from DSS' current Bureau of Rehabilitation Services to the new BRS. This includes rehabilitation services and disability determinations for people with disabilities who apply for federal Social Security disability benefits. The bill also makes numerous changes to the statutes governing the programs and services of the Department of Social Services (DSS). The Governor’s budget bill re: Birth to Three Insurance and autism coverage (H.B. 6392) was incorporated into sections 147 and 148 of this bill. Section 167 establishes a Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight and makes the DDS Commissioner an ex-officio member.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00044-R00SB-01240-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6650 (PA 11-51) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET CONCERNING THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, CHILD PROTECTION, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, WEIGH STATIONS AND CERTAIN STATE AGENCY CONSOLIDATIONS.

This bill makes several changes related to the laws on the Commission on Child Protection and other children's matters, public defenders, intensive probation, risk reduction credits, house arrest, education in juvenile detention facilities, the open court pilot program, the foreclosure mediation program, gun possession by minors, the Juvenile Jurisdiction Policy and Operations Coordinating Council, reporting on unified community corrections, and the Probate Court Administration Fund. The bill dissolves the Department of Public Works (DPW) and establishes a Department of Construction Services (DCS) as its successor for purposes of construction and construction management. It makes the DCS commissioner, rather than the DPW commissioner, responsible for constructing and developing state-owned buildings and real estate. It generally shifts all other DPW duties to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), while some are transferred to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). Under the bill, the DAS commissioner is responsible for acquiring, selling, and leasing state-owned property to house state offices and equipment as well as security for such property. The bill also (1) transfers, from the

Department of Public Safety (DPS) to DCS, responsibility for enforcing the Fire Safety Code and the State Building Code and (2) divides, between the State Department of Education (SDE) and DCS, responsibility for reviewing and approving school construction grant applications. With these changes, the bill transfers to DCS the corresponding personnel, powers, duties, obligations, and other government functions of each transferring agency or division, whichever applies.

In addition, the bill (1) dissolves the Department of Information Technology (DOIT), and makes DAS its successor and (2) makes changes to affirmative action plan filing requirements and discrimination investigations. It also requires reports on the mergers by January 2, 2012; repeals obsolete language; and makes minor, technical, and conforming changes.

The bill eliminates the departments of Public Safety (DPS) and Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) and creates the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) as a successor agency to (1) DEMHS and (2) DPS, with some exceptions. It designates DESPP as the state's emergency management and homeland security agency.

The bill (1) puts the Division State Police, currently within DPS for administrative purposes only, within DESPP and (2) establishes a Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security within DESPP to carry out emergency management, civil preparedness, and homeland security functions currently performed by DEMHS. The commissioner must appoint a deputy commissioner to head the State Police and a deputy commissioner to head the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00051-R00HB-06650-PA.htm>

H.B. No. 6652 (PA 11-61) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE REVENUE ITEMS IN THE BUDGET AND MAKING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS, DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS, CERTAIN REVISIONS TO BILLS OF THE CURRENT SESSION AND MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES TO THE GENERAL STATUTES.

Section 87of this bill included a technical fix to the cost settlement language that clarifies that private providers will be able to cost settle for FY11 as specified in their contracts but not for the FY12 contracts going forward. The budget act requires private providers under contract to return to DDS the full 100% balance, rather than 50%, of the difference between actual expenditures and the amount the state pays under the contract. Section 165 of the bill is related to the SEBAC Agreement. The bill establishes a method for the General Assembly to approve the tentative contract between the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) and the state. SEBAC is a coalition that represents 15 state employee unions that include more than 30 local bargaining units representing roughly 85% of all state employees.

Under the bill, the General Assembly may call itself into special session for the purpose of approving the SEBAC contract no later than five calendar days after the contract is filed with the Senate and House clerks, or by June 30, 2011, whichever is first. Under the bill, if the General Assembly does not call itself into session the agreement is deemed approved by the General Assembly. Under current law, if the General Assembly does not act on a state employee union agreement that is submitted to it within 30 days, then it is deemed approved. The bill essentially speeds up the approval process if the General Assembly chooses not to act on the contract.

Applying Terms Comparable to SEBAC to Nonunionized State Employees

The bill requires the Administrative Services commissioner and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary, once the General Assembly approves the contract, to apply terms comparable to the SEBAC contract to all nonunion classified and unclassified officers and state employees. The bill excepts from this the following: (1) the Legislative Management Committee will apply terms concerning wages for legislative branch employees in accord with a separate provision of this bill (see below), and (2) longevity pay for nonunionized employees in the executive, judicial, legislative branches, and higher education in accord with separate provisions of the bill (see below).

By June 30, 2011, the OPM secretary must submit a plan to the Appropriations Committee detailing how the terms of the SEBAC contract will apply to nonunion classified and unclassified officers and employees. By June 30, 2011, the chief court administrator and the legislative management executive director must submit a plan to the Appropriations Committee detailing how the terms of the SEBAC contract will apply to nonunion classified and unclassified officers and employees of the Judicial Department and the legislative branch.

Longevity Pay for Executive Branch and Higher Education Employees

The bill requires the executive branch and Board of Regents of Higher Education, by August 1, 2011, to implement changes to longevity pay for nonunion classified and unclassified officers and employees that are comparable to the longevity pay provisions of the SEBAC contract. Under the SEBAC agreement, longevity payments (1) will be frozen for the two years of service in upcoming budget biennium and those years will not count as service for longevity purposes, (2) new employees hired after July 1, 2011 will not be eligible for longevity in the future, and (3) union employees with capped longevity will not receive their October, 2011 payment and those with uncapped longevity will lose an amount equal to that lost by those with capped longevity and the procedure for doing this is yet to be determined.

Current statutes provide authority for longevity payments for employees at 10 years of service, with payments increasing at the following five year steps: 15, 20, and 25 years.

Wages and Longevity Pay for Judicial and Legislative Branch Employees

The bill requires the judicial and legislative branches, by August 1, 2011, to consider and implement changes to longevity pay and wages for officers and employees of the judicial and legislative branches that are comparable to the longevity pay and wage provisions of the SEBAC contract. In addition to SEBAC freezing longevity for two years, it includes a two-year wage freeze followed by wage increases of 3% for each of the following three years (plus other possible increase in union contracts). The bill specifies that nothing regarding the judicial branch applies to officers or employees whose wages are set in statute. Judges, family support magistrates, workers' compensation commissioners, and others' wages are set in statute.

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/ACT/PA/2011PA-00061-R00HB-06652-PA.htm>

New Tax Information:

For a detailed summary 2011 legislation affecting State taxes, please see information on the Department of Revenue Services website: <http://www.ct.gov/drs/cwp/view.asp?Q=480946&A=1463>

Budget continued- June Special Session (JSS):

The legislature convened in Special Session on June 30, 2011 to address the \$1.6 billion hole in the budget due to the union concessions not being ratified and therefore savings previously built into the budget not being met.

H.B. No. 6701 (Public Act 11-1 JSS) AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2013. This act grants the Governor increased rescission authority (the authority to cut spending) of up to 10% of the total appropriations from any fund or 10% of any appropriation for fiscal years 2012 and 2013. This increased rescission authority is granted until September 30, 2011. The Governor has proposed to reduce the number of state employees in order to address the current budget deficit. The bill required the Governor to submit his entire budget adjustment plan to the General Assembly by July 15, 2011 which he did. The Appropriations Committee may hold hearings on any or all aspects of the Governor's budget adjustment plan and the General Assembly may convene to reject or modify any or all elements of the plan by August 31, 2011. If the union concessions are approved before August 31, 2011, the Governor's increased authority will expire and the budget will assume the savings from the agreement as originally anticipated. Every state agency has been charged with meeting targeted budget savings for this and next fiscal year. The reduction for DDS is \$37 million for this year (FY12) and \$47 million for next year (FY13). Unfortunately, the extent of cuts to our budget touches every facet of DDS services. This is a difficult time given the uncertainty of the budget cuts impacting all state agencies and specifically for our families and employees that are being impacted. Please see the "[state budget updates](#)" section on the DDS website for the most up to date budget information.

S.B. No. 1301 (JSS) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2013.** This bill passed the Senate, but was not taken up in the House. As of the date this summary was distributed, the June Special Session has not yet been adjourned. This leaves the door open that the legislature could come back to this bill if the union concessions are not met. The provisions of the bill include freezing longevity payment amounts for all union and non-union state employees who are currently eligible to receive them and prohibiting those who are currently ineligible for the payments from receiving them in the future. Starting July 1, 2017, the bill also removes overtime and longevity payments from the calculation that the state uses to determine an employee's base wages for pension purposes.

BILLS THAT WERE REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE AND DID NOT PASS:

S.B. No. 3 **AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR EMPLOYEES OF HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCIES AND HOME HEALTH AGENCIES.** This bill would have required long-term care facilities to ensure that people who will have direct access, or provide direct service, to patients or residents undergo criminal history and patient abuse background searches (background search) before offering employment to or contracting with them to provide long-term care services. It requires the Public Health Department (DPH) to establish a program to facilitate the searches, receive criminal history record check results from the Department of Public Safety (DPS), and notify facilities of people with disqualifying offenses. This bill died on the Senate Calendar but the language was incorporated into [PA 11-242](#) Section 554.)

S.B. No. 12 **AN ACT PROHIBITING COPAYMENTS FOR PREVENTIVE CARE SERVICES.** This bill would have prohibited certain health insurance policies from imposing a copayment, deductible, or other out-of-pocket expense (e.g., coinsurance) for preventive services. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 13 **AN ACT CONCERNING COPAYMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.** This bill would have required any copayment for prescription drugs covered under an individual or group health insurance policy to be the same, regardless of whether such drugs are obtained from a retail pharmacy or through a mail order pharmacy. This bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 16 **AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CONTRACTS.** This bill would have made a variety of changes in the laws relating to contracts between health care providers and health insurers. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 20 **AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS.** This bill would have required insurance coverage for hearing aids for persons who have reached fifty-five years of age but have not reached sixty-five years of age. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 103 **AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF PODIATRY SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.** This bill would have included podiatry as an optional service available under the Medicaid program. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 128 **AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE CONNPACE APPLICATION PERIOD.** This bill would have required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to accept new ConnPACE applications any time during the year. In general, under current law, DSS may accept new applications only between November 15 and December 31 (the enrollment period for the Medicare Part D program). The ConnPACE program provides wrap-around assistance (e. g. , premium subsidies) to individuals eligible for Medicare Part D, and help with prescriptions for individuals under age 65 with disabilities who are not eligible for Medicare. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 148 AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ARTWORK FOR STATE BUILDING PROJECTS. This bill would have suspended the requirement that the State Bond Commission allocate at least one per cent from the proceeds of state bonds for state building project costs for the purchase of artwork.

The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 183 AN ACT CREATING A SEPARATE NONLAPSING VACCINE AND ANTIBIOTIC PURCHASE ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND. This bill would have established a separate account for the existing vaccine and antibiotic purchase program described in sections 19a-7f to 19a-7j, inclusive, of the general statutes so that it is not a line item in the state budget. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 297 AN ACT CONCERNING HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY. This bill would have expanded Medicaid coverage to permit elderly individuals who do not require intensive nursing care to remain in their homes. This bill would have required the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner to improve access to home- and community-based services (HCBS) for individuals eligible for the state-funded portion of the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) by seeking a "Section 1915 (i)" amendment to the Medicaid state plan. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 312 AN ACT ELIMINATING THE AGE CAP FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SPECIALIZED FORMULA. This bill would have eliminated the age cap for specialized formula covered under individual and group health insurance policies. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 366 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR ADULT DAY CARE CENTERS. This bill would have increased rates paid to adult day care centers. The bill was recommitted by the Senate to the Aging Committee where the bill died.

S.B. No. 389 AN ACT REQUIRING STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. This bill would have required that all state-owned buildings open to public access to comply with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, not later than July 1, 2018. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 487 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUILDING CODE. This bill would have ensured state-wide consistency in construction standards by prohibiting municipalities from enforcing local building codes or construction standards that exceed those found in the State Building Code. This bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 533 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM STATE LICENSING PROCESS FOR PRIVATE COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS. This bill proposed to ease the licensure burden currently faced by private providers who are required to file duplicative applications for multiple state agencies and achieve efficiencies and cost reductions in administrative expenses for both the state and the private providers. Although the bill died on the Senate Calendar, it was turned into a study and incorporated into [PA 11-242](#) (Section 55).

S.B. No. 620 AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN TO ENCOURAGE "AGING IN PLACE". This bill would have established a task force to study how the state can encourage "aging in place". The study would have included, but not been limited to, an examination of (1) infrastructure and transportation improvements, (2) zoning changes to facilitate home care, (3) enhanced nutrition programs and delivery options, (4) improved fraud and abuse protections, (5) expansion of home medical care options, (6) tax incentives, and (7) incentives for private insurance. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 649 AN ACT ESTABLISHING SIX SERVICE REGIONS FOR STATE AGENCIES. The bill would have required the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to prepare a plan outlining a strategy to establish six uniform service regions for state agencies by January 1, 2012. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 779 AN ACT CONCERNING ABUSE OF DISABLED PERSONS OR GROUP HOME RESIDENTS. This bill would have amended the statutes to provide that any employee who assaults a disabled person in their care shall be guilty of a class C felony and that any employee of a group home or school who bullies a person in their care shall be guilty of a class D felony. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

S.B. No. 880 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS ON THE INTERNET. The original proposed bill would have required state agency regulations to be posted on the Internet web site of the state agency adopting such regulations. The Government Administration and Elections Committee passed substitute language which removed this original provision regarding agency regulations. Regardless, the bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 879 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION EYE DROPS. This bill would have required insurance coverage for an additional bottle of prescription eye drops for use by the insured in a day care center or school. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. 918 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF PERSONS WHOSE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE LACK OF CONSENT IS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPAIRED. This bill, proposed by the Chief State's Attorney, would have changed certain factors for determining guilt in cases of 2nd and 4th degree sexual assault involving a person with a mental or physical disability. Under the bill, a person would have been guilty of 2nd or 4th degree sexual assault if: 1. the assault victim's ability to communicate his or her lack of consent to sexual intercourse or sexual contact is substantially impaired because of a mental or physical condition and 2. the person accused of the assault knew or had reasonable cause to believe the victim's ability to communicate lack of consent was impaired by that condition. This bill also would have eliminated the terms (1) "mentally defective" or (2) physically helpless in the sexual assault statutes. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 937 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTS AT STATE UNIVERSITIES. This bill would have allowed employees of the legislative branch, state managers, and certain graduate assistants to collectively bargain. The bill died in the Higher Education Committee.

S.B. No. 951 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR A PERSON WHO IS SUBJECT TO A CONSERVATORSHIP PROCEEDING OR A PROCEEDING CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF TREATMENT FOR A PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITY. This bill would have provided that (1) a person who is subject to a conservatorship proceeding or a proceeding concerning administration of treatment for a psychiatric disability shall not be appointed a guardian ad litem prior to a determination that such person is incapacitated, and (2) such appointment be made for limited purposes and duration established by the court. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 978 AN ACT EXPANDING GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS TO CERTIFICATE HOLDERS IN THIS STATE. This bill would have expanded group health insurance coverage for the treatment of autism spectrum

disorders to certificate holders in this state. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 986 AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EMPLOYER'S NOTICE TO DISPUTE CERTAIN CARE DEEMED REASONABLE FOR AN EMPLOYEE UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT. This bill would have specified the requirements needed in an employer's notice to an employee that such employer is seeking to discontinue, reduce or deny a course of treatment deemed reasonable by a physician, to require certain hearings prior to such discontinuance, reduction, or denial or treatment, and to make clear the employer has the burden of proof at said hearings. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 1038 AN ACT CONCERNING INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS. This bill would have made several changes to the state's special education law. It would have: 1. required additional opportunities for meetings and the exchange of information between school district officials and parents of students in, or under evaluation for, special education; 2. required teacher certification preparation and professional development to include expanded instruction and training regarding implementing individualized education programs (IEPs); and 3. specified the school district eligible for special education excess cost grant money in different circumstances when a child is placed in a school district other than his or her district of origin. It also makes technical changes. *Senate Amendment "A" (1) makes a meeting, between parents and school district staff before a planning and placement team (PPT) meeting, at the parents request, rather than mandatory; (2) designates the PPT meeting in question as the "referral" meeting rather than the "post-assessment" meeting; (3) eliminates a requirement that a district document in a student's record that it has provided the student's assessments and evaluations to the parents three days before the PPT meeting and instead requires the provision of these documents at the parents' request; (4) restores a current state requirement that the district obtain parental consent before placing a special education child in a private facility; (5) changes the year, from FY 12 to FY 11, that the excess cost special education grants for a child go to the financially responsible district, if the responsible district pays tuition to the school of origin; and (6) makes technical and conforming changes. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 1048 AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL AND HEALTH CARE REFORM. This bill would have required a child's dental care benefits under certain individual or group health insurance policies to continue at least until the policy anniversary date on or after the date the child turns age 26. (Current law does not specify an age although in practice, most plans terminate dental coverage at age 19.) It would have required these policies to cover stepchildren on the same basis as biological children. This bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 1053 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM ADULT PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS JURISDICTION ACT. This bill would have adopted the Connecticut Uniform Adult Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act and establish rules and procedures for Connecticut probate courts to interact with courts in other states about conservatorships. It applies to proceedings regarding a conservator of (1) a person or someone appointed by an out-of-state court to make decisions for an adult and (2) the estate or someone appointed by an out-of-state court to manage an adult's property. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 1059 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON ENHANCING AGENCY OUTCOMES. This bill, among its numerous provisions, would have required DDS to lead a working group to develop a plan to deinstitutionalize the residents of Southbury Training School (Section 36). This group would have included the OPM secretary, a representative of (1) the school's residents, (2) state employees working at STS, (3) an advocacy group for the residents, and (4) a private provider of services the residents need. The deinstitutionalization plan would have considered the feasibility of safely moving the residents into new community settings. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 1065 AN ACT CONCERNING FEAR OF RETALIATION TRAINING IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES. This bill would have increased the penalty for assaulting a person who is elderly, blind, disabled, pregnant, or has mental retardation, when the victim is age 60 or older and the perpetrator is an employee of a health care facility or home health care agency caring for him or her. The bill would have required each nursing home and residential care home to provide at least one hour of training annually to its employees on residents' fear of retaliation. The training must include a discussion of (1) residents' rights to file complaints and voice grievances, (2) examples of what might constitute or be perceived as employee retaliation against residents, and (3) methods of preventing employee retaliation and alleviating residents' fear of retaliation. It also would have expanded the role of the state long-term care ombudsman, requiring him or her to create and periodically update, as needed, a training manual to provide guidance in structuring and implementing the training. This bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 1105 AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION, The original bill had provisions to 1) clarify who is eligible to provide applied behavior analysis services and who is responsible for supervising such providers of applied behavior analysis services; 2) to eliminate the requirement that parental consent be secured when a planning and placement team recommends a private school placement for a child eligible for special education; 3) to clarify the requirements relating to the provision of special education services to children enrolled in a private school; 4) to clarify the programmatic and financial responsibility of education for state agency-placed children; and 5) to develop guidelines regarding the prevention of lead poisoning among students and the care of students with lead poisoning. The Senate amended the entire bill and this language was replaced with language regarding the dissolution process of regional school districts. The bill died in the Senate.

S.B. No. 1106 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT. This bill was proposed to create the Department of Early Education and Child Development that will be responsible for all state early childhood education and child care programs and services, and to allow family child care providers to bargain collectively for the purposes of such providers' role in the state child care subsidy program. The Birth to Three Program was included as a component of this proposal. The bill died on the Senate Calendar; however an amended version was incorporated into S.B. 1103 ([PA 11-181](#)).

S.B. No. 1123 AN ACT DIRECTING THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE "ANTI-SPIKING" PROVISION UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ACT. This bill would have required a study to evaluate the "anti-spiking" provision under the State Employees Retirement Act and to make recommendations for reform. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 1126 AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL SANCTIONS. This bill would have required each state agency head to notify the General Assembly when federal sanctions are imposed on a program under the agency head's jurisdiction. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 1144 AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO REQUIRE TUBE FEEDINGS. This bill would have permitted trained unlicensed assistive personnel to administer jejunostomy and gastrojejunal tube feedings to students in public and nonpublic schools. The tube feedings must be administered according to the written orders of (1) a physician or (2) an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant licensed to prescribe. It would permit students who require tube feedings to attend public and nonpublic schools while accompanied by a person who is trained in the administration of the tube feeding and who administers the tube feeding pursuant to the written order of a licensed health care provider. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 1147 AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT CONSENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION. This bill would have required health care institutions to meet confidentiality requirements when their records are kept electronically. As with paper records, the bill prohibits electronically stored records from being released without the patient or his or her authorized representative's written consent. The bill would have required a patient to opt-in to the exchange of electronic health records. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

S.B. No. 1179 AN ACT CONCERNING INTERVIEWS OF A CHILD BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THE REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUALS FROM THE STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY. By law, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) commissioner maintains a registry of names and basic information about people whom she has found to be responsible for child abuse or neglect. She discloses limited information from the registry when DCF receives lawful requests for background checks used in conjunction with employment, licensure, and benefit decisions. This bill would have established a procedure for individuals whose names have been on the registry for at least five years to show good cause for removal. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 1192 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF COMPLAINTS FILED WITH THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES. This bill would have reduced the time period, from 210 to 180 days, that must elapse before the parties to a complaint before the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) jointly or the complainant alone can request a release from the commission in order to bring an action in Superior Court. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 1204 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE. This bill would have established a state health insurance exchange pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This bill died on the Senate Calendar.

H.B. No. 5189 AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS IN CERTAIN STATE-FUNDED HEALTH CARE POSITIONS IN CONNECTICUT. The bill would have required non-governmental employers that receive state funds to provide health care services (services for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, cure, or relief of a health condition, illness, injury, disease, or disability) to require its employees performing claims processing, customer service, and similar functions to work at a Connecticut facility. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 5203 AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE LANDS OF THE SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL. The bill would have permitted the commissioner of the DDS to grant an easement on land located at the Southbury Training School to a nonprofit organization whose mission includes the permanent protection of agricultural land. This bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

H.B. No. 5324 AN ACT PROHIBITING A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FROM INCLUDING A COPY OF A PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE IN THE PERSON'S HEALTH CARE RECORDS. The bill would have required that no provider of health care services, may (1) make a photocopy of the person's driver's license, or (2) retain a photocopy of the person's driver's license in any records maintained by such provider. The bill would have reduced opportunities for identity theft. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 5436 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS RETURNED BY LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES. The bill would have required the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and the Commissioner of Social Services, to establish a central pharmaceutical repository. The central pharmaceutical repository would accept unused prescription drugs returned by long-term care facilities in accordance with section 17b-363a of the general

statutes, as amended by this act, and would re-dispense such prescription drugs, that are of acceptable integrity, to the Department of Correction for use by inmates in correctional institutions and to the Department of Social Services for use by Medicaid recipients. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

H.B. No. 5439 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE IN THE STATE. The bill would have established a task force to study the prescription drug coverage insurance plans available to residents of the state, including the formularies offered under such plans and the notice requirements for changes to such formularies. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 5460 AN ACT CONCERNING CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS. The bill would have prohibited employers from requiring employees to attend meetings primarily about the employer's position on religious or political matters. The bill defined political matters as including political party affiliation or the decision to join or not join any lawful political, social, or community group or activity, or a labor organization. The bill would have covered all private-sector employers and the state and its political subdivisions. The bill also would have provided protection for employees who make a good-faith report of a violation of the bill. The bill died in the Senate.

H.B. No. 5464 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES AND VIOLENCE AND BULLYING IN THE WORKPLACE. The bill would have required the Commissioner of administrative services to report annually on the number of state employee workplace violence and “abusive conduct” complaints and complaint outcomes. The bill defined a state employee as any employee in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch, but not contractors, subcontractors, or vendors. The report would have included recommendations for administrative or legislative action related to the complaints. It also would have required the commissioner, in consultation with the public safety, public works, and mental health and addiction services commissioners, to establish policies and procedures for preventing, reporting, evaluating, and investigating complaints of abusive conduct occurring in the workplace between state employees. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 5560 AN ACT CONCERNING AN EVALUATION OF THE MEDICAID PROGRAM. The bill would have required the Commissioner of Social Services to contract with an independent state-based organization to evaluate the state's Medicaid program. The organization would report on the evaluation including: (1) the strengths and weaknesses of the Medicaid program; (2) a comparison between the state's Medicaid program and other states' Medicaid programs; and (3) recommendations for changes to the state's Medicaid program. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5608 AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE STANDARDS IN HEALTH CARE. SETTINGS The bill would have required the state Commission on Health Equity to establish a collaborative committee to monitor health care providers' use of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Standards (CLAS) to provide language access services to their patients. Federal law requires health care providers who receive federal funds to provide language access services. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

H.B. No. 5610 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF A PHARMACIST WHEN FILLING A PRESCRIPTION USED FOR THE TREATMENT OF EPILEPSY OR PREVENTION OF SEIZURES. The bill would have prohibited a pharmacy, upon the initial filling or renewal of a prescription for the treatment of epilepsy or prevention of seizures, from substituting an antiepileptic drug or formulation of an antiepileptic drug for the prescribed drug without first obtaining the consent of the patient's prescribing practitioner to make such substitution. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5616 AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADVANCED DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTICE PILOT PROGRAM. The bill would have created a pilot program in Bridgeport that allowed a dental hygienist with an

advanced degree who works in a “public health facility” to perform a broader scope of services than is otherwise allowed by law. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 5888 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE TRANSFER FROM A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM INTO A REGISTERED NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM. The bill would have established a task force to study the feasibility of and issues concerning students enrolled in a licensed practical nursing education program at a vocational-technical school or private occupational school having the ability to earn college credits that allow for the direct transfer into the second year of a registered nursing education program at an institution of higher education. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 5893 AN ACT CONCERNING HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY. The bill would have required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to amend the Medicaid Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) waiver to provide home- and community-based services to individuals who have been on the waiver program's waiting list for two or more years. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5978 AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS FOR DISABLED VOTERS. The bill would have allowed any voter who is permanently disabled and who files an application for an absentee ballot with a certification from a primary care provider, indicating that the voter is permanently disabled and unable to appear in person at a designated polling location, would be eligible for permanent absentee ballot status and receive an application for an absentee ballot for each election, primary or referendum conducted in the voter’s municipality. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

H.B. No. 6218 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON SAFETY NET SERVICES. The bill would have established a task force to study safety net services. The task force would develop proposals to (1) improve mechanisms for accessing basic safety net services, including services provided under programs related to public health, food assistance, child care, income support and housing assistance, and (2) improve family welfare programs, including the temporary family assistance program and the Jobs First program. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

H.B. No. 6272 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS. The bill, among its several provisions, would have authorized the Citizens Ethics Advisory Board to interpret all parts of the code by giving it explicit authority to issue advisory opinions on miscellaneous lobbyist provisions and ethical considerations concerning bidding and state contracts. The bill also would have expanded the matters that create a conflict of interest under the code by prohibiting public officials and employees from taking certain actions that benefit their outside employers. It would have expanded the grounds for contractor disqualification by the State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB). It would have made contractors, consultants, and certain other people who violate the law on unethical bidding or contracting practices to advance their own financial interests liable for damages and required the Office of State Ethics to immediately inform the attorney general of a violation. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6273 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS. The bill, among its several provisions, would have required specific intent before a public official or state employee could be found in violation of the Code of Ethics for counseling, authorizing, or otherwise sanctioning actions that the code prohibits. It also would have accorded contractors, potential contractors, and consultants due process before they are prohibited from bidding on state contracts because of alleged past unethical bidding practices. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6340 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-STATE TREATMENT FACILITIES. This bill would have required, with certain exceptions, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to return to a family or facility in Connecticut, by July 1, 2013, the children and youth in the department's care located in out-of-state treatment facilities. The requirement would apply unless the commissioner determines that an out-of-state placement is necessary for specified reasons. DCF would have been required to develop a plan for funding appropriate community-based and residential services for the children returning from out-of-state facilities by reallocating existing appropriations and using federal or private funding. The bill died in the Senate.

H.B. No. 6347 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT FOR STATE EMPLOYEES. The bill would have added an enforcement provision to the family and medical leave (FML) benefits provided to permanent state employees by the State Personnel Act. It would have allowed them to file a complaint with the labor commissioner alleging they were denied their FML benefits or were discharged or discriminated against for (1) requesting or using their FML benefits, (2) filing a complaint or initiating a proceeding to enforce their FML rights, or (3) providing information or testifying in connection with an inquiry or proceeding related to FML. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6360 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OF A DECISION TO DENY PAYMENT FOR A PRESCRIPTION DRUG UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM. The bill, among its several provisions, would have required the Department of Social Services (DSS), or a pharmacy consultant acting on DSS' behalf, to provide written notice to Medicaid recipients when the department or consultant denies electronic payment, either wholly or partially. The notice would be (1) provided at the pharmacy at the time the recipient is there to pick up the prescription or (2) mailed (electronically or regular mail) to the recipient within 24 hours once payment for the prescription is denied. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6372 AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT ACCESS TO RECORDS MAINTAINED BY HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS. The bill would have permitted authorized persons to conduct an on-site examination of records maintained by a health care institution and would have established an administrative hearing process within the Department of Public Health to address complaints concerning lack of access to health records. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6392 AN ACT CONCERNING BIRTH-TO-THREE SERVICES AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR CHRONIC GAMBLERS. The bill, among its several provisions, made changes to the coverage requirements for health insurance policies that provide coverage for medically necessary early intervention (birth-to-three) provided as part of an individualized family service plan and it prohibited these policies from imposing co-insurance, copayments, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket expenses for these services, unless they are high-deductible policies designed to be compatible with federally qualified health savings accounts. The bill also increased the annual maximum benefit that group health insurers must provide for children with autism spectrum disorders who receive birth-to-three services. The bill died in the House, however, it was incorporated into the budget bill **S.B. 1240 (PA 11-44)** (Sections 147 and 148).

H.B. No. 6406 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND EMPLOYEE RIGHTS. The bill would have prohibited employers of at least 50 people in Connecticut from retaliating or discriminating against certain employees for (1) requesting or using certain negotiated or statutory "entitlements and benefits" or (2) filing a complaint with the labor commissioner alleging retaliation or discrimination because of such a request or use. It would define the entitlements and benefits as (1) paid sick leave, (2) maternity leave, (3) vacation time, (4) medical coverage, (5) prescription drug coverage, (6) dental coverage, (7) vision coverage, (8) employee discounts, (9) family and medical leave, (10) and workers' compensation benefits. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6422 AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION AND TUITION COSTS OF STUDENTS WHOSE HEALTH CONDITION REQUIRES THEM TO ATTEND A DIFFERENT SCHOOL THAN THAT WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE ASSIGNED FOR SUCH STUDENT. The bill as originally written would have required local and regional boards of education to be financially responsible for the transportation and tuition costs of a student whose medical condition requires the student to attend an alternate school that is more appropriate for the child's health condition in the district or a school in another district. These provisions were removed from the bill in the Education Committee's Joint Favorable Substitute.

H.B. No. 6450 AN ACT CONCERNING CRITERIA FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PARKING PERMITS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. The bill would have redefined the definition of "persons with disabilities" for the purposes of restricting access to special license plates and removable windshield placards for persons who are blind and persons who have a disability. The bill died in the Transportation Committee.

H.B. No. 6486 AN ACT CONCERNING HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT WORKFORCE COUNCIL. The bill would have established a 13-member Personal Care Attendant (PCA) Quality Workforce Council charged with improving the recruitment, retention, and working conditions of PCAs. With help from DSS and DDS, it would have established and maintained a PCA referral registry and offered education for prospective PCAs and their clients. The bill also would have established statewide collective bargaining rights for PCAs working in state-funded programs. Under the bill, the council would have become the workers' employer for collective bargaining purposes with the DSS commissioner acting as chief executive officer. The bill would have allowed consumers to retain their rights to (1) hire or refuse to hire, (2) supervise, (3) direct the activities of, and (4) terminate the employment of any PCA. They could also hire a PCA who is not referred by the council. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6495 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS STATE PROPERTY. The bill would have made several changes to the state's surplus real property disposition process. It would have required state agencies to give the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) written notice that they will no longer need property in their custody and control six months in advance. It would have required OPM to notify, in addition to other state agencies and departments, the regional planning organization of an available property located in its region. The bill also would have allowed the Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Government Administration and Elections committees to make recommendations concerning the proposed uses of surplus property. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6516 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CORE-CT SYSTEM, ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF BUDGET DATA AND REPORTING OF VACATED AND FILLED POSITIONS IN STATE SERVICE. The bill would have required the Comptroller, Office of Policy and Management and Office of Fiscal Analysis to evaluate certain reporting of the state's accounting and personnel system (CORE-CT), and develop a plan for the electronic transmission of budget data. Additionally, the bill would have required agencies to report monthly on filled and vacant positions. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6544 AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY. The bill, among its several provisions, would have allowed any state agency or municipality to enter into an energy performance contract with a qualified energy services provider to produce utility or operation and maintenance cost savings. Any energy-savings measure implemented under the contract must comply with state building codes. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6546 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO HOME HEALTH CARE STATUTES. The bill would have allowed a licensed registered nurse (RN) employed by a home health care agency to provide in-home training to a privately hired, unlicensed caregiver or personal care assistant (PCA). The training would be

provided in the home of the person who hired the unlicensed caregiver or PCA. The RN and unlicensed caregiver or PCA must jointly sign a document containing the subjects the training will cover. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6553 AN ACT CONCERNING DOCUMENTATION OF LICENSING FOR WORKERS HIRED TO REPLACE STRIKING OR LOCKED-OUT HEALTH CARE EMPLOYEES. The bill would have required replacement workers applying for health care jobs vacant due to a strike, lockout, or work stoppage to provide the public health and social services commissioners copies of valid licenses or certifications indicating that the replacement worker has the credentials to perform the job he or she is applying for. The replacement worker would not be able to begin working before doing so. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6563 AN ACT CONCERNING SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH CARE PLANS. The bill would have required the board of directors of the Connecticut Small Employer Health Reinsurance Pool to establish small employer health care plans with a lower option levels of coverage, with benefit and cost-sharing levels that are consistent with other group plans available in the state, including, but not limited to, high deductible health plans. The bill died in the House.

H.B. No. 6602 AN ACT CONCERNING AGENCY REGULATIONS, A CLARIFICATION OF "DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITY" AND OBSOLETE STATUTES CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT. The bill would have eliminated the requirement that when an agency provides notice of intent to adopt a regulation, that it do so by mail, and provided that an agency may send an electronic version of a proposed regulation to persons requesting a copy. The bill died in the House.

H.B. 6603 AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION. The bill would have made changes to a variety of government administration statutes. Sections 6 and 7 would have required (a) fiscal notes for proposed agency regulations to consider longer-term fiscal implications and (b) agencies to post their regulations online. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6617 AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUITY OF CARE IN NURSING HOMES. The bill would have required that patients receive oral and written notice of the rights in the patients' bill of rights for nursing homes and chronic disease hospitals and of all rules and regulations on patient conduct and responsibilities. Under the bill, the notification would be required to be given (1) before or upon admission to the facility; (2) whenever there is a strike, work stoppage, or lockout involving facility employees; and (3) any time the patient asks during his or her stay. The notice, for both oral and written purposes, would be required to be in a language that the patient, a spouse, family member, or legally designated person, readily understands. The bill died in the House.

BILLS THAT WERE NOT REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE AND DID NOT PASS:

S.B. No. 9 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY ON MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY. This bill would have required the Human Services Committee to conduct a study regarding Medicaid income eligibility levels. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 17 AN ACT CONCERNING WELLNESS PROGRAMS AND EXPANSION OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE. This bill would have expanded or required health insurance coverage for ostomy-related supplies, prosthetic devices, hearing aids for children, wigs for patients who suffer hair loss due to certain medical conditions, and bone marrow testing. It also would have prohibited the imposition of a

coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for any additional colonoscopy ordered in a policy year by a physician for an insured. The bill died in the Insurance Committee.

S.B. No. 33 AN ACT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE RATE INCREASE REQUESTS. This bill would have required a public hearing to be held when an insurer requests a health insurance premium increase of greater than ten per cent. Although this bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, it was incorporated into [PA 11-170](#).

S.B. No. 87 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF CONVICTED FELONS FROM RECEIVING STATE SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS. This bill would have required that persons receiving state aid be law abiding citizens. This bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 115 AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES. This bill would have changed the state employee retirement plan from a defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan for newly-hired employees. This bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 116 AN ACT PROHIBITING RECEIPT OF STATE RETIREMENT INCOME DURING TIMES OF REEMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE. This bill would have prohibited the receipt of pension and salary payments from the state at the same time. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 158 AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF NEW GROUP HOMES. This bill would have required a public hearing for new group homes. The bill died in the Planning and Development Committee.

S.B. No. 159 AN ACT CONCERNING GROUP HOMES, This bill would have required notice of the construction or expansion of group homes to be given to certain public safety officials. The bill died in the Planning and Development Committee.

S.B. No. 184 AN ACT CONCERNING THE "ANTI-SPIKING" PROVISION FOR CALCULATING STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME. This bill would have reduced state pension costs by reducing the "anti-spiking" provision from thirty per cent to eighteen per cent over the previous two years' earnings. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 230 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COPAYMENTS AND PREMIUMS PAID BY STATE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS. This bill would have created parity between state and private health insurance plans. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 265 AN ACT CONCERNING BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR PROJECTS THAT HAVE NOT COMMENCED WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF AUTHORIZATION. This bill would have reduced the state's debt obligation by requiring that the State Bond Commissioner review all outstanding bond authorizations for projects that have not begun in the last five years. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

S.B. No. 276 AN ACT PROHIBITING FORMER STATE EMPLOYEES FROM SEEKING, ENTERING INTO OR NEGOTIATING STATE CONTRACTS. This bill would have prevented former state employees from seeking, entering into or negotiating contracts with a state agency for three years after leaving state service. The bill died in the Government Administrations and Elections Committee.

S.B. No. 292 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM.

This bill would have required the state to obtain a Medicaid waiver to allow improved and earlier diagnosis and treatment of autism. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 298 AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES.

This bill would have required periodic criminal background checks for employees of the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Developmental Services who work directly with vulnerable populations such as children, the elderly and disabled persons. (State criminal background checks are already required by DDS.) The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 359 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYER NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES REGARDING MANDATORY OVERTIME.

This bill would have required the provision of advance notice of certain mandatory overtime to employees. The bill died in the Labor Committee.

S.B. No. 450 AN ACT CREATING PARITY BETWEEN STATE AND PRIVATE PENSION PLANS.

The intent of this bill was to create parity between state and private pension plans. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 457 AN ACT REQUIRING A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF STATE MANAGERS.

This bill would have required a reduction in the number of state managers in effort to make state government more efficient by creating parity between government and the private sector. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

S.B. No. 492 AN ACT CONCERNING GROUP HOME REPORTS OF CERTAIN EVENTS TO LICENSING AGENCIES AND LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

This bill would have required group homes to report certain events to their licensing agency and to the local police department. The bill died in the Planning and Development Committee.

S.B. No. 493 AN ACT CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF GROUP HOME RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

This bill would have required that state-funded group homes be subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and required such group homes to disclose all records and documents there are not exempt under the FOIA.

S.B. No. 494 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF GROUP HOMES.

This bill would have required group homes to operate in a "safe and quiet manner". The bill died in the Planning and Development Committee.

S.B. No. 529 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CENTER FOR THE PROVISION OF AUTISM SERVICES IN SOUTHEAST CONNECTICUT.

This bill would have established a center for autism services in the southeast region of the state. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

S.B. No. 542 AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES" TO INCLUDE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

This bill would have expanded the services provided to individuals with autism spectrum disorders by classifying such disorders as "developmental disabilities". The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

S.B. No. 618 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED HOME CARE AND HOME CARE PROVIDERS.

This bill would have provided increased funding and support for home care and community-based care for the elderly and Alzheimer's patients. The bill died in the Aging Committee.

S.B. No. 672 AN ACT REQUIRING OUT-OF-STATE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS. This bill would have required all health insurance policies issued out of state that provide benefits of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes to residents of this state to include coverage for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

S.B. No. 692 AN ACT CONCERNING NEW GROUP HOMES. This bill would have required a public hearing and written notice to neighboring property owners concerning any application for a new group home. The bill died in the Planning and Development Committee.

S.B. No. 700 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL "DIAL-A-RIDE" PROGRAMS. This bill would have provided transportation assistance for elderly and disabled residents by providing matching state funds for municipal and regional dial-a-ride programs. The bill died in the Transportation Committee.

S.B. No. 710 AN ACT REPEALING THE RENEWAL REQUIREMENT FOR PARKING PLACARDS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHICH LIMIT OR IMPAIR THE ABILITY TO WALK. This bill would have repealed the statutory requirement to implement a procedure for the renewal of parking placards for persons who are blind or persons with disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk. The bill died in the Transportation Committee.

S.B. No. 722 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF PARKING PLACARDS ISSUED TO PERSONS WITH BLINDNESS OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES THAT LIMIT OR IMPAIR THE ABILITY TO WALK. This bill would have required any person who has a handicapped parking placard to place the placard on their car's rear view mirror; and that if the placard breaks, the permit holder may not place the permit on the dashboard but would be required to get a new permit from the Department of Motor Vehicles. The bill died in the Transportation Committee.

S.B. No. 813 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM USING CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL LAWS CONCERNING PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH BLINDNESS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES THAT LIMIT OR IMPAIR THE ABILITY TO WALK. This bill would have implemented a pilot program using civilian volunteers to assist in enforcement of laws concerning parking for persons with blindness and persons with disabilities that limit or impair the ability to walk. The bill died in the Transportation Committee.

S.B. No. 893 AN ACT CREATING A STATE GRANT-WRITING OFFICE. This bill would have created a state grant writing office to provide a better system for state agencies to apply for all outside grants. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 974 AN ACT CONCERNING GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AN ALTERNATIVE THERAPY IN THE TREATMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS. This bill would have required group health insurance coverage for an alternative therapy for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

S.B. No. 1058 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF PROBATE COURT ORDERS TO STATE AGENCIES. This bill would have required each state agency to follow any order, denial or decree of a court of probate that was applicable to the operations of the state agency, and would have clarified that a state

agency shall have standing to appeal any such order, denial or decree to the Superior Court with respect to its applicability to the state agency. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

H.B. No. 5012 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS BY PHARMACIES. The bill would have required education for consumers about the proper methods of disposing of unused prescription drugs. The bill died in the Environment Committee.

H.B. No. 5025 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S PURCHASE OF GROUP HOMES. The bill would have required that when the state purchases any group home, including those operated by the Department of Developmental Services, the state shall not pay a purchase price that is above the median home price in the geographic area. The bill died in the Human Services Committee

H.B. No. 5029 AN ACT REQUIRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. The bill would have required that not less than ten per cent of affordable housing units comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, The bill died in the Housing Committee.

H.B. No. 5078 AN ACT INCREASING THE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL SERVICES BY QUALIFIED PRIVATE COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS. The bill would have required all state agencies engaged in the delivery of social services, including DDS, to transfer not less than twenty per cent of the administrative and personnel responsibility associated with the delivery of services to qualified private community-based providers with no reduction in the level of services provided. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

H.B. No. 5084 AN ACT CONCERNING READABILITY OF PROBATE COURT FORMS AND APPLICATIONS. The bill would have required that all probate forms and applications be written in plain language to facilitate access. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee

H.B. No. 5116 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS. The bill would have 1) prohibited future state employee bargaining agreements from including overtime pay in the calculation of salary for purposes of determining retirement income; (2) for any future retiree, (A) prohibited the inclusion of expense or mileage reimbursements in the calculation of salary for purposes of determining retirement income, and (B) capped payment of Medicare Part B premiums at the basic premium amount, with any additional premium amount required for higher-income beneficiaries to be paid by the retiree; and (3) for newly-hired state employees and state employees that currently have less than five years of state service, including members of the state police, permitted payment of full retirement income only upon (A) completion of twenty-five years of state service and attainment of the age of sixty-two, or (B) completion of less than twenty-five years of state service and attainment of the age of sixty-five. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5123 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES TO SICK AND DISABLED STUDENTS ATTENDING NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS. The bill would have required towns and regional school districts to provide health services on a temporary basis to students attending nonpublic schools who are suffering from an illness or disability that prevents them from attending their nonpublic school. The bill died in the Education Committee.

H.B. No. 5142 AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE LOCATION OF GROUP HOMES. The bill would have required a public hearing prior to the approval of any new group home within a municipality. The bill died in the Planning and development Committee.

H.B. No. 5182 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. The bill would have allowed persons age eighteen or over, who are employed in positions that involve regular contact with the general public, to obtain a prescription to possess epinephrine administered through a cartridge injector for use in emergency situations, provided the person has successfully completed a training program approved by the Department of Public Health. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 5197 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BURDEN OF PROOF IN SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARINGS. The bill would have shifted the burden of proof to parents in special education hearings. The bill died in the Education Committee.

H.B. No. 5219 AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXPIRATION DATE FOR BOND AUTHORIZATIONS. The bill would have required the expiration of bond authorizations that are not allocated by the State Bond Commission within five years. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

H.B. No. 5227 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL HEARINGS PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF PROPOSED STATE AGENCY HOUSING FACILITIES. The bill would have required a state agency that proposes a site for a housing facility shall conduct a public hearing on the proposal after providing notice to the municipality in which the site is located. The bill died in the Planning and Development Committee.

H.B. No. 5259 AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE LOCATION OF GROUP HOMES. The bill would have required a public hearing prior to the approval of any new group home within a municipality. The bill died in the Planning and Development Committee.

H.B. No. 5288 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF IV THERAPY PROGRAMS IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES. The bill would have allowed infusion nurses to place peripherally-inserted central catheter lines in patients residing in the state's long-term care facilities. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 5289 AN ACT PROHIBITING MEDICAL PROCEDURES THAT MAY POTENTIALLY BLOCK A PERSON'S AIR PASSAGES. The bill would have prohibited a health care provider from administering a medical procedure that could potentially result in a person's air passages being blocked. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 5305 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALES TAX ON ITEMS SOLD BY NONPROFIT ENTITIES. The bill would have repealed the Connecticut sales tax exemption for nonprofit charitable hospitals, nonprofit nursing homes, nonprofit rest homes and nonprofit residential care homes. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

H.B. No. 5316 AN ACT CONCERNING GUARDIANSHIP OF CHILDREN WITH MENTAL RETARDATION. The bill would have allowed the parent of a child with intellectual disability to seek guardianship of their child when the child turns seventeen years and six months old, instead of waiting for the child to turn eighteen to initiate the guardianship process. The bill's provisions were included in **H.B. 6440** (PA 11-129). The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

H.B. No. 5325 AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF ALL HOME HEALTH AIDES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE-WIDE HOME HEALTH AIDE REGISTRY. The bill would have required: (1) All classifications of home health aides to obtain certification from the Department of Public Health; and (2) the Department of Public Health to establish a state-wide registry of home health aides. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 5346 AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAYMENTS FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME. The bill would have excluded overtime payments from the calculation of base salary received for the three highest-paid years of state service by a member of the state employees' retirement system for purposes of calculating the member's retirement income. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5347 AN ACT CONCERNING MAXIMIZING FEDERAL FUNDS. The bill would have required: (1) the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis, to prepare a plan to maximize federal revenues, and (2) all state agencies to annually assess what federal funds may be available to support programs in Connecticut. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5371 AN ACT REQUIRING THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO THE SALE OF SURPLUS STATE PROPERTY. The bill would have required the preparation of an environmental impact assessment prior to the sale of surplus state property, even if the property is sold "as is". The bill died in the Environment Committee.

H.B. No. 5413 AN ACT EXEMPTING PENSION INCOME FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX. The bill would have exempted pensions from income tax for retirees over the age of sixty-five, and thereafter adjusted to full eligibility of Social Security retirement age, for individuals earning up to fifty thousand dollars and joint filers earning up to one hundred thousand dollars. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

H.B. No. 5427 AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES AS AN OPTIONAL SERVICE UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM. The bill would have restored Medicaid funding for chiropractic services. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

H.B. No. 5430 AN ACT CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON THE PRIVATIZATION OF GROUP HOMES. The bill would have provided that (1) for a period of two years, no group home owned by the state shall be privatized, and (2) the privatization of any state group home that took place after September 30, 2010, shall be reversed so that the state resumes operation of such group home. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

H.B. No. 5475 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONTRACTING WITH BUSINESSES OWNED BY MINORITIES AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. The bill would have required a study be conducted to determine whether there is a disparity in the state hiring of and contracting with businesses owned by minorities and persons with disabilities. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

H.B. No. 5500 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION IN WELLNESS PROGRAMS. The bill would have required the Department of Administrative Services to create a program to encourage state employees to participate in or join a wellness program. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5559 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF HUMAN SERVICES DELIVERY SYSTEMS. The bill would have required the Office of Policy and Management to reorganize the Department of Social Services, the Department of Children and Families and other agencies that deliver human services to allow employees of the agencies, who are trained as generalists, to (1) provide services on a neighborhood or community basis by visiting persons who receive program benefits in their homes, and (2) work specifically within one community, or, in an "at-risk" neighborhood, work comprehensively with all

persons in the neighborhood, and utilize local organizations to most effectively communicate with persons in the neighborhood or community. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

H.B. No. 5571 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF DISABLED PERSONS WITH RESPECT TO COURT AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCY MATTERS. The bill would have required family court judges and all courts and other public agencies to post notices of the rights of persons with disabilities and to provide an opportunity for individuals to indicate on court forms whether the individual has a disability. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

H.B. No. 5573 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM TO ASSIST DISABLED INDIVIDUALS IN COURT PROCEEDINGS. The bill would have required the court to appoint a guardian ad litem for any individual who suffers from mental illness or any other disability, whether or not such disability is readily apparent. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

H.B. No. 5575 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN A FAMILY MATTER. The bill would have required, in any family matter, a judge to offer to appoint a guardian ad litem for any minor child or any adult with a disability, and to require the judges of the Superior Court to adopt rules reflecting such requirement. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

H.B. No. 5609 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY PRIVATE AND STATE-OPERATED GROUP HOMES SERVING PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES. The bill would have required the establishment of a commission to examine the quality and cost of care provided by group homes operated by the Department of Developmental Services and by private providers. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 5637 AN ACT REQUIRING LIFETIME RETENTION OF ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS. The bill would have established a lifetime record retention requirement for any health care provider or institution utilizing an electronic medical records system. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 5657 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION AND POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT LIABILITIES. The bill would have required the Governor to develop and submit a long-term plan to the Appropriations Committee to reduce state employee pension and post-employment benefit liabilities. The plan would include recommendations for reform and contain a long-term schedule of investment growth projections and state and employee contributions that will reduce the state's unfunded liability to twenty per cent. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5676 AN ACT CONCERNING THE THRESHOLD FOR STATE AID FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION. The bill would have reduced the reimbursement threshold for special education costs from four and one-half times the average per pupil cost to two and one-half times the average per pupil cost. The bill died in the Education Committee.

H.B. No. 5683 AN ACT CONCERNING DELAYS IN THE EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION PROCESS FOR CHILDREN SUSPECTED OF REQUIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES. The bill would have required that a local or regional board of education complete all evaluations and issue a determination of eligibility for special education promptly, and that no evaluation or determination of eligibility be delayed while a child undergoes interventions under the Connecticut response to intervention program. The bill died in the Education Committee.

H.B. No. 5726 AN ACT REQUIRING ELECTRONIC TIME AND ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES. The bill would have required the Department of Information Technology, in conjunction with the Comptroller, the Commissioner of Administrative Services and the executive director of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, to create a centralized electronic process for recording and transmitting all state employee time and attendance records. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

H.B. No. 5759 AN ACT DESIGNATING ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AS PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS IN MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION PROVIDER LISTINGS. The bill would have enabled advanced practice registered nurses to act as primary care providers and would have required managed care organizations to list them as primary care providers. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

H.B. No. 5803 AN ACT FREEZING STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' WAGES. The bill would have required that all state and municipal employees' wages be frozen at current rates until the state's unemployment rate fell below recession level for a period of not less than six months, except for an employee being promoted to a position with new or additional responsibilities. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5808 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME. The bill would have prohibited any member of a state or municipal employee retirement system, other than a member designated as a hazardous duty employee, from receiving retirement income from the system during any time the member receives a state or municipal salary. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5809 AN ACT CREATING PARITY BETWEEN STATE AND PRIVATE WAGES AND SALARIES. The bill would have eliminated, for all state employees, scheduled salary increases and cost-of-living adjustments for two years, eliminated longevity payments and reduced the compensation of state agency commissioners and deputy commissioners by ten per cent for two years. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5841 AN ACT PROVIDING POWER OUTAGE INFORMATION TO PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS. The bill would have established a program to provide real-time information regarding restoration of utility service during large-scale power outages to people with special medical needs. The bill died in the Energy and Technology Committee.

H.B. No. 5894 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRIVATIZATION OF CERTAIN STATE SERVICES. The bill would have required: (1) The Department of Children and Families to enter into contracts with private entities to manage and provide services at the Connecticut Children's Place, the Connecticut Juvenile Training School and Riverview Hospital for Children and Youth; and (2) the Department of Developmental Services to enter into contracts with private entities to manage and provide services for community living arrangements, supported living and day programs. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

H.B. No. 5952 AN ACT REDUCING FRAUD AND ABUSE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE HANDICAP PERMIT SYSTEM. The bill would have required new and renewed motor vehicle handicap permits include a photograph of the permit holder. The bill died in the Transportation Committee.

H.B. No. 5975 AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF FORMER STATE EMPLOYEES BY REGULATED INDUSTRIES. The bill would have permitted any former state manager who was laid off from state employment to be employed by an industry regulated by the agency that previously employed the

manager, provided such offer of employment is accepted not earlier than six months after such manager is laid off. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

H.B. No. 5977 AN ACT STREAMLINING THE PROCESS FOR THE STATE SALE OR TRANSFER OF SURPLUS PROPERTY. The bill would have streamlined the process the state uses to sell or transfer surplus real property. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

H.B. No. 5992 AN ACT REQUIRING THE ONLINE POSTING OF AGENCY REGULATIONS. The bill would have required each state agency, within available appropriations and technology, and in consultation with the Department of Information and Technology and the Commission on Official Legal Publications, to post its regulations on the Internet web site of the agency. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

H.B. No. 5994 AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC REQUESTS FOR RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. The bill would have mandated that public agencies accept requests for public records made by electronic mail as well as by mail, facsimile or hand delivery. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

H.B. No. 6015 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS. The bill would have increased, beginning July 1, 2015, the state reimbursement for the cost of special education to towns to seventy-five per cent. The bill died in the Education Committee.

H.B. No. 6181 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF CLIENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES. The bill would have required the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to review, biannually, the status of the operator's license of any persons whose employment responsibilities include motor vehicle transportation of clients of DDS who need assistance with tasks, such as fastening a seat belt. The operators also would be trained in the procedures for fastening and unfastening seat belts for clients and be given training manuals that contain printed and pictorial instructions of the procedures. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 6190 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR UNAUTHORIZED PARKING IN A PARKING SPACE RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH BLINDNESS AND PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY THAT IMPAIRS THE ABILITY TO WALK. The bill would have suspended for two weeks the driver's license of any person who parked, without authorization, in a parking space that is reserved for persons with blindness or persons with a disability that impairs the ability to walk. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 6519 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID SAVINGS. The bill would have required the Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the Commissioners of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Developmental Services and Children and Families, to study the state Medicaid program to identify any means by which the state may achieve savings in said program. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 6611 AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE LONG-TERM CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR LONG-TERM CARE. The bill would have required the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and the Aging Services Division of the Department of Social Services to establish a state-wide single point of entry system for individuals seeking long-term care. The goal of the single point of entry system would be to (1) permit any individual seeking long-term care services in the state to obtain information on all long-term care services from single point of entry

entities in the individual's geographic service area, and (2) promote consumer choice of long-term care options. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

H.B. No. 6647 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM TO ASSIST DISABLED INDIVIDUALS IN COURT PROCEEDINGS. The bill would have explicitly added persons with a disability to the statute concerning appointments of guardians ad litem involved in court proceedings. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

We hope that this end of session summary is helpful. Copies of, or additional information on, any of the above mentioned or any other bills from this session can be found online at www.cga.ct.gov. Enter the bill number and click on “go”. This will bring you to the bill history page where you can see end results of any bills from the session including: if it passed both chambers, any amendments that passed, was it signed by the Governor, and any public act numbers that have been assigned. As always, please contact us with any questions.