



## **Bills for 190<sup>th</sup> session (2017-2018)**

### **1. Abuse Registry S 64 / H 80**

Senator Mike Moore

Representative Linda Dean Campbell

*An Act to establish a registry of caretakers found to have substantiated abuse against persons with intellectual disability or developmental disability.*

### **2. Supporting Individuals with I/DD (OHC) S 1222 / H 1954**

Senator Barbara L'Italien

Representative Carolyn Dykema

*An Act supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to establish training focused on best practices for the treatment and care of individuals with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities for medical professionals through a voluntary training and accreditation program*

### **3. Housing (Accessory Apartments) S 729 / H 127**

Senator Barbara L'Italien

Representative Kevin Honan/Senator Linda Dorcena Forry

*An Act relative to accessory dwelling units. For legislation relative to the development and preservation of affordable housing for persons with disabilities and the elderly; is designed to encourage creation of long-term housing stock for people with disabilities and seniors in the form of 2 bedroom accessory apartments.*

### **4. Dental Therapist Expansion S 1169 / H 2474**

Senator Harriette Chandler

Representatives William Pignatelli/Kate Hogan

*An Act Authorizing Dental Therapists to Expand Access to Oral Health. This bill would establish the position of advanced dental hygiene practitioner and require training about best practices for people with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities. The DHP will perform services as tooth extractions and fillings in settings as community centers, nursing homes and schools. The DHP would provide services for individuals who are not able to visit an office.*



**5. Hospital Training – Autism S 1221 / HD 3457**

Senator Barbara L'Italien

Representative Sean Garballey

*An Act creating Autism teams in hospitals to increase current medical providers' knowledge about autism in order to improve the treatment individuals with autism receive in medical settings. This bill is aimed at expanding medical provider's knowledge about autism and tasks DPH with designing a program to provide specialized training on autism for medical providers and subsequently establishing a pilot program to develop an on call "autism team".*

**6. Loan Repayment Program for Human Service Workers S 42 / H 116**

Senator Jennifer Flanagan

Representative Jeffrey Roy

*An Act relative to creating a loan repayment program for human services workers. This bill encourages direct care workers to enter and continue working in community-based human services programs. The bill would help human service organizations recruit and retain a stronger, more qualified workforce.*

**7. Criminal Justice Training Regarding Autism H 2276**

Senator Jennifer Flanagan

Representative Kimberly Ferguson

*An Act related to criminal justice training regarding autistic persons. This will require training of law enforcement officers and correction officers in the commonwealth in appropriate interactions with persons on the autism spectrum, and also shall develop guidelines for law enforcement response to individuals on the autism spectrum who are victims or witnesses to crime, or suspected or convicted of crime.*

**8. Prompting and Cueing S 60 / H 1967**

Senator Joan Lovely

Representative James O'Day

*An Act Relative to Cueing and Supervision in the PCA program. This bill amends chapter 7 of the general law to allow the Personal Care Attendant Program (PCA) program to include cueing and prompting as a covered services for those eligible members who need prompting or cueing in order to perform 2 or more activities of daily living (ADL).*



**9. Higher Education Opportunities for Students with I/DD S 698/ H 634**  
*Senator Barbara L'Italien*  
*Representatives Patricia Haddad/Sean Garballey*

*An Act creating higher education opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities, autism, and other developmental disabilities. This bill allows persons with autism or I/DD to access the Commonwealth's state colleges and universities to gain skills necessary to work and live as independently as possible as adults.*

**10. Supporting Transition to Adult Services (Turning 22) S 288 / H 1953**  
*Senator Barbara L'Italien*  
*Representative Mark Cusack*

*An Act supporting the transition to adult services for persons with disabilities. Expands transition (Turning 22) services and supports to students with disabilities "without adult service agency ties" (688 process). It also updates and expands the types of "habilitative services" that must be provided under the 688 process. It assigns to EOHHS the obligation to monitor and collect data on the extent to which needed 688 services are not being provided, because of shortfalls in appropriations.*

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