

The Arc of Massachusetts
Bills for the 190th session (2017-2018)

1. Abuse Registry "Nicky's Law" S 2213 H 4026

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.

11/15/17 S2213 Referred to Senate Ways and Means Committee 11/13/17 H4026 Referred to House Ways and Means Committee

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

2/12/2018 H.1954 referred to Health Care Financing

3. Housing (Accessory Apartments) S 2132

Senator Barbara L'Italien

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.

Accompanied a **New Draft S3132 with S729** (7/31/17) referred to Senate Rules committee

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.

1/23/17 Referred to Joint Committee on Public Health reporting dated extended to May 9, 2018

5. Criminal Justice Training Regarding Autism S 1313 / H 2276

S1313 Senator Anne Gobi
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 and safe interactions with persons on the autism spectrum.

1/29/18 Referred to Ways and Means Committee

6. Hospital Training – Autism S 1221 / H 3236

Senator Barbara L'Italien
Representative Sean Garballey

An Act to expand current hospital based medical providers' knowledge about autism and I/DD, in order to improve the treatment individuals receive in medical settings.

2/12/18 H3236 Referred to Health Care Financing Committee

7. Higher Education Opportunities for Students with I/DD S 698/ H 634

Senator Barbara L'Italien
Representatives Patricia Haddad/Sean Garballey

An Act related creating higher education opportunities for students with I/DD, 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.

3/6/18 **New Draft H4286** Referred to Health Care Financing Committee

8. 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.

3/9/18 Referred to Ways and Means Committee

As of 3/12/18