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Senate Budget Results - Narrative May 29, 2018

Last week, we found it very tough to make headway with the Senate amendments which related to the DDS budget OR AFC in MassHealth. Given the size of the DDS budget, we obviously require more constituents in need to share their voice to their legislators. The Senate also stayed with the Governor's budget on AFC but proposed a higher figure for Mass Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative (MAICEI) at \$1.7 million.

The push and pull legislators experience from many areas is a reality. After conference we look forward to a full re-cap and a fall open session on the Budget. The only one of eight DDS budget amendments to survive is Transportation which now has an additional \$500,000. A budget chart is posted on [thearcofmass.org/state budget](http://thearcofmass.org/state-budget) @ the Senate section of the page.

The next step in the budget process will be the House/Senate conference committee to reconcile the difference between the House and Senate budgets. We will share with you the 8 line items (not just DDS), 5 of which have substantial variances where you can ask your legislators for their support of higher amounts. Stay tuned for that information this week. The conference members include the Chairs (Sen Spilka/Rep Sanchez) and Vice Chairs (Sen Lovely/Rep Kulik) of the Ways and Means Committee and the ranking minority member (Sen deMacedo/Rep Smola) of each W/M committee.

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