

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



1. Abuse Registry "Nicky's Law" S 2606 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.

7/18/18 S2606 Engrossed by the Sanate and referred to House 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

5/23/2018 S1222 to accompany H1954 referred to House Ways & Means Committee

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 S723** 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.

5/3/18 new draft H4454 sent to Ways and Means Committee

5. Criminal Justice Training Regarding Autism S 1313

S1313 Senator Anne Gobi

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 Senate 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.

5/16/18 S1221 Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee

5/17/18 H3236 to accompany H1954 referred to Ways & Means 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.

4/23/18 **New Draft S2467** Referred to Senate Ways and Means Committee

6/7/18 **New Draft H4286** Referred to House Ways and Means 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.

3/29/18 S42 Referred to Ways & Means Committee

3/9/18 H116 Referred to Ways & Means Committee

7/18/20