

1. Workforce

HD 1130 An Act relative to meeting the human services workforce demand
Representative Denise Garlick
Senator Barry Finegold

This bill establishes additional rate setting requirements for all human services inclusive of state purchase of services and MassHealth state plan supports and services.

2. Nicky's Law

HD 3783 An Act An act to protect persons with intellectual or developmental disability from abuse
Representative Linda Campbell
SD 1836 An Act An act to protect persons with intellectual or developmental disability from abuse
Senator Mike Moore

This bill establishes a registry of care providers substantiated of abuse of an individual with autism or intellectual and developmental disabilities within the DDS system. The bill will prevent serial abuse and addresses due process for care providers.

3. Operation House Call

HD 3710 An Act supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
Representative Carolyn Dykema
SD 752 An Act supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
Senator Jason Lewis

This bill established an accredited certification program for medical professionals focusing on best practices in healthcare for individuals with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

4. Autism Police Training

HD 3434 An Act relative to criminal justice training regarding autistic persons
Representative Paul Tucker
SD 1285 An Act relative to criminal justice training regarding autistic persons
Senator Mike Moore

This bill will require training of law enforcement officers and correction officers in the commonwealth in appropriate and safe interactions with persons on the autism spectrum.

5. Loan Repayment

HD 662 An Act relative to a loan repayment program for human service workers
Representative Jeff Roy
SD 1325 An Act relative to a loan repayment program for human service workers
Senator Eric Lesser

This bill encourages direct care workers to enter and continue working in community-based human services programs. It would provide loan reimbursement up to \$1,800 per year.

6. Accessory Housing

HD 593 An Act relative to accessory dwelling units
Representative Christine Barber
SD 1914 An act relative to accessory dwelling units
Senator Bruce Tarr

This bill would allow the development and preservation of affordable housing for persons with disabilities and the elderly. It is designed to encourage creation accessory dwelling units in the form of 2 bedroom accessory apartments for people with disabilities and the elderly.

7. Autism Teams in Hospitals

HD 772 An Act creating autism teams in hospitals
Representative Sean Garballey
SD 751 An Act creating autism teams in hospitals
Senator Jason Lewis

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

8. Supported Decision Making

HD 666 An Act relative to supported decision-making agreements for certain adults with disabilities
Representatives Aaron Vega & Paul Tucker
SD 843 An Act relative to supported decision-making agreements for certain adults with disabilities
Senator Joan Lovely

This bill, allows certain adults, including those with disabilities and elders, to maintain their rights, dignity, and independence by choosing one or more trusted supporters to provide assistance making decisions about their lives.

9. ABA MassHealth for Adults

HD 2015 An Act relative to applied behavior analysis services
Representative James Arciero
SD 1232 An Act relative to applied behavior analysis services
Senator John Keenan

This bill will require MassHealth to cover medically necessary Applied Behavior Analysis services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

10. Cueing and Supervision

HD 606 An Act relative to cueing and supervision in the PCA program
Representative James O'Day
SD 355 An Act relative to cueing and supervision in the PCA program
Senator Joan Lovely

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).

11. Dental Health

HD 3436 An Act An Act to improve oral health for all Massachusetts residents
Representatives William Pignatelli & Kate Hogan
SD 1942 An Act An Act to improve oral health for all Massachusetts residents
Senator Harriette Chandler

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.

12. Higher Education Bill

HD 1026 An Act creating higher education opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities, autism, and other developmental disabilities who have exited special education
Representatives Patricia Haddad & Sean Garballey
SD 1259 An Act creating higher education opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities, autism, and other developmental disabilities who have exited special education
Senators Joan Lovely & Michael Rodrigues

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.

13. An Act Relative to Persons with Disabilities

HD 1143 An Act relative to persons with developmental disabilities
Representative James O'Day
SD 711 An Act relative to persons with developmental disabilities
Senator Joan Lovely

This bill adopts the federal definition of developmental disability in place of the current state definition of developmental disability and will amend the definition to include all adult individuals with a developmental disability, e.g. cerebral palsy and fetal alcohol syndrome.

14. Measures to Enhance the Respect and Protection of Persons with a Disability

HD 1473 An Act updating terminology and investigative processes related to the protection of persons with disabilities
Representative Sean Garballey
SD 999 An Act updating terminology and investigative processes related to the protection of persons with disabilities
Senator John Keenan

The bill would amend the current Disabled Person's Protection Commission's (DPPC) enabling statute to enhance protections and respect. This bill needs no appropriations yet will strengthen the DPPC's mission.

15. Prohibiting Discrimination against Parents with Disabilities

HD 3464 An Act prohibiting discrimination against adults with disabilities in family and juvenile court proceedings
Representative Kay Khan
SD 1443 An Act prohibiting discrimination against adults with disabilities in family and juvenile court proceedings
Senator Joan Lovely

This bill will require courts to determine if a parent's disability causes actual harm to their child by requiring written findings when a parent's disability is relied on as a negative factor in a custody or parenting time determination.