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Bill Priorities 2019-2020

SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING

H. 172 An act relating to authorizing supported decision-making agreements for certain adults with disabilities - Representatives Aaron Vega and Paul Tucker

S. 64 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.

NICKY'S LAW

H. 101 An act to protect persons with intellectual or developmental disability from abuse. - Representative Linda Campbell

S. 71 An act to protect persons with intellectual or developmental disability from abuse - Senator Michael 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.

CUEING & PROMPTING

H. 154 An act relative to cueing and supervision in the PCA program - Representative James O'Day

S. 60 An act relative to cueing and supervision in the PCA program - Senator Joan Lovely

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 cover service for those eligible members who need prompting or cueing in order to perform 2 or more activities of daily living (ADLs).

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

H. 155 An act relative to persons with developmental disabilities - Representative James O'Day

S. 61 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.

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PROTECTING MEDICALLY FRAGILE CHILDREN & ADULTS

H. 1896 An act relative to critical data collection on the medically fragile population - Representatives Denise C. Garlick and Louis L. Kafka

S. 686 An act to protect medically fragile kids - Senator Cindy F. Friedman

This bill allows for a meaningful review of nursing hours, rates, utilization, and nurses registered with Masshealth/Medicaid every two years to increase access to homecare nurses and maintain an adequate workforce to care for medically fragile children in their family home.

DMH OMBUDSMAN

H. 1736 An act protecting children's mental health services - Representative Elizabeth Malia

S. 1154 An act to protect children's mental health services - Senator John F. Keenan

This bill allows for an ombudsman to receive file complaints, get direction or receive guidance in response to questions from consumers and families.

GHOST NETWORKS

H. 913 An act to increase consumer transparency about insurance provider networks - Representative Christine P. Barber

S. 610 An act to increase consumer transparency about insurance provider networks - Senators Cindy F. Friedman and Jason M. Lewis

This bill allows for accurate lists of providers to increase access to available mental health practitioners.

MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

H. 910 An act relative to mental health parity implementation - Representative Ruth B. Balser

S. 588 An act relative to mental health parity implementation - Senator Cindy F. Friedman

This bill will ensure our state follows the federal guidelines to allow mental health to be recognized, treated, and supported.



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