

Disability Legislation Update as of March 3, 2015

ADSD budget hearing is Friday, March 6 before the joint subcommittee on Health and Human Services in Room 3137

AB5. This bill requires the Division to give preference to potential providers of jobs and day training services who will employ persons with intellectual disabilities or persons with related conditions at or above the state minimum wage. Sponsored by Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services. Not yet scheduled to be heard.

AB6. Removes \$36,000 cap and removes requirement that in order to be paid by private insurance paraprofessionals must be certified by the state as CABIs. This bill will be heard for the first time Friday, March 6th at 1:30pm in Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor.

AB29. This bill requires facilities to register with Aging and Disability Services Division to provide jobs / training and prohibits the use of aversive interventions except under specific circumstances and requires such facilities to make a report when restraints are used. This bill passed out of the Assembly without amendments and is waiting to be heard in the Senate.

AB38. Revises provisions governing the admission of persons with certain mental conditions to and the release of such persons from certain facilities. This bill has not yet by heard by the Committee on Health and Human Services.

AB86. Revises provisions governing the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. The bill has passed out of the Assembly with an amendment from The Nevada Association of Health Plans that protects stakeholders.

AB91. This bill expands the list of persons authorized to file an application for the emergency admission of a person alleged to be a person with mental illness to facilities and the release of persons deemed not to be mentally ill. This bill is sponsored by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson and has not yet been heard by the Health and Human Services Committee.

AB 128. Creates a durable power of attorney for healthcare decisions to be used by adults with intellectual disabilities. Heard in Assembly Judiciary on

2/23. Opposed by Mark Olsen in Las Vegas. Amendments prepared and submitted to the sponsor by Mary Bryant, Jon Sasser and Sally Ramm. No work session scheduled

AB200. This bill revises provisions relating to the program funded through the PUC impose surcharge to provide devices for telecommunication to persons with impaired speech or hearing and funds related centers. No hearing yet. Preliminary discussion with Chairman and Assemblywoman Benitez Thompson. Supreme Court ruled against PUC.

SB13. This bill deals with IEPs and provides for students with disabilities to receive standard diplomas instead of adjusted diplomas. The original text of the bill removes “best feasible” language to “appropriate,” but Julie Bowers of NDE has submitted the change to allow “best feasible” to remain in the statute. This bill has not yet been scheduled to be heard.

SB35. Ratifies and enacts the Interstate Compact on Mental Health. This bill has passed in the Senate with support from the ACLU and the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

SB177. The “CARE Act.” This bill allows a person to designate a caregiver when admitted to a hospital or in an advance directive. This bill has been heard once by HHS on February 25th. The Commission unanimously supported this bill and was joined at the table by many other organizations.

Still Bill Draft Requests (language not yet released):

54-420. Makes various changes relating to interpreters of sign language. Requested by the Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs (NRS 218E.750)

34-811. Makes various changes relating to children with disabilities. Requested by Assemblywoman Woodbury.

824. Revises provisions governing persons with autism. Requested by Assemblyman Armstrong.

978. Revises provisions relating to services for persons with disabilities. Requested by Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

