

Bills of Interest to Pennsylvanians with Disabilities 2013-14 Legislative Session

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HB 2. Introduced by Representative Bernie O'Neill (R-Bucks). This bill would, among other things, establish the state's first **special education** funding formula in over 20 years. It passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor on April 25, 2013 becoming **Act 3 of 2013**. See also **SB 470**, referred to Senate Rules and Executive Nominations, June 11, 2013.

HB 12. Introduced by Representative Dan Frankel (D-Allegheny). This bill makes a number of changes to the Transportation and Vehicle Code, including amending the section on programs of statewide significance to **allow Allegheny County to participate in the Shared Ride Program for Persons with Disabilities**. It was introduced and referred to the House Transportation Committee on January 14, 2013.

HB 21. Introduced by Representative Glen Grell (R-Cumberland). This bill allows **psychologists to testify on competence to stand trial**. It is similar to HB 1405 from last session, which passed the House unanimously, but did not receive third and final passage in the Senate before the end of the last session. HB 21 passed both chambers

and was signed by the Governor on March 19, 2014, becoming **Act 21 of 2014**.

HB 29. Introduced by Representative Mauree Gingrich (R-Lebanon). This bill would make changes in the law on publicly funded, **home and community based services for people who are over age 60** and nursing home eligible. It was introduced and referred to the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee on January 4, 2013.

HB 31. Introduced by Representative Mauree Gingrich (R-Lebanon). This bill addresses **abuse and neglect of people who are care-dependent**. It passed the House on March 12, 2013 and has been sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

HB 108. Introduced by Representative Nicholas Micozzie (R-Delaware). This bill reauthorizes Pennsylvania's **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)** until December 31, 2015. It also eliminates the six month waiting period before coverage starts. The bill was signed into law by the Governor on October 16, 2013 becoming **Act 74 of 2013**.

HB 252. Introduced by Representative RoseMarie Swanger (R-Lebanon). This bill would establish the **Pennsylvania Long-term Care Council in the law**. It passed the House on March 20, 2013. It was voted out of the Senate Aging and Youth Committee on June 11, 2013 and given first consideration by the full Senate.

HB 315. Introduced by Representative Gene DiGirolamo (R-Bucks). This bill would **restore the 10% which was cut from a number of human service programs** in the 2012-13 budget that has continued to have an impact on programs. Programs affected include mental health, intellectual disabilities community base program, behavioral health and Human Services Development Fund. The bill was reported out of the House Human Services Committee on February 12, 2013 and given first consideration by the full House. It has been laid on the table. See also, **HB 461**.

HB 461. Introduced by Representative Jerry Knowles (R-Berks). This bill would expand the **Human Service Block Grant** program from the current 20 counties to all 30 of the counties which applied to be considered. It was voted out of the House Health Committee on June 3, 2013 and given first consideration by the full House. Like **HB 315**, which also deals with the Human Services Block grant, the bill is currently tabled.

HB 648. Introduced by Representative Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery). This bill would require insurers to disclose information about their **coverage of brain injury treatment**. It was introduced and referred to the House Insurance Committee on February 11, 2013.

HB 650. Introduced by Representative Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery). This bill would create a new \$2 per person admission fee for places with slot machines. Funds from the fees would go to an **Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Waiting List Account**. The bill was introduced and referred to the House Gaming Oversight Committee on February 11, 2013.

HB 806. Introduced by Representative Gene DiGirolamo (R-Bucks). This bill would **eliminate the Human Service Block Grant** pilot program and create a different mechanism for counties to reallocate unused human services dollars. It was passed out

of the House Human Services Committee and given first consideration by the full House on June 11, 2013. It is currently in the House Rules Committee.

HB 993. Introduced by Representative Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery). This bill **changes the name of the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Human Services.** It was signed by the Governor on September 24, 2014 becoming **Act 132 of 2014.** See also **SB 840** introduced by Senator Bob Mensch (R-Bucks). The Act took effect November 24, 2014, but, to minimize costs, the old name can continue to be used on stationary, signs, etc. until they need to be replaced.

HB 1060. Originally introduced by Representative Mark Keller (R-Perry). This bill, as originally introduced related to how motorcycle license plates are displayed. It passed the House in that form. In the Senate, it was “used as a vehicle” for passing the transportation funding reform bill. HB 1060 was amended on third consideration in the Senate to add in the **transportation reform bill.** At that point, Representative Keller was no longer listed as the prime sponsor; Representative Jeff Pyle (R-Armstrong) is listed, instead. Among other things, it provides **funding for mass transit,** creates a Shared Ride Community Transportation Service Delivery **Pilot Program** with advisory committee and adds Allegheny to the counties served by the **Shared Ride Program for People with Disabilities.** The amended bill was signed into law November 25, 2013 as **Act 89 of 2013.**

HB 1114. Introduced by Representative Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery). This bill would establish a **bill of rights for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.** It was introduced and referred to the House Human Services Committee on April 3, 2013.

HB 1141. Introduced by Representative Stanley Saylor (R-York). Among other things, this bill extends the due date of the **report of the Special Education Funding Commission** from September 30, 2013 to November 30, 2013. It was signed by the Governor on July 9, 2013, becoming **Act 59 of 2013.**

HB 1183. Introduced by Representative Mark B. Cohen (D-Philadelphia). This bill would establish in law the Governor’s **Office for People with Disabilities, Cabinet for People with Disabilities and Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities.** It was introduced and referred to the House Human Services Committee April 15, 2013. See also **SB 280** introduced by Senator Christine Tartaglione (D-Philadelphia).

HB 1218. Introduced by Representative Stanley Saylor (R-York). This bill amends the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, to, among other things, provide for **early termination of leases by individuals with disabilities** when they need to move into a facility or a family member’s house to receive care. The bill passed the House on May 6, 2014 and was referred to the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee, May 16, 2014.

HB 1240. Introduced by Representative Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery). This bill would provide for **Medical Assistance payment for cognitive rehabilitation therapy.** It was introduced and referred to the House Health Committee April 22, 2013.

HB 1287. Introduced by Representative Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster). This bill would

remove the Medicaid requirement that psychiatrists receive pre-authorization before prescribing medication. It is aimed at reducing the delay that may be experienced in refilling medications. It passed the full House on June 5, 2013 and has been sent to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee.

HB 1334. Introduced by Representative Gene DiGirolamo (R-Bucks). This bill requires the Department of Health to impose a fee on birthing facilities for each **newborn child screened** for diseases. The fees collected will fund the tracking of outcomes, follow up, and referral for treatment for infants up to the first year of life. It also provides that diseases and conditions identified by the federal government and recommended by the Department's Newborn Screening and Follow-Up Technical Advisory Board be included in the mandated list of diseases screened. The bill was reported out of the House Human Services Committee on October 22, 2013 and given first consideration by the full House.

HB 1472. Introduced by Representative Matthew Baker (R-Bradford). Among other actions, this bill would change the intermediate care facilities law to **replace the term "mentally retarded" with the accepted term "intellectual disability."** The bill was voted out of the House Health Committee, given first consideration by the full House and sent to the Rules Committee on June 5, 2013.

HB 1474. Introduced by Representative John Sabatina (D-Philadelphia). This bill would stop the practice of denying a needed **transplant** solely on the basis of having a mental or physical disability. It was introduced and referred to the House Judiciary Committee on June 17, 2014.

HB 1492. Introduced by Representative Gene DiGirolamo (R-Bucks). This bill would **allow Pennsylvania to participate in the Medicaid expansion** provided for in the Affordable Care Act. It includes protections for Pennsylvania including the ability to drop the program if the federal commitment to reimbursement is not maintained. The bill was referred to the House Human Services Committee on June 11, 2013. The Senate included Medicaid expansion in a bill that was part of the budget process, but the House removed the language.

HB 1702. Introduced by Representative Chris Ross (R-Chester). This bill empowers the Department of Aging to license and inspect **community adult respite service providers**. It passed the House on March 19, 2014. It was voted out of the Senate Aging and Youth Committee, given first consideration by the full Senate and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. Signed by the Governor, October 22, 2014 becoming **Act 166 of 2014**.

HB 2111. Introduced by Representative Jim Marshall (R-Beaver). This bill requires a doctor, who receives positive test results on a test for **Down syndrome**, to provide the expectant or new parent with educational information prepared by the Department of Health (DOH). The DOH educational information is to include up-to-date, evidence-based information about Down syndrome and contact information for resources to assist in treatment options, education and support services. The information on the website must conform to the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate

Services in Health and Health Care as adopted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services. The bill passed both chambers and was sent to the Governor for his signature on July 9. Signed by Governor Corbett on July 18, 2014, becoming **Act 130 of 2014**. See also **SB 1339** introduced by Senator Randy Vulakovich (R-Allegheny) which was referred to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, April 17, 2014.

HB 2212. Introduced by Representative Pam Snyder (D-Fayette). This bill would enable the Department of Public Welfare to issue guidelines and adopt rules and regulations about the rights of **minors to consent to outpatient mental health treatment**. The bill was voted out of the House Human Services Committee and given first consideration by the full House. It was introduced to the House Rules Committee on September 10, 2014.

HB 2328. Introduced by Representative Bill Adolph (R-Delaware). **2014-15 budget bill.** The budget includes funding increases to serve more people in intellectual disabilities, autism, physical disability, aging and home and community based services. In light of concern about whether there will be enough revenue to balance the level of spending in the budget, it should be noted that some or all of any appropriation can still be held back or “frozen.” In the past, some line items have been reduced or eliminated when the state makes a decision to reduce spending. Approved by the Governor on July 10, 2014, becoming **Act 1A of 2014**.

HB 2405. Introduced by Representative Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery). This bill is called “**Turning High School Graduates with Disabilities into Taxpayers Act**.” It would require the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) to develop connections between local education agencies and private employers needed for successful transition from high school to competitive employment. The program would be paid for by providing enough state match to pull down all available federal VR funds. It was introduced and referred to the House Labor and Industry Committee on July 1, 2014. See also **SB 1497** introduced by Senator Lisa Baker (R-Luzerne). It was introduced and referred to the Senate Labor and Industry Committee on October 14, 2014.

HB 2451. Introduced by Representative Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery). This bill would raise the cigarette tax by four cents to provide for an **Adult Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Waiting List Restricted Account**. It was introduced and referred to the House Finance Committee on August 28, 2014.

HB 2511. Introduced by Representative Margo Davidson (D-Delaware). This bill amends the Insurance Law to provide coverage for **assisted outpatient treatment relating to mental health**. On September 22, 2014, it was introduced and referred to the House Insurance Committee.

HB 2512. Introduced by Representative Margo Davidson (D-Delaware). This bill would amend the Mental Health Procedures Act to require facilities to **notify the individual’s next of kin**, including their spouse, parents, or children, when their relative has been admitted to a mental health facility. On September 22, 2014, it was introduced and referred to the House Human Services Committee.

HB 2513. Introduced by Representative Margo Davidson (D-Delaware). This bill provides for **assisted outpatient treatment programs** relating to mental health. On September 22, 2014, it was introduced and referred to the House Human Services Committee.

HB 2514. Introduced by Representative Margo Davidson (D-Delaware). This bill would expand the **Amber Alert System** to cover some people with disabilities. On September 22, 2014, it was introduced and referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

SB 1. Introduced by Senator John Rafferty (R-Berks). This is the comprehensive **Transportation funding** bill. It would provide funding for mass transit, though the House version provides less than the Senate. One of the provisions would add Allegheny to the counties served by the **Shared Ride Program for People with Disabilities**. It passed the Senate on June 5, 2013 and was voted out of the House Transportation Committee with amendments and given first consideration by the full House on June 27, 2013, but efforts to pass the bill before the summer recess failed. Re-referred to House Rules, Nov. 21, 2013.

SB 64. Introduced by Senator Kim Ward (R-Westmoreland). This bill provides for Braille literacy assessments and requires certification of Pennsylvania teachers in **Braille literacy** standards. It was introduced and referred to the Senate Education Committee on January 4, 2013.

SB 77. Introduced by Senator Stewart Greenleaf (R-Montgomery). This bill amends the Mental Health Procedures Act to provide for **assisted outpatient treatment** programs. These are court-ordered programs. The bill was introduced and referred to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on January 9, 2013.

SB 117. Introduced by Senator Greenleaf (R-Montgomery). This bill amends the law on **guardianship of incapacitated people**. Among the changes are those relating to **end of life decisions**. The bill was voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 12, 2013, given first consideration by the full Senate and referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee March 12, 2013.

SB 137. Introduced by Senator John Gordner (R-Columbia). This bill amends the Speech-Language and Hearing Licensure Act and renames it, the **Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Licensure Act**. It spells out the definition of “audiologist” to require education, training and clinical experience as well as a license. It passed both the Senate and the House and was signed by the Governor on July 2, 2014 becoming **Act No. 106 of 2014**.

SB 189. Introduced by Senator LeAnna Washington (D-Montgomery). This bill would prohibit people in outpatient **involuntary mental health treatment** from owning firearms. The bill was introduced and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 17, 2013.

SB 280. Introduced by Senator Christine Tartaglione (D-Philadelphia). This bill would establish the Governor’s **Office for People with Disabilities** and Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities in law. It was introduced and referred to the Senate State

Government Committee on January 23, 2013.

SB 363. Introduced by Senator Lisa Boscola (D-Lehigh). This bill would amend the Election Code to, among other things, require that in selecting polling places, the county board of elections “**shall ensure that the places selected are accessible by persons with physical disabilities.**” The bill was introduced and referred to the Senate State Government Committee on January 31, 2013.

SB 428. Introduced by Senator Jay Costa (D-Allegheny). This bill provides for **pooled trusts for people with disabilities.** It passed the Senate on June 17, 2014 and is currently in the House Judiciary Committee. Signed by the Governor, October 27, 2014 becoming **Act 186 of 2014.**

SB 470. Introduced by Senator Patrick Browne (R-Lehigh). This bill would, among other things, establish the state’s first **special education** funding formula in over 20 years. The bill was reported out of the Senate Education committee on February 12, 2013, given two considerations by the full Senate and is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Referred to Senate Rules and Executive Nominations, June 11, 2013. See also **HB 2** which was signed into law as **Act 3 of 2014.**

SB 589. Introduced by Senator Randy Vulakovich (R-Allegheny). This bill would **add Allegheny to the counties funded for the Shared Ride Program for Persons with Disabilities.** It was introduced and referred to the Senate Transportation Committee on March 1, 2013.

SB 840. Introduced by Senator Bob Mensch (R-Bucks). This is one of several bills that would **change the name of the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Human Services.** The bill was voted out of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, has been given two considerations by the full Senate and is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee. See also **HB 993.** Introduced by Representative Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery) which was passed by the full House on July 1, 2013. It was signed by the Governor on September 24, 2014 becoming **Act 132 of 2014.**

SB 862. Introduced by Senator Andrew Dinniman (D-Chester). This bill would provide for **therapy dogs on public transportation** including buses and trains. It was voted out of the Senate State Government Committee and given first consideration by the full Senate on June 11, 2013 and is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 977. Introduced by Senator Patricia Vance (R-Cumberland). This bill would expand the **human services block grant program** to all counties on a voluntary basis. It was voted out of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on June 4, 2013, given two considerations by the full Senate and sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 1123. Introduced by Senator Mike Folmer (R-Berks). This bill would establish the **Pennsylvania Long-term Care Council** in law. It was introduced and referred to the Senate Aging and Youth Committee on October 10, 2013.

SB 1316. Introduced by Senator Patrick Browne (R-Lehigh). This bill would put the **special education funding formula** into law. It also relates to Approved Private Schools

and Charter Schools. It has been voted out of the Senate Education Committee and the Appropriations Committee. It has received three considerations in the Senate, but was tabled before a vote on final passage July 8, 2014.

SB 1339. Introduced by Senator Randy Vulakovich (R-Allegheny). This bill would require certain health care practitioners to disseminate information relating to **Down syndrome**; imposing duties on the Department of Health. It was referred to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, April 17, 2014. See also bill **HB 2111** introduced by Representative Jim Marshall (R-Beaver). Signed by Governor on July 18, 2014, becoming **Act 130 of 2014**.

SB 1470. Introduced by Senator Stewart Greenleaf (R-Montgomery). This bill rewrites the **Mental Health Procedures Act**. It was introduced and referred to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on September 15, 2014.

SB 1497. Introduced by Senator Lisa Baker (R-Luzerne). This bill provides for the establishment of the **Work Experience for High School Graduates with Disabilities Act**. It would require the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to ensure that local education agencies and private employers work together in order to successfully transition high school students with disabilities into competitive employment after graduation. It was introduced and referred to the Senate Labor and Industry Committee on October 14, 2014. See also **HB 2405** introduced by Representative Tom Murt (R-Montgomery) which was referred to the House Labor and Industry Committee, July 1, 2014.

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HR 43. Introduced by Representative Robert Matzie (D-Allegheny). This resolution urges the state to celebrate January 30, 2013 as “**Pennsylvanians with Disabilities Day**” and to make that an annual event. The resolution was referred to the House Health Committee on January 24, 2013.

HR 78. Introduced by Representative Rosemary Brown (R-Monroe). This resolution designates the week of July 21 through July 27, 2013, as “**ADA Week**” in Pennsylvania. It was introduced as noncontroversial resolution on February 11, 2013. The resolution was adopted June 24, 2013.

HR 226. Introduced by Representative Thomas Caltagirone (D-Berks). This resolution provides for a study of the **Pennsylvania mental health system** and a “report back with specific recommendations for amendment and improvement, particularly as to how criminal defendants with mental illness are addressed by established procedures, policies and programs.” The resolution was adopted by the full House on May 13, 2013.

HR 241. Introduced by Representative Jim Cox (R-Berks). This resolution directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to review Pennsylvania’s Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver Programs to look at barriers to **family caregiving**. It was adopted on September 16, 2014.

HR 255. Introduced by Representative Michele Brooks (R-Crawford). This resolution

directs the Joint State Government Commission to study the Commonwealth's delivery system of **long-term care services and supports** including: a review of the current infrastructure that exists for providing services and supports; consumer access to the system, including an identification of barriers that exist; financing issues; and to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly. The resolution was adopted June 27, 2013.

HR 274. Introduced by Representative Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery). This resolution designated the month of October 2013 as "**Lifesharing Awareness Month**" in Pennsylvania. Approximately 1,582 Pennsylvanians with **intellectual disabilities** each year participate in Lifesharing, in which an individual with an intellectual disability shares his or her life with supportive people who form a caring household. The resolution was adopted October 1, 2013.

HR 316. Introduced by Representative W. Curtis Thomas (D-Philadelphia). This resolution congratulates **Temple University's Institute on Disabilities** on its 40th anniversary. The resolution was adopted on May 13, 2013.

HR 370. Introduced by Representative Kevin Haggerty (D-Lackawanna). This resolution designated July 26, 2013, as "**Americans with Disabilities Act Awareness Day**" in Pennsylvania. The resolution was adopted June 26, 2013.

HR 473. Introduced by Representative Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery). This resolution designated the month of October 2013 as "**Disability History Awareness Month**" in Pennsylvania. The resolution was adopted October 2, 2013.

HR 512. Introduced by Representative Mark Cohen (D-Philadelphia). This resolution designated the month of October 2013 as "**National Disability Employment Awareness Month**" in Pennsylvania. The resolution was adopted October 21, 2013. See also **SR 208**, introduced by Senator Christine Tartaglione (D-Philadelphia). The resolution was adopted by the Senate October 1, 2013.

HR 631. Introduced by Representative Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery). This resolution would direct the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the financial and administrative effectiveness of the law requiring **autism spectrum disorders insurance coverage**. It was referred to the House Insurance Committee on February 4, 2014.

HR 664. Introduced by Representative Tarah Toohil (R-Luzerne). This resolution recognizes the month of March 2014 as "**Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month**" in Pennsylvania. It was introduced as a noncontroversial Resolution on February 26, 2014 and adopted March 11, 2014.

HR 697. Introduced by Representative Daniel Miller (D-Allegheny). This resolution urges Congress to pass and the President to sign the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2013 (**ABLE Act- S. 313/H.R. 647**) to provide an improved quality of life for individuals with disabilities through tax-exempt savings accounts. The resolution was reported out of the House Human Services Committee on June 25, 2014. Removed from table, September 22, 2014.

HR 826. Introduced by Representative Matthew Baker (R-Bradford). This resolution recognizes the **Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council and honors the Council** for working to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities. The resolution was adopted June 2, 2014.

HR 903. Introduced by Representative Thomas Murt (R-Montgomery). This resolution directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to review and report on the Department of Public Welfare, Office of Developmental Programs' implementation of the **Olmstead decision**. It was adopted on June 27, 2014.

HR 1064. Introduced by Representative Richard Stevenson (R-Butler). This resolution directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to review programs providing intervention for young athletes who sustain a **brain injury**, as required under the Safety in Youth Sports Act. It was adopted on October 15, 2014.

SR 6. Introduced by Senator Stewart Greenleaf (R-Montgomery). This resolution, which passed the Senate on February 1, 2013 calls for the Joint State Government Commission to establish a task force and to work with them to study and **report on violent crime**, mass shootings and related issues such as “**mental illness** and mental health treatment, keeping firearms out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill, school security, bullying, gang-related activity, educational issues and cultural influences, including violent video games.”

SR 44. Introduced by Senator Randy Vulakovich (R-Allegheny). This resolution **honors the life of Evelyn R. Stypula**, Acting Chair of the Governor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities. The resolution was introduced and adopted March 11, 2013.

SR 61. Introduced by Senator Bob Mensch (R-Bucks). This resolution directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study and issue a report on the status of and any disparities found in **dental care for Pennsylvanians with disabilities**. It was adopted on January 13, 2014.

SR 208. Introduced by Senator Christine Tartaglione (D-Philadelphia). This resolution designates the month of October 2013 as «**National Disability Employment Awareness Month**” in Pennsylvania. Adopted by the Senate October 1, 2013. See also, **HR 512**. Introduced by Representative Mark Cohen (D-Philadelphia). This resolution was adopted October 21, 2013.

SR 244. Introduced by Senator Christine Tartaglione (D-Philadelphia). This resolution designates the month of November 2013 as “**Assistive Technology Awareness Month**” in Pennsylvania. The resolution was adopted October 22, 2013.

SR 308. Introduced by Senator Pat Vance (R-Cumberland). This resolution honors the Pennsylvania **Developmental Disabilities Council** for “for working to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities and, in doing so, the lives of all Pennsylvanians.” Introduced and adopted, March 10, 2014.

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