

Capitol Update
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Related Bills to Watch

[SB 648 - Employment Services for Persons with Disabilities - by Baxley](#)

Summary

This bill specifies that individuals with disabilities who work in state sponsored work experience activities are considered state employees for workers' compensation purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2018. **The Council is supporting this bill.**

Actions

10/25/17 SENATE Filed

11/08/17 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations

12/05/17 SENATE Favorable Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/10/18 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government;
11 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/11/18 SENATE Now in Appropriations

Identical Bills

[HB 1437 Employment Services for Persons with Disabilities by Abruzzo](#)

01/12/18 - HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

[HB 1373 - Persons with Developmental Disabilities by Stevenson](#)

Summary

The bill prohibits granting new or renewing existing licenses for comprehensive transitional education programs (CTEP's) after specified dates. This statutory change would end the CTEP license category in a two-step phase out process. First, there would be no new CTEP licenses after July 1, 2018, and then no renewal of any existing CTEP licenses after December 31, 2020. The CTEP model is institutional in nature and contrary to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities of serving clients in smaller, community-based settings. The bill revises competency assessment and validation requirements for direct service providers who administer or supervise self-administration of medication. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. **The Council is supporting this bill.**

Actions

01/08/18 HOUSE Filed

01/12/18 HOUSE Referred to Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; Health Care
Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee

HOUSE Now in Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee

Similar Bills

[SB 1788 Agency for Persons With Disabilities by Passidomo](#)

01/12/18 - SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations
Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

[HB 985 - Involuntary Commitment - by Gonzalez](#)

Summary

This bill requires the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to provide eligibility determinations before involuntary commitment to the agency and requires the court to conduct annual hearings on the continued need for involuntary placement in residential services. The bill provides for the participation of guardian or guardian advocate in placement determinations and requires the court to hold competency hearings within a specified timeframe when the defendant is competent to proceed. The bill also provides limitations on conditional release for community based competency training for the defendant who is incompetent to proceed. Effective Date: July 1, 2018. **The Council is supporting this bill.**

Actions

12/13/17 HOUSE Filed

12/20/17 HOUSE Referred to Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee

01/19/18 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 12 H

Identical Bills

[SB 1280 Involuntary Commitment by Steube](#)

01/11/18 - SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

[HB 57 - Appointment of Attorneys for Dependent Children with Special Needs - by White, Williams Co-Sponsors: Geller, Killebrew](#)

Summary

This bill designates this act as "Pro Bono Matters Act of 2018" and requires payment of due process costs of litigation of all pro bono attorneys appointed to represent dependent children with special needs. The bill is subject to appropriation and review. Effective Date: upon becoming a law. **The Council is supporting this bill.**

Actions

01/18/18 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/24/18

Identical Bills

[SB 0146 Appointment of Attorneys for Dependent Children with Special Needs by Bean](#)

01/11/18 - SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading