The House and the Senate have made their initial budget recommendations.

There are still opportunities to advocate for funding items that are important to you. The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council will continue to educate members on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services and the House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee to advocate for increased personal support wages and for the Working Program for People with Disabilities which raises the earning ceiling for individuals on the iBudget waiver who are working.

Click here to see a chart of budget comparison to date.

See below information and updates on each bill we are monitoring as they directly impact those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Important Bills to Watch
SB 62 - Students with Disabilities in Public Schools - 2019 by Book CS
Sponsors: Education - Amended to the Dorothy L. Hukill Student Safety

Summary

This bill provides requirements for the use of physical restraint and the use of exclusionary and non-exclusionary time. The bill also provides requirements for documenting, reporting, and monitoring the use of restraint and exclusionary or non-exclusionary time. The bill includes continuing education and in-service training for instructional personnel in teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities. Education Committee members passed this bill along but they had concerns about reporting requirements and types of restraints that may be omitted. The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.

Actions

11/20/18 Filed
SENATE
12/13/18 Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
SENATE
03/12/19 SENATE Favorable with CS by Education; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/13/19 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
SENATE
03/14/19 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

Similar Bills

HB 0349 Students with Disabilities in Public Schools by DuBose
HB349C1 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SB 844 - At-Risk Adult Alert Plan by Berman CS Sponsors: Infrastructure and Security

Summary

The At-Risk Adult Alert Plan redefines the term "missing endangered person" to include a missing adult who meets the criteria for activation of the At-Risk Adult Alert Plan of the Department of Law Enforcement. SB 844 creates the At-Risk Adult Alert Plan which aids in the search for a missing adult:
Who has a verified mental or cognitive impairment;
• Whose disappearance poses a credible threat to the person's welfare and safety; and
• Who does not meet the criteria for activation of the Silver Alert Plan.

The bill requires the Department of Law Enforcement, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and local law enforcement agencies, to establish and implement the At-Risk Adult Alert Plan; requiring a local law enforcement agency to broadcast information to the public and the media about certain missing adults. **The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.**

**Actions**

02/15/19 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations
03/25/19 SENATE Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
03/26/19 SENATE Now in Appropriations

**Similar Bills**

**HB 0305 At-Risk Adult Alert Plan by Ausley**
02/21/19 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 2 Nays
02/22/19 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/27/19 HOUSE Now in Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

**HB 253 - Assisted and Independent Living Facility Task Force - by Gottlieb**
Cosponsors: Cortes, Eskamani, Geller, Killebrew, Newton

**Summary**

The bill establishes the Assisted & Independent Living Facility Task Force. The bill provides duties, membership, and meetings of task force. The task force is required to submit report to the Governor and the Legislature. The bill creates s. 393.25 and shall develop and evaluate policy proposals that incentivize building contractors and developers to create space for assisted living facilities or independent living facilities within mixed-use developments which may be used as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for
individuals who are in need of such housing and who have an intellectual disability or autism, as those terms are defined in s. 393.063, or a mental illness, as defined in s. 394.455. The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.

Actions

01/23/19 HOUSE Referred to Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee

03/22/19 HOUSE References to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee removed; Reference to State Affairs Committee added; remaining reference: State Affairs Committee

Now in State Affairs Committee

Similar Bills

SB 0670 Assisted and Independent Living Facility Task Force by Rader
03/25/19 - SENATE Now in Rules

HB 869 - X-linked Myotubular Myopathy - by Hattersley Cosponsors: Jenne

Summary

The bill revises the definition of the term "developmental disability" to include a disorder or syndrome attributable to X-linked myotubular myopathy; defining the term "X-linked myotubular myopathy "to mean a diagnosed, inherited, genetic neuromuscular disorder characterized by mild to profound muscle weakness, diminished muscle tone or hypotonia, feeding difficulties, ophthalmoplegia, areflexia, scoliosis, joint deformities, or potentially severe breathing difficulties. This disorder is very rare. A child with this disorder gave compelling testimony in sign language along with his parents and their doctor.

The Council is neutral on this proposed legislation because the Council uses the federal definition of developmental disability and supports the addition of all the conditions that come under the federal definition.

Actions

02/15/19 HOUSE Filed
Identical Bills

**SB 0390 X-linked Myotubular Myopathy by Cruz**
02/01/19 - SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

**SB 302 - Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services - by Brandes CS**
Sponsors: Health Policy

Summary

This bill would authorize Medicaid non-emergency transportation services to be provided to a Medicaid recipient by certain transportation network companies or transportation brokers, subject to compliance with certain requirements. The bill requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to update the Non-Emergency Transportation Services Coverage Policy by a specified date.

Actions

02/22/19  
SENATE  
Reference to Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Appropriations removed; Reference to Banking and Insurance, Rules added; Remaining References: Banking and Insurance, Rules

03/11/19  
SENATE  
Favorable by Banking and Insurance; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

03/12/19  
SENATE  
Now in Rules

Similar Bills

**HB 0411 Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services by Perez**
03/21/19 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading