**Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

**Statewide Advisory Council Meeting**

**February 10, 2022**

**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participants:**  
Commissioner Opeoluwa Sotonwa

**SAC Members:**  
Zinma Camelio  
Michelle Dardeno  
Stephanie Hakulin  
Barbara Johnson  
Leah McGaughey  
Ellen Perkins  
Linda Sakin  
Lori Seidman  
Kerry Thompson  
  
**Attendees from Community:**  
Suzann Bedrosian  
Marlene Blackstone, ViAbility  
Matthew Castiglione  
Brian Chase  
Sharon Harrison  
Edgar Herrera  
Marlene Hostovsky  
Neil MacGill, ViAbility  
Carol Menton  
Alysha Nuttall  
Sue Philip  
Carl Richardson, Bureau of the State House  
Ivy Velez  
Aurora Wilber, MCDHH

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| **Agenda Topic** | **Discussion** | **Follow up/Person Responsible** |
| Welcome | * Communication Procedures * Introductions * Review of Agenda |  |
| Review of Minutes from:  January 13, 2022 | * Minutes approved. | Approved minutes available [online](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/fy22-public-meeting-calendar). |
| Presentation: Carl Richardson, State House ADA Coordinator, Bureau of the State House, [carl.richardson@mass.gov](mailto:carl.richardson@mass.gov),  857-400-5502 | * Recording presentation for Carl’s preparation of a formal presentation. Future presentation will be a recorded vlog and include materials, voice over, ASL and captioning. Training will be available online as an ongoing resource. * Legislative trainings will be a collaborative effort with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB), MCDHH, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC) and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). Agency Statewide Advisory Councils will be encouraged to join. * State House: built in 1795 and houses the Executive Branch, Massachusetts Legislature and General Court. There are 200 legislators: 40 Senators and 160 Representatives. Each legislator serves a two-year term. Recommendation: get to know your legislators: <https://malegislature.gov/>. * Every session approximately 6,000 bills are introduced; an average of 200 – 250 of those bills become law. The average length of time to pass a bill is seven years. * Legislative process: how a bill becomes a law. Bills can be filed by anyone: individuals, legislators, etc. A clerk can insist an individual in filing a bill. * Every year, the Governor begins the budget process by submitting guidance and the proposal. Bill is assigned to the House Ways and Means (HWM) committee. 2022 budget: H2 (second year of the 192nd General Court). * Public Hearings are held by the Joint Ways and Means Committee. Agency Heads are provided an opportunity to testify to legislators and answer any questions. Residents and constituents are able to testify at later dates in the budget/bill cycle. * The HWM Committee will debate the budget, file any necessary amendments, approve and send to the Senate Ways and Means (SWM) Committee. * Typically in May, the SWM Committee reviews, debates the budget, files any necessary amendments, and releases their version. * Both the HWM and SWM budgets are sent to conference. Six legislators are involved in the conference (three Senators and three Representatives). The majority party will have two Senators/Representatives on the committee (2022: Democrats). The committee goal is to discuss and debate the differences between HWM and SWM. When the committee reconciles the budget, the final product is sent to the House and Senate for voting. The bill will then be submitted to the Governor. * The Governor will have ten days to take action: 1. Sign the bill. 2. Do not sign (bill will be enacted after ten days or 3. Veto. For the House and Senate to override a Governor’s veto, 2/3 of the majority is needed. If the override is unsuccessful the veto will die. * A lobbyist is a term generally used for paid professional hired by organizations/non-profits/businesses. Any resident can consider themselves and act as a lobbyist for their own interests. * Residents can be involved in the budget cycle at any time; although earlier in the cycle is better. Recommended action: meet with Legislator’s office (aide, legislator, or Chief of Staff, etc.) Meetings are generally 15 – 20 minutes. Include a message that is short, simple and from your heart. * Opportunity to submit public testimony related to the budget is expected in March. | Slides accompanied minutes.  Commissioner Sotonwa will testify on Feb. 15th. Testimony will be livestreamed at: <https://malegislature.gov/>. |
| Presentation Questions and Answers | * Future topic recommendations: glossary of legislative terms, training for legislative aides to cover requesting communication access, how to talk to a legislator (training by CLW). * Concern: how to support ADA Coordinator requests for communication access for public hearings? Recommendation: community communication alert legislators on attending a hearing and requesting communication access. * State House communication access [form](https://malegislature.gov/StateHouse/AccessibilityForm#interpreting) is available for when a legislative appointment has been confirmed. * Recommendation: include vlog description for each bill on malegislature.gov. System of communication through English continues the barriers for MCDHH community members. * Recommendation: decrease the gap between SAC and community communication surrounding legislation. Improve resources within the community, for example Center for Living and Working (CLW), etc. * Recommendation: DHILS assist community members for submitting written testimony. | Spreadsheet created by Brock (and shared monthly) includes any announced hearing dates. (see page 6 – 13). New format includes a column for area of interest. SAC members to target their interest areas and rally community.  Goal: improve SAC diversity and representation. Agenda item: April SAC meeting. Hana and Michelle will work on SAC role and expectations for serving on the council. |
| Chairperson’s Report | * Previous legislative action: involvement began in 2009 upon the diagnosis for Michelle’s three hard of hearing children. At that time, she became aware that insurance did not cover hearing aids. * In collaboration with other mothers, and Representative Garballey, legislative was filed for hearing aid coverage for children (0 – 21). With the bill’s second filing, there were 71 co-sponsors. Parents and community groups continued efforts during the session by attending hearings, canvassing the State House, individual meetings with legislators, etc. Biggest impact: sharing personal stories and perspective of the impact. * Upcoming: recognition of the 2020 award recipients. * SAC online bios will include language preferences for members. | Agenda item: April SAC meeting.  Michelle will request preferences from SAC members. |
| Commissioner’s Report | * Feb. 15: Budget Testimony with fellow EHS Agency Heads. Governor’s budget includes a 19% increase to 1.4 million (if passed). $266,000 included for Referral’s modernization process. Upcoming chargeback system ($6 million cap) for communication services to ensure on-time payment to providers. * Recent hire: Boston Case Manager: April Smith * Open MCDHH positions: Southeast Adult Case Manager HR Liaison   Director of Social Services  Substance Use Disorder: part-time interpreters and coordinator |  |
| Next SAC Meeting | * April 7, 5:30 pm.  Join Zoom Meeting   <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81718496263?pwd=aGtGUzMxcWxCQ1JEZUxwWm4zS21adz09>  Meeting ID: 817 1849 6263  Passcode: z4t6ey | Any interested community members wanting SAC information can request to join the distribution list. Please email: [ami.hanigan@mass.gov](mailto:ami.hanigan@mass.gov). |

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| **SAC #** | **Bill #** | **Bill Title** | **Committee** | **Action Date** | **Chamber** | **Last Action** | **Presenter** | **Notes** | **Docket #** | **Category** |
| **1** | [H.228](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H228) | [An Act An act to eliminate disproportionality and inequities for at-risk children](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H228) | [Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J13/192) | January 27, 2022 | House | Reporting date extended to Monday May 2, 2022, pending concurrence | [Higgins, Natalie M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/N_H1) |  | [HD.3038](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD3038) | Education |
| **2** | [H.2370](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2370) | [An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2370) | [Joint Committee on Public Health](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J16/192) | June 25, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/12/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Miranda, Liz](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/L_M2) |  | [HD.1283](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1283) | Health/Medical |
| **3** | [S.1515](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1515) | [An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1515) | [Joint Committee on Public Health](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J16/192) | June 25, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/12/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Rausch, Rebecca L.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/RLR0) |  | [SD.699](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD699) | Health/Medical |
| **4** | [H.2143](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2143) | [An Act Enabling Municipal Pre-foreclosure Mediation](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2143) | [Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J10/192) | July 16, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/27/2021 from 11:00 AM-03:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Capano, Peter](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PLC1) |  | [HD.3607](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD3607) | Social |
| **5** | [S.1954](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1954) | [An Act establishing a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1954) | [Joint Committee on Revenue](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J26/192) | December 14, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 12/28/2021 from 10:00 AM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [O'Connor, Patrick M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PMO) |  | [SD.921](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD921) | DHH |
| **6** | [H.1753](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1753) | [An Act increasing fair housing protections for domestic violence survivors](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1753) | [Joint Committee on the Judiciary](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J19/192) | November 30, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 12/07/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Livingstone, Jay D.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/J_L1) |  | [HD.391](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD391) | Social |
| **7** | [H.723](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H723) | [An Act increasing the penalties for unfair and deceptive actions perpetrated against persons with disabilities and senior citizens](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H723) | [House Committee on Ways and Means](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/H34/192) | December 20, 2021 | House | [Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on House Ways and Means](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/H34/192) | [Ayers, Bruce J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/BJA1) |  | [HD.1049](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1049) | Social |
| **8** | [H.1711](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1711) | [An Act prohibiting discrimination against adults with disabilities in family and juvenile court proceedings](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1711) | [Joint Committee on the Judiciary](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J19/192) | November 2, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 11/09/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Khan, Kay](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/K_K1) |  | [HD.843](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD843) | Social |
| **9** | [S.1083](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1083) | [An Act prohibiting discrimination against adults with disabilities in family and juvenile court proceedings](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1083) | [Joint Committee on the Judiciary](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J19/192) | November 2, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 11/09/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Lovely, Joan B.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/JBL0) |  | [SD.1770](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1770) | Social |
| **10** | [H.1373](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1373) | [An Act promoting fair housing by preventing discrimination against affordable housing](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1373) | [Joint Committee on Housing](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J28/192) | February 7, 2022 | House | Reporting date extended to Tuesday March 1, 2022, pending concurrence | [Barber, Christine P.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/CPB2) |  | [HD.1990](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1990) | Social |
| **11** | [S.867](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S867) | [An Act promoting fair housing by preventing discrimination against affordable housing](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S867) | [Joint Committee on Housing](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J28/192) | February 7, 2022 | House | Reporting date extended to Tuesday March 1, 2022, pending concurrence | [Chang-Diaz, Sonia](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/SCD0) |  | [SD.2200](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD2200) | Social |
| **12** | [H.605](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H605) | [An Act providing affordable and accessible high quality early education and care to promote child development and well-being and support the economy ...](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H605) | [Joint Committee on Education](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J14/192) | February 3, 2022 | House | Reporting date extended to Sunday May 1, 2022, pending concurrence | [Gordon, Kenneth I.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/KIG1) |  | [HD.1960](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1960) | Education |
| **13** | [S.362](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S362) | [An Act providing affordable and accessible high quality early education and care to promote child development and well-being and support the economy ...](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S362) | [Joint Committee on Education](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J14/192) | February 3, 2022 | House | Reporting date extended to Sunday May 1, 2022, pending concurrence | [Lewis, Jason M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/jml0) |  | [SD.1307](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1307) | Education |
| **14** | [S.681](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S681) | [An Act providing coverage for hearing aids](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S681) | [Joint Committee on Financial Services](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J11/192) | November 29, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 12/09/2021 from 11:00 AM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Hinds, Adam G.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/AGH0) |  | [SD.1225](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1225) | DHH |
| **15** | [S.1420](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1420) | [An Act relative to accessible prescription labeling](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1420) | [Referred to Joint Committee on Public Health](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J16/192) | May 21, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/07/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [DiZoglio, Diana](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/D_D0) | Presenting Legislator is not a sponsor of this measure | [SD.89](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD89) | Health/Medical |
| **16** | [H.1074](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1074) | [An Act relative to children's auditory health](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1074) | [Joint Committee on Financial Services](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J11/192) | November 29, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 12/09/2021 from 11:00 AM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Durant, Peter J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PJD2) |  | [HD.303](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD303) | DHH |
| **17** | [H.2761](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2761) | [An Act relative to employment benefits of certain employees of the Department of Developmental Services](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2761) | [Joint Committee on Public Service](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J23/192) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Ramos, Orlando](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/O_R1) |  | [HD.2317](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2317) | Social |
| **18** | [S.1009](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1009) | [An Act relative to juvenile violence](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1009) | [Joint Committee on the Judiciary](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J19/192) | February 7, 2022 | Senate | [Accompanied a study order, see S2665](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2665) | [DiZoglio, Diana](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/D_D0) | Presenting Legislator is not a sponsor of this measure | [SD.85](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD85) | Social |
| **19** | [H.3199](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3199) | [An Act Relative to Language Access and Inclusion](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3199) | [Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J25/192) | August 31, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 09/14/2021 from 10:30 AM-01:30 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Madaro, Adrian C.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/ACM1) |  | [HD.3674](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD3674) | DHH |
| **20** | [S.2040](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2040) | [An Act relative to language access and inclusion](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2040) | [Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J25/192) | August 31, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 09/14/2021 from 10:30 AM-01:30 PM in Virtual Hearing | [DiDomenico, Sal N.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/SND0) |  | [SD.2251](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD2251) | DHH |
| **21** | [H.2338](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2338) | [An Act relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2338) | [Joint Committee on Public Health](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J16/192) | April 22, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 05/03/2021 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Khan, Kay](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/K_K1) |  | [HD.2583](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2583) | Health/Medical |
| **22** | [S.1471](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1471) | [An Act relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1471) | [Joint Committee on Public Health](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J16/192) | April 22, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 05/03/2021 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Lovely, Joan B.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/JBL0) |  | [SD.1810](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1810) | Health/Medical |
| **23** | [H.3398](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3398) | [An Act relative to providing improved access to taxicabs for persons with disabilities](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3398) | [Joint Committee on Transportation](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J27/192) | January 11, 2022 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 01/19/2022 from 03:00 PM-06:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Ayers, Bruce J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/BJA1) |  | [HD.1085](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1085) | Social |
| **24** | [S.2032](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2032) | [An Act relative to removing the term hearing impaired from the general laws](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2032) | [Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J25/192) | August 31, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 09/14/2021 from 10:30 AM-01:30 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Creem, Cynthia Stone](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/CSC0) |  | [SD.299](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD299) | DHH |
| **25** | [S.1844](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1844) | [An Act relative to tax abatements for deaf residents](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1844) | [Joint Committee on Revenue](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J26/192) | December 14, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 12/28/2021 from 10:00 AM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [DiZoglio, Diana](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/D_D0) |  | [SD.64](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD64) | DHH |
| **26** | [H.1101](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1101) | [An Act Relative to Telehealth and Digital Equity for Patients](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1101) | [Joint Committee on Financial Services](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J11/192) | February 3, 2022 | House | Reporting date extended to Saturday April 30, 2022, pending concurrence | [Golden, Jr., Thomas A.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/TAG1) |  | [HD.2533](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2533) | DHH |
| **27** | [S.678](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S678) | [An Act relative to telehealth and digital equity for patients](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S678) | [Joint Committee on Financial Services](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J11/192) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/01/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Gomez, Adam](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/A_G0) |  | [SD.2099](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD2099) | DHH |
| **28** | [H.552](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H552) | [An Act relative to the training, assessment, and assignment of qualified school interpreters in educational settings](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H552) | [Joint Committee on Education](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J14/192) | July 21, 2021 | House | [Accompanied a new draft, see H3979](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3979) | [Cabral, Antonio F. D.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/AFC1) |  | [HD.1883](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1883) | DHH |
| **29** | [S.303](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S303) | [An Act relative to the training, assessment, and assignment of qualified school interpreters in educational settings](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S303) | [Joint Committee on Education](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J14/192) | July 19, 2021 | Senate | [Accompanied a new draft, see S2494](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2494) | [Crighton, Brendan P.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/BPC0) |  | [SD.392](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD392) | DHH |
| **30** | [H.1217](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1217) | [An Act requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1217) | [Joint Committee on Financial Services](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J11/192) | September 28, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 10/12/2021 from 11:00 AM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Cassidy, Gerard J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/G_C2) |  | [HD.2519](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2519) | DHH |
| **31** | [S.139](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S139) | [An Act to eliminate disproportionality and inequities for at-risk children](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S139) | [Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J13/192) | January 27, 2022 | House | Reporting date extended to Monday May 2, 2022, pending concurrence | [Moran, Susan L.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/SLM0) |  | [SD.1766](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1766) | Social |
| **32** | [H.1736](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1736) | [An Act to enhance safety and security in courthouses](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1736) | [Joint Committee on the Judiciary](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J19/192) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Linsky, David Paul](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/DPL1) |  | [HD.155](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD155) | Social |
| **33** | [S.414](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S414) | [An Act to ensure quality of care in nursing homes](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S414) | [Joint Committee on Elder Affairs](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J44/192) | February 3, 2022 | House | Reporting date extended to Monday May 16, 2022, pending concurrence | [Jehlen, Patricia D.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PDJ0) |  | [SD.1844](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1844) | Social |
| **34** | [H.727](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H727) | [An Act to ensure the quality of care in nursing homes](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H727) | [Joint Committee on Elder Affairs](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J44/192) | February 3, 2022 | House | Reporting date extended to Monday May 16, 2022, pending concurrence | [Balser, Ruth B.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/RBB1) |  | [HD.2981](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2981) | Social |
| **35** | [H.416](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H416) | [An Act to provide increased access to hearing aids](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H416) | [Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J17/192) | June 8, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/14/2021 from 01:00 PM-03:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Kelcourse, James M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/JMK1) |  | [HD.2938](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2938) | DHH |
| **36** | [H.366](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H366) | [An Act to provide increased access to hearing aids](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H366) | [Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J17/192) | June 8, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/14/2021 from 01:00 PM-03:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Fiola, Carole A.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/CAF1) |  | [HD.535](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD535) | DHH |
| **37** | [S.192](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S192) | [An Act to provide increased access to hearing aids](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S192) | [Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J17/192) | June 8, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/14/2021 from 01:00 PM-03:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [DiZoglio, Diana](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/D_D0) |  | [SD.13](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD13) | DHH |
| **38** | [S.211](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S211) | [An Act to provide increased access to hearing aids](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S211) | [Joint Committee on Health Care Financing](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J24/192) | November 4, 2021 | Senate | [Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Health Care Financing](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J24/192) | [Hinds, Adam G.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/AGH0) |  | [SD.2047](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD2047) | DHH |
| **39** | [H.3979](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3979) | [An Act relative to the training, assessment, and assignment of qualified school interpreters in educational settings](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3979) | [House Committee on Ways and Means](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/H34/192) | July 21, 2021 | House | Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on House Ways and Means | [Joint Committee on Education](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J14/192) |  | N/A | DHH |
| **40** | [S.2494](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2494) | [An Act relative to the training, assessment, and assignment of qualified school interpreters in educational settings](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2494) | [Senate Committee on Ways and Means](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/S30/192) | July 19, 2021 | Senate | Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means | [Joint Committee on Education](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J14/192) |  | N/A | DHH |