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

**Statewide Advisory Council Meeting**

**November 18, 2021**

**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participants:**
Commissioner Opeoluwa Sotonwa, MCDHH

**SAC Members:**
Evan Brunell
Michelle Dardeno
Stephanie Hakulin
Barbara Johnson
Leah McGaughey
Ellen Perkins
Linda Sakin
Lori Seidman

**Attendees from Community:**
Suzann Bedrosian
Marlene Blackstone, ViAbility
Kristin Britton, Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA)
Michelle Cline
Alana Davidson, DTA
Shana Gibbs, MassRID
Sharon Harrison, MCDHH
Neil MacGill, ViAbility
Sue Philip
Lorraine Ward, DTA
Aurora Wilber, MCDHH

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| **Agenda Topic** | **Discussion** | **Follow up/Person Responsible** |
| Welcome  | * Communication Procedures
* Introductions
* Review of Agenda

World Pancreatic Cancer Day: Zakim Bridge is lit up purple. |  |
| Presentation: [Department of Transitional Assistance](https://www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-transitional-assistance)Kristin Britton, Director of Disability AccessAlana Davidson, Director of Communications Lorraine Ward, Deputy Director of Nutritional Education | * $1.6 billion in benefits.
* One in seven residents served.
* 1600 employees.
* Three programs:Food Security and Nutrition

Economic AssistanceEmployment Support* Food Security and Nutrition:SNAP: monthly benefit to purchase food.Healthy Incentive Program (HIP): support purchase of fruits and vegetables from farm vendors.Pandemic EBT: additional funding to family while schools were closed.
* Economic Assistance: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC): help for pregnant individuals, families and caregivers for children 18 or younger. Domestic Violence Services Child SupportEmergency Aid to the Elderly and Disabled Children (EAEDC): aid for disabled individuals or adults over 65 awaiting Supplement Security Income (SSI.)
* Employment Support:SNAP Path to Work: skills, education, training and employment supports for SNAP clients.TAFDC Pathways to Work: employment, education and training programs for TAFDC clients.
* Access to DTA: Client Access Coordinators (CACs) assist with ADA accommodations. Each DTA office has a regional CAC.
* Ways to connect: DTA assistance line, DTA case manager, app, <DTAconnect.com>, mail and fax.
* Lorraine’s role includes collaborating with guidance on enrollment, education to consumers to extend their SNAP benefits, and education for healthy food options.
* Kristin works with all DTA business units and local office CACs.
 | Presentation to accompany minutes. |
| DTA Q&A | * Language access: offices use interpreter services for translators.
* The two cash programs (TAFDC and EAEDC) support purchases of feminine hygiene products.
* Domestic Violence (DV) Specialists at DTA can assist with the process of navigating services. The DV Specialist will work with DTA Case Managers, housing specialists and the Department of Community Development.
* Request for training: Center for Living and Working (CLW.)
* Qualification requirements include proof of legal residency in Massachusetts. The children of undocumented parents would need to apply for benefits that could be used to support the larger family.
* DTA partners with 39 senior centers for enrollment in SNAP benefits.
* DTA’s Senior Assistance Line provides a direct connection with DTA staff rather than auto-prompts.
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| Questions from DTA regarding community connections  | 1. How are consumers who are deaf and hard of hearing getting information about DTA? (e.g., mobile app, notices)\* Create vlogs in ASL.\* Include Deaf and Hard of Hearing community groups on mailing lists. \* Recommendation: connection with CLW for including DTA information in their newsletter. \* Recommendation: partner with farmer’s market venues; expand knowledge of HIP.
2. What is working well with consumer communication with DTA?\* Documents are available in large print. \* VRI used only for appointment set-up.
3. What are areas where we can improve in communicating with consumers?\* Recommendation: simplification of applications and informational materials.\* Recommendation: evaluation of website for accessibility and conforming to accessibility standards. \* Recommendation: readability level of language on website.
 | DTA is working with MCDHH staff member Aurora Wilber for guidance on vlog creation.DTA Advisory Boards would provide an opportunity for increased community involvement.DTA staff have visited DHILS Directors and staff meetings to share programs.All mass.gov pages are ADA compliant.Goal: sixth grade reading level and reliance on visual graphics. |
| Review of Minutes from: October 15, 2021 | * Minutes approved.
 | Approved minutes available [online](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/fy22-public-meeting-calendar). |
| Chairperson’s Report | * Statehouse 2020 Award Recognition: to honor awardees. Ideas include:\* Acknowledgement of the award: video introduction and reason for the recognition.\* Photo opportunity with Commissioner Sotonwa on stairs of the Statehouse. Recipient (s) and Commissioner.\* 1 – 2 minute video from a person impacted by the project/advocate.Three aspects would be combined into a video for broadcasting to community members.
* SAC biographies: review of information (available page 6 – 12.)
* Congratulations to MCDHH on their continued collaboration with law enforcement. Marlborough event was shared via email and social media.
 | Goal: completion end January/February.Planning group: Michelle, Ellen and Caitlin.SAC members to review information, share corrections to Michelle and Hana.Hana will post to web on Jan. 1, 2022. |
| Commissioner’s Report | * New hires: \* Commissioner’s Designated Interpreter: Christina LaRock\* Communication Access Services Director: Cat Dvar
* Pride in Performance, MCDHH winners: \* Staff Interpreter: Anna Purcell\* Referral Specialist: Anthony Harrison
* Open positions:\* Director of Social ServicesScreening Coordinator and Evaluator (final determination will be decided soon)\* Boston Adult Case Manager (in negotiations regarding salary and start date)\* MCDHH General Counsel (direct hire, no posting to follow)
* October vlogs:\* [National Disability Employment Awareness](https://www.facebook.com/MCDHH.MA/videos/958410608043177) \* [National Youth Drug and Alcohol Prevention Month](https://www.facebook.com/100069103029078/videos/3108322449491762)
* Statistics:\* MCDHH has 45.8 full-time staff equivalents.\* 33% of staff identify as deaf, hard of hearing or late-deafened.\* Case Management has served 2,535 consumers. 1,785 of whom are MassHealth members.\* DHILS has provided 37,314 hours of direct services, 24,424 involved direct work with consumers.\* Communication, Access, Training and Technology Services (CATTS) has been providing ADA trainings. Nov. 17 CATTS staff provided training in Middleborough to law enforcement.
* Office of the Jury Commission will meet with MCDHH on November 22.
* Plans for regional office visits are underway. Springfield and Pittsfield visits will occur on November 23. Westborough visit: December 9.
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| New Business | * Community Training through Bureau of the Statehouse. Partnership opportunity for legislative, advocacy and accessing legislators.
* Next step: Statehouse approval of training proposal.
* Potential for Statehouse support for vlogs and training access.
* Potential for partnership with MCB, MRC and other agencies.
* Topics may include the legislative training produced by CLW’s Joy Spurlin and Ellen Perkins, training/role-playing and practice.
 | SAC update for January agenda.Recommendations for topics should be shared with Aurora Wilber. |
| Announcements  | * December 3: potential announcement of upcoming MCDHH collaboration effort.
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| Legislative Task Force | * Bills of interest: page 13 – 25.
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| Next SAC Meeting | * January 13, 5:30 pm. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81718496263?pwd=aGtGUzMxcWxCQ1JEZUxwWm4zS21adz09> Meeting ID: 817 1849 6263Passcode: z4t6ey | Any interested community members wanting SAC information can request to join the distribution list. Please email: ami.hanigan@mass.gov. |

SAC Bios 2020-2021

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**Ellen Perkins** has served on MCDHH’s Statewide Advisory Council (SAC) for 8 years (starting in 2013). She is hard of hearing and has worked at the Center for Living & Working, Inc. as a Hard of Hearing Independent Living Specialist (covering Central MA) for the last 10 years.

Ellen is a proud graduate of the University of Massachusetts – Amherst and later completed Clark University’s Graphic & Web Design certificate program. Additionally, she completed the Peer Mentor Training Certificate Program - Gallaudet University/HLAA and N-CHATT [Network of Consumer Hearing Assistive Technology Trainers] - HLAA. Ellen is involved with her local ALDA-Boston [Association of Late Deafened Adults] and HLAA-Central MA [Hearing Loss Association of America] chapters and served on the Board/Steering Committees of both. Ellen has provided workshops on Hearing Assistive Technology at several national conventions and local chapter meetings.

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**Leah M. McGaughey** has served on MCDHH’s Statewide Advisory Council (SAC) for 2 years (starting in 2019). She is joined the SAC to help promote deaf and late-deaf awareness and is interested in bringing awareness to those people who are at lost when they lose their hearing later part of their lives and need help adjusting new lifestyle. She would like to bring communication awareness to those whose disability was affected by diseases. She is affiliated with Gallaudet Family Sign Language program for 10 + years focusing on educating parents and their family of deaf young baby/child.

Leah works for the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Dedham, MA as head clerk. She helps the Norfolk County towns recording vary property documents.

Leah lives in Holbrook, MA with her hard of hearing husband, Richard and their hearing children, Jaclyn, Ricky, Ryan and Kevin. She also have her Grenada-born dog, Wilson who she adores very much. Leah and Rick are long time members of the Stan Mikita Hockey School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (former know as American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association-AHIHA) located in Chicago, IL.

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**Stephanie Hakulin** has served on MCDHH's Statewide Advisory Council (SAC) for 3 years (starting in 2018). She is joined the SAC to serve the better community and is interested in bringing awareness to lobbying for Deaf/DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing Community. She is affiliated with Massachusetts State Association of the Deaf (MSAD) for 4 years focusing with the DHH organization.

Stephanie is active in other organizations and a deaf interpreter as well.  She lives in Worcester and has 2 kids and 2 cats. She also loves sports.

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**Kerry M. Thompson** is the Founder & Executive Director for Silent Rhythms, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to achieving inclusion in the arts while conversely using the arts to promote inclusion in society. She is a renowned dance instructor and has performed worldwide including in Paris and Havana. Kerry has taught more than 5,000 people with disabilities including those who are Deaf and DeafBlind as well as more than 10,000 people without disabilities over the last ten years. She has been featured in Boston Globe, Boston Herald, and ABC News’ More In Common. In addition, Kerry is also the Senior Officer for Communications, Inclusion, and Analytics for the Disability Rights Fund where she has worked since 2008 to advance human rights and United Nations treaties in the Global South. She is the co-author for Human Rights and Adolescence and has written several blogs. to revolutionize inclusion. She completed a Master’s degree in Human Development and Psychology from Harvard University with a focus on international law and human rights.

She was named a 2014 Marshall Memorial Fellow and a 2016-2017 White House Fellowship Finalist. She is a current member of the New England Foundations for the Arts (NEFA) Advisory Council and the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Statewide Advisory Council. She was named the 2020 Visiting Artist by the Harvard Dance Center and in 2021, she was appointed by Governor Baker to serve on the new Commission on the Status of Persons with Disabilities. She previously served on the board for DEAF, Inc. and was the board liaison for Deafblind Community Access Network (DBCAN).

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**Lori Siedman** has served on MCDHH’s Statewide Advisory Council (SAC) for 5 years (starting in 2019).   She is joined the SAC to represent for Deaf, Hard of Hearing, LateDeafened and DeafBlind community and is interested in bringing awareness to the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, LateDeafened and DeafBlind community about our concerns and importance information for the community.  She is affiliated with Disability Policy Consortium for three years focusing on the advocacy concerns.    Before joining DPC, she was affilicated with DEAF, Inc. – Boston (for years?)

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**Evan Brunell,** married to a hearing wife along with a one-year old hearing daughter, lives in Worcester, MA. He attended Clarke School for the Deaf as a child before mainstreaming into high school and then receiving a bachelor's and master's from Northeastern University. He is employed by Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) as Director of Enrollment Marketing, overseeing all marketing and communications efforts to attract prospective students to the university. Previously, Evan was a baseball journalist before entering the marketing field. Evan was president of Massachusetts A.G. Bell from 2010-15, a state nonprofit dedicated to creating social connections between deaf and hard of hearing children, and also was a board member for the national A.G. Bell Association as well as Clarke. Evan was the proud recipient of MCDHH SAC outstanding advocate of the year award in 2015.

Assumed deaf since birth and bilaterally implanted, Evan employs listening and spoken language. While not actively involved with an organization currently, in addition to his presence on the SAC, he is also on the MCDHH Early Childhood Education Task Force. Evan is keenly interested in fostering social connections between deaf people, as well as advancing accessibility efforts to allow deaf people full and equal participation in life.

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**Brock N Cordeiro** has served on MCDHH’s Statewide Advisory Council (SAC) for 3.5 of years (starting in 2017).  He joined the SAC to make a personal difference by representing both his Hard of Hearing Community, in particular, and but also the constituency of his geographic area. It is essential that both interrelated groups have a voice to, and an information conduit with, law and policy makers in Beacon Hill. He is interested in bringing awareness to issue advocacy, both within law & policy making as well as the interaction, particularly regard with effective and mutually beneficial communication, between the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community and the Law Enforcement Community.

Brock serves in numerous capacities for a variety of personal and professional interests including cancer (Chair of the Special Legislative Commission to Study Pancreatic Cancer in Massachusetts, volunteer for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in Boston, Legislative Ambassador for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network of Massachusetts ), Town of Darmouth (appointment to the Dartmouth Housing Authority, member of Dartmouth Town Meeting, Dartmouth Community Preservation Commission, Dartmouth Charter Review Commission & UMass Dartmouth Partnership Commission) and state politics (Massachusetts Republican State Committee).

Brock is a proud lifetime resident of Darmouth and holds a Master’s degree in History from the University of Boston. In his free time, Brock enjoys participating at the King Richard's Faire as a Renaissance Faire performer, is a self-proclaimed Disney fanatic and comic book geek.

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**Michelle Motta Dardeno** has served on MCDHH’s Statewide Advisory Council (SAC) for 8 years (starting in 2013). She currently serves as SAC’s Chair. Michelle joined the SAC as a parent representative of deaf/hard of hearing children. She together with 6 passionate Massachusetts mothers successfully supported legislation mandating coverage for hearing aids for children in the Commonwealth aged 0-21. This landmark legislation passed unanimously by both the House and Senate and signed into law in 2012 (Chapter 233 of the Acts of 2012).

During Michelle’s tenure on the SAC, she has also served as the Legislative sub-committee co-chair, helped to organize the Annual Deaf and Hard of Hearing Constituents’ Day at the Massachusetts State House and supports advocacy and education in the community. Michelle has been an invited speaker for the Massachusetts DPH Family Leadership Training Institute, co-founder of the Massachusetts Hearing Aids for Children Coalition and parent representative on the UNHS Advisory committee.

Professionally, Michelle is a pharmacist and has enjoyed a 25+ year career in drug development focused in the area of patient safety and medical risk management. She is currently Vice President and Head of Global Patient Safety in Biotech focused on rare diseases. Michelle is very active in her community serving in a variety of volunteer roles in the Lexington public schools (school based Site Councils, Special Education Parent Advisory Council, Extended Day programs), Lexington Christian Academy (FANs network, Parent Relations Council, and active class parent volunteer), and professional mentor for undergraduate and graduate students both at Babson college and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS), Michelle’s alma mater.

Michelle lives in Lexington MA with her three teen children, all of whom have moderate – severe sensorineural hearing loss, presumed since birth.

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**Barbara Johnson** has served on MCDHH’s Statewide Advisory Committee (SAC) for 6 years (starting in 2015).  She joined the SAC to learn more about state support for hard of hearing persons and to contribute first hand expertise in communication access challenges for hard of hearing. She is interested in bringing awareness to communication access rights for hard of hearing (and Deaf/deaf) constituents and how to exercise those rights. She worked at MIT for 27 years, where she advocated for hard of hearing and Deaf/deaf students and staff, to increase understanding of the need for closed captioning and CART. Currently Barbara works part time for a Deaf and Hard of Hearing K-12 program based in Newton, MA.

Barbara grew up with hearing loss and uses a cochlear implant, hearing aid and hearing assistive technology for her communication needs. In addition, Barbara is learning American Sign Language.

Barbara is also active in HLAA Boston chapter and ALDA Boston.

Barbara lives in Stow, Mass and enjoys being active outdoors and being “Auntie” to her 21 great nieces and nephews!

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**Caitlin Parton** has served on MCDHH’s Statewide Advisory Committee (SAC) for 4 years.  She joined the SAC to help advocate for the needs of deaf and hard of hearing people throughout the Commonwealth and is interested in bringing awareness to their legal rights.  She is an attorney at Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee, a state agency. She has represented Deaf clients who have had issues with access to healthcare.

Caitlin is deaf and is a board member of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Bar Association and the Disability Rights Bar Association.   Caitlin lives in Arlington with her husband and son.

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**Zinma Camelio** has served on MCDHH's Statewide Advisory Committee (SAC) for 1 year (starting in 2019). She joined the SAC to help the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities in Massachusetts, with special interests in outreach to American Veterans of the Armed Forces who have sustained hearing loss whether service-connected or otherwise, as well as bringing forth the current challenges that DHH children face in the public, private or parochial educational institutions across the Commonwealth.

Although Zinma has extensive background in Quality Management at medium and large-sized Bio-pharmaceutical organizations, as well as being a decorated, 10-year, service-connected disabled Gulf War Veteran of the US Navy having worked as a Medic in various Naval Hospitals across the globe, she is currently a caretaker of a paralyzed, hard of hearing parent, and a full-time parent of a young child with a complex medical history.

Zinma lives in the Metrowest suburbs of the Commonwealth, and enjoy the outdoors with her husband, child, extended family and the family pup.

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| **SAC #** | **Bill #** | **Bill Title** | **Committee** | **Action Date** | **Chamber** | **Last Action** | **Presenter** | **Notes** | **Docket #** |
| **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) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/07/2021 from 09:30 AM-01:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Higgins, Natalie M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/N_H1) |   | [HD.3038](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD3038) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [O'Connor, Patrick M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PMO) |   | [SD.921](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD921) |
| **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) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Livingstone, Jay D.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/J_L1) |   | [HD.391](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD391) |
| **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) | [Joint Committee on Elder Affairs](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J44/192) | September 20, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 09/27/2021 from 01:00 PM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Ayers, Bruce J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/BJA1) |   | [HD.1049](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1049) |
| **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) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Khan, Kay](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/K_K1) |   | [HD.843](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD843) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Lovely, Joan B.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/JBL0) |   | [SD.1770](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1770) |
| **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) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Barber, Christine P.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/CPB2) |   | [HD.1990](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1990) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Chang-Diaz, Sonia](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/SCD0) |   | [SD.2200](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD2200) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Gordon, Kenneth I.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/KIG1) |   | [HD.1960](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1960) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Lewis, Jason M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/jml0) |   | [SD.1307](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1307) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Hinds, Adam G.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/AGH0) |   | [SD.1225](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1225) |
| **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) |
| **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) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Durant, Peter J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PJD2) |   | [HD.303](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD303) |
| **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) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Ayers, Bruce J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/BJA1) |   | [HD.1085](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1085) |
| **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) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [DiZoglio, Diana](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/D_D0) |   | [SD.64](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD64) |
| **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) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/01/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Golden, Jr., Thomas A.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/TAG1) |   | [HD.2533](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2533) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/07/2021 from 09:30 AM-01:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Moran, Susan L.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/SLM0) |   | [SD.1766](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1766) |
| **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) |
| **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) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/30/2021 from 01:00 PM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Jehlen, Patricia D.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PDJ0) |   | [SD.1844](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1844) |
| **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) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/30/2021 from 01:00 PM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Balser, Ruth B.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/RBB1) |   | [HD.2981](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2981) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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 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 | [Hinds, Adam G.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/AGH0) |   | [SD.2047](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD2047) |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **SAC #** | **Bill #** | **Bill Title** | **Committee** | **Action Date** | **Chamber** | **Last Action** | **Presenter** | **Notes** | **Docket #** |
| **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) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/07/2021 from 09:30 AM-01:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Higgins, Natalie M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/N_H1) |   | [HD.3038](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD3038) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [O'Connor, Patrick M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PMO) |   | [SD.921](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD921) |
| **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) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Livingstone, Jay D.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/J_L1) |   | [HD.391](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD391) |
| **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) | [Joint Committee on Elder Affairs](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J44/192) | September 20, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 09/27/2021 from 01:00 PM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Ayers, Bruce J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/BJA1) |   | [HD.1049](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1049) |
| **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) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Khan, Kay](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/K_K1) |   | [HD.843](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD843) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Lovely, Joan B.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/JBL0) |   | [SD.1770](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1770) |
| **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) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Barber, Christine P.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/CPB2) |   | [HD.1990](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1990) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Chang-Diaz, Sonia](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/SCD0) |   | [SD.2200](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD2200) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Gordon, Kenneth I.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/KIG1) |   | [HD.1960](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1960) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Lewis, Jason M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/jml0) |   | [SD.1307](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1307) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Hinds, Adam G.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/AGH0) |   | [SD.1225](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1225) |
| **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) |
| **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) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Durant, Peter J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PJD2) |   | [HD.303](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD303) |
| **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) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Ayers, Bruce J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/BJA1) |   | [HD.1085](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1085) |
| **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) |
| **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) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [DiZoglio, Diana](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/D_D0) |   | [SD.64](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD64) |
| **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) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/01/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Golden, Jr., Thomas A.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/TAG1) |   | [HD.2533](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2533) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/07/2021 from 09:30 AM-01:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Moran, Susan L.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/SLM0) |   | [SD.1766](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1766) |
| **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) |
| **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) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/30/2021 from 01:00 PM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Jehlen, Patricia D.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PDJ0) |   | [SD.1844](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1844) |
| **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) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/30/2021 from 01:00 PM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Balser, Ruth B.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/RBB1) |   | [HD.2981](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2981) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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) |
| **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 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 | [Hinds, Adam G.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/AGH0) |   | [SD.2047](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD2047) |
| **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 |
| **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 |