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

**Statewide Advisory Council Meeting**

**October 14, 2021**

**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participants:**  
Commissioner Opeoluwa Sotonwa, MCDHH

**SAC Members:**  
Zimna Camelio  
Michelle Dardeno  
Caitlin Parton  
Ellen Perkins  
Linda Sakin  
Lori Seidman  
Kerry Thompson  
  
**Attendees from Community:**  
Suzann Bedrosian  
Marlene Blackstone  
Karin Eddy, MCDHH  
Shana Gibbs, MassRID  
Kellynette Gomez   
Sharon Harrison, MCDHH  
Jill Hatcher  
Jeff Malcolm  
Kym Meyer, The Learning Center  
Sue Philip

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| **Agenda Topic** | **Discussion** | **Follow up/Person Responsible** |
| Welcome | * Communication Procedures * Introductions * Review of Agenda |  |
| Review of Minutes from:  September 9, 2021 | * Minutes approved. | Approved minutes available [online](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/fy22-public-meeting-calendar). |
| Chairperson’s Report | * 2020: Acknowledgement of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Constituents’ Day Award Winners.  · Recommended timeframe 12 – 3 pm or evening event on a weekday.  · Event live streaming on Facebook or through Zoom.  · Publicity by MCDHH through distribution lists, community partners, Facebook and Twitter.  · Follow-up event for photo opportunity with Commissioner Sotonwa. | Volunteers: Ellen Perkins, Michelle Dardeno, Caitlin Parton  MCDHH Contact: Commissioner Sotonwa  Goal: event before end of 2021. |
| Commissioner’s Report | * New Hires, first day November 1:  1. Communication Access Services (CAS) Director: Cat Dvar.   2. Commissioner’s Designated Interpreter: Christina LaRock.   * Open Positions: · Posted: Adult Case Manager, Boston/Metro · Posted: Screening Coordinator · Will be posted by October 29: Social Services Director · FTE potential for another new position, with EHS for approval. * Vlogs:  · October Disability Employment Awareness Month · [Hispanic Awareness Month](https://www.facebook.com/MCDHH.MA/videos/878976716157454/) · [Lighting the Path, MCDHH staff introductions](https://www.facebook.com/MCDHH.MA/videos/1510553335957961/) · [Celebrate Recovery Month](https://www.facebook.com/MCDHH.MA/videos/895778064685427/) · [Snapshot of MCDHH services](https://www.facebook.com/MCDHH.MA/videos/1711984002332388/) · [Deaf Awareness Week](https://www.facebook.com/MCDHH.MA/videos/244180064383461) * October 7th: joined the National Association of the Deaf’s webinar regarding national accommodations. Model for Centralized Reasonable Accommodations. Commissioner’s perspective: include consumer at the table to discuss best option to match their needs. * Screening Evaluation Coordinator will be working with the CAS Director to include BIPOC interpreters in the Workforce Development priorities. * [Graduation to Certification](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/graduation-to-certification-mentorship-program-pilot): budget was included in MCDHH’s FY22 spending plan. Plan is awaiting final approval. Once approved, focus will be on developing FAQs and needs assessment. * Interpreter demographics: number of screened interpreters working in MA, race breakdown in the interpreter population, number of interpreters from MA versus out of state, etc. * Accommodations in court system: MCDHH continues working with the Executive Office of Trial Courts (EOTC), the Jury Commission, and the Department of Corrections to improve/provide communication access for jurors, prisoners, defendants, and plaintiffs. * Mask mandate as a barrier to access, Lori Seidman, SAC member and MyOmbudsman Program can assist with advocacy and options for clear masks. Advocacy groups and individuals can connect with Lori. | Shana Gibbs will email Commissioner with demographic questions of interest.  Documentation of experiences of the lack of access to courts should be provided to Commissioner Sotonwa. |
| New Business | * Community Training: goal to empower community members and advocacy groups to be involved in the legislative process. Project will include trainings, resources, tools for SAC members and community members. Training will be provided by SAC members in a similar fashion to the previous training by Center for Living and Working’s Ellen Perkins. * 35th Anniversary:  · Vlog recognizing [Deaf Awareness Week](https://www.facebook.com/MCDHH.MA/videos/244180064383461). · MCDHH departmental introduction vlogs, first was [CATTS](https://www.facebook.com/MCDHH.MA/videos/179933730908659/). Other departments will release vlogs throughout the year. Focus will be informing the community on roles of staff members and responsibilities of the department. · [Historical film project](https://www.facebook.com/MCDHH.MA/videos/348759010063156/): photos, newspaper articles, filmed commentaries and memories will be collected by MCDHH. Options for filming include self-filming, or an interview format.  · Wrap-up event slated for June 2022. The event will be virtual. | Aurora Wilber will be invited to join the November 18th SAC meeting.  Contact: [Terry Malcolm](mailto:terry.malcolm@mass.gov) or [Hana Hanigan](mailto:ami.hanigan@mass.gov). |
| Legislative Task Force Report | * [H723](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H723): An Act increasing the penalties for unfair and deceptive actions perpetrated against persons with disabilities and senior citizens. Public hearing was September 27th before the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs. * [H1217](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1217): An Act requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services. Public hearing was October 12th before the Joint Committee on Financial Services. * Neither has been reported out of committee; testimony can still be submitted. | Bills of Interest at end of document (page 5 - 10.)  Feedback can be provided to: [Brock Cordeiro](mailto:BNCordeiro@comcast.net?subject=SAC%20Bills%20of%20Interest). |
| Old Business | * Update: UbiDuo3 usage with inmates for communication access. Product will be a tool in addition to other modes of communication access. Challenge in MA is not all prisons are owned and managed by the Department of Corrections (DOC); privately owned prisons or county jails would need to be contacted separately to examine contractual agreements to understand provision of communication access. * Commissioner Sotonwa is on the board of TDI. TDI has recently joined other organizations to file [a comment on telecommunications access for incarcerated deaf people](https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10927245844157/2021.09.27%20Accessibility%20Coalition%20Carceral%20Comms%20Fifth%20FNPRM%20Comments%20final.pdf). |  |
| Announcements | * October 14: World Sight Day * October 15: White Cane Day * November 10, 6 pm: Disability Policy Consortium Annual Meeting. Virtual event will honor John Winske. * World Federation for DeafBlind is gathering resources and best practices. The Federation has been provided the MCDHH [Visor](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/mcdhh-visor-card) and [COVID](https://www.mass.gov/service-details/covid-19-card) cards. Visor cards have also been translated into different languages and highlighted at the ALDA conference. * Kerry Thompson through her work with the Disability Rights Fund recently collaborated with UNICEF for guidelines for remote education for Deaf children in South Africa. Nigeria recently received $40,000 through a grant. * ViAbility has hired a new Program Manager, the announcement will be shared soon. * Region 1, Registry of Interpreters (RID) Conference: 2022 |  |
| Next SAC Meeting | * November 18, 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 #** |
| **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 |