

LONG TERM SERVICES & SUPPORTS

04-16-2015

HB 504 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to designating the second full week in September as Direct Support Professionals Week.

Remarks: Would designate the 2nd week in September as Direct Support Professionals Week.

Bill History: 04-13-15 S Received in the Senate

HB 607 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the creation of the State Supported Living Center Realignment Commission.

Remarks: Would require an SSLC realignment commission for closure and consolidation. Needs respectful language edit.

Bill History: 02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

HB 967 Crownover, Myra(R) Relating to a pilot project to evaluate the use of radio frequency identification technology to transmit information regarding residents of certain group homes.

Remarks: Would establish pilot where a provider may use RFID device to identify and track resident of HCS group home w/resident or guardian's consent.

Bill History: 03-30-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

HB 1260 King, Susan(R) Relating to creation by rule of the Department of Aging and Disability Services of a schedule of support services a state supported living center may provide and the applicable fee for those services.

Remarks: Would allow SSLCs to be paid to provide services to persons using community based long term services and supports.

Bill History: 04-06-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

HB 1328 Turner, Chris(D) Relating to a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed on certain real property used to provide housing to certain persons with disabilities.

Remarks: Would provide tax credit for unregulated group homes and ICF-ID facilities. Language is not in line with Olmstead.

Bill History: 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1623 Laubenberg, Jodie(R) Relating to the reimbursement of providers for the provision of certain home telemonitoring services under the Medicaid program.

Remarks: Would allow telemonitoring for children with complex or chronic medical needs.

Bill History: 04-14-15 H Committee action pending House Public Health

HB 1739 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the personal needs allowance for certain Medicaid recipients who are residents of long-term care facilities.

Remarks: Would increase personal needs allowance to \$75 per month. Does not include persons in HCS group homes.

Bill History: 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

HB 2649 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to requiring video recording in certain home and community-based services provider facilities.

Remarks: Requires video monitoring in facilities with 8 or more people. Does not include a provision to require individuals' consent. Author indicates that the bill will not move forward.

Bill History: 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

HB 2789 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to trauma-informed care training for certain employees of state supported living centers and intermediate care facilities.

Remarks: Would require initial pre-work and annual training on trauma-informed care for SSLC and ICF employees. Permits internet training.

Bill History: 04-14-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

HB 3523 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to improving the delivery and quality of Medicaid acute care services and long-term care services and supports.

Remarks: SB7 (2013) follow up that would update implementation dates and would re-authorize and provide more direction to oversight committees.

Bill History: 04-13-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

HB 3971 King, Susan(R) Relating to the provision of notice by the Department of Aging and Disability Services to neighborhoods in which certain group homes are located to protect the safety of the residents of those group homes.

Remarks: Would require DADS to develop a process to notify neighbors of the presence of a group home or ICF if law enforcement has had to respond to multiple emergencies, crises or elopements.

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

HB 4001 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to the provision of habilitation and certain health care services by a home and community support services agency.

Remarks: Would add habilitation to the HCSSA licensure (some HCSSAs already provide hab). Does not include corresponding requirements for training to develop the capacity to provide services to persons with IDD.

Bill History: 04-14-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Human Services

SB 30	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to financial eligibility for the Texas home living (TxHmL) waiver program.
Companions:	HB 526 Riddle, Debbie (Identical) 2-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services	
Remarks:	Would expand eligibility for the TxHmL Waiver program from 100% SSI to 300% SSI. Substitute expected to include deeming parental income.	
Bill History:	01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services	

SB 169	Uresti, Carlos(D)	Relating to ensuring that certain military members who reside out of state and their dependents maintain their positions on waiting lists for certain assistance programs provided by health and human services agencies.
Companions:	HB 765 King, Susan (Identical) 3-11-15 H Committee action pending House Defense and Veteran's Affairs	
Remarks:	Would ensure that military families stationed outside of Texas maintain their interest list position in their absence. Limit to one year maintenance on wait list after duty ends, killed or dies in service.	
Bill History:	04-15-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs	

SB 219	Schwertner, Charles(R) Price, Four(R)	Relating to the provision of health and human services in this state, including the powers and duties of the Health and Human Services Commission and other state agencies, and the licensing of certain health professionals.
Companions:	HB 550 Price, Four (Identical) 3-26-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 219	
Remarks:	Would clean up health and human services codes in advance of Sunset legislation. Passage of SB 219 marks the full implementation of the respectful language legislation from 2011. 2,276 pages.	
Bill History:	04-02-15 G Earliest effective date	

SB 304	Schwertner, Charles(R)	Relating to the abuse and neglect of residents of certain facilities.
Remarks:	Would require licensure revocation for nursing facilities with 3 violations that constitute an immediate threat the health and safety to a person. Some have suggested that this provision should apply to additional settings.	
Bill History:	03-31-15 H Received in the House	

SB 1068	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to the creation of the State Supported Living Center Realignment Commission.
Companions:	HB 2951 Klick, Stephanie (Identical) 3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services	
Bill History:	03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services	

SB 1119	Lucio, Eddie(D)	Relating to a pilot project to evaluate the use of telepractice to provide certain services to children and adults with an autism spectrum disorder.
	Remarks:	Would require a 6-year pilot to provide service to children with autism via telemedicine from a listed university.
	Bill History:	03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 1475	Garcia, Sylvia(D)	Relating to establishing an enhanced Medicaid managed care consumer support system.
	Remarks:	Would require an ombuds system for all persons receiving services under any managed care product in order to reduce the need for internal appeals at the MCO and fair hearing levels.
	Bill History:	04-15-15 S Committee action pending Senate Health and Human Services

SB 1585	Lucio, Eddie(D)	Relating to a study on the feasibility of establishing a prepaid investment plan or other product to help citizens of this state finance and access residential care.
	Remarks:	Would require HHSC to study Texas and other residential care models and feasibility of a tax-sheltered contributions/dividends program similar to education savings accounts.
	Bill History:	03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 1664	Perry, Charles (F)(R)	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program.
	Companions:	HB 3766 Burkett, Cindy (Identical) 3-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services
	Remarks:	Would establish Texas ABLE Act accounts for persons who acquired their disability before age 26.
	Bill History:	04-16-15 H Received in the House

SB 1887	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the period for which a defendant with an intellectual disability who is found incompetent to stand trial may be civilly committed before the court holds a hearing.
	Remarks:	Would require annual recommitment hearings for persons under forensic commitment to an SSLC.
	Bill History:	03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

SB 1890	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the electronic monitoring of residents at state supported living centers.
	Remarks:	Would allow a resident of an SSLC to object and opt out of video monitoring in the residents private quarters.
	Bill History:	03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services