

TCDD May Council Meeting Bill List

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HB 39

Smithee, John(R)

Relating to guardianships for incapacitated persons.

Companions: SB 1224 Schwertner, Charles (Identical)
 3-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: Would list less restrictive alternatives to guardianship; direct the court to determine whether alternatives could prevent guardianship; require the court to determine if supports are in place or available that enable individuals to meet their needs and make decisions so that guardianship may be averted or limited; require additional information from the physician about the proposed incapacitated person; add consideration of the proposed ward's capacity to make decisions about residence; and add training on alternatives to guardianship of the applicant's attorney.

Bill History: 04-30-15 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs

HB 440

Gonzales, Larry(R)

Relating to adapting the public school physical education curriculum to accommodate the needs of students with mental disabilities.

Remarks: Would require accommodations in physical education classes for all student receiving special education services, including those with a mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and autism spectrum disorder.

Bill History: 04-30-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Education

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: 04-30-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Human Services

HB 606

Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to a study on the benefits of prenatal surgical procedures to treat birth defects.

Remarks: Would require the Health and Human Services Commission to conduct a study for cost benefit of specific surgeries on a child before they are born.

Bill History: 04-29-15 S Received in the Senate

HB 659

Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the waiver of state park, museum, and other state-operated facility entrance fees for persons with certain disabilities.

Remarks: Would allow people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their paid attendant to have free admission to state parks, museums or other state operated facilities.

Bill History: 05-07-15 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 892



Klick, Stephanie(R)

Relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis and the regulation of related organizations and individuals.

Companions: SB 339 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
4-29-15 S Committee action pending Senate Health and Human Services

Remarks: Would create the Texas Compassionate-Use Act to provide access to low THC cannabis for persons with intractable seizures.

Bill History: 04-28-15 H Committee action pending House Public Health

HB 1260



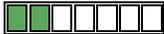
King, Susan(R)

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: 04-23-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Human Services

HB 1317



Bohac, Dwayne(R)

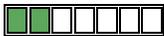
Relating to the designation of van-only parking spaces for use by persons with disabilities.

Companions: SB 1023 Seliger, Kel (Identical)
3-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: Would establish the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities with disability groups from rural and urban areas to review rules and building standards for van accessible parking in Texas, other states and at the federal level.

Bill History: 05-05-15 H Set on the Local Calendar

HB 1338



Naishtat, Elliott(D)

Relating to training for peace officers and first responders on acquired and traumatic brain injuries.

Remarks: Would require, in collaboration with Truamatic Brain Injury Advisory Council, to establish and maintain a training program for peace officers and first responders.

Bill History: 05-05-15 H Set on the Local Calendar

HB 1428



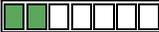
Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the administration of housing funds set aside for persons with disabilities through the homebuyer assistance program.

Companions: SB 1883 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)
4-30-15 S Committee action pending Senate Intergovernmental Relations

Remarks: Would require a process to pre-approve persons with disabilities through the homebuyer assistance program.

Bill History: 05-04-15 S Received in the Senate

HB 1541


Burkett, Cindy(R)

Relating to peer specialists, peer services, and the provision of those services under the medical assistance program.

Remarks: Would require rules for scope of services, certification and supervision and separate provider types for peer support specialists (mental health and substance abuse).

Bill History: 05-06-15 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 1678


Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities.

Companions: SB 211 Schwertner, Charles (Identical)
2-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
SB 688 Schwertner, Charles (Identical)
4-21-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

Bill History: 05-06-15 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - Senate Health and Human Services

HB 1679


Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the continuation of the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities.

Companions: SB 210 Birdwell, Brian (Identical)
2-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Bill History: 05-06-15 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - Senate Health and Human Services

HB 2082


Laubenberg, Jodie(R)

Relating to developing a pilot program to provide telemedicine medical services to certain children.

Remarks: Would pilot telemedical services in the home of child who is technology dependent and being treated by three or more specialists.

Bill History: 04-24-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health

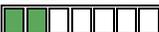
HB 2463


Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the functions of the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

Companions: SB 205 Campbell, Donna (Identical)
3-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Bill History: 04-21-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Health and Human Services

HB 2703


Simmons, Ron(R)

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners and the requirement to obtain a license to practice as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst.

Companions: SB 1871 Lucio, Eddie (Identical)
3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Remarks: Would establish a Texas Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners licensure and scope of practice. Would not add requirements in addition to the national certification requirements. Necessary for BCBA's to bill Medicaid for services provided by staff they supervise.

Bill History: 05-04-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health

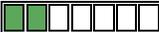
HB 2789


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: 04-27-15 S Received in the Senate

HB 3010


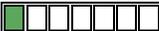
Simmons, Ron(R)

Relating to the consideration of ownership interests of certain persons with disabilities in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.

Companions: SB 1052 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)
3-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: Would provide HUB status for businesses owned by people with disabilities. EFTF recommendation.

Bill History: 05-04-15 H Sent to the Calendars Committee

HB 3374


Morrison, Geanie(R)

Relating to information regarding Down syndrome.

Remarks: Would require that expectant parents whose test results indicate the probability that the unborn child has Down syndrome receive information about local resources. Does not prohibit information about termination.

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House State Affairs

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: 05-01-15 H Passed to third reading

HB 3685


Anderson, Doc(R)

Relating to the employment status of certain individuals engaged in rehabilitative work-training programs.

Companions: SB 1671 Lucio, Eddie (Identical)
3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

Remarks: Would require employers of people with disabilities to create WIOA transition plan with timeframes to move from training into competitive employment - including eligibility for unemployment benefits. Excludes state-run programs operated by state hospitals, state supported living centers, and community centers. Advocates recommend removing the community center exclusion.

Bill History: 05-05-15 H Set on the Local Calendar

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: Amended to require group home and ICF providers to include a neighborhood and/or community engagement plan for each residence to promote positive relationships between community members and people using community based services.

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Human Services

SB 37



Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to a study of the participation of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in public higher education.

Companions: [HB 1811](#) Naishtat, Elliott (Identical)
5- 4-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.030,
House Human Services

Remarks: Would require TEA to maintain data on participation of people with IDD in public higher education. Would require TEA and Comptroller to have MOU outlining how offices will work together.

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Received in the House

SB 125



West, Royce(D)
Naishtat, Elliott(D)

Relating to certain assessments for children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

Companions: [HB 1852](#) Naishtat, Elliott (Identical)
4-29-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 125

Remarks: Would require developmental psycho-social & trauma assessment of child who enters conservatorship.

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Passed (Vote: Y: 138/N: 0)

SB 149



Seliger, Kel(R)
Huberty, Dan(R)

Relating to the creation of individual graduation committees for certain high school students.

Remarks: Would allow graduation committees to assess whether a student who has not performed satisfactorily on end-of-course assessments can qualify for graduation based on other criteria.

Bill History: 04-30-15 G Sent to the Governor

SB 169



Uresti, Carlos(D)
King, Susan(R)

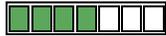
Relating to ensuring that certain military members who reside out of state and their dependents maintain their positions on waiting lists for certain assistance programs provided by health and human services agencies.

Companions: [HB 765](#) King, Susan (Identical)
4-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted
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, or person dies in service.

Bill History: 05-01-15 H Sent to the Calendars Committee

SB 200



Nelson, Jane(R)

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Health and Human Services Commission and the provision of health and human services in this state.

Companions: [HB 2304](#) Price, Four (Identical)
4-27-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Human Services

SB 203



Nelson, Jane(R)

Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the continuations and functions of the Texas Health Services Authority as a quasi-governmental entity and the electronic exchange of health care information.

Companions: [HB 1680](#) Raymond, Richard (Identical)
4-17-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 203

Bill History: 05-04-15 S Senate concurred in House amendments (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

SB 204



Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

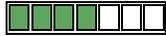
Relating to the functions of the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

Companions: [HB 2699](#) Raymond, Richard (Identical)
3-23-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

Remarks: Among the issues addressed in the DADS Sunset bill are: provisions to address adequate standards in day habilitation; Quality Reporting System improvements; the closure of the Austin State Supported Living Center; and an SSLC Restructuring Commission to determine if additional Centers should be closed.

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Human Services

SB 207



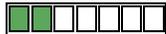
Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

Relating to the authority and duties of the office of inspector general of the Health and Human Services Commission.

Companions: [HB 3279](#) Gonzales, Larry (Identical)
4-29-15 H Recommitted to committee on House General Investigating and Ethics

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Referred to House Committee on House General Investigating and Ethics

SB 208



Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Workforce Commission.

Companions: [HB 3294](#) Burkett, Cindy (Identical)
4- 9-15 H Committee action pending House Economic and Small Business Development

Remarks: Would continue the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and move disability determination services and Business Enterprises of Texas (BET) from DARS to TWC; includes sunset recommendations to combine vocational rehabilitation (VR) services and VR blind services, separating VR blind services from DARS blind children's program.

Bill History: 04-30-15 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 212



Birdwell, Brian(R)

Relating to the abolishment of the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities and the transfer of its functions to the comptroller of public accounts.

Companions: [HB 1989](#) Burkett, Cindy (Identical)
4-27-15 H Committee action pending House Human Services

Remarks: Would abolish TCPPD and move functions to the Comptroller. Would expand the advisory council to include people with disabilities who are employed by contractors under the State Use Program.

Amendment to direct the administrating agency of the State Use Program to adopt policy requiring all CRPs to pay at least minimum wage was filed, but was not acceptable to the author.

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Human Services

SB 219



Schwertner, Charles(R)
Price, Four(R)

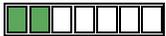
Relating to the provision of health and human services in this state, including the powers and duties of the Health and Human Services Commission and other state agencies, and the licensing of certain health professionals.

Companions: [HB 550](#) Price, Four (Identical)
3-26-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 219

Remarks: Cleans 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 507



Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to the placement of video cameras in self-contained classrooms providing special education services.

Remarks: Would require a school district to provide video camera for self contained classrooms on request of a parent or a school trustee/staff, with camera removed on request of any parent. Not continuously monitored.

Bill History: 05-04-15 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Education

SB 760



Schwertner, Charles(R)

Relating to provider access requirements for a Medicaid managed care organization.

Remarks: Would require more appropriate network adequacy standards that are directly monitored, requires expedited credentialing for some providers, and adds a \$10k penalty for failure to comply.

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Human Services

SB 791



Kolkhorst, Lois (F)(R)

Relating to testing for and education about congenital cytomegalovirus in infants.

Companions: [HB 2174](#) Zerwas, John (Identical)
3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

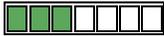
Remarks: Would require that congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV) informational materials are provided to pregnant women. CMV causes developmental and/or hearing loss in 1 in 500 infants whose mother contracts the virus during pregnancy.

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Public Health

SB 1129

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the transportation of a person with a mental illness.



Remarks: Would limit restraint during transport, detention and apprehension to only those that allow a person to sit upright, unless in an ambulance.

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Received in the House

SB 1475

Garcia, Sylvia(D)

Relating to establishing an enhanced Medicaid managed care consumer support system.



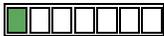
Remarks: Would require an ombuds system for all persons receiving services under any managed care product in order to reduce the need for internal appeals at the managed care organization and fair hearing levels.

Bill History: 04-15-15 S Committee action pending Senate Health and Human Services

SB 1584

Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to positive behavioral interventions and supports for students enrolled in public school who receive special education services.



Remarks: Would promote PBIS and give conditions under which restraint may be used as an emergency intervention, prohibiting use in a behavioral intervention plan; with documentation, parental and district notification requirements and ARD referral for consideration. Would add PBIS and bullying to training options; requires PBIS training of some general education teachers who work with students with disabilities.

Bill History: 04-23-15 S Committee action pending Senate Education

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: 05-01-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Human Services

SB 1881

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to authorizing supported decision-making agreements for certain adults with disabilities.



Companions: [HB 3624](#) Zedler, Bill (Identical)
4-23-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Human Services
[SB 1912](#) Perry, Charles (F) (Identical)
3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Remarks: Would establish supported decision-making as an informal alternative to guardianship where individuals could choose people they trust to help them understand the decisions they need to make and to communicate their decisions to others.

Bill History: 05-01-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Human Services

SB 1882

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to a bill of rights for wards under guardianship.



Remarks: Would list rights that individuals under guardianship get to keep, such as the right to live, work and play in the most integrated setting, visit with people of their choice, and appear before the court to express their preferences or concerns. Would include the right to petition the court and due process.

Bill History: 04-29-15 S Committee action pending Senate Health and Human Services

SB 1889

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the disclosure and use of certain information in the Department of Family and Protective Services central registry of child abuse or neglect cases and the report of certain information.



Companions: [HB 2039](#) Burkett, Cindy (Identical)
5- 5-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Remarks: Would prohibit adding a parent to a state child abuse registry if the parent relinquished custody of a child solely for purposes of obtaining mental health care for the child.

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Received in the House

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