



DO YOU HAVE 10 MINUTES TODAY TO ADVOCATE FOR FUNDING FOR PEOPLE WITH I/DD?

There are there are 3 bills this session, that would allow DDS to keep savings in their budget to serve waiting list families!

But none of them has been scheduled for a public hearing and without a hearing the bills will die. *People with I/DD and their families deserve to have their voices heard on this issue!*

Getting our bills heard will take a lot of phone calls and a lot of pressure, but the good news is phone calls are quick and easy. *But they are only effective when there are A LOT of them!*

TAKE ACTION TODAY!

1. Senate Bill 748 - An Act Permitting DDS to Reallocate Any Unallocated Budget Surplus Toward Those on Waiting Lists for DDS Services

This bill, introduced by I/DD Caucus member, **Representative Mike Demicco**, would ensure that unexpended funds originally appropriated to the Department of Developmental Services are not transferred to the General Fund or used for any purpose other than the provision of services to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

STEP ONE: Call the Co-Chairs of The Appropriations Committee

- Senator Paul Formica - 800 842-1421
- Senator Cathy Osten - 860 240-0579
- Representative Toni Walker - 860 240-8585

STEP TWO: Leave this message with the Legislative Aide

- I am calling because services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are important to me.
- I would like to ask name of legislator to make sure that there are public hearings on Senate Bill 748, An Act Permitting DDS to Reallocate Any Unallocated Budget Surplus Toward Those on Waiting Lists for DDS Services and on House Bill 5565, An Act Concerning Funds Appropriated to DDS. Thank you.

3. House Bill 5567 - An Act Concerning the Waiting List for Home & Community Based Waivers.

This bill introduced by I/DD Caucus members, **Senator Beth Bye** and **Representative Cathy Abercrombie**, would use the savings generated from the privatization of group homes to move one hundred people off of the waiting list for the Medicaid home and community-based waiver program.

STEP ONE: Call the Co-Chairs of The Human Services Committee & Vice Chair Senator Beth Bye

- Representative Cathy Abercrombie - 860 240-8500
- Senator Marilyn Moore - 860 240-0425
- Senator Joe Markley - 860 240-8500
- Senator Beth Bye - 860 240-0428

STEP TWO: Leave this message with the Legislative Aide

- I am calling because services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are important to me.
- I would like to ask name of legislator to make sure that there is a public hearing on House Bill 5567, An Act Concerning the Waiting List for Home & Community Based Waivers. Thank you.
- When calling Representative Abercrombie & Senator Bye, be sure to thank them for their advocacy and for introducing this bill.

SPREAD THE WORD!

When your done with your calls, share this information with other families and advocates. Don't forget to also share with family members, friends, and neighbors who care about your family and ask them to take make calls as well!