
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 10, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [50](#)

BY Lauria, Lawson, Pearson, Valverde, DiMario, Kallman, Murray, Felag, Urso, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS
IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND {LC276/1} (Establishes Children's Catastrophic Illness in Children
Relief Fund to provide finance assistance to families for medical expenses not covered by state or
federal programs or insurance contract.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [263](#)

BY DiMario, Lauria, Urso, Appollonio, Valverde, Bissailon, Lawson, Murray, Britto, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1160/1} (Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile
response and stabilization services to eligible individuals enrolled as plan beneficiaries.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [272](#)

BY Lauria, Pearson, Acosta, Lawson, Kallman, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- HEALTHY KIDS ACT
{LC1553/1} (Mandates that all restaurants offering children's meals offer at least two (2) children's
meals that complies with certain detailed nutritional standards set forth in the act.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [478](#)

BY Mack, Vargas, Kallman, Murray, Lauria, Acosta, Urso, Valverde, Quezada, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD
HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS {LC1583/1}
(Establishes the scope of a certified professional midwife's authority relating to prescribing
medication to patients.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [479](#)

BY Mack, Vargas, Kallman, Murray, Lauria, Acosta, Urso, Valverde, Quezada, DiMario ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1585/1} (Requires health insurance plans to cover services provided by licensed certified professional midwives. Insurers must report utilization and cost data annually. Certain limited benefit policies are exempt.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [460](#)

BY Bissaillon, Murray, DiMario, DiPalma, McKenney, Lawson, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES -- THE POWERS AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES {LC1513/1} (Expands the DCYF powers by overseeing and administer comprehensive behavioral health services for children with serious emotional disturbances and children with developmental or functional disabilities.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [686](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Gallo, DiMario, Lauria, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS {LC1424/1} (Authorizes a midwife, nurse practitioner or physicians assistant attending a newborn to cause that child to be subject to newborn screening tests for conditions for which there is a medical benefit to the early detection and treatment of the disorder.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 10, 2025, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

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