

HUMAN SERVICES-RELATED BILLS **PASSED** IN THE 2015 GENERAL SESSION

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<p>H.B. 18 Second Substitute – Children's Hearing Aid Program Amendments <i>Rep. R. Edwards</i></p>	<p>Amends provisions related to providing hearing aids for children. This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • converts the Children's Hearing Aid Pilot Program to a permanent program; • modifies eligibility requirements for the program; • establishes a repeal date for certain sections of the Utah Health Code; and • makes technical and conforming amendments.
<p>H.B. 39 Second Substitute – Emergency Placement of Children <i>Rep. Johnny Anderson</i></p>	<p>Amends provisions related to the emergency placement of a child who has been removed by the Division of Child and Family Services. This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • permits the Division of Child and Family Services (the division) to place a child in an emergency placement with a friend, designated by the custodial parent or guardian, who is not a licensed foster parent; • modifies the definition of "relative" as it relates to abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings; • permits the division to place a child in an emergency placement with an adult who is an adoptive parent of the child's sibling; and • permits the court to award custody of a child with an adult who is an adoptive parent of a child's sibling.
<p>H.B. 112 – Hearing Instrument Specialist Amendments <i>Rep. G. Froerer</i></p>	<p>Modifies the requirements for practicing as an audiologist or as a hearing instrument specialist. This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requires a licensed audiologist or a licensed hearing instrument specialist to inform each patient about the performance of a hearing instrument with a telecoil switch when offering to sell the patient a hearing instrument; and • makes technical changes.
<p>H.B. 139 Third Substitute – Foster Home Amendments <i>Rep. B. Daw</i></p>	<p>Amends the definition of "foster home" in the Utah Human Services Code. This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amends the definition of "foster home."
<p>H.B. 145 – Vulnerable Adult Worker Amendments <i>Rep. D. Sanpei</i></p>	<p>Amends provisions relating to the Department of Human Services' background check procedures. This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • defines terms; • permits the Department of Human Services to conduct criminal background screening of employees and volunteers; • amends provisions relating to when the Office of Licensing (the office) shall conduct a background check;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requires each applicant 18 years of age or older to submit fingerprints to the office for a national criminal history search; • clarifies which databases the office must search to conduct a background check; • provides that the office may submit an applicant's personal identifying information to the Bureau of Criminal Identification (the Bureau) within the Department of Public Safety for retention, monitoring, and notification of new criminal activity associated with an applicant; • requires the office to conduct a comprehensive review of an applicant's background check if the applicant has a record of an adjudication in juvenile court for an act that, if committed by an adult, would be a felony or misdemeanor; • provides that the office may conditionally approve an applicant, other than a prospective foster or adoptive parent, without the applicant being directly supervised, pending the results of a national criminal history search; and • makes technical and conforming changes.
<p>H.B. 187 First Substitute – Amendments to Health and Human Services Funds <i>Rep. E. Redd</i></p>	<p>Amends provisions related to restricted funds administered by the Department of Human Services.</p> <p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describes requirements for the use of the Utah State Developmental Center Miscellaneous Donation Fund and the State Hospital Fund; and • makes technical changes.
<p>H.B. 209 – Suicide Prevention Program Amendments <i>Rep. J. Fawson</i></p>	<p>Modifies provisions related to suicide prevention training for behavioral health professionals.</p> <p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requires an individual to complete a course in suicide prevention in order to obtain or renew a license in a behavioral health profession.
<p>H.B. 237 First Substitute – Vision Screening Amendments <i>Rep. M. Brown</i></p>	<p>Amends provisions related to vision screening services for children.</p> <p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • defines terms; • requires a school district or charter school to ensure that certain volunteers hold a certificate issued by the division as a condition of providing vision screening services; • requires the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (division) to issue a certificate to a volunteer who successfully completes vision screening training provided by the division; and • makes technical and conforming changes.
<p>H.B. 356 Third Substitute – Parent and Child Amendments</p>	<p>Amends provisions that relate to child welfare.</p>

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<p>Rep. L. Christensen</p>	<p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amends the definition of "harm" in the Juvenile Court Act; • amends provisions related to the medical treatment of a child; and • amends provisions related to the custody of a child with the Division of Child and Family Services.
<p>H.B. 364 Second Substitute – Suicide Prevention Amendments Rep. S. Eliason</p>	<p>Amends provisions related to suicide prevention.</p> <p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amends State Board of Education and Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health program components for suicide prevention; and • amends interim committee reporting requirements. <p>This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to State Board of Education - Office of Education, as a one-time appropriation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · from Education Fund, \$150,000; and • to Department of Human Services - Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, as a one-time appropriation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · from General Fund, \$210,000. <p>This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to Department of Public Safety - Programs and Operations - Bureau of Criminal Identification, as an ongoing appropriation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · from Restricted - Firearm Safety Account, \$15,000; • to Department of Human Services - Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, as an ongoing appropriation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · from General Fund, \$191,000; and • to State Board of Education - Office of Education, as an ongoing appropriation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · from General Fund, \$50,000.
<p>H.J.R. 12 Joint Resolution on Homeless and Runaway Youth Rep. G. Froerer</p>	<p>This joint resolution of the Legislature designates the month of November as "Homeless and Runaway Youth Awareness Month."</p> <p>This resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • designates the month of November as "Homeless and Runaway Youth Awareness Month"; and • recognizes the efforts of those addressing the problem of youth homelessness.
<p>S.B. 10 First Substitute – Compact for Interstate Sharing of Putative Father Registry Information Sen. L. Escamilla</p>	<p>Enacts the Compact for Interstate Sharing of Putative Father Registry Information.</p> <p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • defines terms;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describes the purpose of the Compact for Interstate Sharing of Putative Father Registry Information; • describes the process for entering, withdrawing from, and amending the compact; • describes the responsibilities and privileges of states participating in the compact; • addresses the privacy, retention, and use of putative father registry information shared under the compact; • includes a severability clause; and • requires the state registrar, appointed by the Department of Health, to study the procedures necessary to implement the Compact for Interstate Sharing of Putative Father Registry Information.
<p>S.B. 12 First Substitute – Child Care Amendments <i>Sen. A. Christensen</i></p>	<p>Amends provisions of the Utah Health Code related to child care. This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requires a child care provider that is exempt from licensure and certification requirements to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · submit information to the Department of Health for the purpose of conducting criminal history checks; · prohibit an individual with a misdemeanor or felony from providing care to a child receiving care from the provider, unless exempted by the Department of Health; and · post, in a conspicuous location, a notice that is prepared by the Department of Health that states the facility is exempt from licensure and certification and provides the department's contact information for submitting a complaint; • allows the Department of Health to investigate a child care provider that is exempt from licensure and certification requirements under certain circumstances; and • makes technical and conforming amendments.
<p>S.B. 47 First Substitute – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families <i>Sen. A. Christensen</i></p>	<p>Modifies provisions of the Federal Funds Procedures Act. This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • defines terms; • makes certain expenditures from federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds subject to the Federal Funds Procedures Act; • amends the definition of "new federal funds" to include a one-time TANF request greater than \$1,000,000 over the amount most recently approved by the Legislature; and • makes technical changes.

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<p>S.B. 77 Second Substitute – Adoption Records Access Amendments <i>Sen. T. Weiler</i></p>	<p>Modifies provisions related to accessing adoption documents. This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • defines terms; • establishes procedures for the Office of Vital Records and Statistics (the office) to make adoption documents available for inspection and copying; • provides that a birth parent may elect to permit identifying information about the birth parent to be made available for inspection and copying; • provides for the establishment of fees relating to use of a mutual-consent, voluntary adoption registry (the registry) and other requests for adoption records; • provides for the release of information from the registry if a birth parent dies; • provides for funding, automating, and improving the services described in this bill; • requires the office to establish a fee relating to requesting adoption documents; and • makes technical changes. <p>This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to the Department of Health - Adoption Records Access: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · from the General Fund, \$55,000, subject to intent language that the appropriation shall be used for the purposes described in Subsection 78B-6-144.5(2); and · from the Dedicated Credits Revenue, \$26,200, subject to intent language that the appropriation shall be used for the purposes described in Subsection 78B-6-144.5(2).
<p>S.B. 101 Fifth Substitute – Adoption Amendments <i>Sen. T. Weiler</i></p>	<p>Amends the Utah Adoption Act. This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides a definition; • requires an unmarried biological father to file a petition in district court for an order establishing temporary child support before the unmarried biological father may consent to the adoption of a child who is six months of age or less; and • creates a process for the court's consideration of multiple petitions for adoption.
<p>S.B. 103 Child Welfare Amendments <i>Sen. W. Harper</i></p>	<p>Amends provisions of the Utah Code related to child welfare. This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amends provisions related to a primary permanency plan and a concurrent permanency plan;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adds a child interview to the definition of "record" for purposes of the Public Records Management Act; • repeals a provision in the Adoption Act related to the Division of Child and Family Services; • includes uncodified language directing the Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel to study reporting of child abuse and neglect; and • makes technical and conforming changes.
<p>S.B. 108 Social Work Amendments <i>Sen. G. Davis</i></p>	<p>Amends provisions of the Mental Health Professional Practice Act.</p> <p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides that an individual may represent oneself as a, or use the title of, social worker if the individual possesses certified transcripts from an accredited institution of higher education as described in the bill; and • amends the qualifications for licensure as a clinical social worker, certified social worker, and social service worker by adding completion of an education accredited by the Canadian Association of Schools of Social Work.
<p>S.B. 292 Second Substitute – Achieving a Better Life Experience Program and Tax Credits <i>Sen. T. Weiler</i></p>	<p>Enacts the Achieving a Better Life Experience Program Act and provides tax credits for contributions to accounts created under the program.</p> <p>This bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enacts the Achieving a Better Life Experience Program Act; • requires the Department of Workforce Services to conduct a study related to the program; • enacts nonrefundable tax credits for contributions to accounts created under the program; and • provides a repeal date for the study.
<p>S.J.R. 1 Joint Resolution Urging Interstate Sharing of Putative Father Registry Information <i>Sen. L. Escamilla</i></p>	<p>This joint resolution of the Legislature urges actions to promote the interstate sharing of putative father registry information.</p> <p>This resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • urges each state, district, and territory of the United States to enact the Compact for Interstate Sharing of Putative Father Registry Information; • urges the Uniform Law Commission to develop model state laws that promote the interstate sharing of putative father registry information; and • urges Congress to enact legislation that promotes the interstate sharing of putative father registry information, while respecting state control over related public policies.

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H.B. 176 – Rights of Child Victim Amendments <i>Rep. L. Christensen</i>	Provides that a child victim may have a parent present during interviews. This bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides a child victim the right to have a parent that is not the subject of the investigation present during interviews.
H.B. 272 – Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council Amendments <i>Rep. N. Thurston</i>	Amends provisions relating to the composition and responsibilities of the Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council. This bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amends the composition of the Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council; • clarifies the responsibilities of the Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council; and • makes technical changes.
H.B. 449 – Amendments to Adoptive Studies and Evaluations <i>Rep. E. Redd</i>	Amends provisions related to adoptive evaluations. This bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • addresses who may conduct a preplacement adoptive evaluation; • addresses information a court shall or may consider related to a preplacement adoptive study before finalizing a petition for adoption; and • makes technical and conforming changes.
S.B. 261 – Child Welfare Revisions <i>Sen. A. Jackson</i>	Amends language related to child welfare services. This bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amends language related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · the state's interest in protecting a child; and · standards for the Division of Child and Family Services to seek custody of a child.