



E-CONNECT NEWS

The Moore Center Legislative Updates



Budget Update

The full House and the full Senate passed the governor's budget on June 22nd. As stated in our previous E-Connect, this means that the developmental disability community will receive an increase in funding when compared to the current budget. We have received additional new funding for the Early Supports and Services program for the first time since 2009.

Despite many attempts to get additional funding for the DD waitlist, we are still about \$18 million short. Area Agencies will be advocating for additional waitlist funds at the very next available opportunity. This could include a "waitlist funding bill" for the 2018 legislative session.

House Bill 620 was fortunately not passed. The current rules will remain in effect, which support parental involvement, protect students from harm, provide accountability and many more benefits to children that require special education.

Thank you for your advocacy efforts to ensure that individuals and families receive the supports they need and deserve to reach their goals.

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