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## Join us in supporting HB642-FN at the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

**When:** Wednesday, April 5th, 9:45 a.m.

**Where:** Legislative Office Building, room  
101. 33 N State St, Concord, NH 03301

**HB642-FN** (New Title) relative to waitlist  
registry and budget flexibility for services for  
the developmentally disabled.

If you plan to testify, please get there early  
and register. *Also, we're asking participants  
to wear bright pink to show support for the DD/ABD community.*



## A Summary of the Bill

Sponsored by Representative Jerry Stringham, the bill's original title was relative to prohibiting the department of health and human services from enforcing salary cap for direct care workers'. The bill's title has been amended to 'relative to waitlist registry and budget flexibility for services for the developmentally disabled,' and the language in the bill has also

been amended.

**Amended Analysis from General Court website:** "This bill expands the allowable budgets for agencies providing services to the developmentally disabled to include on their waitlist registry application. This bill also mandates the department of health and human services use existing budget appropriations to negotiate reasonable wages and service budgets for services for the developmentally disabled."

**In other words:** As amended, this bill could include Legacy budgets- which are budgets 24 months or older for the wait list registry if passed. Currently, there is no category for the cost of living increases for the waitlist. This would create a fourth category for the waitlist along with A (Students transitioning into adult services), B (New residents or new to the service delivery system), and C (Currently served but experiencing significant change in their lives). In addition, if funding is available, legacy (category D) budget adjustments could be funded from existing department funds over time.

## **Lend your voice in support of this bill with the amended language**

Here is the link to the docket for more information and to read the amended language.

[https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill\\_status/billinfo.aspx?id=666&inflect=2](https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billinfo.aspx?id=666&inflect=2)

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