

# VERMONT COALITION FOR DISABILITY RIGHTS

## 2017 Vermont Legislative Session

### Weekly Legislative Calendar, Activities and Committee Schedules

May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 5th

These weekly alerts will contain summaries of legislative activities, committee agendas, and House and Senate Calendar items that would be of interest to the disability community. The complete committee schedules will not be found here, but a link has been provided for the complete Legislative Committee agendas, the Legislative Calendar and Journal Page, and the Legislative Web-Site.

You will find highlights of the week's Legislative activities for specific committees, public hearing notifications, and calendar activity of interest in this weekly report, as well as a listing and brief explanations of legislation introduced at the end of the committee schedules.

This Committee Schedule is generally published on Monday of each week, but is subject to change throughout the week. Please check the calendar online, on the Vermont Legislative web page for updates.

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<http://legislature.vermont.gov/>

#### **\*\*\*COMMITTEE INFORMATION \*\*\***

Committees continue to have their own web-pages, where you can find documents and written testimony as well as committee schedules.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/list/2018/#>

#### **New House & Senate Committee Assignments**

Make sure when you go to this page you click on "SHOW ALL MEMBERS"

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/list/2018/>

**COMPLETE WEEKLY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE HOUSE AND SENATE:**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/weeklyAgendas/2018>

**\*\* CALENDARS AND JOURNALS \*\***

# House Calendar

Monday, May 1, 2017  
118th DAY OF THE BIENNIAL SESSION  
House Convenes at 1:00 PM

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**House Calendars:**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/house/service/2018/calendar>

**House Journals:**

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## NOTICE CALENDAR

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**Senate Calendars:**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/senate/service/2018/calendar>

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<http://legislature.vermont.gov/senate/service/2018/journal>

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<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/>

**Additional Links:**

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**Committees of Conference**

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<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/committeesofconference/2018>

**Committees of Conference Schedules:**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/meetings/2018#leg-committees>

## BUDGET CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 1st

H. 518 Committee of Conference  
*10:30 a.m. in Ethan Allen Room*

H. 518 Committee of Conference  
*1:30 p.m. in Ethan Allen Room*

H. 518 Committee of Conference  
*4:30 p.m. in Ethan Allen Room*

### **\*\*\*NEW Budget Tracking Sheet**

[http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/appropriations/fy\\_2018/H\\_518\\_-\\_FY18\\_Budget\\_CoC\\_Tracking\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/appropriations/fy_2018/H_518_-_FY18_Budget_CoC_Tracking_Sheet.pdf)

### **\*\*\*Budget as Passed out of Senate Appropriations**

SENATE Calendar TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017 Addendum  
<http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/CALENDAR/sc170425a.pdf>

### **\*\*\*FY 2018 Big Bill Senate Web Report**

[http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/webreports/webreports/Web/FY2018%20Big%20Bill%20Web%20Report%204-24-2017%2016\\_55%20AM.html](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/webreports/webreports/Web/FY2018%20Big%20Bill%20Web%20Report%204-24-2017%2016_55%20AM.html)

### **\*\*\*H.518 - Senate FY2018 Budget Highlights April 2017**

[http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/appropriations/fy\\_2018/Senate\\_Appropriations\\_Committee\\_Budget\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/appropriations/fy_2018/Senate_Appropriations_Committee_Budget_Summary.pdf)

### **S.133 An act relating to examining mental health care and care coordination as passed by the Senate**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/BILLS/S-0133/S-0133%20As%20Passed%20by%20the%20Senate%20Unofficial.pdf>

**S.61 An act relating to offenders with mental illness as passed by the Senate:** <http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/BILLS/S-0061/S-0061%20As%20Passed%20by%20the%20Senate%20Unofficial.pdf>

**S.3 An act relating to mental health professionals' duty to warn as passed by the Senate:**

[http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/WorkGroups/House%20Judiciary/Bills/S.3/W~Katie%20McLinn~S.3%20-%20As%20Passed%20by%20Senate%20\(Unofficial\)~4-6-2017.pdf](http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/WorkGroups/House%20Judiciary/Bills/S.3/W~Katie%20McLinn~S.3%20-%20As%20Passed%20by%20Senate%20(Unofficial)~4-6-2017.pdf)

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**Articles of Interest**

**Lawmakers advance four mental health bills**

Apr. 27, 2017, 8:09 pm by [Erin Mansfield](#)

<https://vtdigger.org/2017/04/27/lawmakers-advance-four-mental-health-bills/>

**House GOP 'stands ready' to sustain budget veto**

Apr. 28, 2017, 9:05 pm by [Elizabeth Hewitt](#)

<https://vtdigger.org/2017/04/28/house-gop-stands-ready-sustain-budget-veto/>

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**FY 2018 BUDGET AS PASSED BY HOUSE**

**H.518 An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government as passed by the HOUSE**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/BILLS/H-0518/H-0518%20As%20Passed%20by%20the%20House%20Official.pdf>

**How HAC closed approximate \$70 million General Fund gap**

[http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/appropriations/fy\\_2018/Closing\\_70\\_Million\\_Gap.pdf](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/appropriations/fy_2018/Closing_70_Million_Gap.pdf)

**H.518: FY 2018 House Appropriations Budget Highlight**

[http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/appropriations/fy\\_2018/FY\\_2018\\_House\\_Budget\\_Highlight.pdf](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/appropriations/fy_2018/FY_2018_House_Budget_Highlight.pdf)

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The two links below will bring you to the Legislative Joint Fiscal FY 2018 Budget Page:

**Joint Fiscal Budget Documents**

[http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/budget\\_fy2018.aspx](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/budget_fy2018.aspx)

The Individual Department Budgets can be found here once the commissioners testify in House Appropriations:

**Joint Fiscal 2018 Department Budgets**

[http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/dept\\_budgets\\_fy\\_2018.aspx](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/dept_budgets_fy_2018.aspx)

Testimony can be found on any of the committee pages by clicking on documents and search by date or witness.

**The Individual Department Budgets can be found here once the commissioners testify in House Appropriations or House Human Services:**

**Joint Fiscal 2018 Department Budgets**

[http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/dept\\_budgets\\_fy\\_2018.aspx](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/dept_budgets_fy_2018.aspx)

**FY 2018 AHS Crosswalk (Ups& Downs)**

[http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/appropriations/fy\\_2018/AHS%20FY18%20Ups%20Downs%20v46%20Final.pdf](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/appropriations/fy_2018/AHS%20FY18%20Ups%20Downs%20v46%20Final.pdf)

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Benefits and Minimum Wage – Deb Brighten

[http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/issue\\_briefs\\_and\\_memos/Benefits%20and%20Min%20Wage%20DRAFT%20021617.pdf](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/issue_briefs_and_memos/Benefits%20and%20Min%20Wage%20DRAFT%20021617.pdf)

Minimum Wage Preliminary Analysis

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/jfo/reports/2017%20Minimum%20Wage%20at%2015.pdf>

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## **HOUSE and SENATE Appropriations Committees**

Differences between House and Senate

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## Summary of Budget passed by the Senate

On Friday April 20th the Senate Appropriations Committee passed out their version of the FY 2018 Budget. They differ from the House on a number of items, both in expenditures and policy. The Senate has an additional \$14 million in spending, but like the House, the Senate does not raise new revenues to make up the gaps or spending.

Additional revenues were available from some settlement funds and from moving payments to Medicaid to free up general funds. The bulk of the additional spending is paid for by moving the teachers retirement (of currently employed) into the Education fund, freeing up \$8 million in general fund dollars.

The Senate Appropriations Committee budget restores a cut made in the House budget to a program that provides motel vouchers for homeless people on cold nights; includes \$2.1 million for the state's mental health system; and asks the administration to find \$5 million in management savings across the government.

The Senate Budget also removes the section of the House budget that required the Agency of Human services to cut \$1.3 million in grants.

## Senate budget package looks to teachers' retirement

Apr. 21, 2017, 7:16 pm by Elizabeth Hewitt

<https://vtdigger.org/2017/04/21/senate-budget-package-looks-teachers-retirement/>

SENATE Calendar TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017 Addendum

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2018/Docs/CALENDAR/sc170425a.pdf>

## Summary of Budget as passed by House

The budget bill passed by the House closes an original gap of \$70 million, using some of the Governors proposed cuts and savings, making their own additional cuts, found savings, and revenues not currently being collected. The Committee also earmarked an additional \$2.5 million dollars more in cuts to come from AHS grant reductions - annualized (\$1.25 in FY 2018 beginning in January of 2018 and the full \$2.5 in FY19) and another \$1.5 in structural and/or programmatic cuts and savings across state government to be identified by the administration, and not the legislature. The House committee did not call for any new revenues to be raised.

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## COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

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The Legislative leadership is hoping to adjourn at the end of this week. There are some 11th hour moves to put some of the Governor's teachers health care negotiation proposal in the budget, and a promise to sustain any veto if that does not happen.

The Legislators will be spending a considerable amount of time on their respective Floors debating bills as the session winds down. Most committees do not have regular meetings scheduled, but may meet as necessary to finalize legislation being debated on the floor or have committee discussions.

Please review the Complete Weekly Calendar for times, witnesses, and details of all schedules committee.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/weeklyAgendas/2018>

### HOUSE

The **House Appropriations Committee** – Selected members will meet in the Committee of Conference as scheduled.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/9/Date>

The **House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development** will

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/11/Date>

The **House Committee on Corrections and Institutions** Senate:

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/17/Date>

The **House Committee on Education**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/10/Date>

The **House Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs**

Thursday, May 04, 2017 v8:45 AM - Federal **Support for Housing** Briefing from Congressional delegation.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/13/Date>

The House Committee on Health Care

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/15/Date>

The **House Committee on Human Services** – Tuesday morning 8:45 AM  
- Committee Discussion

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/16/Date>

The **House Committee on Judiciary** – Monday - 2:00 PM - H. 167 - **An act relating to alternative approaches to addressing low-level illicit drug use.**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/18/Date>

The **House Committee on Ways and Means**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/21/Date>

## **SENATE**

The **Senate Committee on Appropriations** - Selected members will meet in the Committee of Conference as scheduled.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/23/Date>

The **Senate Committee on Economic Development**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/32/Date>

The **Senate Committee of Finance** will meet at 2 p.m. Monday.

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/25/Date>

The **Senate Committee on Education**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/24/Date>

The **Senate Committee on Government Operations**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/26/Date>

The **Senate Committee on Health and Welfare**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/27/Date>

The **Senate Committee on Judiciary**

<http://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2018/S.3>