



Legislative Committee

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Committee Chair Activities:

- ❖ Attended Reducing Recidivism Conference
- ❖ Met with Representative Donna Mears on public transit
- ❖ Co-Facilitated Meeting with Your Legislator training

Committee Work:

- ❖ Committee met 4 times since October 2024
- ❖ Provided information on voting, ADA accommodations, and discussed voter experience
- ❖ Closed Captioning now enabled at the Akleg website for bill hearings.
- ❖ Meeting with Your Legislator training

Committee Work:

Presentations:

- ❖ **Adult Changing Tables** – parent presentation by Judy Edwards
- ❖ **SESA Funding** – Olivia Yancy, SESA Executive Director
- ❖ **ILP Program Funding and Expansion** – Rich Saville, GCDSE staff
- ❖ **State Access and Functional Needs Coordinator** – Lanny Mommsen
- ❖ **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Child Bill of Rights** update – Rich Saville/Patrick Reinhart

2025 Legislative Priorities

1. ILP Program funding and expansion
2. SESA Funding
3. Public and Community Transit (HB 26)
4. Adult Changing Tables
5. Deaf and Hard of Hearing Child's Bill of Rights (HB 39 / SB 8)

2025 Funding Priorities

1. State Access and Functional Needs Coordinator
2. Deaf Navigator Program Funding

Other updates discussed

- ❖ Medicaid Buy-In
- ❖ Civil Legal Services Fund (SB 1)
- ❖ Environmental Modifications (E-Mods)
- ❖ Participant-Directed Services
- ❖ NaCDD Federal Updates
- ❖ Disability Policy Seminar/Summit

Other topics discussed

- ❖ Developmental Disabilities (DD) Shared Vision 2.0
- ❖ 2025 state election results and leadership scenarios / administration changes
- ❖ ABLE Act update

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Bill Action & Status Inquiry System

- Track bills in Bill Tracking Management (BTMF)
- Watch bill hearings
- Find your legislator
- Publications
- Calendar
- Committee contact info
- Chat feature



Questions?
