



Testimony to the Judiciary Committee
March 5, 2012
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Testimony in support of:

Raised Senate Bill 248: AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE FEES
Raised Senate Bill 309: AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS
Raised House Bill 5367: AN ACT CONCERNING COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL

The Arc Connecticut is a 60-year old advocacy organization committed to protecting the rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to promoting opportunities for their full inclusion in the life of their communities.

The following are brief comments on three bills before the committee.

S.B. No. 248: AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE FEES: The Arc Connecticut supports this bill and thinks that the revisions, elimination of additional fees, clarifying and conforming of language will be in the best interest Connecticut citizens, including individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

S.B. No. 309: AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS: The Arc Connecticut supports this bill, most specifically the language additions around guardianship for persons with intellectual disabilities.

H.B. No. 5367: AN ACT CONCERNING COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL: The Arc Connecticut supports this bill; anything that promotes communication while protecting people's rights and liberties is a good thing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, for clarification or to arrange a visit with a private provider of community based services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in you area. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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