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ALLIANCE OF MASSACHUSETTS YMCAS 2017-2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. SD1564 "An Act creating the Home Works Program"

- **Sponsor: Senator Joan Lovely**
- Creates a program for Emergency Assistance children ages 5-14 living in Motels and Shelters to be able to attend camp and out-of-school time programs

2. HD 937 "An Act to Provide Diabetes Prevention Program Benefits"

- **Sponsor: Representative Daniel Cullinane**
- State employee coverage of CDC recognized Diabetes Prevention Programs

3. SD1482/HD2638 "An Act To Promote Public Health Through the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund"

- **Sponsors: Senator Jason Lewis/Representative Aaron Vega**
- The Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund currently supports nine communities to implement clinic-to-community linkage. Eight YMCAs are currently involved in this program. The goal of this legislation is to expand PWTF as an ongoing, indefinite program, with extension to more communities:
 - Current grantees will be granted a one year funded extension, followed by an open application process for existing and new communities.
 - Funding will come from a minor assessment on health care insurers
 - Addition of community-based public health providers on the PWTF Advisory Council

4. SD1573/HD2898 "An Act relative to rates of payment for early childhood education and care programs"

- **Sponsors: Senator Sal DiDomenico/Representative John Scibak**
- Mandates that the Board of Early Education and Care set fair and adequate reimbursement rates for income eligible vouchers and contracts.

5. HD783 "An Act providing for a donation check-off box on state tax returns for the Massachusetts Youth in Government program"

- **Sponsor: Representative Bruce Ayers**
- Allows for people to donate a portion of their state tax return to the YMCA Youth & Government

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