



Department of Children and Families

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

[S.B. No. 143](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS', to require each state agency to follow any order, denial or decree of a Probate Court that is applicable to a determination made by the state agency, and clarify that a state agency has standing to appeal any such order, denial or decree to the Superior Court with respect to its applicability to the state agency's determination. **REF. JUDICIARY**

[S.B. No. 180](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENCY HEARINGS, YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS AND FOSTER FAMILIES', to enable children twelve years of age and older who are under the custody of the Department of Children and Families to have a more prominent voice during permanency hearings, to require youth advisory councils at certain child care facilities, to require the department to provide foster care family profiles to foster children and to solicit feedback from certain foster children to better recruit, train and retain high-quality foster parents. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[S.B. No. 181](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to allow certain individuals access to records of the Department of Children and Families when the records pertain to a child receiving services from the department and the parent, guardian, foster parent or prospective adoptive parent with whom such child lives or is placed is convicted of certain crimes. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[S.B. No. 182](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IDENTIFICATION OF CONNECTICUT'S CHILD PLACEMENT NEEDS', to help identify the services and programs needed in Connecticut in order to meet the treatment needs of Connecticut's children and avoid out-of-state placements. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[S.B. No. 183](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROGRAM OF FAMILY ASSESSMENT RESPONSE', to require the Department of Children and Families to submit an annual report on the program of family assessment response for inclusion in the annual report card on policies and programs affecting children. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[S.B. No. 184](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL SERVICES', to remove children and youths "in need of special services" from the statutory definition of children and youths who are "uncared for". **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[S.B. No. 185](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to make minor and technical revisions to the statutes affecting the Department of Children and Families. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[S.B. No. 186](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKERS', to establish a crime of threatening a child protective services worker. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[S.B. No. 187](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFERS OF GUARDIANSHIP', to permit the transfer of subsidies in cases where a guardian is removed and another is appointed, and to permit a permanent transfer of guardianship to fictive kin. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[H.B. No. 5290](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES WHO ARE RAISING CHILDREN', to provide financial assistance to

grandparents and other nonparent relatives who have assumed the responsibility of raising needy children. **REF. AGING**

H.B. No. 5301 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOID ANALGESIC PRESCRIPTIONS ISSUED TO MINORS', to require prescribing practitioners to obtain parental consent for opioid analgesic prescriptions issued to patients under the age of eighteen. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

H.B. No. 5303 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD OBESITY', to increase the physical health of children by prohibiting or limiting the serving of sweetened beverages in child care settings, prohibiting children's access to certain electronic devices in child care settings, and increasing children's participation in daily exercise. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

H.B. No. 5307 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE UNREASONABLE DELAY OF ENROLLING A CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN', to limit the circumstances in which a parent may withhold enrolling their child in kindergarten until the child is seven years old. **REF. EDUCATION**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016

The Planning and Development Committee will hold a public hearing on **Friday, February 19, 2016** at **11:30 A.M.** in **Room 2A** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Various bills, including:

- H.B. No. 5176 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY RESIDENCES.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016** at **10:00 A.M.** in **Room 1B** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: DCF-Related Bills

- S.B. No. 180 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENCY HEARINGS, YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCILS AND FOSTER FAMILIES.
 - S.B. No. 181 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO RECORDS OF DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.
 - S.B. No. 182 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE IDENTIFICATION OF CONNECTICUT'S CHILD PLACEMENT NEEDS.
 - S.B. No. 183 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROGRAM OF FAMILY ASSESSMENT RESPONSE.
 - S.B. No. 184 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN IN NEED OF SPECIAL SERVICES.
 - S.B. No. 185 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.
 - S.B. No. 186 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKERS.
 - S.B. No. 187 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFERS OF GUARDIANSHIP.
 - Proposed H.B. No. 5135, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLOSURE OF THE CONNECTICUT JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE PUEBLO UNIT FOR GIRLS.
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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Fri., Feb. 19 - 11:00 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Fri., Feb. 19 - 11:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting	Room 1E

Fri., Feb. 19 - 2:00 PM	Judiciary Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Fri., Feb. 19 - 2:30 PM	Appropriations – Human Services Subcommittee Session	Room 1C
Tues., Feb. 23 - 10:00 AM	Children’s Committee Public Hearing	Room 1B
Tues., Feb. 23 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Public Hearing	Room 2A
Wed., Feb. 24 - 10:00 AM	Public Health Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
Wed., Feb. 24 - 11:00 AM	Education Committee Public Hearing	Room 2C
Mon., Feb. 29 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
Wed., Mar. 2 - 10:00 AM	Public Health Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
Wed., Mar. 2 - 10:30 AM	Education Committee Public Hearing	Room 1E
Thurs., Mar. 3 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thurs., Mar. 3 - 12:00 PM	Human Services Public Hearing	Room 2A
Mon., Mar. 7 - 11:00 AM	Education Committee Public Hearing	Room 2C
Tues., Mar. 8 - 10:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 2B
Tues., Mar. 8 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Tues., Mar. 8 - 12:00 PM	Human Services Public Hearing	Room 2A
Wed., Mar. 9 - 10:00 AM	Public Health Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
Wed., Mar. 9 - 1:30 PM	Education Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Thurs., Mar. 10 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thurs., Mar. 10 - 12:00 PM	Human Services Public Hearing	Room 2A
Mon., Mar. 14 - 11:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Tues., Mar. 15 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Wed., Mar. 16 - 10:00 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Wed., Mar. 16 - 11:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Thurs., Mar. 17 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Fri., Mar. 18 - 11:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Mon., Mar. 21 - 10:00 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Mon., Mar. 21 - 10:30 AM	Education Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Tues., Mar. 22 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Wed., Mar. 23 - 11:00 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting	Room 1D

New additions in **Bold**

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