



Department of Children and Families

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

[S.B. No. 246](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ZERO-TOLERANCE SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT ACT', to increase the penalties when a threat involves a preschool, school or an institution of higher education and to provide for an automatic pardon for certain persons who make such a threat prior to attaining the age of eighteen years. **REF. JUDICIARY**

[S.B. No. 247](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR LOSS OF CONSORTIUM BY A MINOR CHILD WITH RESPECT TO THE DEATH OF A PARENT', to establish a cause of action for loss of consortium by a minor child with respect to the death of a parent in a manner that is consistent with the Connecticut Supreme Court's decision in *Campos v. Coleman*, 319 C. 36 (2015). **REF. JUDICIARY**

[S.B. No. 258](#) (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT BROADENING THE DEFINITION OF CHILD CARE FACILITY', to broaden the definition of "child care facility" to include persons under twenty-five years of age who are currently homeless. **REF. HOUSING**

[S.B. No. 294](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY', to require the Commissioner of Developmental Services to take certain actions relating to the Department of Developmental Services' waiting list, to require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to consult with stakeholders on a plan to close facilities operated by the department and to require advance notice when an individual with intellectual disability's eligibility for state-assisted care will end. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

[S.B. No. 323](#) (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES', to require the removal of all references in a school employee's personnel records of a report and investigation relating to an unsubstantiated allegation of abuse or neglect by such school employee and to prohibit the use of such report and investigation against such school employee for any purpose relating to his or her employment. **REF. EDUCATION**

[S.B. No. 324](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A TEMPORARY HOLDING PERIOD FOR CERTAIN FAMILY VIOLENCE ARRESTEES', to allow for a temporary holding period for certain persons arrested for a family violence crime. **REF. JUDICIARY**

[H.B. No. 5400](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN EDUCATION PERSONNEL RECORDS', to ensure that local and regional boards of education have information concerning whether an applicant has been found to have committed abuse or sexual misconduct and that local and regional boards of education share such findings with other boards of education who may employ such applicant. **REF. JUDICIARY**

[H.B. No. 5434](#) (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM AND NON-OPIOID SCHEDULE V CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES', to ensure patients timely access to non-opioid schedule V controlled substances, including, but not limited to, epilepsy medications. **REF. GENERAL LAW**

[H.B. No. 5456](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES FOR REVISIONS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES STATUTES', to change references in the Department of Mental Health and Addiction statutes to "substance abuse conditions" and "substance abuse disorders" to "substance use disorders". **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

H.B. No. 5466 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS FOR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS OF A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR GROUP CHILD CARE HOME', to require background checks and notice of convictions for any person who is a household member in a family child care home or group child care home. **REF. EDUCATION**

H.B. No. 5469 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT DATA PRIVACY', to protect the privacy of student information. **REF. EDUCATION**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

The Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 29, 2016 at 10:30 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous bills

- S.B. No. 213 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE INHERITANCE RIGHTS OF A BENEFICIARY OR SURVIVOR WHO IS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF MURDER OR MANSLAUGHTER BY REASON OF MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT.
- S.B. No. 243 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISOR'S TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES.
- S.B. No. 247 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR LOSS OF CONSORTIUM BY A MINOR CHILD WITH RESPECT TO THE DEATH OF A PARENT.
- S.B. No. 248 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO STATUTES AFFECTING TITLE TO REAL PROPERTY.
- S.B. No. 249 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSSESSIONS OF DECEASED TENANTS.
- H.B. No. 5259 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT.
- H.B. No. 5365 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR PERSONS ENTERING CARS TO RENDER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN.
- H.B. No. 5366 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS.
- H.B. No. 5401 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF A CHILD'S NAME IN DOCUMENTS RELATING TO A SUMMARY PROCESS ACTION.
- H.B. No. 5402 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF WHISTLE-BLOWER PROTECTIONS TO AN EMPLOYEE WHO REPORTS A SUSPECTED VIOLATION OF LAW TO THE EMPLOYEE'S SUPERVISOR OR MANAGER.

HOUSING COMMITTEE TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016

The Housing Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.** in **Room 2B** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Various Housing Related Bills, including:

- S.B. No. 258 (RAISED) AN ACT BROADENING THE DEFINITION OF CHILD CARE FACILITY.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Public Health Related Bills

- S.B. No. 217 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDY OF THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH CARE SERVICES.
- S.B. No. 218 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES REGARDING HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS.
- H.B. No. 5450 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA.
- H.B. No. 5453 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING IN MOTOR VEHICLES.
- S.B. No. 290 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS AND SIGNAGE CONCERNING THE USE OF SUCH PRODUCTS AND SYSTEMS.
- S.B. No. 294 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.
- H.B. No. 5460 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF GLUCAGON IN SCHOOLS.
- S.B. No. 291 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH PROVIDERS' ACCESS TO PATIENT RECORDS.
- S.B. No. 293 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL.
- H.B. No. 5458 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MAXIMUM DECIBEL LEVELS.
- S.B. No. 292 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS.
- H.B. No. 5454 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY.
- S.B. No. 295 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RADIOLOGICAL AND IMAGING SERVICES.
- S.B. No. 297 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGE IN USE PERMITS FOR CERTAIN WATER SYSTEMS.
- H.B. No. 5457 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICTS AND HEALTH DIRECTORS.
- S.B. No. 296 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF HEALTHY FOOD IN VENDING MACHINES OPERATED ON STATE PROPERTY AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHILD OBESITY TASK FORCE.
- H.B. No. 5452 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A PRESCRIPTION DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM.
- S.B. No. 298 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH SERVICES FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS.
- H.B. No. 5455 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON PATIENTS' MEDICAL RECORDS.
- S.B. No. 288 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE EXPANSION AND CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SYSTEMS.
- S.B. No. 289 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE SERVICES.
- S.B. No. 299 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS.
- H.B. No. 5456 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES FOR REVISIONS TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES STATUTES.
- H.B. No. 5459 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING IN CULTURAL COMPETENCY FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS.
- H.B. No. 5451 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS STATUTES.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016**

The Education Committee will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 10:30 A.M.** in **Room 1E** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Education Issues

- S.B. No. 318 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

- H.B. No. 5467 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RED RIBBON PASS PROGRAM.
- S.B. No. 323 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
- H.B. No. 5469 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT DATA PRIVACY.
- S.B. No. 315 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING DISTINCTION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT PROVIDE EXEMPLARY VETERAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS.
- H.B. No. 5470 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL INTERESTED IN PURSUING A COLLEGE DEGREE IN EDUCATION.
- S.B. No. 317 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING DYSLEXIA.
- H.B. No. 5466 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS FOR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS OF A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR GROUP CHILD CARE HOME.
- S.B. No. 316 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF CARELINE INFORMATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
- H.B. No. 5468 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO THE RECRUITMENT OF MANUFACTURING TEACHERS.
- S.B. No. 319 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO SCHOOLS OF PROTECTIVE OR RESTRAINING ORDERS AFFECTING STUDENTS.
- H.B. No. 5465 (RAISED) AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DUAL LANGUAGE MAGNET SCHOOL AND A STEM MAGNET SCHOOL.
- S.B. No. 112 (RAISED) AN ACT PROVIDING CHILD CARE FOR ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS ENROLLED IN APPROVED HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016**

The Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 1:00 P.M.** at the **Gen Re Auditorium, University of Connecticut, 1 University Place, Stamford, Connecticut.**

SUBJECT MATTER: Children's Safety; Probate Court; Fallen Tree Limbs; Stamford Related Issues.

- S.B. No. 214 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS WITH RESPECT TO PROBATE COURTS.
- S.B. No. 219 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS.
- S.B. No. 244 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF INJURIES RESULTING FROM THE DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AND STAB WOUNDS.
- S.B. No. 245 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL RECOVERY OF MONEYS PAID ON BEHALF OF DISPLACED TENANTS.
- S.B. No. 246 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ZERO-TOLERANCE SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT ACT.
- H.B. No. 5258 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR THE EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR LIMB.
- H.B. No. 5364 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS WHEN A MUNICIPALITY IS THE EMPLOYER.
- H.B. No. 5400 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN EDUCATION PERSONNEL RECORDS.
- H.B. No. 5403 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS AND FAILURE TO EXERCISE DUE CARE TO AVOID HITTING A PEDESTRIAN OR CYCLIST.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016**

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 11:30 A.M.** in **Room 2B** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous Bills

- H.B. No. 5299 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TOXIC FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS AND UPHOLSTERED RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE.
- H.B. No. 5300 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS IN CHILDREN'S FOOD.
- H.B. No. 5301 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING OPOID ANALGESIC PRESCRIPTIONS ISSUED TO MINORS.
- H.B. No. 5302 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS OFFERING ON-SITE CHILD CARE.
- H.B. No. 5303 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Mon., Feb. 29 - 10:30 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
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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
Mon., Mar. 2 - 1:00 PM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Stamford
Thurs., Mar. 3 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thurs., Mar. 3 - 11:30 AM	Children's Committee Public Hearing	Room 2B
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

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