



STATE OF CONNECTICUT Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services



Legislative Update # 15

March 13, 2015

There are a number of public hearings next week on bills of interest to the behavioral health community and they are flagged in this update.

The Housing Committee, Veterans Committee, General Law Committee, Labor Committee and Children's Committee have all met their Joint Favorable deadline. That means that these committees no longer have the ability to raise bills, and hold public hearings. The only action they can take at this point is if a bill is referred to these committees from the floor of the House or Senate. They then have a certain amount of time to act or the bill will die.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. in Room 2D** of the LOB. Please submit 25 copies of written testimony to committee staff two hours prior to the start of the hearing in Room 2800 of the LOB. Testimony submitted after the sign-up may not be distributed until after the hearing. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 11:00 A.M. in Room 2800 of the LOB. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. Bills will be heard in the order listed in the Bulletin. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such; it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous Insurance Bills

S.B. No. 1085 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL OR NERVOUS CONDITIONS. To specify benefits payable under a health insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes for mental and nervous conditions.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

The Public Safety and Security Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 12:00 P.M. in Room 2B** of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 8:30 A.M. and will conclude at 10:00 A.M. in Room 3650 of the LOB. Please submit 35 copies of written testimony to Committee staff from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. in Room 3650 of the LOB. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to PStestimony@cga.ct.gov. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.

All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: Gaming; Manchester Community College

S.B. No. 1090 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING GAMING. To protect Connecticut jobs and to encourage tourism by allowing the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut to operate casinos in the state.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015**

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 10:30 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB. The Committee is accepting electronic testimony via email at PHCTestimony@cga.ct.gov. Please submit electronic testimony in Word or PDF format no later than 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. If you are unable to submit an electronic testimony, please submit 10 copies of written testimony no later than 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 in Room 3000 of the LOB. Please submit separate testimony for each bill. Testimony submitted after the deadline will not be available until after the hearing. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 9:00 A.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. Bills will be heard in the order listed in the Bulletin. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the committee.

SUBJECT MATTER: Public Health Related Bills

S.B. No. 955 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH. To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

S.B. No. 991 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES. To implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations regarding persons authorized to solemnize marriages.

H.B. No. 6856 AN ACT CONCERNING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION. To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

S.B. No. 998 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

S.B. No. 1088 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY. To require the Commissioner of Developmental Services to develop a plan for the closure of intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

S.B. No. 1089 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. To amend the general statutes concerning the provision of mental health services.

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