



Department of Children and Families

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

[S.B. No. 396](#) (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILD FATALITY REVIEW PANEL', to require (1) the Child Advocate to serve as chairperson of the child fatality review panel, (2) such panel to assess the adequacy of the Department of Children and Families' policies and practices and the compliance by department personnel with such policies and practices, and (3) such panel to present its annual report at an informational forum. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[S.B. No. 397](#) (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OMBUDSMAN', to establish the Office of the Department of Children and Families Ombudsman. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[H.B. No. 812](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to collaborate with the Department of Public Health and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services in the development of an implementation plan for meeting the mental, emotional and behavioral health needs of children. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[S.B. No. 813](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH AGING OUT OF DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CUSTODY', to require the Department of Children and Families to ensure that youths who have turned eighteen years of age (1) have obtained a residence other than a homeless shelter or single-occupancy hotel prior to the discharge of such youths from the care and custody of such department, (2) are provided aftercare services, and (3) are provided notice of the discontinuation of the provision of services at least ninety days prior to such discontinuation. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[S.B. No. 859](#) (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 such order's applicability to the state agency's determination. **REF. JUDICIARY**

[H.B. No. 6297](#) (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTARY ADMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to prohibit the Commissioner of Children and Families from requesting or requiring that the parent or guardian of a child or youth admitted to the department on a voluntary basis terminate such parent or guardian's parental rights or transfer legal custody of the child or youth to the department. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[H.B. No. 7059](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATION EDUCATION', to require the parents or guardian of a child claiming a religious exemption from immunization to affirm that such parents or guardian participated in an immunization education program administered by the Department of Public Health. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[H.B. No. 7080](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR PERSONS ENTERING PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES TO RENDER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN', to provide legal protections to a person who enters the passenger motor vehicle of another to rescue a child who is reasonably believed to be in imminent danger of serious bodily injury. **REF. JUDICIARY**

[H.B. No. 7082](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS', to make various revisions to statutes relating to the administration of the Probate Court system. **REF. JUDICIARY**

H.B. No. 7094 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FINGERPRINTING SERVICES FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS', to authorize the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to enter into agreements with independent contractors to provide fingerprinting services to facilitate the processing of criminal history records checks. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on **Friday, February 17, 2017 at 10:30 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Various Public Health Bills

- Proposed S.B. No. 3 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DONATION OF ORGANS AND BONE MARROW.
- Proposed S.B. No. 750 AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN DONATION.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6021 AN ACT CONCERNING HOMELESS AND UNACCOMPANIED MINOR CONSENT TO PRIMARY CARE.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6012 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION IN EYE CARE.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6496 AN ACT CONCERNING CLINICAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WITH CONNECTICUT HOSPITALS.
- Proposed S.B. No. 35 AN ACT CONCERNING BEVERAGES WITH ADDED SUGARS, SWEETENERS AND ARTIFICIAL SWEETENERS AND OBESITY.
- Proposed S.B. No. 250 AN ACT CONCERNING CLINICAL PLACEMENTS FOR IN-STATE MEDICAL STUDENTS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6237 AN ACT ADOPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DIABETES ADVISORY COUNCIL.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5564 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESSIBILITY OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT.
- H.B. No. 7048 (RAISED) AN ACT PROTECTING YOUTH AND STUDENT ATHLETES FROM CONCUSSIONS.
- Proposed S.B. No. 317 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH CARE SERVICES.
- Proposed S.B. No. 438 AN ACT ASSISTING COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6015 AN ACT PROTECTING PATIENTS AGAINST SURPRISE OUT-OF-NETWORK MEDICAL BILLS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6951 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF PATIENTS RECEIVING TELEHEALTH CARE OR SERVICES.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5811 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES.
- Proposed S.B. No. 447 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BIDIRECTIONAL EXCHANGE OF PATIENT ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS.
- Proposed S.B. No. 316 AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM REFERRING PATIENTS TO CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.
- Proposed S.B. No. 451 AN ACT PROTECTING PATIENTS FROM UNREASONABLE MEDICAL BILLS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5168 AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATE RELIEF FOR HOSPITALS.
- Proposed S.B. No. 248 AN ACT REQUIRING A CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR THE REDUCTION OF SERVICES AT A HOSPITAL.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5382 AN ACT REQUIRING A REVIEW OF THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROCESS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6035 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATES OF NEED.
- Proposed S.B. No. 443 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MONITORING OF HEALTH CARE TRENDS BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

- Proposed S.B. No. 444 AN ACT REQUIRING THE HEALTH CARE CABINET TO STUDY ESTABLISHING A HEALTH CARE COST GROWTH TARGET AND REPORT ON TOTAL STATE-WIDE HEALTH CARE SPENDING.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6483 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE REGARDING THE IMPENDING SHORTAGE IN THE PSYCHIATRY WORKFORCE.
- Proposed S.B. No. 437 AN ACT INCREASING ENGAGEMENT ON THE STATE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.** in **Room 2B** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous. Bills

- S.B. No. 764 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH.
- S.B. No. 784 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.
- S.B. No. 812 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.
- S.B. No. 813 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH AGING OUT OF DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CUSTODY.
- H.B. No. 6995 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING SAFETY TRAINING FOR EQUESTRIAN RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS' OPERATORS AND INSTRUCTORS.
- H.B. No. 6996 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY.
- H.B. No. 6997 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN.
- H.B. No. 6998 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RECYCLED TIRE RUBBER AT MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS.
- H.B. No. 6999 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF THERAPY DOGS TO COMFORT CHILDREN TESTIFYING IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.
- H.B. No. 7059 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATION EDUCATION.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017**

The Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing on **Friday, February 24, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.** in **Room 2B** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous. Bills

- S.B. No. 816 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE TO CERTAIN FUNDS TRANSFERS UNDER THE ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER ACT.
- S.B. No. 817 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE OF JOANNE AVOLETTA, PETER AVOLETTA AND MATTHEW AVOLETTA.
- S.B. No. 859 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS.
- H.J. No. 63 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF DEBRA COHEN.
- H.J. No. 64 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF CWPM, LLC.
- H.J. No. 65 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DENY THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF WESLEY DORSEY.
- H.J. No. 66 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF ANDRE FORD.

- H.J. No. 67 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF JAMIE GENOVESE, ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE ESTATE OF TONI MARIE GENOVESE.
- H.J. No. 68 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF RUBIN JONES.
- H.J. No. 69 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF KEVIN LINDSAY.
- H.J. No. 70 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF NEVA PASCULANO.
- H.J. No. 71 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF EDUARDO QUINONES.
- H.J. No. 72 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF ZAIRON H. RAHIM.
- H.J. No. 73 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DENY THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF MELISSA STEINHILPER, ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF AMANDA MONINGTON.
- H.J. No. 74 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DENY THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF MARIAN O'SHEA, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL O'SHEA.
- H.J. No. 75 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF ROBERT RYDER.
- H.J. No. 76 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF UMAR SHAHID.
- H.J. No. 77 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF UMAR SHAHID.
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- H.J. No. 89 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF UMAR SHAHID.

- H.J. No. 90 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF RONALD STRANO.
- H.J. No. 91 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF CHRISTOPHER TIERINNI.
- H.J. No. 92 (COMM) RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECISION OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER TO DISMISS THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF RAMONE WHITE.
- H.B. No. 5655 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR THE EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR LIMB.
- H.B. No. 7080 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR PERSONS ENTERING PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES TO RENDER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN.
- H.B. No. 7081 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE OF MILLICENT CORBETT.
- H.B. No. 7082 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Fri., Feb. 17 – 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 2E
Fri., Feb. 17 - 10:30 AM	Public Health Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
Tues., Feb. 21 - 10:00 APM	Children’s Committee Public Hearing	Room 2B
Tues., Feb. 21 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Fri., Feb. 24 – 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 2B
Mon., Feb. 27 – 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 2B
Thur., Mar. 2 - 11:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Tues., Mar.7 - 11:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Tues., Mar.14 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thur., Mar.16 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Tues., Mar.21 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thur., Mar.23 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A

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