



# Department of Children and Families LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

February 8, 2017

Update 2017-8

## GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED FY 2018/2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Below is information related to the DCF budget contained in the Governor's Proposed FY 2018/2019 Biennial Budget.

### RECOMMENDED SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

#### Baseline Adjustments

|  | <u>2017-2018</u> | <u>2018-2019</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide Funding for Juan F. Compliance<br/><i>Funding is recommended to restore prior reductions that have negatively impacted access to proven services, to support equity through implementation of effective programming in geographic locations where services are lacking, and to expand opportunities for wait-listed services that have proven successful.</i></li> </ul>  | 14,463,668       | 14,463,978       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjust for Increased Day Care Costs<br/><i>Funds are provided to support additional child care costs on behalf of children in foster care or in-home settings. Effective August 1, 2016, the Care 4 Kids program ceased to accept new applications from working families under what is known as priority group 4. This coverage group includes families fostering children placed by the Department of Children and Families, and other whose household income is below 50% of the state median.</i></li> </ul> | 3,375,821        | 3,985,376        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer Homeless Youth Program to Department of Housing<br/><i>Funds are transferred to comply with Section 419 of Public Act 15-4 (June Spec. Sess.), which designates the Department of Housing as the successor department to the Department of Children and Families with respect to homeless youth programming.</i></li> </ul>  | -2,329,087       | -2,329,087       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-estimate Caseload Driven and Other Expenditures<br/><i>Reflects updated expenditure projections for out-of-home care (adoption, subsidized guardianship, foster care, residential and no-nexus special education), individualized payments, and a revised cost estimate for Worker' Compensation Claims.</i></li> </ul>  | -1,998,675       | -238,841         |

#### Reductions

|   | <u>2017-2018</u> | <u>2018-2019</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rightsize Congregate Care Bed Capacity<br/><i>Reduces funding for short-term assessment and respite homes to reflect utilization below capacity.</i></li> </ul>  | -1,487,630       | -1,487,630       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annualize FY 2017 Holdbacks<br/><i>To align budget growth with available resources, funding is reduced to reflect the continuation of allocated bottom-line lapses contained in Public Act 16-2 (May Spec. Sess.)</i></li> </ul> | -580,826         | -580,826         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjust Juvenile Justice Outreach Services<br/><i>Reflects delays in new program development in FY 18 and the elimination of unobligated funds.</i></li> </ul>  | -465,184         | -233,934         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rightsize Juvenile Justice Social Work Staffing<br/><i>Reflects elimination of five positions to align staffing with reduced delinquency caseloads.</i></li> </ul>   | -314,359         | -314,359         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminate Community Kidcare Prevention Funding<br/><i>Reflects elimination of unobligated funds and sunseting of the CTparenting.com website.</i></li> </ul>   | -93,995          | -93,995          |

#### Reallocations

|   | <u>2017-2018</u> | <u>2018-2019</u> |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Realign Funding for TANF, SSBG and CCDF to Streamline Program Administration.<br/><i>Connecticut receives \$266.8 million per year under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant and transfer 10% of this amount to the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). Under this proposal, funding for the Departments of Social Services, Housing, and Children and Families and the Office of Early Childhood is realigned</i></li> </ul> | 2,407,211        | 3,209,614        |

among the TANF, SSBG, and the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) block grants in order to significantly simplify administrative activities related to provision of block grant-funded services for all agencies involved. The realignment will have no net impact on revenue or General Fund appropriations and will not result in any reduction in services.

- Reallocate Funding to Appropriate Account 0 0  
*Reallocate \$582,348 to community based life skills programming from the Child Welfare Support Services account to Board and Care for Children – Foster account to reflect implementation of a credentialed fee-for-service model.*

| <b>PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS</b>              | <b><u>2017-2018</u></b> | <b><u>2018-2019</u></b> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Personal Services                           | 272,940,437             | 272,940,437             |
| Other Expenses                              | 30,876,026              | 30,876,026              |
| Workers' Compensation Claims                | 12,578,720              | 12,578,720              |
| Family Support Services                     | 983,377                 | 983,377                 |
| Homeless Youth                              | 0                       | 0                       |
| Differential Response System                | 8,346,386               | 8,346,386               |
| Regional Behavioral Health Consultation     | 1,826,968               | 1,826,968               |
| Health Assessment and Consultation          | 1,402,046               | 1,402,046               |
| Grants for Psychiatric Clinics for Children | 15,933,208              | 15,933,208              |
| Day Treatment Centers for Children          | 7,208,293               | 7,208,293               |
| Juvenile Justice Outreach Services          | 11,634,473              | 11,865,723              |
| Child Abuse and Neglect Intervention        | 13,575,122              | 13,575,122              |
| Community Based Prevention Programs         | 8,004,587               | 8,004,587               |
| Family Violence Outreach and Counseling     | 3,458,610               | 3,458,610               |
| Supportive Housing                          | 20,099,070              | 20,099,070              |
| No Nexus Special Education                  | 2,151,861               | 2,151,861               |
| Family Preservation Services                | 6,049,574               | 6,049,574               |
| Substance Abuse Treatment                   | 9,816,296               | 9,816,296               |
| Child Welfare Support Services              | 1,918,775               | 1,918,775               |
| Board and Care for Children - Adoption      | 97,105,408              | 98,735,921              |
| Board and Care for Children - Foster        | 138,087,832             | 139,275,326             |
| Board and Care – Short-term and Residential | 96,101,210              | 96,903,613              |
| Individualized Family Supports              | 6,523,616               | 6,552,680               |
| Community KidCare                           | 41,041,905              | 41,041,905              |
| Covenant to Care                            | 155,600                 | 155,600                 |
| Neighborhood Center                         | 0                       | 0                       |
| <b>AGENCY TOTAL – General Fund</b>          | <b>807,819,400</b>      | <b>811,700,124</b>      |

**APPROPRIATIONS – HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Sen. Mae Flexer (Co-Chair); Rep. Cathy Abercrombie (Co-Chair); Sen. Joe Markley (Co-Chair); Rep. Jay Case (Ranking Member); Sen. Terry Gerratana; Sen. Paul Formica; Rep. Jeffrey Currey; Rep. Michael DiMassa; Rep. Minnie Gonzalez; Rep. Greg Haddad; Rep. Chris Perone; Rep. Peter Tercyak; Rep. Sam Belsito; Rep. Mitch Bolinsky; Rep. Mike France; Rep. Brian Ohler; Rep. William Pettit

## NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

**[S.B. No. 783](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT', to study the development of children in the state. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**[S.B. No. 784](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS', to study the efficacy of programs affecting children in the state. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**[H.B. No. 5472](#) (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN PANHANDLING', to permit municipalities to prohibit the use of minors for the purpose of soliciting any alms, collection or contribution. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**[H.B. No. 6741](#) (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF COUNSEL TO ACCESS RECORDS IN CERTAIN ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROCEEDINGS', to provide assigned or appointed counsel in abuse and neglect proceedings, where a child's parent or guardian is accused of such abuse and neglect, immediate access to the child and the child's records. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**[H.B. No. 7022](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILDREN'S REPORT CARD', to eliminate the requirement that the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children electronically transmit the Children's Report Card to certain entities, and to specify the membership of the leadership committee with which said committee shall consult. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

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## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

The Children's Committee will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.** in **Room 2A** of the LOB

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous Bills

- S.B. No. 764 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH.
- S.B. No. 765 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.
- S.B. No. 766 AN ACT EXTENDING CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REPORTING DEADLINES.
- S.B. No. 767 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD OBESITY.
- S.B. No. 768 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF HAND-HELD MOBILE TELEPHONES AND MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES BY INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHILE DRIVING.
- S.B. No. 769 AN ACT CONCERNING CONCUSSION AND YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON PUBLIC ATHLETIC FIELDS.
- H.B. No. 5402 AN ACT CONCERNING CAMERA, COMPUTER AND CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE REPAIR PERSONNEL AS MANDATED REPORTERS.
- H.B. No. 6995 AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRING SAFETY TRAINING FOR EQUESTRIAN RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS' OPERATORS AND INSTRUCTORS.
- H.B. No. 6996 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY.
- H.B. No. 6997 AN ACT CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN.
- H.B. No. 6998 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RECYCLED TIRE RUBBER AT MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS.
- H.B. No. 6999 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF THERAPY DOGS TO COMFORT CHILDREN TESTIFYING IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017**

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on **Friday, February 10, 2017 at 12:00 P.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB

- Proposed S.B. No. 36 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER.
- H.B. No. 6979 (Raised) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCREDITATION OF DENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAMS.
- H.B. No. 6980 (Raised) AN ACT CONCERNING ART THERAPISTS.
- Proposed S.B. No. 34 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF STROKE CENTERS.
- Proposed S.B. No. 247 AN ACT PERMITTING THE HEALTH CARE CABINET TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND METHODS TO CREATE A HEALTH CARE COST GROWTH TARGET.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5384 AN ACT RAISING THE LEGAL AGE FOR PURCHASE AND USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5452 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE OF STUDENT EMBALMERS.
- Proposed S.B. No. 37 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATIONS.
- Proposed S.B. No. 126 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5660 AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELDER ABUSE REGISTRY.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5172 AN ACT CONCERNING STAFFING AT STATE-OPERATED FACILITIES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5667 AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITIES.
- Proposed S.B. No. 552 AN ACT CONCERNING A STANDING ORDER PROGRAM FOR DISPENSING OPIOID ANTAGONISTS.
- H.B. No. 7010 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5381 AN ACT REQUIRING PAIN CONTRACTS PRIOR TO PRESCRIBING OPIOIDS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5666 AN ACT REQUIRING WELLNESS CHECK-INS FOR PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS FOR OPIOID ANTAGONISTS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5755 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES' LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLANS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5760 AN ACT REQUIRING EDUCATION CONCERNING THE RISKS OF OPIOID ADDICTION AND PROPER STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATION.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6037 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PSYCHIATRIC CARE BEDS TO BE USED FOR PATIENTS RECOVERING FROM HEALTH CONCERNS RELATED TO OPIOID ABUSE.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6697 AN ACT REQUIRING A PHARMACIST TO REVIEW A PATIENT'S RECORDS IN THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING SYSTEM PRIOR TO DISPENSING AN OPIOID MEDICATION.
- S.B. No. 755 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNCIL ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT.

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### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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| Thur., Feb. 9 - 10:00 AM         | Children's Committee Public Hearing                       | Room 2A        |
| Thur., Feb. 9 - 10:00 AM         | OPM Budget Briefing                                       | Room 2E        |
| Fri., Feb. 10 - 10:30 AM         | Public Health Committee Public Hearing                    | Room 1D        |
| Tues., Feb. 14 – 11:00 AM        | Human Services Committee Meeting                          | Room 2A        |
| <b>Tues., Feb. 14 – 1:00 PM</b>  | <b>Children's Committee Meeting</b>                       | <b>Room 1C</b> |
| <b>Wed., Feb. 15 – 10:00 AM</b>  | <b>Judiciary Committee Meeting</b>                        | <b>Room 2E</b> |
| <b>Thur., Feb. 16 – 10:00 AM</b> | <b>Appropriations Committee - DCF Budget Presentation</b> | <b>Room 2C</b> |
| <b>Thur., Feb. 16 – 4:30 PAM</b> | <b>Appropriations Committee – Public Budget Hearing</b>   | <b>Room 2C</b> |
| <b>Fri., Feb. 17 – 10:00 AM</b>  | <b>Judiciary Committee Public Hearing</b>                 | <b>Room 2E</b> |
| Tues., Feb. 21 - 1:00 PM         | Human Services Committee Meeting                          | Room 2A        |

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| <b>Fri., Feb. 24 – 10:00 AM</b> | <b>Judiciary Committee Public Hearing</b> | <b>Room 2B</b> |
| <b>Mon., Feb. 27 – 10:00 AM</b> | <b>Judiciary Committee Public Hearing</b> | <b>Room 2B</b> |
| 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        |

New additions in **Bold**

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