



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

February 11, 2019

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CONFIRMATION OF COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE DORANTES

The public hearing for Commissioner Designate Dorantes on February 5th went very well. Her nomination was passed unanimously by the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. The nomination resolution (HJ Resolution 13) is now on the House Calendar waiting for final action. The House of Representatives is expected to vote on the resolution on February 20th, when session is convened for the Governor's budget address.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

AGING COMMITTEE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

The Aging Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 1B of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will begin 9:00 A.M. in Room 1B of the LOB. Please submit 25 copies of written testimony to the Committee staff at 9:00 A.M. in Room 1B 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 AGEtestimony@cga.ct.gov. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. 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: Aging Bills

S.B. No. 560 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING THE VALUE OF FARMERS' MARKET VOUCHER BOOKS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

S.B. No. 561 (RAISED) AN ACT RAISING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS.

S.B. No. 562 (RAISED) AN ACT LOWERING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY PERSONS.

S.B. No. 563 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS.

S.B. No. 564 (RAISED) AN ACT PERMITTING A COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED SPOUSE TO RETAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ALLOWABLE ASSETS.

S.B. No. 565 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF NURSING HOME SERVICES.

S.B. No. 566 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RETROACTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE SERVICES.

H.B. No. 6168 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY A CONSERVED PERSON'S RIGHT TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS.

H.B. No. 6169 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES RAISING NEEDY CHILDREN.

H.B. No. 6170 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVES.

H.B. No. 6171 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-FUNDED STATE PROGRAMS.

H.B. No. 6172 (RAISED) AN ACT REDUCING PARTICIPANT COSTS AND EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.

H.B. No. 6173 (RAISED) AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM.

H.B. No. 6174 (RAISED) AN ACT EXEMPTING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FROM STATE INCOME TAX AND STUDYING THE EFFECT OF THE EXEMPTION ON TAXPAYER MIGRATION OUT OF STATE.

H.B. No. 6175 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE STATE'S LONGTERM CARE NEEDS.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. in Room 2A of the LOB. Public speaker order will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list. Please submit 20 copies of written testimony to the Committee staff at 10:00 A.M. in the First Floor Atrium 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 KIDtestimony@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 and State Agency Heads. 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: Miscellaneous Children Bills

Proposed H.B. No. 5682 AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL EXPENSE ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Proposed H.B. No. 5683 AN ACT CONCERNING WATER SAFETY TRAINING FOR CHILDREN.

Proposed H.B. No. 6404 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE LIQUID AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

Proposed H.B. No. 6601 AN ACT CONCERNING DATA PRIVACY AND MINORS.

Proposed H.B. No. 5165 AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS ON OVERNIGHT CAMP COUNSELORS.

Proposed H.B. No. 6184 AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTIONS AT CERTAIN FACILITIES.

Proposed H.B. No. 6405 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Proposed H.B. No. 6997 AN ACT PROHIBITING BOARDS OF EDUCATION FROM DISCLOSING STUDENT RECORDS TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH PENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGES.

Proposed H.B. No. 6998 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION BY CONTRACTORS TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS REGARDING INCIDENTS OF ARREST BY EMPLOYEES.

Proposed S.B. No. 453 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OMBUDSMAN.

S.B. No. 806 (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING A FINDING OF NEGLECT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

H.B. No. 5779 (COMM) AN ACT EXTENDING THE REPORTING DEADLINE OF THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY VOLUNTARY ADMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

H.B. No. 5575 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS FOR FIRE STARTING BEHAVIOR TREATMENT.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019**

The Housing Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. in Room 2B of the LOB. Public speaker order will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. in Room 2700 of the LOB. Speakers PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued) - 13 - arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list. Please submit 25 copies of written testimony to the Committee staff at 9:00 A.M. in Room 2700 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 HSGtestimony@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: Housing Authorities; Homelessness; Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development; Emotional Support and Service Animals; Rental Unity Safety; Smoke Detectors in Residential Homes; Protections for Group Child Care and Family Child Care Homes; Recommendations of the Commissioner of Housing to Improve Certain State-Funded Public Housing Projects; Displacement of Low Income Residents Due to Increase in Rent; Workforce Housing; Supportive Housing; Rent Stabilization

H.B. No. 7067 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AUTHORITY JURISDICTION.

S.B. No. 808 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE HOUSING.

Proposed S.B. No. 686 AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING ASSISTANCE.

Proposed H.B. No. 7029 AN ACT CONCERNING A REVIEW OF FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAMS TO ASSIST PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

H.B. No. 7068 (RAISED) AN ACT MAKING MINOR REVISIONS TO STATUTES REGARDING THE HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE FUND.

Proposed H.B. No. 6294 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPLACEMENT OF LOWINCOME RESIDENTS DUE TO INCREASED HOUSING COSTS.

Proposed H.B. No. 6289 AN ACT REQUIRING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CERTAIN PERSONS LIVING WITH AN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTING THE STATUS OF SUCH ANIMAL.

Proposed H.B. No. 6476 AN ACT ALLOWING A DEDUCTION FOR THE COST OF SERVICE ANIMALS FROM RENTAL PAYMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING.

H.B. No. 6356 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTIES.

H.B. No. 6080 (COMM) AN ACT LIMITING RENT INCREASES IN CERTAIN MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS.

Proposed H.B. No. 6892 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

Proposed H.B. No. 5847 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HOUSING TO IMPROVE CERTAIN STATE-FUNDED PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS.

H.B. No. 7066 (RAISED) AN ACT MAKING A TECHNICAL CHANGE TO A STATUTE CONCERNING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

Proposed H.B. No. 6291 AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTIONS FOR CERTAIN GROUP CHILD CARE AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.

Proposed S.B. No. 608 AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF RENTAL UNIT SAFETY.

Proposed H.B. No. 6079 AN ACT REQUIRING FUNCTIONING SMOKE DETECTORS IN ALL RESIDENTIAL HOMES.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. in Room 2C of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 12:00 P.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB. Please submit 20 copies of written testimony to the Committee staff at 8:30 A.M. in Room 3800 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 LABtestimony@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: Paid Family Medical Leave and Variety of Labor Bills

S.B. No. 1 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE.

H.B. No. 5003 (COMM) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM.

Proposed S.B. No. 356 AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY CONCERNING GERMANY'S APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM.

Proposed S.B. No. 360 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT APPLICATIONS.

Proposed S.B. No. 697 AN ACT CONCERNING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN THE WORKPLACE.

Proposed S.B. No. 700 AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC RECORDKEEPING AND RESTAURANT SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

Proposed S.B. No. 765 AN ACT ENSURING FAIR AND EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK.

Proposed H.B. No. 5053 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS RECOVERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

Proposed H.B. No. 6111 AN ACT AUTHORIZING EMPLOYERS TO ENROLL EMPLOYEES IN DIRECT PAYCHECK DEPOSIT PROGRAMS.

Proposed H.B. No. 6113 AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS FROM INQUIRING ABOUT DATE OF BIRTH OR DATE OF GRADUATION ON EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS.

Proposed H.B. No. 6508 AN ACT CONCERNING INVESTMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION JOB WORKFORCE FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS.

Proposed H.B. No. 6739 AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS FROM PAYING DISABLED EMPLOYEES LESS THAN MINIMUM WAGE.

Proposed H.B. No. 6913 AN ACT CONCERNING COVENANTS NOT TO COMPETE.

Proposed H.B. No. 6928 AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES AND PAID SICK LEAVE.

Proposed H.B. No. 7043 AN ACT CONCERNING BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Wed., Feb. 13 - 2:00 PM	Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council	Room 2C
Thurs., Feb. 14 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thurs., Feb. 14 - 10:30 AM	Aging Committee Public Hearing	Room 1B
Thurs., Feb. 14 - 11:00 AM	Housing Committee Public Hearing	Room 2B
Thurs., Feb. 14 - 1:00 PM	Children's Committee Public Hearing	Room 2A
Thurs., Feb. 14 - 2:00 PM	Labor and Public Employees Committee Public Hearing	Room 2C
Fri., Feb. 15 - 11:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D

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