

DDS Legislative Update – February 28, 2008

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Note: This update is not a comprehensive list of bills before the Connecticut General Assembly. DDS is tracking and assessing the bills listed below for their potential impact on DDS consumers, families and guardians, DDS employees and DDS providers.

- **Bills Proposed by the Department of Developmental Services:**

[S.B. No. 242](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO STATUTES AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to make various technical changes to statutes affecting the Department of Developmental Services.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee has tentatively scheduled a Public Hearing on [S.B. No. 242](#) for Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB.

S.B. No. 242 changes the name of the Council on Mental Retardation to the Council on Developmental Services, changes references to “state mental retardation regions” to “state developmental services regions”, changes references to “mentally retarded persons” to “persons with mental retardation”, updates the reference to the Southeastern Connecticut Association for Developmental Disabilities as a member of the Camp Harkness Advisory Board, and increases the number of self-advocates employed by DDS by one to a total of eleven.

[H.B. No. 5131](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT AMENDING THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to make technical and other revisions to laws governing the Department of Children and Families regarding emergency placement of children, access to records, transfer of termination of parental right cases and the department's role and responsibility in Safe Havens cases.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5131](#) and other bills.

Although the Department of Children and Families (DCF) requested **H.B. No. 5131, Sec. 2(g)(17)** (lines 429-431) was part of DDS’s 2008 legislative initiatives. Sec. 2(g)(17) (lines 429-431) allows DCF to disclose client records to the Department of Developmental Services for the purposes of eligibility and enrollment in the voluntary services program operated by DDS.

H.B. No. 5541 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT OF PERSONS PLACED OR TREATED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to expand the definitions of sexual assault in the second degree and sexual assault in the fourth degree to include assaults committed on persons placed or treated under the direction of the Commissioner of Developmental Services.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee has tentatively scheduled a Public Hearing on **H.B. No. 5541** for Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB.

H.B. No. 5630 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROMOTING CONSISTENCY AMONG PEER REVIEW PROCEEDINGS', to require the department's mortality review process and the operations of the Independent Mortality Review Board to be consistent with other peer review processes found in the general statutes.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee has tentatively scheduled a Public Hearing on **H.B. No. 5630** for Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB.

- **Senate Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

S.B. No. 25 SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER PURPOSES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

S.B. No. 26 SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

S.B. No. 27 SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER PURPOSES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

S.B. No. 29 SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION OF THE REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GENERAL LAW

S.B. No. 32 SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF NURSING HOMES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 32](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 33 SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SOCIAL SERVICES PHARMACY PROGRAMS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 33](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 34 SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 34](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 59 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR MAJOR LAYOFFS OR DISMISSALS OF STATE EMPLOYEES', to require the submission of impact statement to the General Assembly prior to any major layoff or dismissal of state employees.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 60 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BULLYING IN THE WORKPLACE', to provide a private right of action against bullying in the workplace.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 60](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 61 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTION FOR WHISTLEBLOWERS', to provide additional protection for whistleblowers who may be subject to retaliation by their employers through grants of additional authority for the Attorney General and human rights hearing referees.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 63 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND THE

WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT', to reinsert the post-traumatic stress disorder clause into the Workers' Compensation Act.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 64 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCARRING AWARDS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT', to create a more equitable system of awarding workers' compensation for permanent disfigurement or scarring.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 65 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ALLOWING BLIND OR PHYSICALLY DISABLED STATE OR QUASI-PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO USE ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE FOR GUIDE DOG TRAINING', to allow blind or physically disabled state or quasi-public employees to use accumulated paid sick leave time to learn to handle their guide or assistance dog.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on S.B. No. 65 and other bills.

S.B. No. 156 (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A NURSING HOME REPORT CARD', to develop an online nursing home report card to allow consumers to compare the quality of nursing home facilities in the state.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on S.B. No. 156 and other bills.

S.B. No. 158 (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STUDIES CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to offer more protection to children and families in the Department of Children and Families.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1C of the LOB on S.B. No. 158 and other bills.

S.B. No. 165 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEES OF THE PROBATE COURT SYSTEM', to remove life insurance proceeds, out-of-state property and mortgages from the gross estate calculation when determining probate court fees.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on S.B. No. 165 and other bills.

S.B. No. 166 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS MANDATED IN THIS STATE', to require the Insurance Commissioner to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of health insurance benefits mandated in this state.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 165](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 176 (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY OF STATE PLANNING', to implement the recommendation of the Program Review and Investigations Committee regarding state planning.

REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS

The Program Review and Investigations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 176](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 201 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR AN OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS', to establish a demonstration project for an Office of Administrative Hearings.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 201](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 202 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION', to conduct a study of government administration.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 202](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 203 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF STATE REAL PROPERTY', to make certain reforms to the process used for the sale of surplus state real property.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 203](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 205 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE CONTRACTING REFORM', to shorten the effective dates for the implementation of

state contracting reform.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 205](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 217](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES', to require certain employers to provide certain full-time employees the right to accumulate and use paid sick leave.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 217](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 241](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT EXAMINING THE LICENSURE SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to: (1) Examine the current licensure system for facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Children and Families and determine the feasibility and appropriateness of transferring licensing responsibilities for such facilities to the Department of Public Health; and (2) require the Commissioner of Children and Families to apply to the Department of Public Health for licensure of Riverview Hospital for Children and Youth.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 241](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 242](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO STATUTES AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to make various technical changes to statutes affecting the Department of Developmental Services.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee has tentatively scheduled a Public Hearing on [S.B. No. 242](#) for Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB.

[S.B. No. 246](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR HISTORICALLY UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS PURSUING CAREERS IN NURSING', to increase financial assistance for underrepresented students pursuing careers as registered nurses.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 246](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 254](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL PRIOR STATE SERVICE', to credit all prior state service for

the purposes of state employee retirement.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 255 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR WAGE LOSS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT', to permit workers' compensation commissioners to award additional benefits to compensate an injured worker for loss of wages under the appropriate circumstances.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 276 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT EXPANDING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS FOR CHILDREN', to expand insurance coverage for hearing aids for children from twelve years of age or younger to eighteen years of age or younger.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 276](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 278 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INSURER PAYMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL CARE', to require payment of residential treatment services for all insureds requiring that level of care and to eliminate the three-day acute hospitalization requirement immediately preceding such confinement.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 278](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 283 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF HOSPICE SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM', to require the Commissioner of Social Services to amend the Medicaid state plans to include hospice services, that include the provision of bereavement services, as a covered service under the state's Medicaid program.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 283](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 284 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PERSONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO CLIENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES', to codify the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services current practice of requiring criminal history records checks, a check of the Department of Children and Families abuse or neglect registry, and a check of the Department of Developmental Services abuse or neglect registry of all applicants for an employment or volunteer position with the department.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 284](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 303](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM BIRTH TO AGE FIVE', to create a master contract between the Departments of Social Services, Education, Public Health, Children and Families and the Children's Trust Fund to improve child outcomes by integrating services for children and families from birth to age five.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 303](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 309](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES', to reduce the cost of health insurance by removing certain mandates.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 309](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 325](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION', to amend statutes related to the representation of children by attorneys and guardian ad litem by: (1) Increasing staff within the Commission on Child Protection to provide and oversee required services, (2) revise the role of attorneys and guardian ad litem in certain court proceedings, (3) provide immunity to contract attorneys who represent children, similar to the immunity provided to certain appointed special assistant public defenders, and (4) revise provisions concerning the confidentiality of certain Department of Children and Families' records and retain the Chief Child Protection Attorney's access to such records.

REF. JUDICIARY

The Judiciary Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 12:45 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 325](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 332](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR STATE MANAGERS', to allow state managers, excluding bureau heads, to bargain collectively.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

[S.B. No. 333](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPREHENSIVE ETHICS REFORMS', to implement certain ethics based reforms including to establish a Legislative Ethics Committee and Legislative Code of Ethics.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 333](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 334](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS', to implement certain substantive and technical recommendations of the Office of State Ethics.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 334](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 335](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS', to provide additional protection for certain whistleblowers who may be subject to retaliation by their employers.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 335](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 336](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT', to create transparency in the way that certain business of the General Assembly is conducted.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 336](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 344](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY PROSPERITY AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHILD POVERTY AND PREVENTION COUNCIL', to establish and administer a grant program to reduce child poverty in the state.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 303](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 364](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE BUILDING CODE BE REVISED TO INCORPORATE REVISIONS TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE', to require the State Building Code to be updated to incorporate revisions to the National Electrical Code, and to require the state to continually adopt such revisions.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Public Safety and Security Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 364](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 381](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCIES', to protect seniors from abuse or neglect by providing increased oversight of homemaker-companion agencies and their employees.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 381](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 383](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A NURSING HOME BILL OF RIGHTS', to provide greater legal protection for patients in nursing homes.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 383](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 384](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCREDITATION OF NURSING HOME FACILITIES', to require accreditation of nursing home facilities.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 384](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 385](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME STAFFING LEVELS', to provide for increased nursing home staffing levels to improve the quality of care for the elderly.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 385](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 387](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNITS OR PROGRAMS', to provide greater oversight of Alzheimer's special care units or programs.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 387](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 388](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DIRECT CARE PROVIDER STAFFING LEVELS IN NURSING HOMES', to increase the minimum staffing levels of direct care providers in nursing homes.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 388](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 413](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY PROVIDER RESCUE FUND ACCOUNT AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES COMMISSION', to establish a community provider rescue fund, community-based services commission and capital improvement fund to stabilize the funding of necessary services for children and adults with disabilities, persons with substance use disorders and persons with mental illness.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 413](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 414](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-FUNDED HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR THE DISABLED AND PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE DISABLED', to increase the number of slots available under the Connecticut home care program for the disabled from fifty to seventy; to increase the asset limits to match the asset limits of the Connecticut home care program for the elderly; and to provide increased funds for the personal care assistance program for the disabled.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 414](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 417](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FATALITY REVIEW BOARD', to enact legislation that incorporates elements of Executive Order No. 25, dated February 8, 2002, which included the establishment of the Fatality Review Board.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 417](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 445](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS', to establish a system for the automatic mailing of absentee ballots to persons who are permanently disabled and unable to go to the polling place on election day.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 445](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 456](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT', to allow an injured employee to have a private right of action against a health care provider for reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenditures made for medical care as a result of the

employees workers' compensation claim.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 458 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LINGUISTIC ACCESS IN HOSPITALS AND DIVERSITY IN THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE', to improve linguistic access services in acute care hospitals and to collect data that will serve to increase cultural diversity in the state's health care workforce.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on S.B. No. 458 and other bills.

S.B. No. 470 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHORTAGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS', to establish initiatives that successfully develop, recruit and retain qualified faculty members, and support expansion of classroom and laboratory resources, with the goal of accommodating admission of all interested and qualified candidates to nursing and allied health programs; to support acquisition of patient lifting equipment essential to patient safety, prevention of injury and retention of older health care workers; and to provide funding for a scholarship program for nursing and emergency medical technician education.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

S.B. No. 472 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITALIZATIONS', to prohibit insurers from requiring that an insured be hospitalized for a certain number of days before coverage will be provided.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

S.B. No. 478 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING COPAYMENTS FOR PREVENTIVE CARE', to promote the health of Connecticut residents by prohibiting copayments, deductibles or other out-of-pocket expenses for preventive care services.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

S.B. No. 489 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES', to provide all employees of employers who employ three or more individuals the right to bargain collectively.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 498 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A FACILITY IN MANCHESTER FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in an amount not to exceed five million dollars to the Department of Developmental Services to be used to provide a grant-in-aid to MARC, Inc. for the construction of a

facility that will provide services to persons with developmental disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 498](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 499](#) (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to revise and improve the process for the renewal of windshield placards which allow parking in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities, to require a recall of existing placards, and to develop methods for strengthened enforcement of statutory and regulatory provisions concerning parking in such spaces.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

[S.B. No. 514](#) (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING AND PHARMACY DATA BASES', to allow licensed pharmacists to dispense prescriptions contained in common data bases.

REF. GENERAL LAW

- **House Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

[H.B. No. 5020](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE TOBACCO AND HEALTH TRUST FUND', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

[H.B. No. 5021](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2009', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

[H.B. No. 5025](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT AMENDING THE CHILD PROTECTION SAFETY ACT', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 5029](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ETHICS CODE FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration And Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5029](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5105 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM WAGE', to increase the minimum wage to eight dollars per hour.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5105](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5111 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES' LEAVE TIME AND MILITARY SERVICE', to allow certain employees in the Department of Correction to use paid leave time, part pay and accrue benefits while participating in certain military operations.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5111](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5112 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF STATE JOBS', to establish a task force with the purpose of monitoring state contracts for their use of Connecticut and United States businesses.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5112](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5124 (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES IN NURSING HOMES AND THE QUALIFICATIONS OF SOCIAL WORKERS', to: (1) Require social work designees to have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in social work and one-year experience in a health care facility, (2) improve the ratio of social workers to nursing home beds, and (3) make a revision to the statutes concerning a reference to social workers.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5124](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5125 (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROHIBITION RELATING TO HOMEMAKER-COMPANION SERVICES', to clarify that no person shall provide homemaker or companion services without having a current homemaker-companion agency certificate of registration.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5125](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5131 (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT AMENDING THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to make technical and other revisions to laws governing the Department of Children and Families regarding emergency placement of children, access to records, transfer of termination of parental right cases and the department's role and responsibility in Safe Havens cases.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5131](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 5132](#) (RAISED) **SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE FAMILY SUPPORT COUNCIL'**, to provide staff to the Family Support Council so that it may meet its statutory obligations.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5132](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 5134](#) (RAISED) **SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CABINET'**, to add members to the Early Childhood Education Cabinet.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5134](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 5148](#) (RAISED) **SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING. 'AN ACT REESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING'**, to reestablish the Department of Housing.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

The Select Committee on Housing will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5148](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 5334](#) (RAISED) **LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TIMELY MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR INJURED WORKERS'**, to create penalties for employer's delay of necessary medical treatment for injured workers.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

[H.B. No. 5449](#) (RAISED) **PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY CERTIFICATES BY LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES'**, to permit licensed clinical social workers and advanced practice registered nurses who have received either specialized crisis intervention team training or advanced supervision and intervention support team training to issue emergency certificates directing that a person be taken to a general hospital for purposes of a medical examination.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5449](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 5481](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE EXAMINATIONS', to prevent state employees who have passed examinations for fitness for a specified class, occupational group or progression level from having to retake such examination on a yearly basis.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

[H.B. No. 5482](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ELIGIBILITY FOR NEW HIRES DURING EVALUATION PERIODS', to encourage the hiring of probationary employees by lessening the exposure for employers during a new employee's training and evaluation period.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor And Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 2:30 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5482](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 5490](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT HEALTH DATA', to establish an initiative to collect and analyze data concerning the prevalence of pediatric chronic disease and related risk factors in schools.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5490](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 5495](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSITION OF YOUTH FROM THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES', to ensure that youth with mental illness in the care of the Department of Children and Families are adequately transitioned to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5495](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 5496](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AGENCY ASSISTANCE', to prevent agencies of the state to provide vague, misleading or insufficient information to persons seeking assistance of such agency.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5496](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5507 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ETHICS', to require a study of ethics statutes.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration And Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5507](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5508 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN', to facilitate the enrollment of eligible uninsured children in state-sponsored health insurance programs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5508](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5514 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROSTHESES', to provide low-cost loans for the purchase of prostheses where insurance coverage is insufficient.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5514](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5519 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENTS FOR TERMINATED EMPLOYEES', to provide that employers may elect not to be responsible for the payment of the premium for group health insurance plans for employees who are terminated or who voluntarily terminate their employment, after the date of such employees' termination.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5519](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5525 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT AMENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN', to amend the effective date of health insurance coverage for children to age twenty-six to July 1, 2008.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5525](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5527 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT PROVIDING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PROSTHESES', to provide insurance coverage for prostheses.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on **H.B. No. 5527** and other bills.

H.B. No. 5528 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to: (1) Move the existing requirement that public agencies maintain a record of their proceedings to the appropriate section of the Freedom of Information Act, (2) ensure public access to court records, other than those records that directly relate to judicial decision-making in individual court cases, and (3) treat governmental employees equally under the Freedom of Information Act by extending to all governmental employees the limitation on disclosure of their residential addresses under the Freedom of Information Act.

REF. JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5534 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF MENTAL DISABILITY IN STATE CONTRACTS', to require a state contractor to agree and warrant that, in the performance of such contract, such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person on the basis of mental disability unless it is shown by such contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved.

REF. JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5540 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE DENTAL CARE', to allow out-of-state dentists to participate and provide charitable dental services as part of the Connecticut Mission of Mercy, an event that provides free dental care to uninsured and low-income individuals.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on **H.B. No. 5540** and other bills.

H.B. No. 5541 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT OF PERSONS PLACED OR TREATED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to expand the definitions of sexual assault in the second degree and sexual assault in the fourth degree to include assaults committed on persons placed or treated under the direction of the Commissioner of Developmental Services.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee has tentatively scheduled a Public Hearing on **H.B. No. 5541** for Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB.

H.B. No. 5542 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES', to promote the use of telecommunications technology for medical diagnosis and patient care.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on **H.B. No. 5542** and other bills.

H.B. No. 5590 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS CONCERNING AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to require the development and use of instructional methods for children with autism and other developmental disabilities.

REF. EDUCATION

The Education Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on **H.B. No. 5590** and other bills.

H.B. No. 5592 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION', to permit the issuance of a temporary ninety-day certificate to applicants in the certification endorsement area of early childhood education.

REF. EDUCATION

The Education Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 29, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on **H.B. No. 5592** and other bills.

H.B. No. 5617 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION OF AND MAKING REVISIONS TO THE CHARTER OAK HEALTH PLAN', to delay the implementation of and make revisions to the Charter Oak Health Plan.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on **H.B. No. 5617** and other bills.

H.B. No. 5618 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HUSKY PLAN', to: (1) Restore continuous eligibility in the HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B; (2) delay contracting with managed care plan providers for the HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B to July 1, 2009; (3) eliminate cost-sharing under the HUSKY Plan, Part B; and (4) eliminate the requirement that HUSKY Plan, Part A beneficiaries enroll in any available employer-sponsored health insurance policy if proven to be cost effective by the Commissioner of Social Services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on **H.B. No. 5618** and other bills.

H.B. No. 5630 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROMOTING CONSISTENCY AMONG PEER REVIEW PROCEEDINGS', to require the

department's mortality review process and the operations of the Independent Mortality Review Board to be consistent with other peer review processes found in the general statutes.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee has tentatively scheduled a Public Hearing on [H.B. No. 5630](#) for Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB.

[H.B. No. 5648](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO CONDUCT CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS', to permit municipal police departments to conduct criminal history records checks.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Public Safety and Security Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5648](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 5666](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS', to increase access to the autism spectrum disorders pilot project and ensure that such pilot project remains in effect through June 30, 2009.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

[H.B. No. 5668](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS', to increase the per page fee that a health care provider may charge for the copying of medical records from forty-five cents per page to sixty-five cents per page.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

[H.B. No. 5687](#) (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NURSING PROFESSION', to address shortages in the nursing profession by providing opportunities for nursing students and former nurses interested in rejoining the profession, and to expand the RN Refresher Course, a noncredit, certificate refresher course designed by the Connecticut League for Nursing to prepare inactive registered nurses to return, after an absence of three years or more, to the practice of nursing in first-level, medical-surgical staff positions in hospitals, long-term care facilities or in-home care.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

[H.B. No. 5696](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER THERAPIES', to provide insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorder therapies.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

[H.B. No. 5700](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CHANGE IN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICERS

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND ORGANIZATION', to provide independent oversight of affirmative action officers employed by state agencies or commissions by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.B. No. 5709 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE', to provide access to quality and affordable health care to all residents of the state by allowing them to choose from health care options that benefit their needs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

H.B. No. 5721 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHY STEPS PROGRAM', to reduce the number of Connecticut residents without health insurance, reduce the cost of health benefits, promote the health of Connecticut residents, and improve the quality of health care services in the state.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

H.B. No. 5724 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY SCARCITY AND SECURITY', to create an energy scarcity and sustainability task force, to require the Office of Policy and Management to assess all state agencies with regard to petroleum use and to establish a grant program for municipalities to plan for energy scarcity and cost increases.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

H.B. No. 5726 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PREVAILING WAGE THRESHOLD FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS', to eliminate the prevailing wage threshold for public works projects.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.B. No. 5733 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES FOR NURSES AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NURSING EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS', to provide for the issuance of commemorative nursing number plates to express support for the nursing profession, raise awareness of the nursing shortage and provide scholarships for nursing education and training.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

H.B. No. 5735 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS WHO TRANSPORT PATIENTS OR CLIENTS UNDER THE CARE, CONTROL OR CUSTODY OF A STATE AGENCY, AND THE VEHICLES USED BY SUCH INDIVIDUALS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES', to protect the health and safety of any patient or client under the care, custody or control of a state agency while such patient or client is being transported.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

H.B. No. 5738 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DECREASE IN BUS FARES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to decrease bus fares for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.
REF. TRANSPORTATION

H.B. No. 5747 (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF HIGHWAY SIGNS CONCERNING CELLULAR TELEPHONE USE', to provide motor vehicle operators who enter Connecticut with notice that any use of a cellular telephone by the operator of a motor vehicle, without the use of a hands-free device, is against the law.
REF. TRANSPORTATION

H.B. No. 5755 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT OF INSTRUCTION IN SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING OF CHILDREN AS PART OF TEACHER PREPARATION', to require candidates in teacher preparation programs to complete coursework instruction in social and emotional development and learning of children.
REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT