

DDS Legislative Update – March 27, 2008

This legislative update is divided into three sections:

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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.

As the legislative session goes forward, bills will be referred from legislative committees to the House or Senate. The House or Senate then may refer the bills to other committees or chose to vote on them. In these updates, the last action taken on a bill will be in **bold**. For a bill to become a law, both the House and the Senate must vote favorably on it by May 7, 2008 at midnight and the Governor must sign the bill into law.

Key to Legislative Terminology:

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A File Number (**File No.**) is a unique number given to a bill once it has reached the House or Senate Floor. A file copy of a bill with the file number has a plain-language description of what the bill's provisions do, written by the Office of Legislative Research and a fiscal note that explains what a bill would cost or save to implement, written by the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

A House or Senate Calendar Number (**House or Senate Cal. No.**) is also a unique number that is given to a bill once it reaches the House or Senate Floor. This number is used to hold the bill's place on either the House or Senate Calendar. If the bill is a House bill (H.B. 5000 or higher) or a Senate bill (S.B.1 to 4999) it first gets a Calendar Number from the chamber the bill originated in. Once a House bill is passed in the House, it goes on to the Senate where it receives a Senate Calendar Number. Likewise once a Senate bill (with a Senate Calendar Number) passes the Senate, it goes to the House and receives a House Calendar Number.

- **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 will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 242](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JF on [S.B. No. 242](#) to the Senate Floor.

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.

Select Committee on Children JFS Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5131](#) to the Human Services Committee. **Human Services Committee JF to the House Floor.**

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 will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5541](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5541](#) to the Judiciary Committee. **Bill died in the Judiciary Committee.**

[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 will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5630](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5630](#) to the Judiciary Committee. **Judiciary Committee JF to the House Floor.**

- **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

The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 25](#) and other bills.

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

The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 26](#) and other bills.

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 26](#) to the Senate Floor.

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

The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 27](#) and other bills.

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

The General Law Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 29](#) and other bills.

General Law Committee JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 29](#) to the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

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.

Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 32](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 33 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SOCIAL SERVICES PHARMACY PROGRAMS' File No. 64, Senate Cal. No. 74, 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.

The Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference on S.B. No. 33 to the Appropriations Committee. **Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor.**

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. **Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference on S.B. No. 34 to the Appropriations Committee.**

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

Bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

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.

Bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

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

Bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

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

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 63](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

[S.B. No. 64](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCARRING AWARDS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT' File No. 55, Senate Cal. No. 70, to create a more equitable system of awarding workers' compensation for permanent disfigurement or scarring.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 64](#) and other bills.

Labor and Public Employees Committee JF on [S.B. No. 64](#) to the Senate Floor.

[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. Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 65](#) to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. **Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the Senate Floor.**

[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.

Select Committee on Aging JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 156](#) to the Public Health Committee. **Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee.**

[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.

Bill died in the Select Committee on Children.

S.B. No. 165 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEES OF THE PROBATE COURT SYSTEM' File No. 153, Senate Cal. No. 134, 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. **Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS on S.B. No. 165 to the Senate Floor.**

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. **Bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.**

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. Program Review and Investigations Committee JFS Change of Reference on **S.B. No. 176** to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. **Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the Senate Floor.**

S.B. No. 201 (RAISED) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR AN OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS' File No. 53, Senate Cal. No. 68, 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.

The Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS S.B. No. 201 to the Senate Floor.

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.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 202](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 203](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF STATE REAL PROPERTY' File No. 14, Senate Cal. No. 24, 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.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 203](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 205](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE CONTRACTING REFORM' File No. 20, Senate Cal. No. 51, 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.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 205](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 217](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES' File No. 68, Senate Cal. No. 92, 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.

Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 217](#) to the Senate Floor.

[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.

Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 241](#) to the Human Services Committee. **Human Services Committee JF to the Senate Floor**

[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 will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 242](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JF on [S.B. No. 242](#) to the Senate Floor.

[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.

Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 246](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[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

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 254](#) and other bills.

Labor and Public Employees Committee JF on [S.B. No. 254](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 255](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR WAGE LOSS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT' File No. 56, Senate Cal. No. 72, 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

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 255](#) and other bills.

Labor and Public Employees Committee JF on [S.B. No. 255](#) to the Senate Floor.

[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.

Bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[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.

Bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[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.

Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 283](#) to the Human Services Committee. **Bill died in the Human Services Committee.**

See: [S.B. No. 558](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF OPTIONAL SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM AND INCREASING ACCESS TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR THE MEDICALLY NEEDY, ELDERLY AND DISABLED.', to amend the Medicaid state plan to include hospice services as a covered service under the Medicaid program.

[S.B. No. 284](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PERSONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO CLIENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES' File No. 131, Senate Cal. No. 122, 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.

Public Health Committee JF on [S.B. No. 284](#) to the Senate Floor.

S.B. No. 298 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM MOTOR VEHICLES.' File No. 161, Senate Cal. No. 157, to prevent personal injury and property damage caused by snow and ice blowing or sliding from the roofs of trucks.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on S.B. No. 298 and other bills.

Transportation Committee JFS on S.B. No. 298 to the Senate Floor.

See also: S.B. No. 670 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE IN OPERATION', to clarify the penalty for persons who operate a vehicle on any public road who fail to remove accumulated snow and ice from the exterior surface of the vehicle.

REF. JUDICIARY

The Judiciary Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, March 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on S.B. No. 670 and other bills.

Judiciary Committee JF on S.B. No. 670 to the Senate Floor.

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.

Select Committee on Children JFS Change of Reference on S.B. No. 303 to the Human Services Committee. **Human Services Committee JF to the Appropriations Committee.**

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.

Bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee on a failed JF motion.

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.

Judiciary Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 325](#) to the Senate Floor.

[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

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 332](#) and other bills.

Labor and Public Employees Committee JF on [S.B. No. 332](#) to the Senate Floor.

[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.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 333](#) to the Senate Floor.

[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.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 334](#) to the Senate Floor.

[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.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 335](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 336](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT' File No. 26, Senate Cal. No. 57, 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.

The Government Administration and Elections Committee JF [S.B. No. 336](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 340](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF CARE', to establish an Early Childhood Integrated System of Care for children and families based on the Child FIRST model currently in place in Bridgeport.

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. 340](#) and other bills.

Select Committee on Children JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 340](#) to the Human Services Committee. **Human Services Committee JF to the Senate Floor.**

[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. 344](#) and other bills.

Select Committee on Children JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 344](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[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.

Bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

[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.

Bill died in the Select Committee on Aging.

[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.

Select Committee on Aging JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 383](#) to the Public Health Committee. Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference to the Judiciary Committee. **Bill died in the Judiciary Committee.**

[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.

Bill died in the Select Committee on Aging.

[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.

Select Committee on Aging JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 385](#) to the Public Health Committee. **Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee.**

[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.

Select Committee on Aging JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 387](#) to the Public Health Committee. **Public Health Committee JF to the Senate Floor.**

[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.

Select Committee on Aging JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 388](#) to the Public Health Committee. **Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee.**

[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.

Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 413](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[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.

Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 414](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[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.

Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 417](#) to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. **Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the Senate Floor.**

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.

Bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

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

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 456](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

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.

Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 458](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 470 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHORTAGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS' File No. 171, Senate Cal. No. 132, 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

The Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 470](#) and other bills.

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 470](#) to the Senate Floor.

[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

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 472](#) and other bills.
Bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[S.B. No. 478](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT PROHIBITING COPAYMENTS FOR PREVENTIVE CARE' File No. 174, Senate Cal. No. 148, 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

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 478](#) and other bills.
Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF on [S.B. No. 478](#) to the Senate Floor.

[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

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 489](#) and other bills.
Labor and Public Employees Committee JF on [S.B. No. 489](#) to the Senate Floor.

[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.
Public Health Committee JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 498](#) to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

[S.B. No. 499](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING PARKING FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHICH LIMIT OR IMPAIR THE ABILITY TO WALK.' File No. 178, Senate Cal. No. 160, 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

The Transportation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 499](#) and other bills.

Transportation Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 498](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 514](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING AND PHARMACY DATA BASES' File No. 135, Senate Cal. No. 117, to allow licensed pharmacists to dispense prescriptions contained in common data bases.

REF. GENERAL LAW

The General Law Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 514](#) and other bills.

General Law Committee JF on [S.B. No. 514](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 558](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF OPTIONAL SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM AND INCREASING ACCESS TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR THE MEDICALLY NEEDY, ELDERLY AND DISABLED.', to amend the Medicaid state plan to include hospice services as a covered service under the Medicaid program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 558](#) and other bills.

Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 558](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 559](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SMALL HOUSE NURSING HOMES', to establish a pilot program to provide grants-in-aid for the development of small house nursing homes in the state.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 559](#) and other bills.

Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 559](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 560](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIR AND ADEQUATE HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT', to establish fair reimbursement rates for hospital services provided under the Medicaid and State-Administered General Assistance programs.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 560](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 561 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON PROJECT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A LONG-TERM CARE TRUST FUND', to expand the Money Follows the Person demonstration project and establish a long-term care trust fund to provide funds to finance long-term care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 561](#) and other bills.

Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 561](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 562 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED ACCESS TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR THE MEDICALLY NEEDY ELDERLY AND DISABLED', to require the Commissioner of Social Services to exercise existing federal options that permit the use of a less restrictive methodology in determining the income limit when making Medicaid eligibility determinations for persons who are aged, blind or disabled.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 562](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 563 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES AND ADULT CARE OPTIONS', to expand assisted living services for the elderly to reduce state expenditures on nursing home care and increase options for the elderly to age in place.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 563](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 564 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS', to increase access to care for children and adults with mental health needs.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 564](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 567 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY', to provide personal care assistance services and to increase reimbursement rates to providers of home care services under the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 567](#) and other bills.

Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 567](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 570](#) (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUTING', to promote energy conservation by providing property tax credits for expenditures on development of CT high speed Internet infrastructure and providing tax credits for employers participating in telecommuting programs.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

The Energy and Technology Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 570](#) and other bills.

Energy and Technology Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 570](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 575](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY DAY PROGRAM SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to establish a task force to study day program services provided by the Department of Developmental Services to persons with developmental disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 575](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 575](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 577](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NURSING HOME FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE', to provide greater accountability and oversight of state spending on nursing home facilities by enhancing the duties performed by the Nursing Home Financial Advisory Committee.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 577](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 577](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 578](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING FEES PAID BY NURSES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH', to change the license renewal period for registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and nurse-midwives from one to two years and to reduce the licensing fees paid by these health care professionals.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 578](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 577](#) to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

S.B. No. 598 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ACCOUNT TO FUND THE TWENTY-SEVENTH STATE PAYROLL PERIOD', to establish an account for payment of each twenty-seventh payroll. Requested by the State Comptroller.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

The Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on **S.B. No. 598** and other bills.

S.B. No. 620 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF STATE AGENCIES PROVIDING PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to review the programs and services administered or provided by state agencies providing public health, mental health or developmental services.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

The Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on **S.B. No. 620** and other bills.

S.B. No. 635 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS', to ensure that the state-wide health information technology plan is developed in a timely fashion and that such plan promotes the use of data standards that allow for interstate operability.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on **S.B. No. 635** and other bills.

Bill died in the Public Health Committee.

S.B. No. 662 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND REIMBURSEMENT', to implement changes concerning eligibility and reimbursement for the Medicaid program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:30 p.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on **S.B. No. 662** and other bills.

Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference on S.B. No. 662 to the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 663 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT PROVIDING STATE-FUNDED MEDICAL COVERAGE TO CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to expand eligibility for state-funded medical assistance to include children under the care and supervision of the Department of Developmental Services who are ineligible for Medicaid and to remove the institutional status of a child from being a factor in determining a child's eligibility for medical assistance.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:30 p.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on **S.B. No. 663** and other bills.

Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 663](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 664](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS', to continue the design and implementation of community-based regional transportation systems on a state-wide basis.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:30 p.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 664](#) and other bills.

Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 664](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 666](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF CHILD POVERTY', to implement programs and initiatives to reduce child poverty.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:30 p.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 666](#) and other bills.

Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference on [S.B. No. 666](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 669](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIVING WILLS', to revise provisions regarding living wills and other advance health care directives.

REF. JUDICIARY

The Judiciary Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, March 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 669](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

[S.B. No. 670](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE IN OPERATION', to clarify the penalty for persons who operate a vehicle on any public road who fail to remove accumulated snow and ice from the exterior surface of the vehicle.

REF. JUDICIARY

The Judiciary Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, March 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 670](#) and other bills.

Judiciary Committee JF on [S.B. No. 670](#) to the Senate Floor.

See also: [S.B. No. 298](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM MOTOR VEHICLES.' File No. 161, Senate Cal. No. 157, to prevent personal injury and property damage caused by snow and ice blowing or sliding from the roofs of trucks.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

The Transportation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 298](#) and other bills.

Transportation Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 298](#) to the Senate Floor.

S.B. No. 673 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVED TELECOMMUTING PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE'S WORKFORCE', to strengthen and improve telecommuting options for state employees.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on **S.B. No. 673** and other bills.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on S.B. No. 673 to the Senate Floor.

S.B. No. 675 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF LOBBYIST RESTRICTIONS TO CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES', to extend lobbying restrictions and requirements contained under the code of ethics to state employees who engage in lobbying.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on **S.B. No. 675** and other bills.

Bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

S.B. No. 676 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT PROVIDING FAIRNESS IN SALARIES FOR STATE MANAGERS', to remedy certain salary inequities between state managers and nonmanagerial employees.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on **S.B. No. 676** and other bills.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on S.B. No. 676 to the Senate Floor.

S.B. No. 677 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF STATE COMPUTERS ON NONSTATE PROPERTY', to prohibit state employees from taking state-issued computers from their place of employment if the computer contains personal and confidential information.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on **S.B. No. 677** and other bills.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on S.B. No. 677 to the Senate Floor.

S.B. No. 678 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STRATEGY BOARD', to establish a Community-Based Health and

Human Service Strategy Board that will help to ensure continued funding of certain health and human services.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 678](#) and other bills.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 678](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 681](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL', to establish a Minority Health Advisory Council.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 681](#) and other bills.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 681](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 686](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS', to provide that certain state contracting requirements do not apply to contracts between the state and a municipality or between the state and the federal government.

REF. JUDICIARY

The Judiciary Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, March 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 670](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

[S.B. No. 696](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COURTS OF PROBATE', to: (1) Revise the method for calculating probate fees, (2) revise provisions regarding retirement credit for judges and clerks whose probate districts have been merged with another district, (3) revise the approval process for certain regulations, (4) revise an alternate method of calculating a probate judge's compensation, (5) provide that health insurance coverage for probate judges and Probate Court employees be paid from funds appropriated by the General Assembly, and (6) repeal certain provisions regarding amendments to probate appeals.

REF. JUDICIARY

The Judiciary Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 696](#) and other bills.

Judiciary Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 696](#) to the Senate Floor.

[S.B. No. 698](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CALCULATION, REDUCTION AND WAIVER OF PROBATE FEES', to (1) exempt out-of-state property and life insurance proceeds from the calculation of the gross estate for the purpose of calculating statutory probate fees, (2) permit the probate courts, in consultation with the Probate Court Administrator and based on the administrator's

guidelines, to reduce or waive statutory probate fees for estates with no cash assets, and (3) permit such changes to be applied to outstanding probate fees.

REF. JUDICIARY

The Judiciary Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 698](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

[S.B. No. 705](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXECUTION OF WILLS AND CODICILS', to provide for the execution of a will or codicil by an individual who is physically incapable of signing the will or codicil.

REF. JUDICIARY

The Judiciary Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 705](#) and other bills.

Judiciary Committee JF on [S.B. No. 705](#) to the Senate Floor.

- **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

The Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on H.B. No. 5020 and other bills.

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

The Appropriations Committee will hold Public Hearings on February 11, 13, 14, 15, 2008 in Room 2C of the LOB on H.B. No. 5021.

H.B. No. 5025 'AN ACT AMENDING THE CHILD PROTECTION SAFETY ACT' File No. 204, House Cal. No. 97, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on H.B. No. 5025 and other bills.

Select Committee on Children JF Change of Reference on H.B. No. 5025 to the General Law Committee. **General Law Committee JF to the House Floor.**

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.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on H.B. No. 5029 to the House Floor.

H.B. No. 5105 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM WAGE' File No. 16, House Cal. No. 30, 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.

Labor Committee JFS on H.B. No. 5105 to the House Floor.

H.B. No. 5111 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES' LEAVE TIME AND MILITARY SERVICE' File No. 31, House Cal. No. 38, 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. **Labor Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5111](#) to the House Floor.**

[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. Labor Committee JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5112](#) to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. **Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House Floor.**

[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. Select Committee on Aging JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5124](#) to the Public Health Committee. **Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee.**

[H.B. No. 5125](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROHIBITION RELATING TO HOMEMAKER-COMPANION SERVICES' File No. 201, House Cal. No. 101, 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. Select Committee on Aging JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5125](#) to the General Law Committee. **General Law Committee JF to the House Floor.**

[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.

Select Committee on Children JFS Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5131](#) to the Human Services Committee. **Human Services Committee JF to the House Floor.**

[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.

Select Committee on Children JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5132](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[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.

Select Committee on Children JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5134](#) to the Human Services Committee. **Human Services Committee JF to the House Floor.**

[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.

Select Committee on Housing JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5148](#) to the Planning and Development Committee. **Planning and Development Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee.**

[H.B. No. 5325](#) (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE SUNSET LAW', to repeal the Sunset Law and make conforming amendments to the general statutes; to preserve certain evaluation criteria set forth in the Sunset Law by transferring it to the Program Review and Investigations Committee enabling statute.

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 [H.B. No. 5325](#) and other bills.

Program Review and Investigations Committee JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5148](#) to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. **Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House Floor.**

[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

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5334](#) and other bills.

Labor and Public Employees Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5334](#) to the House Floor.

[H.B. No. 5449](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY CERTIFICATES BY LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES' File No. 141, House Cal. No. 88, 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.

Public Health Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5449](#) to the House Floor.

[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

Bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

[H.B. No. 5482](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ELIGIBILITY FOR NEW HIRES DURING EVALUATION PERIODS' File No. 104, House Cal. No. 66, 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.

Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5482](#) to the House Floor.

[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.

Select Committee on Children JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5490](#) to the Education Committee. **Bill died in the Education Committee.**

[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.

Select Committee on Children JFS Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5495](#) to the Human Services Committee. **Human Services Committee JF to the House Floor.**

[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.

Bill died in the Select Committee on Children.

[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.

Government Administration And Elections Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5507](#) to the House Floor.

[H.B. No. 5508](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN' File No. 105, House Cal. No. 67, 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.

Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5508](#) to the House Floor.

**[H.B. No. 5514](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROSTHESES' File No. 113, House Cal. No. 69, 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.

Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5514](#) to the House Floor.

[H.B. No. 5519](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENTS FOR TERMINATED EMPLOYEES' File No. 193, House Cal. No. 112, 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.

Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5519](#) to the House Floor.

[H.B. No. 5525](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT AMENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHILDREN' File No. 185, House Cal. No. 114, 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.

Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5525](#) to the House Floor.

[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.

The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[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

The Judiciary Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5528](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

[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

The Judiciary Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5534](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

[H.B. No. 5540](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHARITABLE DENTAL CARE' File No. 143, House Cal. No. 90, 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.

Public Health Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5540](#) to the House Floor.

[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 will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5541](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5541](#) to the Judiciary Committee. **Bill died in the Judiciary Committee.**

[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.

Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5542](#) to the Human Services Committee. **Bill died in the Human Services Committee.**

[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.

Education Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5590](#) to the House Floor.

[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.

Education Committee JFS Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5590](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[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.

Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5617](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[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.

Human Services Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5618](#) to the House Floor.

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 will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5630](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5630](#) to the Judiciary Committee. **Judiciary Committee JF to the House Floor.**

H.B. No. 5637 (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL REVIEW OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES AND HALFWAY HOUSES IN MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS', to require multifamily buildings with community residences, child care facilities and halfway houses be treated similarly to other multi-family buildings for zoning and neighborhood revitalization purposes.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Planning and Development Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5637](#) and other bills.

Planning and Development Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5637](#) to the House Floor.

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.

Bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

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

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5666](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JFS Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5666](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

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

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5668](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Public Health Committee.

[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

The Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5687](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee.

[H.B. No. 5696](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT REQUIRING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER THERAPIES' File No. 187, House Cal. No. 116, to provide insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorder therapies.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5696](#) and other bills.

Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5696](#) to the House Floor.

[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

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 2:30 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5700](#) and other bills.

Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5700](#) to the House Floor.

[H.B. No. 5706](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF IDENTIFYING MARKS ON DENTAL PROSTHESES' File No. 120, House Cal. No. 81, to enact legislation that will require licensed dentists to offer to those patients who require removable prosthodontic appliances the opportunity to have identifying marks placed on such dental prostheses.

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 [H.B. No. 5706](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5706](#) to the House Floor.

[H.B. No. 5709](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE' File No. 207, House Cal. No. 118, 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

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5709](#) and other bills.

Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5709](#) to the House Floor.

[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

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5721](#) and other bills.

Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5721](#) to the House Floor.

[H.B. No. 5724](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY SCARCITY AND SECURITY' File No. 209, House Cal. No. 121, 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

The Energy And Technology Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 1A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5724](#) and other bills.

Energy And Technology Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5724](#) to the House Floor.

[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

Bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

[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

The Transportation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5733](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Transportation Committee.

[H.B. No. 5735](#) (RAISED) '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' File No. 211, House Cal. No. 123, 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

The Transportation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5735](#) and other bills.

Transportation Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5735](#) to the House Floor.

[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

The Transportation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5738](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Transportation Committee.

[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

The Transportation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5747](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Transportation Committee.

[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

The Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5755](#) and other bills.

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5755](#) to the Education Committee. **Bill died in the Education Committee.**

H.B. No. 5791 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR LONG-TERM CARE', to develop a single point of entry system for persons seeking information on long-term care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on H.B. No. 5791 and other bills.

Human Services Committee JFS on H.B. No. 5791 to the House Floor.

H.B. No. 5792 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSET TEST USED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STATE-ADMINISTERED GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM', to ensure the availability of a safety net for individuals who lose state-administered general assistance benefits by increasing the asset test used to determine eligibility for the program from two hundred fifty dollars to one thousand dollars.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on H.B. No. 5792 and other bills.

Bill died in the Human Services Committee.

H.B. No. 5793 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS FOR RESPITE CARE SERVICES FOR CARETAKERS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE', to increase the maximum grant to families under the respite care services program for Alzheimer's patients from three thousand five hundred dollars to seven thousand five hundred dollars.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on H.B. No. 5793 and other bills.

Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference on H.B. No. 5793 to the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5794 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM', to include chiropractic services as optional services under the Medicaid program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on H.B. No. 5794 and other bills.

Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference on H.B. No. 5794 to the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5795 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF PODIATRY SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM', to include podiatry services among the covered optional services under the Medicaid program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5795](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Human Services Committee.

See: [S.B. No. 558](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF OPTIONAL SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM AND INCREASING ACCESS TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR THE MEDICALLY NEEDY, ELDERLY AND DISABLED.', to amend the Medicaid state plan to include hospice services as a covered service under the Medicaid program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

[H.B. No. 5796](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE FEDERAL SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY PROGRAM AND THE QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM', to enable more seniors to qualify for the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program and the Qualifying Individual Program, thereby entitling such persons to the low-income subsidies available under the Medicare Part D program which in turn will reduce ConnPACE program expenditures by maximizing the number of ConnPACE enrollees who obtain federal low-income subsidies.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5796](#) and other bills.

Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5796](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 5797](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED INTERPRETER SERVICES', to clarify the role of the Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in providing qualified interpreter services to persons who are deaf or hearing impaired in a variety of legal and administrative forums.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5797](#) and other bills.

Human Services Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5797](#) to the House Floor.

[H.B. No. 5802](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE' File No. 125, House Cal. No. 86, to provide processes for the interpretation, alternative compliance, penalties under and appeals pursuant to the State Fire Prevention Code, to delete the prohibition against inspecting manufacturing establishments, and to permit the local fire marshals and State Fire Marshal to issue citations and apply for an injunction when a hazardous condition exists.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Public Safety and Security Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5802](#) and other bills.

Public Safety and Security Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5802](#) to the House Floor. **House referred to the Judiciary Committee.**

H.B. No. 5810 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IN EMERGENCY ROOMS', to require the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Social Services to establish a two-year behavioral health services pilot program in up to five regions of the state that will develop and implement innovative methods for improving emergency department outcomes for adults with behavioral health needs.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5810](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JF Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5810](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5816 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNET SECURITY', to develop information security standards, policies and guidelines at all state agencies and to appoint a chief information security officer to manage the state's information security initiatives.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

The Energy and Technology Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, March 7, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5816](#) and other bills.

Energy and Technology Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5816](#) to the House Floor.

H.B. No. 5838 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RETIREE HEALTH CARE TRUST ACCOUNT FOR RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES', to establish an account to pay for health care costs for retired state employees. Requested by the State Comptroller.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

The Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5838](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5839 (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (GAAP)', to allow the Comptroller to interpret GASB standards pertaining to GAAP and to address the state's current GAAP deficit. Requested by the State Comptroller.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

The Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5838](#) and other bills.

H.B. No. 5845 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNECTICUT INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE HOMECARE OPTION PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY (HOPE)', to provide a Connecticut income tax deduction of five thousand dollars for single filers and ten thousand dollars for joint filers for deposits to the Homecare Option Program for the Elderly (HOPE), to allow dividends, as well as interest, on contributions to HOPE to be

deductible, and to provide clarifying language for the administration of HOPE.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5845](#) and other bills. **Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5845](#) to the House Floor.**

[H.B. No. 5846](#) (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF STATE AGENCIES PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES', to review the programs and services administered by state agencies providing social services.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

The Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5846](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 5847](#) (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND', to review appropriations from the General Fund.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

The Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5847](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 5861](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUALS IN NURSING HOMES', to improve the quality of care provided to mentally ill persons in nursing facilities by requiring the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish minimal reasonable standards concerning the care and treatment of such persons.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5861](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JFS Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5861](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 5864](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A NURSING HOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN', to: (1) Promote the development of alternative models of long-term care that are consistent with the state's long-term care plan, (2) require nursing home facilities to file a nurse staffing plan with the Department of Public Health, and (3) establish a pilot program that will facilitate expedited Medicaid payments to nursing home facilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5864](#) and other bills.

Public Health Committee JFS Change of Reference on [H.B. No. 5864](#) to the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5887 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT OF PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS', to ensure that personal service contractors receive payment for their services from the state in a timely manner.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5887](#) and other bills.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5887](#) to the House Floor.

H.B. No. 5891 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND', to convey certain parcels of state land and establish standards for the acquisition of abandoned cemeteries by municipalities.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5891](#) and other bills.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5891](#) to the House Floor.

H.B. No. 5892 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALITY OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS AND THE PREQUALIFICATION OF CERTAIN SUBCONTRACTORS', to require designs for certain state construction projects to be reviewed by independent, third-party professionals and to require persons who perform certain work on state construction projects to be prequalified.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5892](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

H.B. No. 5896 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS', to have state agency regulations posted on the web sites of such agencies.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5896](#) and other bills.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5896](#) to the House Floor.

H.B. No. 5898 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PERSONNEL OF STATE AGENCIES', to conduct a study on the need to remove affirmative action officers from under the supervision of the agencies they review.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5898](#) and other bills.

Government Administration and Elections Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5898](#) to the House Floor.

H.B. No. 5910 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to require quarterly reports on the implementation of new initiatives by the Department of Social Services to certain committees and to the Office of Fiscal Analysis, to eliminate the ability of the department to implement regulations prior to approval by the legislative regulation review committee, to require a review of proposed regulations by the Human Services Committee, the Medicaid Managed Care Council, and the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council, to conduct a study on the transfer of the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman to the Office of the Healthcare Advocate and to make minor revisions to references to the Medicaid Managed Care Council in the general statutes.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5910](#) and other bills.

Human Services Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5910](#) to the House Floor.

H.B. No. 5911 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT LIMITING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STATE-ADMINISTERED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO INDIVIDUALS NOT CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID', to clarify the eligibility criteria for the state-administered general assistance program to ensure that persons who would be eligible for Medicaid are excluded from the program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5911](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Human Services Committee.

H.B. No. 5932 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TAX CREDITS FOR BUSINESSES THAT HIRE EXOFFENDERS AND CRIMINAL HISTORY QUESTIONS IN CERTAIN APPLICATIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT', to: (1) Establish a tax credit for businesses that hire individuals with prior criminal convictions, and (2) require the Commissioner of Administrative Services to examine application forms for state employment with respect to questions concerning the criminal history of an applicant.

REF. JUDICIARY

The Judiciary Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5932](#) and other bills.

Bill died in the Judiciary Committee.