

DDS Legislative Update – April 10, 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.

Beginning with this legislative update, only bills that are still “alive” and can move forward are being tracked and listed in the update.

Once a committee’s JF deadline has passed, a bill that has not been acted upon is considered “dead.” A bill that has been referred to a committee by either the Senate or the House, generally, must be acted upon by the committee within three legislative session days or seven calendar days whichever deadline comes first. If it is not acted upon by the committee, the bill is “dead.” Though a bill may have died, the concept or the language of the bill may resurface in the form of an amendment to another bill that is still “alive.” An amendment must be pertinent or “germane” to the bill being amended.

Some bills in the Senate are placed on the “Foot of the Calendar”, which means the bill needs further work or has a fiscal impact that needs to be addressed.

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:

JF means the committee reported the bill favorably to the House or Senate.

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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) 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO STATUTES AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' File No. 440, Senate Cal. No. 300, 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. **Senate passed.**

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) 'AN ACT AMENDING THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' File No. 393, House Cal. No. 224, 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. **House referred to the Judiciary Committee.**

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) 'AN ACT PROMOTING CONSISTENCY AMONG PEER REVIEW PROCEEDINGS' File No. 527, House Cal. No. 305 , 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

Sec. 2(g) includes \$1,295,000 in bonding funds for “alterations, renovations or new construction for a group home in the town of Putnam.”

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.

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 25](#) to the Senate Floor.

S.B. No. 26 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT' File No. 354, Senate Cal. No. 234, 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.

Senate passed.

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.

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 27](#) to the Senate Floor.

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. **Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor.**

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. Senate passed. House passed. **Signed by the Governor.**

[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. **Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor.**

[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. **Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar.**

[S.B. No. 65](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT ALLOWING BLIND OR PHYSICALLY DISABLED STATE OR QUASI-PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO USE ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE FOR GUIDE DOG TRAINING' File No. 415, Senate Cal. No. 256, 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. **Senate passed.**

[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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate Floor.**

[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. **Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee.**

[S.B. No. 176](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE STUDY OF STATE PLANNING' File No. 502, Senate Cal. No. 333, 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. Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee. **Judiciary Committee JFS to the Senate Floor.**

[S.B. No. 203](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF STATE REAL PROPERTY' File No. 14, Senate Cal. No. 47, 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. Senate referred to the Planning and Development Committee. Planning and Development Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate referred to the Environment Committee.**

[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. **Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

[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.

Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee.

[S.B. No. 241](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT EXAMINING THE LICENSURE SYSTEM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' File No. 418, Senate Cal. No. 270, 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. **Senate**

referred to the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 242](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO STATUTES AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' File No. 440, Senate Cal. No. 300, 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. **Senate passed.**

[S.B. No. 254](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL PRIOR STATE SERVICE' File No. 253, Senate Cal. No. 210, 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. **Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

[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. **Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar.**

[S.B. No. 280](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR BONE MARROW TESTING AND PROSTHESES, AND REQUIRING A HEALTH BENEFITS IMPACT REVIEW OF HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES IN THIS STATE' File No. 255, Senate Cal. No. 200, to assist cancer patients in finding suitable bone marrow donors by requiring individual and group health insurance policies to provide coverage for bone marrow testing.

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. 280](#) and other bills. Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 280](#) to the Senate Floor. **Senate referred to the Public Health Committee.**

[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. Senate referred to the Public Safety and Security Committee. Public Safety and Security Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed.**

[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. **Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee.**

See also: [S.B. No. 670](#) (RAISED 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAILURE TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE IN OPERATION' File No. 435, Senate Cal. No. 264, 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. **Senate referred to the Transportation Committee.**

[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. **Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor.**

[S.B. No. 325](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION' File No. 535, Senate Cal. No. 347, 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) 'AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR STATE MANAGERS' File No. 363, Senate Cal. No. 227, 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. **Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar.**

[S.B. No. 333](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPREHENSIVE ETHICS REFORMS' File No. 419, Senate Cal. No. 258, 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. **Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee.**

[S.B. No. 334](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS' File No. 260, Senate Cal. No. 195, 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) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS' File No. 420, Senate Cal. No. 257, 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. **Senate referred to the Labor and Public Employees Committee.**

[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. Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee. **Bill died in the Judiciary Committee.**

[S.B. No. 340](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF CARE' File No. 421, Senate Cal. No. 271, 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. **Senate referred to the Education Committee.**

[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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate Floor.**

[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. **Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor.**

S.B. No. 387 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNITS OR PROGRAMS' File No. 370, Senate Cal. No. 250, 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. **Senate referred 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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate Floor.**

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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate Floor.**

S.B. No. 417 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FATALITY REVIEW BOARD' File No. 510, Senate Cal. No. 337, 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. 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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate Floor.**

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. **Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

S.B. No. 471 (RAISED) 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE STATE PHYSICIAN PROFILE TO CERTAIN OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS' File No. 172, Senate Cal. No. 146, to require medical professionals, as defined in section 38a-976 of the general statutes, to submit information to the state physician profile, as specified in section 20-13j of the general statutes.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 471](#) and other bills.

Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 471](#) to the Senate Floor. **Senate adopted Senate Amendment A, Senate referred to the Public Health 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. 483 (RAISED) 'AN ACT PROMOTING PATIENT SAFETY AND ACCESS TO PROVIDER INFORMATION BY EXTENDING THE STATE PHYSICIAN PROFILE TO CERTAIN OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS'

File No. 267, Senate Cal. No. 205, to extend the physician profile maintained by the Department of Public Health on its Internet web site to include all licensed health care providers who are statutorily required to maintain professional malpractice insurance.

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 [S.B. No. 483](#) and other bills.

Judiciary Committee JF on [S.B. No. 483](#) to the Senate Floor. **Senate adopted Senate Amendment A. Senate referred to the Public Health Committee.**

S.B. No. 489 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES' **File No. 274, Senate Cal. No. 212**, 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. **Senate referred to the Appropriations 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. **Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee.**

S.B. No. 524 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER SAFETY AND PRODUCT RECALLS' **File No. 137, Senate Cal. No. 119**, to ban the sale of recalled products and require retailers and other businesses to report the final disposition of such products.

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. 524](#) and other bills.

General Law Committee JF on [S.B. No. 524](#) to the Senate Floor. **Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee.**

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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate Floor.**

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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate Floor.**

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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate Floor.**

S.B. No. 570 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUTING AND HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS.' File No. 379, Senate Cal. No. 216, 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. **Senate referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.**

See also: **S.B. No. 673 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVED TELECOMMUTING PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE'S WORKFORCE'** File No. 453, Senate Cal. No. 292, 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. **Senate referred to the Energy and Technology Committee.**

[S.B. No. 575](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY DAY PROGRAM SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' File No. 451, Senate Cal. No. 302, 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. **Senate referred to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management.**

[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. **Appropriations Committee JFS 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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate Floor.**

[S.B. No. 673](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVED TELECOMMUTING PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE'S WORKFORCE' File No. 453, Senate Cal. No. 292, 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. **Senate referred to the Energy and Technology Committee.**

See also: [S.B. No. 570](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUTING AND HIGH SPEED BROADBAND ACCESS.' File No. 379, Senate Cal. No. 216, 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. **Senate referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.**

[S.B. No. 676](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT PROVIDING FAIRNESS IN SALARIES FOR STATE MANAGERS' File No. 520, Senate Cal. No. 340, 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) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF STATE COMPUTERS ON NONSTATE PROPERTY' File No. 455, Senate Cal. No. 294, 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. **Senate referred to the Energy and Technology Committee.**

[S.B. No. 678](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STRATEGY BOARD' File No. 456, Senate Cal. No. 295, 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. **Senate referred to the Human Services Committee.**

[S.B. No. 681](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL' File No. 458, Senate Cal. No. 297, 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. **Senate referred to the Public Health Committee.**

[S.B. No. 696](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COURTS OF PROBATE' File No. 543, Senate Cal. No. 356, 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. 705](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXECUTION OF WILLS AND CODICILS' File No. 523, Senate Cal. No. 332, 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. 5019](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS**

The Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5019](#).

Appropriations Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5019](#) to the House Floor.

[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.

Appropriations Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5020](#) to the House Floor.

[H.B. No. 5021](#) 'AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2009' File No. 525, House Cal. No. 303, 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](#).

Appropriations Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5021](#) to the House Floor.

[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](#) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ETHICS CODE FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' File No. 462, House Cal. No. 246, 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. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

H.B. No. 5112 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF STATE JOBS' File No. 464, House Cal. No. 248, 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. **House referred 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, Senate Cal. No. 307, 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. **House passed.**

H.B. No. 5131 (RAISED) 'AN ACT AMENDING THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' File No. 393, House Cal. No. 224, 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. **House referred to the Judiciary Committee.**

H.B. No. 5134 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CABINET' File No. 336, House Cal. No. 202, 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. 5138](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE, MUNICIPAL AND STATE RECYCLING' File No. 465, House Cal. No. 249, to encourage private, municipal and state recycling.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

The Environment Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5138](#) and other bills.

Environment Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5138](#) to the House Floor. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

[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. **Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor.**

[H.B. No. 5325](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE SUNSET LAW' File No. 484, House Cal. No. 286, 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) 'AN ACT CONCERNING TIMELY MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR INJURED WORKERS' File No. 294, House Cal. No. 161, 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. **House referred to the Judiciary Committee.**

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, Senate Cal. No. 366, 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. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

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. 5495 (RAISED) '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' File No. 395, House Cal. No. 226, 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. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

H.B. No. 5507 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING ETHICS' File No. 391, House Cal. 227, 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. **House referred to the Judiciary Committee.**

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. House referred to the Education Committee. Education Committee JF to the House Floor.

House referred to the Appropriations Committee.

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. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

H.B. No. 5536 (RAISED) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP' File No. 486, House Cal. No. 288, to reduce costs to municipalities and increase benefits for employees by opening the state employee insurance pool and allow municipal employees to join voluntarily.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, March 7, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on **H.B. No. 5536** and other bills. Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS Change of Reference on **H.B. No. 5536** to the Appropriations Committee. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the House Floor.**

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. 5590 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS CONCERNING AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES' File No. 488, House Cal. No. 290, 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. **Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor.**

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. **Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor.**

[H.B. No. 5618](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HUSKY PLAN' File No. 338, House Cal. No. 204, 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. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

[H.B. No. 5626](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CLARIFYING THE HANDLING OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS' File No. 237, House Cal. No. 141, to provide workers' compensation commissioners the authority to render certain findings.

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. 5626](#) and other bills.

Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5626](#) to the House Floor. **House referred to the Judiciary Committee.**

[H.B. No. 5630](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT PROMOTING CONSISTENCY AMONG PEER REVIEW PROCEEDINGS' File No. 527, House Cal. No. 305 , 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) 'AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL REVIEW OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES IN MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS' File No. 340, House Cal. No. 206, 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. 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. **Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor.**

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) 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CHANGE IN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICERS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND ORGANIZATION' File No. 314, House Cal. No. 179, 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. **House referred to the Government Administration and Elections Committee.**

H.B. No. 5706 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF IDENTIFYING MARKS ON DENTAL PROSTHESES' File No. 120, House Cal. No. 81, Senate Cal. No. 313, 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. **House passed.**

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) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHY STEPS PROGRAM' File No. 306, House Cal. No. 180, 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. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

[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. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

[H.B. No. 5734](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING NEW AND EXPANDED BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES THROUGHOUT CONNECTICUT' File No. 210, House Cal. No. 122, to establish a state-wide Buses for 21st Century Mobility program to provide new bus transportation opportunities throughout Connecticut.

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. 5734](#) and other bills. Transportation Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5734](#) to the House Floor. **House referred to the Appropriations 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. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

H.B. No. 5791 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR LONG-TERM CARE' File No. 346, House Cal. No. 212, 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. **House referred to the Government Administration and Elections 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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the House Floor.**

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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the House Floor.**

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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the House Floor.**

H.B. No. 5797 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED INTERPRETER SERVICES' File No. 347, House Cal. No. 213, 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. **House referred to the Education Committee.**

[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. Judiciary Committee JF to the House Floor. **House referred to the Planning and Development Committee.**

[H.B. No. 5816](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING INTERNET SECURITY' File No. 325, House Cal. No. 192, 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. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

[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.

Appropriations Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5839](#) to the House Floor.

[H.B. No. 5845](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNECTICUT INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE HOMECARE OPTION PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY (HOPE)' File No. 349, House Cal. No. 215, 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.

House referred to the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

[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.

Appropriations Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5846](#) to the House Floor.

[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.

Appropriations Committee JF on [H.B. No. 5847](#) to the House Floor.

[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. **Appropriations Committee JFS to the House Floor.**

[H.B. No. 5887](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT OF PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS' File No. 408, House Cal. No. 240, 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. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

[H.B. No. 5891](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND' File No. 499, House Cal. No. 301, 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. 5896](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS' File No. 478, House Cal. No. 262, 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. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

[H.B. No. 5898](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PERSONNEL OF STATE AGENCIES' File No. 479, House Cal. No. 263, 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. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**

[H.B. No. 5908](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROCEEDINGS AND OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' File No. 481, House Cal. No. 265, to create a rebuttable presumption in favor of grandparents and other blood relatives in any proceeding prior to a termination of parental rights proceeding involving the care and custody of a child or youth, to protect the privacy of children under the department's care, to require notice to a municipality prior to a change in use of a facility previously operated by the department and to require contracts for the operation of residential facilities to contain certain provisions.

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. 5908](#) and other bills.

Human Services Committee JFS on [H.B. No. 5908](#) to the House Floor. **House referred to the Judiciary Committee.**

[H.B. No. 5910](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' File No. 412, House Cal. No. 242, 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. **House referred to the Appropriations Committee.**