

## DDS Legislative Update – May 8, 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.

**The legislative session ended at midnight on May 7, 2008. Any bills not passed by both the House and Senate are considered “dead” and cannot become law. The Governor must sign a bill or not veto a bill for it to become law.**

**The Department of Developmental Services’ comprehensive legislative session report will follow once public act numbers are assigned to all legislation that passed.**

**This legislative update tracks Senate and House bills that were “alive” during the last week of session and could have moved forward.**

The last action taken on a bill will be in **bold**.

### **Key to Legislative Terminology:**

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

**JF Change of Reference** means the committee reported the bill favorably to another committee.

**JFS** means the committee reported the bill favorably to the House or Senate but with substitute language.

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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.

The “**Foot of the Calendar**” in the Senate means the bill needs further work or has a fiscal impact that needs to be addressed. Once a bill has been worked on, it can be **removed** from the Foot of the Calendar.

**Public Act (PA)** is a designation given to bills after they have passed both the State Senate and the State House of Representatives. The numbers listed after **Public Act (PA)** signify the year in which the bill was passed (08) plus a unique number denoting the order in which the bill became a Public Act. Public Acts must be signed by the Governor to become law.

- **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, House Cal. No. 346**, 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. House passed. Public Act 08-7. Signed by the Governor.**

**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.

**[S.B. No. 663](#) (RAISED) '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' File No. 604, Senate Cal. No. 400, House Cal. No. 534**, 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. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. Bill died in the House.**

**S.B. 663** expands eligibility for state-funded medical assistance to include children under the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) voluntary services program who (1) are not receiving Medicaid, (2) have not yet qualified for Medicaid, or (3) are ineligible for Medicaid.

**Senate Amendment A amended provisions from H.B. 5131 relating to DDS into S.B. 663.**

**[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. **Bill died in 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. **The provisions of this bill relating to DDS were amended to S.B. 663 in Senate Amendment A.**

**[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, Senate Cal. No.**

**437** , 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. **House passed. Senate passed. Public Act 08-42. Signed by the Governor.**

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

**S.B. No. 25** 'AN ACT CONCERNING A REPORT ON BOND ALLOCATIONS AND BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY' File No. 639, Senate Cal. No. 424, House Cal. No. 541, 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. Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 25](#) to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. **Senate passed. House passed. Public Act 08-117.**

**S.B. No. 26** 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT' File No. 354, Senate Cal. No. 234, House Cal. No. 340, 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. House passed as amended by House Amendments A and B. Senate passed as amended by House Amendments A and B.**

**S.B. No. 27** 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER PURPOSES' File No. 640, Senate Cal. No. 425, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.  
**REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING**

**Sec. 2(f) 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. 27](#) and other bills. Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS on [S.B. No. 27](#) to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**S.B. No. 32** 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF NURSING HOMES' File No. 584, Senate Cal. 382, 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. Senate referred to the Public Health Committee. Public Health Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**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. **Public Act 08-1 Signed by the Governor.**

**S.B. No. 34** 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS' File No. 585, Senate Cal. No. 383, 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. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**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. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**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, House Cal. No. 343, 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. House passed. Public Act 08-4. Signed by the Governor.**

**S.B. No. 156 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING A NURSING HOME REPORT CARD' File No. 587, Senate Cal. No. 385**, 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. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**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. Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. Senate referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. **Bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding 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. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**S.B. No. 201 (RAISED) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR AN OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS' File No. 53, New File No. 636, 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. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Transportation Committee. Transportation Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**[S.B. No. 203](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF STATE REAL PROPERTY' File No. 14, New File No. 715, 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. Environment Committee JFS to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. **Bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.**

**[S.B. No. 205](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE CONTRACTING REFORM' File No. 20, Senate Cal. No. 51, House Cal. No. 485**, 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. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. Bill died in the House.**

**[S.B. No. 217](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES' File No. 68, Senate Cal. No. 92, House Cal. No. 521**, 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. Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate



Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendments A, C and E. Bill died in the House.**

**S.B. No. 242 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO STATUTES AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' File No. 440, Senate Cal. No. 300, House Cal. No. 346**, 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. House passed. Public Act 08-7. Signed by the Governor.**

**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. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**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, House Cal. No. 488**, 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. Public Health Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. Bill died in the House.**

**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, House Cal. No. 348**, 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. House passed. Public Act 08-46. Signed by the Governor.**

**[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, House Cal. No. 491,** 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. Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Public Safety and Security Committee. Public Safety and Security Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Environment Committee. Environment Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. Finance, Revenue and Bonding JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.**

**[S.B. No. 303](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CREATING A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM BIRTH TO AGE FIVE' File No. 591, Senate Cal. No. 388,** 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. Senate referred to the Education Committee. Education Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**[S.B. No. 325](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION' File No. 535, Senate Cal. No. 347, House Cal. No. 545,** 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. **Senate passed. Bill died in the House.**

[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. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar.

**Senate recommitted the bill to the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Bill died.**

[S.B. No. 333](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPREHENSIVE ETHICS REFORMS' File No. 419, New Senate File No. 771, Senate Cal. No. 258, House Cal. No. 421, 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. Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A and House Amendment A. Senate rejected House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. Bill died in the House.**

[S.B. No. 334](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS' File No. 260, Senate Cal. No. 195, House Cal. No. 494, 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. Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee. Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. Bill died in the House.**

[S.B. No. 335](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS' File No. 420, Senate Cal. No. 257, House Cal. No. 495, 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. Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed. Bill died in the House.**

[S.B. No. 340](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF CARE' File No. 421, Senate Cal. No. 271, House Cal. No. 497, 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. Education Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Public Health Committee. Public Health Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. Bill died in the House.**

[S.B. No. 344](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY PROSPERITY AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHILD POVERTY AND PREVENTION COUNCIL' File No. 594, Senate Cal. No. 391, House Cal. No. 528, 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. Senate referred to the Human Services Committee. Human Services Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Higher Education and Employment Opportunities Committee. Higher Education and Employment Opportunities Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.**

[S.B. No. 385](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME STAFFING LEVELS' File No. 596, Senate Cal. No. 393, 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. Senate referred to the Human Services Committee. Human Services Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**[S.B. No. 413](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY PROVIDER RESCUE FUND ACCOUNT AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES**

**COMMISSION' File No. 597, Senate Cal. No. 394,** 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. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**[S.B. No. 414](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-FUNDED HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR THE DISABLED' File No. 646, Senate Cal. No. 415,**

**House Cal. No. 448,** 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. **Senate passed. House passed.**

**[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. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**S.B. No. 458 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING LINGUISTIC ACCESS IN HOSPITALS AND DIVERSITY IN THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE' File No. 647, Senate Cal. No. 416, House Cal. No. 450**, 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. **Senate passed. Bill died in the House.**

**S.B. No. 471 (RAISED) 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE STATE PHYSICIAN PROFILE TO CERTAIN OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS' File No. 172, New Senate File No. 772, Senate Cal. No. 146, House Cal. No. 452**, 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. Public Health Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendments A and B. House passed as amended by Senate Amendments A and B and House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A and B and House Amendment A.**

**S.B. No. 478 (RAISED) 'AN ACT PROHIBITING COPAYMENTS FOR PREVENTIVE CARE' File No. 174, Senate Cal. No. 148, House Cal. No. 546**, 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. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. Senate adopted Senate Amendment A. Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee. Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. Bill died in the House.**

**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, House Cal. No. 505**, 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. Public Health Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendments A and B. Bill died in the House.**

**[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. 499](#) to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Judiciary Committee. Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Public Safety and Security Committee. Public Safety and Security Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**[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. Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Public Health Committee. Public Health Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**[S.B. No. 558](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF OPTIONAL SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.'** File No. 648, Senate Cal. No. 417 House Cal. No. 531, 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. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.**

**[S.B. No. 559](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SMALL HOUSE NURSING HOMES'** File No. 599, Senate Cal. No. 396, House Cal. No. 455, 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. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. House rejected Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate rejected Senate Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

**[S.B. No. 561](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON PROJECT'** File No. 600, Senate Cal. No. 398, House Cal. No. 532, 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. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.**

**[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, New File No. 719, 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. Joint Committee on Legislative Management JFS to the Senate Floor. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**[S.B. No. 577](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NURSING HOME FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE'** File No. 601, Senate Cal. No. 397, 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. Senate referred to the Human Services Committee. Human Services Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**[S.B. No. 620](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF STATE AGENCIES PROVIDING PUBLIC HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' File No. 618, Senate cal. No. 409**, 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.

Appropriations Committee JF on [S.B. No. 620](#) to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**[S.B. No. 663](#) (RAISED) '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' File No. 604, Senate Cal. No. 400, House Cal. No. 534**, 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. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. Bill died in the House.**

**[S.B. No. 664](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS' File No. 605, Senate Cal. No. 401, House Cal. No. 478**, 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. Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate Floor. Senate adopted Senate Amendment A. Senate referred to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. Bill died in the House.**

**[S.B. No. 666](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF CHILD POVERTY' File No. 606, Senate Cal. No. 402**, 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. Appropriations Committee JFS to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Education Committee. Education Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. **Bill died in the Senate.**

**[S.B. No. 673](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVED TELECOMMUTING PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE'S WORKFORCE' File No. 453, Senate Cal. No. 292, House Cal. No. 555**, 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. Energy and Technology Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. Bill died in the House.**

**[S.B. No. 676](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT PROVIDING FAIRNESS IN SALARIES FOR STATE MANAGERS' File No. 520, Senate Cal. No. 340, House Cal. No. 515**, 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. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. Bill died in the House.**

**[S.B. No. 677](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF STATE MOBILE COMPUTING AND STORAGE DEVICES.' File No. 455, Senate Cal. No. 294, House Cal. No. 563**, 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. Energy and Technology Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Planning and Development Committee. Planning and Development Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.**

[S.B. No. 678](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STRATEGY BOARD' File No. 456, Senate Cal. No. 295, House Cal. No. 535, 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. Human Services Committee JF to the Senate Floor. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A.**

[S.B. No. 681](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON HEALTH EQUITY.' File No. 458, Senate Cal. No. 297, House Cal. No. 550, 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. Public Health Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar. Senate removed from the Foot of the Calendar. **Senate passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by Senate Amendment A. Public Act 08-171.**

[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. Senate referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the Senate Floor. Senate referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. **Bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.**

[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. **Senate recommitted the bill to the Judiciary Committee. Bill died.**

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

**H.B. No. 5019** 'AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008' File No. 660, House Cal. No. 387, 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. **Bill died in the House.**

**H.B. No. 5020** 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE TOBACCO AND HEALTH TRUST FUND' File No. 664, House Cal. No. 388, Senate Cal. No. 505, 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. **House passed. Senate passed.**

**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. **Bill died in the House.**

**H.B. No. 5025** 'AN ACT AMENDING THE CHILD PROTECTION SAFETY ACT' File No. 204, House Cal. No. 97, Senate Cal. No. 533, 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. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

**H.B. No. 5029** 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ETHICS CODE FOR LOBBYISTS' 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. **Bill died in the House.**

[H.B. No. 5105](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM WAGE' **House File No. 16, Senate File No. 727, House Cal. No. 30, Senate Cal. No. 467**, 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. Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

[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. Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor. **Bill died in the House.**

[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. Senate passed. Public Act 08-17. Signed by the Governor.**

[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. **Bill died in the House.**

[H.B. No. 5148](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT REESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING' File No. 659, House Cal. No. 390, 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. **Bill died in the House.**

[H.B. No. 5449](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF EMERGENCY CERTIFICATES BY LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES' House File No. 141, House Cal. No. 88, Senate File No. 578, 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. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A. Public Act 08-21. Signed by the Governor.**

[H.B. No. 5482](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT INCREASING THE WAGE THRESHOLD FOR CHARGING AN EMPLOYER'S ACCOUNT UNDER THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SYSTEM.' 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. **Bill died in the House.**

[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. Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor. House referred to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management. Joint Committee on Legislative Management JF to the House Floor. **Bill died in the House.**

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

**[H.B. No. 5514](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA AND FOR OSTOMY SUPPLIES.' House File No. 113, House Cal. No. 69, Senate File No. 762, Senate Cal. No. 512**, 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. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Bill died in the Senate.**

**[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. **Bill died in the House.**

**H.B. No. 5536 (RAISED) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP' House File No. 486, House Cal. No. 288, Senate File No. 731, Senate Cal. No. 480**, 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. House referred to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the House Floor. House referred to the Planning and Development Committee. Planning and Development Committee JF to the House Floor. **House passed as amended by House Amendments A and B. Senate passed as amended by House Amendments A and B.**

**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. **Bill died in the House.**

**H.B. No. 5590 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TEACHING OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.' House File No. 488, House Cal. No. 290, Senate File No. 763, Senate Cal. No. 513**, 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. House referred to the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee. Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee JF to the House Floor. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

**H.B. No. 5592 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION' File No. 669, House Cal. No. 395**, 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. **Bill died in the House.**

[H.B. No. 5617](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT MAKING REVISIONS TO THE CHARTER OAK HEALTH PLAN' File No. 671, House Cal. No. 396, Senate Cal. No. 551, 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. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Bill died in the Senate.**

[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. Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor. House referred to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the House Floor. **Bill died in the House.**

[H.B. No. 5630](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT PROMOTING CONSISTENCY AMONG PEER REVIEW PROCEEDINGS' File No. 527, House Cal. No. 305, Senate Cal. No. 437, 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. **House passed. Senate passed. Public Act 08-42. Signed by the Governor.**

[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. **Bill died in the House.**

[H.B. No. 5666](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS' File No. 672, House Cal. No. 397, Senate Cal. No. 477, 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. **House passed. Senate passed. Public Act 08-63**

[H.B. No. 5696](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT REQUIRING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER THERAPIES' File No. 187, House Cal. No. 116, Senate Cal. No. 435, 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. **House passed. Senate passed.**

[H.B. No. 5700](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CHANGE IN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICERS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND ORGANIZATION' File No. 314, New File No. 712, 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. Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House Floor. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor. **Bill died in the House.**

[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. Senate passed. Public Act 08-24. Signed by the Governor.**

**[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. **Bill died in the House.**

**[H.B. No. 5724](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY SCARCITY AND SECURITY' File No. 209, New File No. 722, House Cal. No. 121, Senate Cal No. 545**, 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. Appropriations Committee JFS to the House Floor. **House passed as amended by House Amendments A and B. Senate passed as amended by House Amendments A and B.**

**[H.B. No. 5734](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING NEW AND EXPANDED BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES THROUGHOUT CONNECTICUT' File No. 210, New File No. 690, House Cal. No. 122, Senate Cal. No. 547**, 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. Appropriations Committee JFS to the House Floor. House adopted House Amendment A. House referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JF to the House Floor. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A.**



**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. Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House Floor. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor. **Bill died in the House.**

**H.B. No. 5793 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS FOR RESPITE CARE SERVICES FOR CARETAKERS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE' File No. 674, House Cal. No. 400**, 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. **Bill died in the House.**

**H.B. No. 5794 (RAISED) 'AN ACT IMPROVING NURSING STAFFING LEVELS AND ENFORCEMENT.' File No. 675, House Cal. No. 401**, 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. House referred to the Public Health Committee. Public Health Committee JF to the House Floor. House referred to the Judiciary Committee. Judiciary Committee JF to the House Floor. **Bill died in the House.**

**H.B. No. 5796 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE FEDERAL SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY PROGRAM AND THE QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM' File No. 676, House Cal. No. 402**, 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. **Bill died in the House.**

[H.B. No. 5797](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALIFIED INTERPRETER SERVICES' File No. 347, House Cal. No. 213, Senate cal. No. 548, 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. Education Committee JF to the House Floor. House referred to the Judiciary Committee. Judiciary Committee JF to the House Floor. House referred to the Public Safety and Security Committee. Public Safety and Security Committee JF to the House Floor. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Bill died in the Senate.**

[H.B. No. 5802](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE' File No. 125, House Cal. No. 86, Senate Cal. No. 449, 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. Planning and Development Committee JF to the House Floor. **House passed. Senate passed. Public Act 08-65.**

[H.B. No. 5839](#) (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (GAAP)' File No. 628, House Cal. No. 378, Senate Cal. No. 528, 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. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A. Senate passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

**H.B. No. 5845 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE HOMECARE OPTION PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY (HOPE).'** File No. 349, House Cal. No. 215, Senate Cal. No. 532, 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. Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House Floor. **House passed. Senate passed.**

**H.B. No. 5846 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF STATE AGENCIES PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES'** File No. 630, House Cal. No. 380, 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. **Bill died in the House.**

**H.B. No. 5847 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND'** File No. 631, House Cal. No. 381, 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. **Bill died in the House.**

**H.B. No. 5864 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING A NURSING HOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN'** File No. 681, House Cal. No. 407, 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. House

referred to the Human Services Committee. Human Services Committee JF to the House Floor. House adopted House Amendment A. **Bill died in the House.**

**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. Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor. House referred to the Human Services Committee. Human Services Committee JF to the House Floor. **Bill died in the House.**

**H.B. No. 5891 (RAISED) 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND' File No. 499, House Cal. No. 301, Senate Cal. No. 564**, 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. **House passed as amended by House Amendments A and B. Senate passed as amended by House Amendments A and B and Senate Amendment A. House passed as amended by House Amendments A and B and Senate Amendment A.**

**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. Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor. **Bill died in the House.**

**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. Appropriations JF to the House Floor. House referred to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management. Joint Committee on Legislative Management JF to the House Floor. **Bill died in the House.**

**[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, Senate Cal. No. 557**, 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. Judiciary Committee JF to the House Floor. House adopted House Amendment A. **House passed as amended by House Amendments A, B and C. Bill died in the Senate.**

**[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. Appropriations Committee JF to the House Floor. House referred to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management. Joint Committee on Legislative Management JF to the House Floor. **Bill died in the House.**