



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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Update 2017-4

NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

Proposed [S.B. No. 141](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES WHO ARE RAISING CHILDREN', to provide an increase in financial assistance to grandparents and other nonparent relatives who have assumed the responsibility of raising needy children. REF. AGING

Proposed [S.B. No. 188](#) SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS', to provide funding for social impact bonds. REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 217](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT RESTORING FUNDING FOR THE CARE 4 KIDS PROGRAM', to restore sufficient funding to a child-care subsidy program allowing parents to work and progress economically. REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 225](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE DELIVERY OF HUMAN SERVICES', to improve the cost-effective delivery of human services and make sure such services are given only to those in need. REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 236](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS', to require state agencies to abide by orders entered by a Probate Court. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 315](#) SEN. MARKLEY, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FOR WHICH THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION AND COUNSELING IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO AN ABORTION TO PERSONS LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE', to require persons who are sixteen and seventeen years of age to receive pregnancy information and counseling. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 318](#) SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEAVING A CHILD UNSUPERVISED IN A LOCKED MOTOR VEHICLE', to allow emergency personnel to take any necessary action to assist a child who is left unsupervised in a motor vehicle for a period of time that presents a substantial risk to the child's health or safety. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 319](#) SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING', to determine the costs and benefits of eliminating sources of lead exposure during childhood. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 320](#) SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DONATION OF BLOOD BY MINORS', to allow persons sixteen years of age and older to donate blood. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 321](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST.; REP. CAMILLO, 151st DIST.; REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST.; REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST.; REP. HALL, 59th DIST.; SEN. MARKLEY, 16th DIST.; REP. SIMANSKI, 62nd DIST.; REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN ABORTION', to ensure that the best interests of the minor are protected when facing an unplanned pregnancy. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 327](#) SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HOSPITALS TO TRAIN NEW PARENTS ON SAFE SLEEP PRACTICES FOR INFANTS', to decrease cases of sudden infant death syndrome and other accidental deaths of infants during sleep. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 330](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST.; REP. CAMILLO, 151st DIST.; REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST.; REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING AN ULTRASOUND PROCEDURE PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF A PREGNANCY', to ensure the health and well-being of an individual who decides to terminate a pregnancy. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 358](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AGE OF OFFENDERS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEXUAL OFFENDER', to extend sex offender registry protections to all ages. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 361](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE OFFERING OF SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS AT HOTELS, MOTELS OR SIMILAR LODGINGS AT AN HOURLY RATE', to protect victims of sex trafficking and enhance the ability of law enforcement personnel to apprehend and prosecute individuals who promote sex trafficking. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 363](#) SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING FAMILY COURT JUDGES TO RECEIVE TRAINING ON PARENTAL ALIENATION', to ensure that adequate training on parental alienation is provided to judges in the family court system. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 364](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVED ACCESS TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN CIVIL MATTERS', to increase access to legal representation for state residents in civil matters potentially impacting essential human needs. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 370](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN FEDERAL AND PRIVATE GRANTS TO THE STATE', to require the General Assembly to identify and approve any federal or private grant to the state that may not be sustainable without a significant state investment. REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 380](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY CONCERNING THE EFFECTS OF VIOLENT VIDEO GAMES ON CHILD AND ADOLESCENT BEHAVIOR AND DEVELOPMENT', to study the impact of violent video games on children. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 396](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD FATALITY REVIEW PROCEDURES', to provide for an independent review of fatalities involving children with Department of Children and Families involvement, promote a more transparent review process and ensure a public discussion of findings and recommendations. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [S.B. No. 397](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OMBUDSMAN', to establish an independent Department of Children and Families ombudsman to give children in the care and custody of the department an opportunity to have complaints and grievances heard, reviewed and addressed. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [S.B. No. 398](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITIES, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES', to improve juvenile justice facilities, programs and services by transferring them to the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [S.B. No. 404](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STUDENT DATA PRIVACY ACT UNTIL 2018', to allow school districts to delay the implementation of the provisions of public act 16-189 relating to student data privacy. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 405](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENT RELATING TO THE RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION OF STUDENTS TO CERTAIN EDUCATORS', to reduce mandates on school districts. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 407](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK FOR CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR TEACHING POSITIONS', to reduce mandates on school districts. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 414](#) SEN. LINARES, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR WORKING GRANDPARENTS CARING FOR GRANDCHILDREN', to create a tax credit for working grandparents serving as primary caregiver to their grandchildren. REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 460](#) SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD CAR SEAT BEST PRACTICES', to require the use of best practices with regard to the use of child restraint systems. REF. TRANSPORTATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5709](#) REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE HIRING OF ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS BY BOARDS OF EDUCATION', to require the state to provide matching funds to school districts for the purpose of hiring additional mental health professionals. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5742](#) REP. TONG, 147th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THREATENING OF A JUDGE', to increase the penalties for first and second degree threatening in cases where the person making the threat knows that a person being threatened is a judge. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5745](#) REP. ZIOBRON, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS TO BE USED IN THE SELECTION OF COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES', to require the Chief Court Administrator to engage in a competitive bidding process with respect to the selection of any entity that seeks to provide court appointed special advocate services. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5747](#) REP. PAVALOCK-D'AMATO, 77th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO A CHILD WHO WAS FORMERLY COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to extend statutes of limitations for certain civil actions filed by, or on behalf of, a child who was formerly committed to the custody of the Department of Children and Families. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5785](#) REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STUDENT DATA PRIVACY ACT', to allow school districts to delay the implementation of the provisions of public act 16-189 relating to student data privacy. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5807](#) REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING IN MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT', to prohibit smoking in motor vehicles when a child under the age of six is present. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5808](#) REP. STANESKI, 119th DIST.; REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT STREAMLINING FILINGS ACROSS STATE AGENCIES OF FAMILIES RECEIVING SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to streamline filings concerning families served by the Department of Developmental Services and eliminate redundancy. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5809](#) REP. LESSER, 100th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND', to allow for financial support of critical mental health services. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5827](#) REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES WHO ARE RAISING CHILDREN', to provide financial assistance to grandparents and other nonparent relatives who have assumed the responsibility of raising needy children. REF. AGING

Proposed [H.B. No. 5834](#) REP. FLEISCHMANN, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MAXIMIZING FEDERAL FUNDS', to reduce state expenditures by maximizing federal funds available to support state programs. REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5835](#) REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY BUDGET DEFICIENCIES', to allow the legislature to work with state agencies in finding cost saving measures to reduce or eliminate budget deficiencies. REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5837](#) REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERFORMANCE-BASED BUDGETING FOR STATE AGENCIES', to provide performance-based budgeting for state agencies similar to the model used in the state of Florida. REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5964](#) REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR LONG-TERM ADDICTION TREATMENT', to require health insurance coverage for long-term addiction treatment. REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [H.B. No. 5978](#) REP. BARAM, 15th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ANIMAL CRUELTY OFFENDER REGISTRY', to provide a registry database of convicted animal abusers that can be accessed and searched by law enforcement agencies in order to prevent continued animal abuse and to help deter crimes against persons. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5989](#) REP. SREDZINSKI, 112th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PARENTAL EQUALITY RIGHTS', to establish parental equality rights. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5990](#) REP. MORIN, 28th DIST.; REP. COOK, 65th DIST.; REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING', to address forced and exploited labor. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6002](#) REP. STAFSTROM, 129th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING "SEXTING" BY A CHILD', to ensure that all children under eighteen years of age are charged with a misdemeanor for sexting behavior rather than a felony for child pornography. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6021](#) REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOMELESS AND UNACCOMPANIED MINOR CONSENT TO PRIMARY CARE', to provide greater access to primary care services to homeless and unaccompanied minors. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6036](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST.; REP. CURREY, 11th DIST.; REP. ZIOBRON, 34th DIST.; REP. GREEN, 55th DIST.; SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST.; SEN. LINARES, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE'S SAFE HAVEN LAWS', to make various revisions to the state's safe haven laws. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

The Appropriations Committee will hold a public hearing followed by a committee meeting on **Monday, January 23, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.** in **Room 2E** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Juan F. Settlement

- S.R. No. 8 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN JUAN F., ET AL. V. DANIEL MALLOY, ET AL.
- H.R. No. 9 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN JUAN F., ET AL. V. DANIEL MALLOY, ET AL.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Thur., Jan. 19 - 2:30 PM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Thur., Jan. 19 - 2:30 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Mon., Jan. 23 - 10:00 AM	Appropriations Committee Public Hearing & Meeting	Room 2E
Mon., Jan. 23 - 11:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Thur., Jan. 26 - 1:00 PM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Thur., Jan. 26 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room TBD
Wed., Feb. 1 - 10:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting	Room 2E
Thur., Feb. 2 - 11:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2E

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