



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

February 14, 2020

Update 2020-3

BILLS OF INTEREST

Proposed SB-22	AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN. To reduce financial burdens on grandparents and other nonparent relatives raising children.
Raised SB-74	AN ACT PROHIBITING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION. To establish the crime of mutilation of female genitalia of minors as a class D felony.
Raised SB-75	AN ACT PERMITTING PERSONS SIXTEEN YEARS OLD TO DONATE BLOOD. To permit persons sixteen years old to donate blood.
Raised SB-76	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS. To prohibit the sale of flavored cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products.
Raised *SB-87	AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD'S CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. To allow a victim of domestic violence to access the child care subsidy program established by the Office of Early Childhood.
Raised *SB-88	AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENUS. To require restaurants to include certain beverages on children's menus and in children's meals.
Raised *SB-89	AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL LUNCH DEBT. To prohibit disciplinary action against public school children for unpaid school lunch charges and to allow any public or private parties to donate to payoff such debt.
Raised *SB-90	AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS. To require the Commissioner of Children and Families to conduct a study to evaluate the efficacy of the programs administered by the Department of Children and Families.
Raised *SB-92	AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SERVICES. To require the Commissioner of Children and Families to conduct a study to determine whether policy and procedural changes in the Department of Children and Families may increase the effectiveness of services provided to children.

Raised *SB-93	AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR CHANGES TO THE STATUTES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. To make minor revisions to the statutes of the Department of Children and Families and to consolidate the reporting requirements of the department.
Raised *SB-105	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO HOUSING. To establish a right to housing for all residents of the state.
Raised *SB-107	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING VARIOUS ISSUES AT HOMELESS SHELTERS. To establish a task force to make recommendations on how to address various issues at homeless shelters.
Raised *SB-108	AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OPEN CHOICE VOUCHERS PILOT PROGRAM. To establish a pilot program to enable certain families participating in the interdistrict public school attendance program to move to the town where their children attend school.
Raised *SB-113	AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS. To grant access to original birth records to all adopted persons eighteen years of age or older who were born in Connecticut regardless of date of birth.

Raised *HB-5056	AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF INTIMATE IMAGES. To elevate the penalty for dissemination of intimate images in the case of dissemination to multiple persons by certain electronic means.
Raised *HB-5097	AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES RAISING NEEDY CHILDREN. To reduce financial burdens on grandparents and other relatives raising needy children.
Proposed *HB-5107	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR PARENTS WHO SUFFER THE BIRTH OF A STILLBORN CHILD. To establish a credit against the personal income tax for parents who suffer the birth of a stillborn child.
Raised *HB-5121	AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FOR GROUP AND FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES. To clarify and enforce protections for licensed group child care homes and licensed family child care homes and prevent landlords and certain homeowners associations from placing restrictions on the operation of such homes.
Raised *HB-5122	AN ACT CONSIDERING CONSIDERATION OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS OF A PROSPECTIVE TENANT. To prohibit housing providers from considering a prospective tenant's criminal conviction after certain time periods.
Proposed *HB-5130	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAXATION OF PALLIATIVE MARIJUANA AND THE RETAIL SALE OF MARIJUANA.

	To ensure that palliative marijuana is not subject to sales or excise taxes and legalize and tax the sale and use of marijuana by persons twenty-one years of age or older.
Raised *HB-5141	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ENERGY DRINKS TO PERSONS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE. To prohibit the sale of energy drinks to persons younger than sixteen years old.
Raised *HB-5142	AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY. To require the Commissioner of Children and Families to conduct a study to determine whether policy and procedural changes within the Department of Children and Families may increase the safety of children.
Raised *HB-5145	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORTING OF THE NUMBER OF VERIFIED ACTS OF BULLYING IN SCHOOLS. To eliminate the requirement that each school under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education annually report the number of verified acts of bullying in such school to the Department of Education.
Raised *HB-5146	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM. To require the Department of Children and Families and the Office of the Child Advocate to establish a youth suicide prevention pilot program.

PUBLIC HEARING AGNEDAS

Appropriations Committee Budget Hearings

The Appropriations Committee will hold state agency budget presentations and public hearings from Tuesday, February 18, 2020 through Friday, February 21, 2020, to be held at the times and location listed below. Public speaker order for the public hearings will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. in the LOB the First Floor Atrium and from 10:15 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. in Room 2700. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list. The list of speakers registered through the lottery system will be posted outside the designated hearing room at least one hour prior to the start of the public hearing. On February 19, 2020 and February 21, 2020, the Committee will provide a separate sign-up sheet for persons with special needs. Those speakers will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. The Committee Chairs will alternate between the specialized lists and the standard list until the specialized lists have been exhausted. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. Please submit 30 copies of written testimony at the time of sign-up, but not later than 2:00 P.M. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to APPtestimony@cga.ct.gov. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and will be indexed by internet search engines. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020, Room 2C

*H.B. No. 5005 AN ACT ADJUSTING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.

Human Services

10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. Department of Aging and Disability Services

10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Department of Children and Families

11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. Department of Social Services

4:00 P.M. Public Hearing

Public testimony will be heard on the following state agencies:

Department of Social Services

Department of Children and Families

Department of Aging and Disability Services

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. in Room 1B of the LOB. Public speaker order will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list. Please submit 30 copies of written testimony to the Committee staff at 11:30 A.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to KIDtestimony@cga.ct.gov. Testimony should clearly state testifier name and related Bills. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers and State Agency Heads. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: Kids bills

*S.B. No. 87 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD'S CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

*S.B. No. 88 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENUS.

*S.B. No. 89 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL LUNCH DEBT.

*S.B. No. 90 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.

*S.B. No. 91 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FREE SWIMMING LESSONS TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

*S.B. No. 92 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

*H.B. No. 5142 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY.

*H.B. No. 5143 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

*H.B. No. 5144 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS AND PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME.

*H.B. No. 5145 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORTING OF THE NUMBER OF VERIFIED ACTS OF BULLYING IN SCHOOLS.

*H.B. No. 5146 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 2E of the LOB. The Committee is accepting electronic testimony via email at phtestimony@cga.ct.gov. Please submit electronic testimony in Word or PDF format no later than 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. If you are unable to submit electronic testimony, please submit one copy of written testimony no later than 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in Room 3000 of the LOB. Please submit separate testimony for each bill. All testimony submitted must be related to bills on the Agenda. Testimony submitted after the deadline may not be available to legislators until after the hearing. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 8:00 A.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. Bills will be heard in the order listed in the Bulletin. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the committee.

SUBJECT MATTER: Immunizations and Health Insurance Coverage

H.B. No. 5044 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS.

H.B. No. 5043 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN IMMUNIZATION CONSULTATIONS.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

The Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing on Friday, February 21, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 1D of the LOB. Public speaker order will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. in Room 2500 of the LOB. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker

list. Please submit 25 copies of written testimony to the Committee staff any time prior to, but no later than 9:30 A.M., in Room 2500 of the LOB. Written testimony submitted by a person(s) or organization(s) which exceeds five (5) single-sided pages per bill or resolution will only be posted on the Judiciary Committee's website at the discretion of the Judiciary Committee chairs. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to JUDtestimony@cga.ct.gov. Testimony should clearly state testifier name and related Bills. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it may be made available on the Judiciary Committee's website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous Bills

S.B. No. 73 (RAISED) AN ACT REPEALING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST RIDICULE OF ANOTHER PERSON ON ACCOUNT OF CREED, RELIGION, COLOR, DENOMINATION, NATIONALITY OR RACE.

H.B. No. 5050 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DURATION AND RELEASE OF ESTATE AND PROBATE FEE LIENS AND THE REPEAL OF CHAPTER 216 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

H.B. No. 5051 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON STATE PARKWAYS.

H.B. No. 5052 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE THEFT OF WASTE VEGETABLE OIL OR ANIMAL FATS.

H.B. No. 5053 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF ECONOMIC DAMAGES IN A PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH ACTION FOR COLLATERAL SOURCE PAYMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF A CLAIMANT.

H.B. No. 5054 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND ITS EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS AND AGENTS.

H.B. No. 5055 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR THE EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR LIMB.

H.B. No. 5056 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF INTIMATE IMAGES.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Tues, Feb 18 - 1:00 PM	Children Committee Public Hearing	Room 1B
Wed, Feb 19 - 10:00 AM	Race and Child Trafficking Meeting	Room 2D
Wed, Feb 19 - 10:30 AM	DCF Budget Hearing	Room 2C
Wed, Feb 19 - 10:30 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting	Room 2E
Wed, Feb 19 - 4:00 PM	Public Comment on DCF Budget	Room 2C
Thur, Feb 20 - 10:30 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thur, Feb 20 - 2:00 PM	JJPOC Meeting	Room 2E
Thur, Feb 20 - 2:00 PM	Children Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Fri, Feb 21 – 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
Fri, Feb 21 – 1:00 PM	Appropriations Committee Meeting	Room 2C

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