

# **DCF Legislative Process**

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# **Legislative Activities**

- **Solicit Agency Legislative Proposals**
- **Represent DCF at the General Assembly**
- **Monitor legislative activities**
- **Analyze pending legislation**
- **Prepare Public Hearing testimony**
- **Communicate the DCF position on pending legislation**
- **Provide Technical Assistance to Legislators**

**Each year, Legislative Proposals  
are submitted to OPM and the  
Governor's Office**



# **Department of Children and Families**

## **2017 Legislative Concepts**

- **“Uncared for” Due to Special Needs**
- **Sharing of Information in Domestic Violence Cases**
- **DCF Worker Safety**
- **Expungement of DCF Records**
- **Sex Crimes Perpetrated Against Minors**
- **Reporting of Substance-Exposed Newborns**
- **DCF Technical Changes**

**After approval, the Department  
submits proposals to the  
General Assembly**



# Legislative Updates

- issued periodically during the legislative session
- provide timely notice of bills, meetings and hearings of interest to the Department

# Bill Tracking

- **Over 3,000 bills will be introduced this session**
- **every bill is reviewed and we identify those with a potential impact on DCF**
- **we will track over 350 of interest or concern to DCF**
- **public hearing testimony will be offered on 30-50 bills**

# **Bills may be referred to multiple committees**

**DCF deals regularly with the following committees:**

**Committee on Children**

**Judiciary Committee**

**Appropriations Committee**

**Human Services Committee**

**Public Health Committee**

**Education Committee**



# Bill History

House Bill No. 5621

**AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

Date	Action Taken
6/1/2016	Signed by the Governor
5/18/2016	Transmitted by Secretary of the State to Governor
5/18/2016	Transmitted to the Secretary of State
5/13/2016	Public Act 16-71
5/3/2016	On Consent Calendar / In Concurrence
5/3/2016	Senate Passed as Amended by House Amendment Schedule A
5/3/2016	Senate Adopted House Amendment Schedule A
4/28/2016	File Number 757
4/28/2016	Senate Calendar Number 534
4/28/2016	Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, Senate
4/27/2016	Immediate Transmittal to the Senate
4/27/2016	House Passed as Amended by House Amendment Schedule A
4/27/2016	House Adopted House Amendment Schedule A 5225
4/4/2016	File Number 425
4/4/2016	House Calendar Number 290
4/4/2016	Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House
4/4/2016	Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office
3/28/2016	Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/04/16 10:00 AM
3/17/2016	Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office
3/16/2016	Joint Favorable Substitute
3/10/2016	Public Hearing 03/14
3/9/2016	Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary



**Substitute House Bill No. 5621**

**Public Act No. 16-71**

***AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 46a-170 of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

(a) There is established a Trafficking in Persons Council that shall be within the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women for administrative purposes only.

(b) The council shall consist of the following members: (1) The Chief State's Attorney, or a designee; (2) the Chief Public Defender, or a designee; (3) the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the commissioner's designee; (4) the Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee; (6) the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee; (7) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the commissioner's designee; (8) the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee; (9) the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's designee; (10) the director of the Basic Training Division of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, or the director's designee; (11) the Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee; [(10)] (12) the Victim Advocate, or the Victim Advocate's



**After session, the  
Department is  
responsible for  
implementation of the  
various acts which  
impact DCF**

# Questions