



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

S.B. No. 183 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION', to implement the recommendations of the Department of Education. REF. EDUCATION

S.B. No. 185 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD STATUTES', to make technical revisions to the education and early childhood statutes. REF. EDUCATION

S.B. No. 186 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL COUNSELORS', to include references to school counselors in the general statutes. REF. EDUCATION

S.B. No. 187 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF A CHILD CHARGED WITH CERTAIN OFFENSES TO THE CRIMINAL DOCKET AND THE GROUNDS FOR DETENTION OF AN ARRESTED CHILD', to change the minimum age of automatic transfer from the docket for juvenile matters to the criminal docket of the Superior Court to fourteen in instances where a child is charged with certain offenses, permit the court to transfer a child charged with certain offenses from the docket for juvenile matters to the criminal docket if the court finds that such transfer is in the best interests of the child or the public and to require the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch to develop and implement a detention risk assessment instrument. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

S.B. No. 188 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STATE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', establish the State Oversight Council on Children and Families in place of the State Advisory Council on Children and Families, and require the State Oversight Council on Children and Families to report annually to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and children. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

S.B. No. 189 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS', to direct the Commissioner of Children and Families to evaluate the efficacy of programs affecting children throughout the state. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

S.B. No. 191 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN IN THE TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to return a child removed from his or her home to such home if, within ninety-six hours of such removal, the Superior Court does not issue an order vesting the child's temporary care and custody in a suitable person or agency. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

S.B. No. 192 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH', to direct the Commissioners of Children and Families and Public Health to establish a program to evaluate the health of children throughout the state. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

S.B. No. 215 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS', to: (1) Remove obsolete language relating to the position of "executive secretary", (2) make a conforming change to public act 17-127, (3) ensure that a custody application is filed by a party who has standing to do so, (4) expedite the process by which one may seek restoration of his or her birth name or former name post judgment, (5) eliminate a reporting requirement relating to the duties of the Chief Family Support Magistrate, (6) remove certain infractions that do not need to be included in the statutory section relating to mail-in violations, (7) facilitate publication of Supreme and Appellate Court decisions in an electronic format, (8) allow for the termination of a bail bond for a young person who is admitted to a diversionary program related to a motor vehicle violation or alcohol-related offense, (9) enhance privacy protections for victims

of sexual assault, (10) eliminate the need to send certain notices of pardon eligibility, (11) extend the reporting requirement relating to the "Civil Gideon" pilot program, and (12) expand eligibility for participation in the nonadversial dissolution of marriage process.. **REF. JUDICIARY**

[H.B. No. 5169](#) (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD', to implement the recommendations of the Office of Early Childhood. **REF. EDUCATION**

[H.B. No. 5185](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS', to permit certain unmarried persons under the age of twenty-one to be appointed a guardian solely in connection with a petition to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services for designation of the person as having special immigrant juvenile status. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[H.B. No. 5186](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONCUSSION EDUCATION FOR COACHES OF CERTAIN YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES', to require youth coaches of youth athletic activities conducted on fields, courts and recreational areas owned, operated or managed by municipalities to annually view an informational video regarding concussions. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[H.B. No. 5187](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to direct the Commissioner of Children and Families to study policy and procedural issues within the department in order to increase the effectiveness of services provided to children within the department's care and custody. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[H.B. No. 5188](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF RECYCLED TIRE RUBBER AT MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS', to establish a moratorium on the installation of crumb rubber ground covers at municipal playgrounds and playgrounds under the jurisdiction of local or regional boards of education until the release of the Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields and Playgrounds. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[H.B. No. 5189](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY', to direct the Commissioner of Children and Families to study policy and procedural issues within the department in order to increase the safety of children. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[H.B. No. 5190](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE REPORTING DEADLINE OF THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY VOLUNTARY ADMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to extend the reporting deadline of the Task Force to Study Voluntary Admission to the Department of Children and Families. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[H.B. No. 5210](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT MANDATING INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS AND EXPANDING MANDATED HEALTH BENEFITS FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS', to (1) mandate insurance coverage of essential health benefits, (2) expand mandated health benefits for women, children and adolescents, and (3) expand mandated contraception benefits. **REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE**

[H.B. No. 5212](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANDPARENT'S RIGHT TO VISITATION WITH HIS OR HER GRANDCHILD', to allow a grandparent the right of visitation with his or her grandchild upon demonstrating to the court that clear and convincing circumstances support the granting of such visitation. **REF. JUDICIARY**

[H.B. No. 5213](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS OF CHILDREN', to improve the oral health of children. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

[H.B. No. 5216](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DISABILITY RIGHTS ORGANIZATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES REGARDING ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to require the Department of Developmental Services to notify persons with disabilities who allege abuse or neglect regarding the disability rights organization designated by the Governor as the Connecticut protection and advocacy system and to notify such organization if there is an abuse or neglect case under investigation by the department. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

H.B. No. 5220 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THIRD-PARTY FINGERPRINTING SERVICES', to authorize the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to enter into agreements with independent contractors to provide fingerprinting services to facilitate the processing of criminal history records checks. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

H.B. No. 5222 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO INFORMATION FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS', to examine ways to provide victims of sexual assault with information related to their sexual assault evidence collection kits. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

The Education Committee will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 26, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.** in **Room 1E** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous Education Bills

H.B. No. 5167 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT A BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY DEPOSIT INTO A NONLAPSING ACCOUNT FOR UNEXPENDED EDUCATION FUNDS.

S.B. No. 183 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

H.B. No. 5171 (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FROM MAKING RESCISSIONS OR OTHER REDUCTIONS TO THE EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.

S.B. No. 186 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL COUNSELORS.

H.B. No. 5168 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE SUMMER LEARNING GRANT PROGRAM.

H.B. No. 5169 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

S.B. No. 184 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.

H.B. No. 5170 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENTS' RIGHT TO PRIVACY IN THEIR MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

S.B. No. 8 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION.

S.B. No. 185 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD STATUTES.

TENTATIVE LIST OF POTENTIAL BILLS TO BE HEARD COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous. Bills

S.B. No. 187 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF A CHILD CHARGED WITH CERTAIN OFFENSES TO THE CRIMINAL DOCKET AND THE GROUNDS FOR DETENTION OF AN ARRESTED CHILD.

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S.B. No. 189 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.

S.B. No. 190 (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.

S.B. No. 191 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN IN THE TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.
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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Thurs., Feb. 22 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thurs., Feb. 22 - 10:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting	Room 1C
Thurs., Feb. 22 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Fri., Feb. 23 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Fri., Feb. 23 - 11:00 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Mon., Feb. 26 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 2C
Mon., Feb. 26 - 11:00 AM	Education Committee Public Hearing	Room 1E
Mon., Feb. 26 - 3:30 PM	Appropriations Humans Services Subcommittee - DCF Work Session	Room 1C
Tues., Feb. 27 - 10:00 AM	Children's Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
Thurs., Mar. 1 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Mon., Mar. 5 - 11:00 AM	Education Committee Public Hearing	Room 2E
Tues., Mar. 6 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Public Hearing	Room 2A
Tues., Mar. 6 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D

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