



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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BILLS OF INTEREST

SB-128	AN ACT CONCERNING FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.
SB-130	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION ORGANIZATIONS.
SB-156	AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR YOUTH ADOPTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.
SB-158	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALBERT J. SOLNIT CHILDREN'S CENTER.
SB-159	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.
SB-171	AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD STATUTES.
SB-172	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
SB-174	AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION ISSUES.
SB-227	AN ACT CONCERNING A FAIR WORK WEEK SCHEDULE.
HB-5150	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE USE OF VAPOR PRODUCTS BY UNDERAGE PERSONS.
HB-5177	AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS.
HB-5178	AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONNECTICUT PARENTAGE ACT.
HB-5199	AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATION PERIODS FOLLOWING CONVICTION FOR CERTAIN SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CRIMES AGAINST MINORS.
HB-5216	AN ACT ELIMINATING THE LICENSURE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING CHILD CARE SERVICES.
HB-5219	AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH CAMPS.

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDAS

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 25, 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 1:00 P.M. in Room 1B 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. 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 will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: Kids Bills

S.B. No. 156 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR YOUTH ADOPTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

S.B. No. 157 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF FREE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BATHROOMS.

S.B. No. 158 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALBERT J. SOLNIT CHILDREN'S CENTER.

H.B. No. 5199 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATION PERIODS FOLLOWING CONVICTION FOR CERTAIN SEXUAL MISCONDUCT CRIMES AGAINST MINORS.

H.B. No. 5201 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF HEATSTROKE-RELATED DEATHS IN MOTOR VEHICLES.

H.B. No. 5202 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF SHADED AREAS AT NEW MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUNDS.

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

The Human Services Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 2A** of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 8:30 A.M. in Room 2000 of the LOB. Please submit 30 copies of written testimony to the Committee staff by 9:30 A.M. in Room 2000 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 HStestimony@cga.ct.gov. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. 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: Human Services Bills

*S.B. No. 191 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE HUSKY B PROGRAM.

*S.B. No. 192 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A LIST OF THE ONE HUNDRED MOST DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGORS.

*S.B. No. 193 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING METHADONE MAINTENANCE.

*S.B. No. 194 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING OBSOLETE REFERENCES RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE GENERAL STATUTES.

*S.B. No. 195 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

*S.B. No. 196 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

*H.B. No. 5232 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A MINIMUM BASE RATE FOR METHADONE MAINTENANCE TREATMENT.

*H.B. No. 5233 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

*H.B. No. 5234 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ADVISORY COUNCIL.

*H.B. No. 5235 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING FACILITY REIMBURSEMENT.

*H.B. No. 5236 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSITION TO A MEDICAID NURSING HOME FACILITY CASE MIX PAYMENT SYSTEM.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

THIS HEARING MAY BE CANCELLED

The Education Committee will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. in Room 1E** of the LOB. Public speaker order will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.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 and may sign-up with the Committee staff inside the hearing room. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to edttestimony@cga.ct.gov. PDF format is strongly preferred. Testimony received by 3:00 P.M. the workday before the hearing will be available for members of the committee during the public hearing. Testimony received after 3:00 P.M. will be available for members of the committee after the public hearing. 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 two 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: Miscellaneous Education Bills

*S.B. No. 171 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD STATUTES.

*S.B. No. 172 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

*S.B. No. 173 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSING THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CONNECTICUT.

*S.B. No. 174 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION ISSUES.

*H.B. No. 5213 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR AN EARLY CHILDHOOD BUSINESS INCUBATOR MODEL.

*H.B. No. 5214 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SCHOOLS.

*H.B. No. 5216 (RAISED) AN ACT ELIMINATING THE LICENSURE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING CHILD CARE SERVICES.

*H.B. No. 5217 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO SCHOOL START TIMES.

*H.B. No. 5218 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

*H.B. No. 5219 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH CAMPS.

*H.B. No. 5220 (RAISED) AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS PARTICIPATING IN AN EVEN START PROGRAM OR ENROLLED IN CERTAIN SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

*H.B. No. 5221 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CONNECTICUT.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 10:30 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will take place at 9:00 A.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB. Any individual wishing to sign up after the start of the public hearing may do so with the Committee staff inside the hearing room. The Committee is accepting written testimony via email at ph testimony@cga.ct.gov by 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020. If you are unable to submit electronic testimony, please submit one copy of written testimony no later than 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 26, 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. 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. 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: Public Health Related Bills

*S.B. No. 75 (RAISED) AN ACT PERMITTING PERSONS SIXTEEN YEARS OLD TO DONATE BLOOD.

*S.B. No. 140 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING FREE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BATHROOMS.

*H.B. No. 5183 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEE FOR A CREMATION PERMIT.

*H.B. No. 5093 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD ALLERGY INFORMATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.

*S.B. No. 143 (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING COVENANTS NOT TO COMPETE INVOLVING PHYSICIANS.

*H.B. No. 5180 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF CATERED FOOD AND BEVERAGES IN FUNERAL HOMES.

*H.B. No. 5185 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TITLE PROTECTION FOR NURSES.

*S.B. No. 141 (RAISED) AN ACT DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES A SINGLE HEALTH CARE ENTITY.

*S.B. No. 145 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING PHARMACIES TO MAKE MANUFACTURER REBATES FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS.

*S.B. No. 146 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

The Housing Committee will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 12:30 P.M.** in **Room 2A** of the LOB. Public speaker order will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. in Room 2700 of the LOB. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to HSGtestimony@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 will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: Housing

*S.B. No. 183 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF 2-1-1 FOR LIFELINE PROGRAM CELLULAR TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS.

*S.B. No. 184 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE.

*S.B. No. 185 (RAISED) AN ACT EXCLUDING CERTAIN FACILITIES FROM THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES FOR ZONING PURPOSES.

*S.B. No. 186 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

*S.B. No. 187 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF APPRENTICE AND OTHER WORKFORCE HOUSING.

*S.B. No. 188 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HEALTHY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM.

*S.B. No. 189 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FIRST RESPONDER AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

*S.B. No. 190 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING.

*H.B. No. 5237 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING.

*H.B. No. 5238 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEOWNERS WHO OBTAIN A LOAN FROM THE CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY.

*H.B. No. 5239 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTIES.

*H.B. No. 5240 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

*H.B. No. 5241 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES.

*H.B. No. 5242 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RISK OF HOMELESSNESS FOR THOSE RELEASED FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

*H.B. No. 5243 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING BONDS OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY.

*H.B. No. 5244 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL HOUSING PROTECTIONS FOR A VICTIM OF FAMILY VIOLENCE OR SEXUAL ASSAULT.

*H.B. No. 5245 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING THE PERMISSIBLE AMOUNT OF SECURITY DEPOSIT A LANDLORD MAY CHARGE.

*H.B. No. 5246 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF FAIR SHARE HOUSING.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

The Appropriations Committee will hold a public hearing followed by a committee meeting on **Friday, February 28, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 2C** of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 8:30 A.M. in Room 2700 of the LOB. Please submit 60 copies of written testimony to the Committee staff at the time of sign-up in Room 2700 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 APPTestimony@cga.ct.gov. 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 State Agency Representatives. 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: Interest Arbitration Award

*S.R. No. 4 RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARD BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND LOCAL 3419 OF COUNCIL 4, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO.

*H.R. No. 3 RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARD BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND LOCAL 3419 OF COUNCIL 4, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO.

These contracts are for DCF Program Supervisors

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Mon, Feb 24 – 1:30 PM	DCF Budget Workgroup Meeting	Room 2D
Tues, Feb 25 - 10:30 AM	Human Services Public Hearing	Room 2A
Tues, Feb 25 - 1:00 PM	Children Committee Public Hearing	Room 1B
Wed, Feb 26 - 10:00 AM	Human Services and KID Committee Forum	Room 2A
Wed, Feb 26 - 10:30 AM	Public Health Public Hearing	Room 2C
Wed, Feb 26 - 11:00 AM	Education Committee Public Hearing	Room 1E
Wed, Feb 26 - 3:00 PM	Press Conference: Early School Times	Room 1A
Thur, Feb 27 - 9:00 AM	CJPAC Meeting	Room 1C
Thur, Feb 27 - 11:30 AM	Children Committee Meeting	Room 2C
Fri, Feb 28 – 10:00 AM	Appropriations Committee PH & Meeting: DCF Contracts	Room 2C

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