



# Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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## BILLS OF INTEREST

This past week several committees met to raise bills and concepts not yet available on the CGA website. I have posted links to those committee agenda below. Drafted bills will be available in the coming weeks. At this time, I don't have the language for many of the concepts listed. Other bills of interest to child welfare that became publicly available this week are posted in this section. Please feel free to contact me with a question or concern about any specific bill.

[Public Health Committee Meeting 01/20/2021](#)

[Judiciary Committee Meeting 01/20/2021](#)

[Human Services Committee Meeting 01/21/2021](#)

[Committee on Children Meeting 01/21/2021](#)

HB-5219	AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF LICENSED YOUTH CAMPS.
HB-5223	AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL RESTROOMS.
HB-5224	AN ACT PROHIBITING SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST STUDENTS BASED ON NATURAL HAIR AND HAIRSTYLES.
HB-5234	AN ACT CONCERNING SUICIDE PREVENTION IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB-5243	AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS.
HB-5252	AN ACT CONCERNING INDECENT DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES, THE REGULATION OF INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICES, LIVE ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS, SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD EXPLOITATION PREVENTION GRANT FUND.
HB-5276	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE CHILD TAX CREDIT.
HB-5329	AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR MATERNITY CARE TO TWELVE MONTHS POST-PREGNANCY.
HB-5334	AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO IN-HOME COUNSELING.

HB-5347	AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD CHILDREN MAY RETAIN DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THEIR PARENTS' INSURANCE POLICIES.
HB-5354	AN ACT CONCERNING CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE.
HB-5355	AN ACT ENCOURAGING MINORS TO SEEK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ALCOHOL POISONING.
HB-5361	AN ACT CONCERNING A PARENT'S OBLIGATION FOR SUPPORT OF A CHILD.
HB-5362	AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF CERTAIN AUTO THEFT CASES FROM THE JUVENILE COURT TO THE CRIMINAL DOCKET AND REVISING THE STATE-WIDE POLICY ON POLICE PURSUITS SPECIFIC TO PROPERTY CRIMES.
HB-5365	AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE ABSENCE OF CONSENT.
HB-5376	AN ACT PROHIBITING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.
HB-5388	AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES.
HB-5396	AN ACT ALLOWING PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER THE INFLUENZA VACCINE TO CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.
HB-5399	AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANDPARENT'S ACCESS TO THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF HIS OR HER GRANDCHILD.
SB-186	AN ACT ALLOWING PERSONS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO OPERATE RIDES AT AMUSEMENT PARKS.
SB-196	AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE OF CERTAIN RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.
SB-202	AN ACT CONCERNING STEP THERAPY, ADVERSE DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEWS, AND REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN.
SB-217	AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARITY.
SB-219	AN ACT EXPANDING THE STATE'S RED FLAG LAW.
SB-220	AN ACT CONCERNING INCARCERATED PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.
SB-221	AN ACT CONCERNING PAROLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVING LENGTHY SENTENCES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL TURNED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE.
SB-226	AN ACT CONCERNING THE IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES.
SB-237	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT TO MINORS.
SB-244	AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTEGRATION OF SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING IN PROGRAMS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS IN CONNECTICUT.

SB-245	AN ACT PROHIBITING SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST STUDENTS BASED ON NATURAL HAIR AND HAIRSTYLES.
SB-246	AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL RESTROOMS.
SB-254	AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION OF STUDENTS WHO WITHDRAW FROM SCHOOL WITHOUT GRADUATING.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS**

**Mon, Jan 25 - 9:00 AM          Public Health Committee Meeting**  
**Mon, Jan 25 - 10:00 AM        Education Committee Meeting**

The CGA calendar next week is very sparse. Please follow the link to the General Assembly homepage below and scroll down to the calendar for a complete list of meetings. It is likely other committees will be meeting next week that are not yet scheduled.

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