



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

February 26, 2021

Update 2021-8

BILLS OF INTEREST

HB-6505	AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS.
HB-6506	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCEDURES OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER.
HB-6508	AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE LEARNING ATTENDANCE.
HB-6509	AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS.
HB-6510	AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS.
HB-6511	AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR YOUTH SPORTS COACHES, TRAINERS AND INSTRUCTORS.
HB-6520	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY STATE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
HB-6532	AN ACT APPROPRIATING STATE FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND HOUSING.
SB-940	AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS.
SB-957	AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO IN-HOME COUNSELING.
SB-959	AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Public Hearings will take place virtually this year and each committee has a registration link in the Bulletin on the CT General Assembly webpage.

On Tuesday March 2nd, The Committee on Children is holding a public hearing. Below is the information on how to sign up and which bills are on the agenda.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.** via **Zoom**. The public hearing can be viewed via [YouTube Live](#). In addition, the public

hearing may be recorded and broadcast live on CT-N.com. Individuals who wish to testify via Zoom must register using the [On-line Testimony Registration Form](#). The registration form must contain the name of the person who will be testifying. A unique email address must be provided for each person registered to speak. Registration will close on March 1, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. Speaker order of approved registrants will be listed in a randomized order and posted on the Committee on Children website on March 1, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. under Public Hearing Testimony. If you do not have internet access, you may provide testimony via telephone. To register to testify by phone, call the Phone Registrant Line at (860) 240-0370 to leave your contact information. Please email written testimony to Kidtestimony@cga.ct.gov in Word or PDF format. Testimony should clearly state testifier name and bill number. 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 Elected 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. 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: Committee on Children's Bills

H.B. No. 5698 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES DATA.

H.B. No. 6507 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MATERNAL CHOICE IN THE EVENT OF STILLBIRTH AND THE REMOVAL OF DELIVERED PLACENTAS FROM HOSPITALS.

H.B. No. 6508 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE LEARNING ATTENDANCE.

H.B. No. 6509 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS.

H.B. No. 6510 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS.

H.B. No. 6511 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR YOUTH SPORTS COACHES, TRAINERS AND INSTRUCTORS.

S.B. No. 934 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

. DCF will be presenting our budget to the committee on March 5th at 10:00 AM. The public hearing for the portion of the budget that affects DCF will take place on March 3rd.

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
SCHEDULE OF STATE AGENCY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS
AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021
(Revised as of 2/17/21)**

The Appropriations Committee will hold state agency budget presentations from **Friday, February 19, 2021** through **Friday, March 5, 2021**, to be held at the times and location listed below via **Zoom**. Separate Bulletin notices for public hearings will be published with links to an On-line Registration form for each public hearing. The state agency presentations can be viewed

via [YouTube Live](#). In addition, some state agency presentations may be recorded and broadcast live on [CT-N.com](#).

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Public Budget Hearings for Health Agencies - 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Public Budget Hearings for Human Services Agencies - 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, March 4, 2021**

Higher Education

10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	Office of Higher Education
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.	CT State Colleges and Universities
11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	LUNCH RECESS
1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.	University of Connecticut
2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	UConn Health Center

Public Budget Hearings

4:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.	Higher Education Panels
6:30 P.M.	Public Hearing

Friday, March 5, 2021**

Human Services

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Department of Children and Families
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.	LUNCH RECESS
1:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Department of Aging and Disability Services
1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Department of Social Services

Public Budget Hearing for Human Services Agencies Wednesday, March 3, 2021 10:00 A.M.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Mon, Mar 1 - 9:30 AM	Judiciary Committee Meeting
Mon, Mar 1 - 11:00 AM	Senate Session
Tues, Mar 2 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting
Tues, Mar 2 - 2:00 PM	Committee on Children Public Hearing
Wed, Mar 3 - 9:00 AM	Public Health Committee Public Hearing
Wed, Mar 3 - 10:00 AM	Appropriations Committee Public Hearing - Human Services Budget
Wed, Mar 3 - 10:00 AM	Education Committee Public Hearing
Wed, Mar 3 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Forum on Family Court Reforms
Wed, Mar 3 - 12:00 PM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing
Thur, Mar 4 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Public Hearing

Fri, Mar 5 - 10:00 AM

DCF Budget Presentation

Fri, Mar 5 - 10:00 AM

Judiciary Committee Public Hearing

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

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