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The Public Health Committee will hold a meeting to raise bills on January 29, 2021. Meetings are virtual due to the pandemic and can be viewed via YouTube Live. To view meetings and hearing please view the CGA calendar (<https://cga.ct.gov>), click on the meeting of interest and click on the link to the YouTube channel.

Below are few proposed bills we are tracking that may be of interest to the behavioral health community:

Proposed [SB-330](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN HOSPITALS.

Proposed [SB-335](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF ELECTRIC SHOCK THERAPY.

Proposed [SB-338](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE PUBLIC NOTICES.

Proposed [HB-5209](#) AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY AND LEGISLATIVE MILEAGE ALLOWANCES FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE PENSIONS.

Proposed [HB-5211](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE DRUG ASSETS FORFEITURE REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR DRUG TREATMENT BEDS.

Proposed [HB-5223](#) AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL RESTROOMS.

Proposed [HB-5224](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST STUDENTS BASED ON NATURAL HAIR AND HAIRSTYLES.

Proposed [HB-5227](#) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOCIAL EMOTIONAL COLLABORATIVE AND SCHOOL CLIMATE TASK FORCE.

Proposed [HB-5234](#) AN ACT CONCERNING SUICIDE PREVENTION IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Raised [HB-5305](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TOBACCO BARS.

Raised [HB-5310](#) AN ACT CONCERNING DATA PRIVACY BREACHES.

Proposed [HB-5317](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RETENTION AND RESTORATION OF ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.

Proposed [HB-5318](#) AN ACT RESTORING ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES TO CONVICTED FELONS WHO ARE ON PAROLE.

Proposed [HB-5329](#) AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR MATERNITY CARE TO TWELVE MONTHS POST-PREGNANCY.

Proposed [HB-5330](#) AN ACT PROVIDING WORK INCENTIVES FOR RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

Proposed [HB-5334](#) AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO IN-HOME COUNSELING.

Proposed [HB-5355](#) AN ACT ENCOURAGING MINORS TO SEEK MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ALCOHOL POISONING.

Proposed [HB-5393](#) AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT FACILITIES.

Proposed [HB-5394](#) AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO OPIOID ANTAGONISTS.

Proposed [HB-5401](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATION.

Proposed [HB-5402](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS FROM REQUIRING PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION.

Proposed [HB-5403](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

Proposed [HB-5406](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC PAIN WITHOUT OPIOID DRUGS.

Proposed [HB-5407](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE DISPENSING AND ADMINISTERING OF METHADONE TO BE REPORTED THROUGH THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM.

Proposed [HB-5452](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE IDENTIFICATION OF TRAINED THERAPY DOGS.

Proposed [HB-5460](#) AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON REPORTS OF THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Proposed [HB-5462](#) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD.

Proposed [HB-5475](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR PERSONS SUFFERING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Proposed [HB-5476](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO VETERANS, THE HOMELESS AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or mary.mason@ct.gov. While email is the best way to reach me, you can also text or call my cell phone at (860) 985-2120 since I am away from my desk phone.