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The published Senate bills below are available for review. Bills scheduled for a hearing are followed by the hearing date in *italics and bold*. Hearings will be virtual and written testimony must be submitted to the appropriate committee in writing. The [CGA Bulletin](#) outlines Committee procedures for testimony sign up and submission.

[S.B. No. 140](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STUDIES OF THE EFFECT OF LEGALIZED GAMBLING IN THE STATE', to require the next study of the effect of legalized gambling by January 1, 2023. *PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY- March 3, 2022, 9a.m.*

[S.B. No. 164](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS', to require each state agency to follow any order, denial or decree of a Probate Court that is applicable to a determination made by the state agency, and clarify that a state agency has standing to appeal any such order, denial or decree to the Superior Court with respect to such order's applicability to the state agency's determination. *JUDICIARY- March 4, 2022, 10a.m.*

[S.B. No. 196](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGES FROM NURSING HOMES AND RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES TO TEMPORARY OR UNSTABLE HOUSING', to prohibit involuntary discharges from nursing homes or residential care homes, except in emergency situations, to shelters for the homeless and certain other housing. *HUMAN SERVICES- March 1, 2022, 10a.m.*

[S.B. No. 198](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING OR DEAFBLIND', to revise membership of The Advisory Board for Persons Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing or Deafblind and the process for electing chairpersons of said board. REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 156](#) SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR TRAINING MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS IN CRISIS INTERVENTION', to expand crisis intervention training opportunities for municipal police officers to help officers address the rise in incidences related to mental health and provide them with tools related to mental health awareness and crisis intervention. REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

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 often away from my desk phone.

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