



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

[S.B. No. 586](#) (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT EXPANDING MANDATED HEALTH BENEFITS FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS, AND REQUIRING THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES AMEND THE STATE MEDICAID PLAN TO PROVIDE EXPANDED CONTRACEPTION BENEFITS', to: (1) Expand mandated health benefits for women, children and adolescents; (2) expand mandated contraception benefits; and (3) require the Commissioner of Social Services to amend the Medicaid state plan to provide expanded contraception benefits. **REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE**

[S.B. No. 979](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF RESTRAINING ORDERS, CIVIL PROTECTION ORDERS AND STANDING CRIMINAL PROTECTIVE ORDERS AFFECTING STUDENTS', to allow a person who is afforded protections under a restraining order, civil protection order or standing criminal protective order to request that the clerk of the court provide a copy of such order, or the information contained in such order, to a school or institution of higher education which he or she attends. **REF. JUDICIARY**

[S.B. No. 980](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A VICTIM'S RIGHT TO BE REASONABLY PROTECTED FROM THE ACCUSED', to provide notice to a person protected by a restraining or protective order or foreign order of protection as to whether the subject of such order has transferred, delivered or surrendered any pistols, revolvers and other firearms or ammunition as required by law, to cause a person entering the pretrial supervised diversionary program for persons with psychiatric disabilities to immediately transfer, deliver or surrender any pistols, revolvers and other firearms or ammunition, to require a designated party, other than the defendant, to notify the victim of a crime for which the defendant applies for accelerated pretrial rehabilitation and to provide increased employment protections for employees when any order of protection has been ordered on behalf of the employee. **REF. JUDICIARY**

[H.B. No. 5140](#) (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENTS TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES', to require each health carrier that provides coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of a substance use disorder to directly reimburse a health care provider for services rendered by such provider for the diagnosis and treatment of such disorder. **REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE**

[H.B. No. 6002](#) (COMM) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING "SEXTING" BY A CHILD', to ensure that a child under a certain age, rather than just those thirteen years of age and older, may be charged with a misdemeanor for "sexting" behavior rather than a felony for child pornography. **REF. JUDICIARY**

[H.B. No. 6887](#) (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTIFIED PEER COUNSELORS', to require that certain health insurance policies cover nonmedical mental health care and substance abuse services provided by certified peer counselors. **REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE**

[H.B. No. 7240](#) (RAISED) APPROPRIATIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTS ON STATE AGENCY OVERTIME BY THE OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS', to change the dates on which the Office of Fiscal Analysis is required to issue reports each year on state agency overtime. **REF. APPROPRIATIONS**

[H.B. No. 7244](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANDPARENT'S RIGHT TO VISITATION WITH HIS OR HER GRANDCHILD', to allow a grandparent the right of visitation with a minor child upon demonstrating to the court that clear and convincing circumstances support the granting of such visitation. **REF. JUDICIARY**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

The Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing on **Monday, March 13, 2017** at **10:00 A.M.** in **Room 2C** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous Bills

- S.B. No. 791 AN ACT CONCERNING UTILIZATION OF RECENT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA TO UPDATE HIRING GOALS.
- S.B. No. 956 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A SURVIVING SPOUSE'S STATUTORY SHARE.
- S.B. No. 976 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CONSERVATOR ACCOUNTABILITY.
- S.B. No. 982 (RAISED) AN ACT CONFIRMING AND ADOPTING VOLUMES 1 TO 13, INCLUSIVE, OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, REVISED TO 2017.
- S.B. No. 993 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFERS OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY MADE BY A TRUST OR TRUSTEE.
- H.B. No. 6002 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING "SEXTING" BY A CHILD.
- H.B. No. 7195 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE COLLECTION OF PAST DUE CHILD SUPPORT.
- H.B. No. 7243 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT LIENS.
- H.B. No. 7244 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANDPARENT'S RIGHT TO VISITATION WITH HIS OR HER GRANDCHILD.
- H.B. No. 7245 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REVISOR'S TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES.
- H.B. No. 7250 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING DESECRATION OF AN ABANDONED CEMETERY.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on **Monday, March 13, 2017** at **10:30 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Public Health Related Bills

- S.B. No. 796 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RESPECTFUL AND PERSON-FIRST LANGUAGE.
- S.B. No. 844 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS.
- H.B. No. 7173 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT REGISTRARS OF VITAL STATISTICS.
- H.B. No. 7174 (RAISED) AN ACT ALLOWING CERTAIN HOSPITAL PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER A SALINE FLUSH TO AN INTRAVENOUS LINE.
- S.B. No. 901 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ADOPTION OF A MODEL FOOD CODE.
- S.B. No. 903 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS.
- H.B. No. 7167 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS.
- H.B. No. 7169 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PSYCHOLOGY TECHNICIANS.
- H.B. No. 7171 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ATHLETIC TRAINERS.

- H.B. No. 7220 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SAFE DRINKING WATER.
- H.B. No. 7221 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO WATER PLANNING INFORMATION.
- S.B. No. 842 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL.
- S.B. No. 843 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE PROCESS FOR CITATIONS OF CHRONIC AND CONVALESCENT NURSING HOMES.
- S.B. No. 904 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FACILITIES GUIDELINES FOR TECHNICAL REVIEW OF FACILITY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION.
- H.B. No. 7049 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.
- H.B. No. 7087 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF RESIDENTS IN NURSING HOMES.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Mon., Mar.13 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 2C
Mon., Mar.13 - 10:30 AM	Public Health Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
Tues., Mar.14 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Wed., Mar.15 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 2C
Thur., Mar.16 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Mon., Mar.20 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 2D
Tues., Mar.21 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Wed., Mar.22 - 11:00 AM	Appropriations - Human Services Subcommittee Work Session	Room 1B
Thur., Mar.23 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Fri., Mar.24 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 2D
Mon., Mar.27 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	Room 2B
Tues., Mar.28 - 11:00 AM	Finance – Bonding Subcommittee Work Session	Room 2E
Wed., Mar.29 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Meeting	Room 2B
Wed., Mar.29 - 11:30 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting	Room 1D

New additions in **Bold**

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