



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

February 27, 2018

Update 2018-7

NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

S.B. No. 236 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS CARING FOR ELDERLY PERSONS, CHILDREN AND DISABLED PERSONS', to provide a tax deduction for taxpayers caring for elderly persons, children and disabled persons.

REF. AGING

S.B. No. 237 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT CRIMES', to establish a task force to evaluate time limitations for prosecuting a crime of sexual assault. **REF. JUDICIARY**

S.B. No. 238 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT', to extend to ten years the statute of limitations for the prosecution of certain sexual assault crimes. **REF. JUDICIARY**

S.B. No. 240 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT PROMOTING THE REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT', to promote the reporting of child abuse and neglect by ensuring that persons who make good faith reports of such abuse or neglect are afforded certain legal protections. **REF. JUDICIARY**

S.B. No. 244 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS TO BE MANDATED REPORTERS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT', to require that behavior analysts become mandated reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect. **REF. HUMAN SERVICES**

S.B. No. 247 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS', to: (1) Make minor revisions to statutes governing certain Probate Court procedures, and (2) within available appropriations, provide eligibility for grants under the Kinship Fund and Grandparents and Relatives Respite Fund to certain nonrelative caregivers. **REF. JUDICIARY**

H.B. No. 5246 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS IN THE CASE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT', to allow for the prosecution of sexual assault cases without time limitations posed by statutes of limitation. **REF. JUDICIARY**

H.B. No. 5255 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ADVISORY COUNCIL', to eliminate the planned termination of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council. **REF. HUMAN SERVICES**

H.B. No. 5257 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTS OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY OR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to reduce from seventy-two to twenty-four hours the amount of time a mandated reporter has to file a report of suspected abuse or neglect involving a person with intellectual disability or autism spectrum disorder. **REF. HUMAN SERVICES**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Department of Developmental Services; Department of Mental Health Services; School-Based Health Centers and other Public Health Related Topics

S.B. No. 218 (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING INVOLUNTARY STERILIZATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
H.B. No. 5160 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DONATION OF BLOOD BY MINORS.
H.B. No. 5153 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GUARDIANSHIP ASSESSMENTS.
H.B. No. 5216 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DISABILITY RIGHTS ORGANIZATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES REGARDING ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.
H.B. No. 5162 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
S.B. No. 168 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GROUP HOME LICENSING VISITS.
H.B. No. 5155 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATION REGARDING WAIVER OF LICENSING FEES FOR PRIVATE PROVIDERS.
S.B. No. 166 (RAISED) AN ACT ADDING AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM TO THE LIST OF ADVERSE EVENTS A HOSPITAL IS REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
S.B. No. 167 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF ADVERSE EVENTS BY HOSPITALS AND OUTPATIENT SURGICAL FACILITIES.
H.B. No. 5149 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SOBER LIVING HOMES.
H.B. No. 5218 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM QUALITY STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS AND EXPANDED SCHOOL HEALTH SITES.
H.B. No. 5157 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF VIDEO CAMERAS IN THE ROOMS OF NONVERBAL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.
H.B. No. 5158 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING FOOD ALLERGY TRAINING IN RESTAURANTS.
S.B. No. 171 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY DESIGNATION.
S.B. No. 170 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING STREAMLINING REPORTS.
S.B. No. 165 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO ITS STATUTES.

**AGING COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018**

The Aging Committee will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 1, 2018** at **10:00 A.M.** in **Room 1B** of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will begin 9:15 A.M. in Room 1B of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Various bills, including:

S.B. No. 152 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES WHO ARE RAISING CHILDREN.

**INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018**

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 1, 2018** at **12:00 P.M.** in **Room 2D** of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will begin 10:00 A.M. in Room 2800 of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Various bills, including:

H.B. No. 5210 (RAISED) AN ACT MANDATING INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS AND EXPANDING MANDATED HEALTH BENEFITS FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS.

[UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS](#)

Wed., Feb. 28 - 11:00 AM	Public Health Public Hearing	Room 1D
Thurs., Feb. 28 - 1:00 PM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Thurs., Mar. 1 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Mon., Mar. 5 - 11:00 AM	Education Committee Public Hearing	Room 2E
Tues., Mar. 6 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Public Hearing	Room 2A
Tues., Mar. 6 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
Thurs., Mar. 8 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thurs., Mar. 8 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Tues., Mar. 13 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Tues., Mar. 13 - 11:00 AM	Human Services Committee Public Hearing	Room 2A

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