



Department of Children and Families

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

[S.B. No. 270](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORK AND COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS', to require work and community service by able-bodied, adult recipients of Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. REF. HUMAN SERVICES

[S.B. No. 296](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO SERVE PEOPLE SEEKING RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to establish a pilot program to better serve people waiting for residential services from the Department of Developmental Services. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

[S.B. No. 310](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENCY PLANNING FOR CHILDREN', to permit the Judicial Department to contract with a nonprofit entity to promote permanency planning for children. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 311](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT UPDATING THE DEFINITION OF SEX TRAFFICKING', to update the definition of sex trafficking. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 312](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to develop investigation, assessment and case-planning procedures that are responsive to the needs of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 313](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to permit the Commissioner of Children and Families to authorize medical, psychological, psychiatric or surgical treatment or a medical multidisciplinary exam for a child in the commissioner's guardianship or care, and permit a person or agency in which temporary care or custody of a child is vested to authorize a medical multidisciplinary evaluation of such child. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 314](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WILDERNESS SCHOOL', to permit the administration of epinephrine at the Department of Children and Families Wilderness School without the prior written order of an authorized prescriber. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 315](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to make minor revisions to the statutes of the Department of Children and Families. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 316](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILD CARE FACILITY NEIGHBOR RELATIONS TASK FORCE', to establish a task force to study strategies for the improvement of relationships between residents of child care facilities and the residents of municipalities in which such facilities are located. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 317](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT BY CERTAIN MANDATED REPORTERS', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to report the findings of any investigation into delayed reporting of child abuse or neglect by a mandated reporter employed by a local or regional board of education to such local or regional board of education, the superintendent of the school district in which the mandated reporter is employed and to the Department of Education. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 318](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY INTERVENTIONS FOR AT-RISK YOUTH', to establish a task force to study interventions for at-risk youth. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 319](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PARENT MEMBERS OF SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCILS', to clarify who is eligible to be a parent representative on a school governance council. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 320](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLAINTS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT AGAINST SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS', to require the immediate suspension of school administrators accused of sexual harassment. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 321](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT STABILIZING WORKING FAMILIES BY LIMITING "ON-CALL" SHIFT SCHEDULING', to prohibit the practice of on call shift scheduling. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 322](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES FOR GRANDPARENTS CARING FOR GRANDCHILDREN', to require the Commissioners of Children and Families and Social Services to study the establishment of a program of subsidized guardianship for the benefit of children living with a grandparent who has been appointed guardian or coguardian of such child. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 323](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OF A CHILD TO A NEW OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT', to require the Department of Children and Families to provide written notice to a child being transferred to a new out-of-home placement at least ten days prior to such transfer. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 324](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to establish a parents' bill of rights for biological and adoptive parents whose children are placed in out-of-home placements by the Department of Children and Families. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 325](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MATERNAL CHOICE IN THE EVENT OF STILLBIRTH', to require hospitals to inform mothers of stillborn fetuses of the right to arrange for burial or cremation of such fetuses. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 5300](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF OPTIONAL ADMISSION INTO AN ADOPTION REGISTRY', to require a study of the feasibility of establishing an adoption registry for which registration is optional. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

[H.B. No. 5328](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSIBILITY OF ADMISSIONS, CONFESSIONS AND STATEMENTS BY CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN', to render inadmissible in any proceeding concerning the alleged delinquency of a child under the age of eighteen any admission, confession or statement made by such child to a police officer or Juvenile Court official unless such statement was made in the presence of such child's parent or guardian after such parent or guardian and child have been apprised of such child's rights. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 5329](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FLAME RETARDANT CHEMICALS IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS AND UPHOLSTERED RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE', to prohibit the sale and distribution of children's products and upholstered residential furniture containing organohalogen flame retardant chemicals. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 5330](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOMELESS CHILDREN ENROLLING IN CHILD CARE', to require the Commissioner of Early Childhood to adopt regulations establishing a ninety-day waiver of immunization requirements for homeless children enrolling in child care centers, group child care homes and family child care homes. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 5331](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILDREN'S REPORT CARD', to eliminate the requirement that the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children electronically transmit the Children's Report Card to certain entities, and to specify the membership of the leadership committee with which said committee shall consult. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 5332](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to (1) require the Department of Children and Families to include in its strategic plan strategies to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities within child welfare practice; (2) require the Commissioner of Children and Families to collect data on the race and ethnicity of children and families involved with the department, and work to eliminate certain disparities based on race, ethnicity and other factors; (3) require the department to disclose records to the Chief State's Attorney for the purpose of investigating or prosecuting an allegation of fraud in the receipt of certain benefits; (4) create an exception from the requirement that the commissioner obtain consent from the parent or guardian of a child to interview such child for the purpose of investigating a claim of neglect if such parent or guardian is the perpetrator of the alleged neglect; (5) require certain health care providers to notify the department of newborns exhibiting certain symptoms consistent with prenatal substance exposure and other conditions and require the department to establish guidelines for the safe care of such newborns; (6) clarify the definition of "fictive kin caregiver"; (7) clarify that certain residential facilities may care for or board a child without a license obtained from the commissioner; and (8) permit the commissioner to investigate and maintain actions in the name of the state for violations of certain statutes pertaining to the unlicensed caring for, boarding of and placing of a child. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[H.B. No. 5333](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to make a reasonable effort to notify the employer of an individual placed on the child abuse and neglect registry of such individual's placement on the registry if such individual has direct contact with children through such employment. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[H.B. No. 5334](#) (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION BY CONTRACTORS TO BOARDS OF EDUCATION REGARDING INCIDENTS OF ARREST OF EMPLOYEES', to require contractors to notify boards of education when certain employees have been arrested. **REF. EDUCATION**

[H.B. No. 5337](#) (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS', to require the Department of Education to conduct a study concerning the implementation of virtual learning and distance learning in the state. **REF. EDUCATION**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018**

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on **Monday, March 5, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Bills Related to Department of Developmental Services; Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; Smoking and Other Public Health Related Bills

H.B. No. 5297 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION IN COLONOSCOPES AND ENDOSCOPES.

H.B. No. 5217 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT ATHLETES WITH SYMPTOMS OF SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST.

S.B. No. 169 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CLINICAL CLERKSHIPS AND TRAINING.

S.B. No. 216 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPHYLACTIC TREATMENT OF MINORS FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES.

H.B. No. 5150 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING MUNICIPAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES AND DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH.

H.B. No. 5156 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ACCESS TO A COPY OF AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PATERNITY.

S.B. No. 219 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING INDOOR TANNING.

S.B. No. 293 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING POSTGRADUATE TRAINING FOR DENTISTS.

H.B. No. 5161 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SEAT BELTS.

H.B. No. 5213 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS OF CHILDREN.

S.B. No. 297 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF IN-NETWORK HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND REVIEW OF ADVERSE DECISIONS BASED ON MEDICAL NECESSITY.

S.B. No. 299 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING OWNERSHIP OF SURGICAL FACILITIES BY DENTISTS.

H.B. No. 5214 (RAISED) AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES AND NEBULIZER TREATMENTS.

H.B. No. 5215 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS STATUTES.

S.B. No. 301 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MASSAGE THERAPISTS.

S.B. No. 303 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING URGENT CARE CENTERS.

H.B. No. 5294 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING NATUROPATHS.

H.B. No. 5295 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL SALES REPRESENTATIVES.

H.B. No. 5298 (RAISED) AN ACT ALLOWING DENTAL ASSISTANTS TO PROVIDE FLUORIDE VARNISH TREATMENTS.

S.B. No. 304 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MATERNITY MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

S.B. No. 305 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE LABELING OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING FLAME RETARDANTS.

H.B. No. 5296 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY TO IDENTIFY WAYS FOR STATE GOVERNMENT TO PARTNER WITH HOSPITALS.

H.B. No. 5163 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.

S.B. No. 295 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018**

The Human Services Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.** in **Room 2A** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Human Services Committee Bills

S.B. No. 245 (RAISED) AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO CONTRACT WITH OTHER STATES.

S.B. No. 246 (RAISED) AN ACT LIMITING AUTO REFILLS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS COVERED UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

H.B. No. 5253 (RAISED) AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO THE MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AND REPEALING OBSOLETE STATUTES.

H.B. No. 5254 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION FEES.

H.B. No. 5038 AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES.

**TENTATIVE LIST OF POTENTIAL BILLS TO BE HEARD
COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018**

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous. Bills

S.B. No. 310 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENCY PLANNING FOR CHILDREN

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H.B. No. 5332 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

H.B. No. 5333 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

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	Public Health Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
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 - 9:00 AM	Education Committee Public Hearing	Room 1A
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
Thurs., Mar. 15 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Public Hearing	Room 2A

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