



# Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

January 29, 2021

Update 2021-4

## BILLS OF INTEREST

Several bills became available this week. They are listed below. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

HB-5435	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT SUMMER LEARNING COVID-19 RECOVERING INITIATIVE.
HB-5469	AN ACT EXPANDING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.
HB-5470	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF TEMPORARY STATE SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
HB-5473	AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL METHODS AND RESOURCES TO DETER JUVENILE AUTO THEFT.
HB-5474	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF CRITICAL SERVICES TO PERSONS SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
HB-5475	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR PERSONS SUFFERING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
HB-5476	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO VETERANS, THE HOMELESS AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.
HB-5484	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE TEACHING OF CERTAIN IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.
HB-5489	AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE THAT A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY MAY BE CARED FOR IN A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME.
HB-5493	AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.
HB-5499	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF A SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING CURRICULUM FOR CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS.
HB-5505	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATORS.
HB-5510	AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF LGBTQ+ STUDIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.
HB-5542	AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF STATE AGENCY COMMISSIONERS.
HB-5556	AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE PERFORMANCE OF A NOTARIAL ACT.
HB-5557	AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING.
HB-5571	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH.

HB-5582	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS.
HB-5596	AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH.
HB-5597	AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS.
HB-5616	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE REFERRAL OF STUDENTS WITH INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS ENROLLED AT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SCHOOLS TO THEIR HOME SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB-5617	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR OUTDOOR LEARNING INITIATIVES.
HB-5654	AN ACT CONCERNING THE UPDATING OF STATE FORMS, APPLICATIONS AND METHODS OF IDENTIFICATION TO INCLUDE A NONBINARY GENDER OPTION.
HB-5659	AN ACT CONCERNING REQUESTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND THE PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS.
HB-5669	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT OF FATHERHOOD INITIATIVES.
HB-5684	AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING VOUCHERS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN A SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM.
HB-5693	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONNECTICUT PARENTAGE ACT.
HB-5697	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BABY BONDS PROGRAM.
HB-5698	AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES DATA.
HB-5699	AN ACT CONCERNING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM.
HB-5700	AN ACT CONCERNING UNAUTHORIZED PHOTOGRAPHY OF A MINOR BY A REGISTERED SEXUAL OFFENDER.
HB-5701	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN FROM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.
HB-5729	AN ACT INCREASING THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN WHEN BUYING ICE CREAM FROM AN ICE CREAM TRUCK.
HB-5742	AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FEDERAL COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS.
HB-5763	AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF FINANCIAL LITERACY INSTRUCTION AS PART OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.
HB-5766	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE EXPANSION OF AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY CHILD CARE.
HB-5769	AN ACT ADDRESSING LEARNING LOSS CAUSED BY THE PANDEMIC.
HB-5774	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS.
HB-5777	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE REFERRAL OF STUDENTS WITH INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS ENROLLED AT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SCHOOLS TO THEIR HOME SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

HB-5780	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR DUAL LANGUAGE SCHOOLS.
HB-5782	AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MINORITY STUDENT SUSPENSIONS.
HB-5783	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF DISTANCE LEARNING BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
HB-5792	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO INCLUDE ECONOMICS WITHIN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.
HB-5793	AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF REMOTE AND HYBRID LEARNING ON STUDENTS WITH 504 PLANS AND IEPs.
HB-5883	AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND ON LOCAL QUESTIONS.
HB-5904	AN ACT REINSTITUTING THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS.
HB-5920	AN ACT PROHIBITING A MINOR FROM ENTERING INTO A MARRIAGE.
HB-5923	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF LEGAL COUNSEL IN A CRIMINAL MATTER TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE.
HB-5924	AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES TO REDUCE JUVENILE AUTO THEFTS AND BREAK-INS.
HB-5925	AN ACT EXTENDING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS IN FAILURE TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT CASES.
HB-5926	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE.
HB-5932	AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF FAMILY VIOLENCE.
HB-5933	AN ACT ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY-BASED SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES FOR PRIMARY CARETAKERS.
HB-5935	AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAN SLATE AND AUTOMATIC ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS.
HB-5939	AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF A PETITION TO PERMIT GRANDPARENT VISITATION WITH A GRANDCHILD.
HB-5940	AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANDPARENT'S RIGHT OF VISITATION WITH A GRANDCHILD.
HB-6005	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE OR COMMISSION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS FROM CHILDHOOD VACCINE REQUIREMENTS.
HB-6007	AN ACT PROVIDING STATUTORY RECOGNITION TO AND FUNDING FOR THE CONNECTICUT SUICIDE ADVISORY BOARD.
HB-6017	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ELEVATED SUICIDE RATE AMONGST TEEN GIRLS.
HB-6026	AN ACT CONCERNING THE MENTAL HEALTH OF STUDENTS AND CHILDREN.
HB-6029	AN ACT PERMITTING PERSONS SIXTEEN YEARS OLD TO DONATE BLOOD.
HB-6032	AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORDS BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS.
HB-6086	AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF CAMERA VIDEO SYSTEMS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SCHOOL BUSES.
HB-6105	AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS.

HB-6109	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALBERT J. SOLNIT CHILDREN'S CENTER.
HB-6110	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE SALE AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS.
HB-6111	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM.
HB-6112	AN ACT REQUIRING A SURVEY OF COURT-INVOLVED YOUTHS.
HB-6113	AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.
HB-6122	AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF REMOTE AND HYBRID LEARNING ON STUDENTS, PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS.
HB-6124	AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICE ELIGIBILITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BASED ON STUDENT RESIDENCY.
HB-6125	AN ACT INCREASING AWARENESS OF AVAILABLE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
HB-6145	AN ACT INCREASING AWARENESS TO MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL COMMUNITIES.
HB-6146	AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF MENTAL BREAK AND REST DAYS FOR STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.
HB-6204	AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANNUAL STATE AUDIT CONCERNING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF STATE PROGRAMS.
HB-6212	AN ACT EXEMPTING THE ADDRESSES OF FAMILY VIOLENCE VICTIMS FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.
HB-6228	AN ACT PROHIBITING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM INQUIRING ABOUT A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS.
HB-6229	AN ACT ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF FOOD-INSECURE STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
HB-6252	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER RESULTING FROM AN ACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.
HB-6253	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR RISK OF INJURY TO A CHILD.
HB-6261	AN ACT CONCERNING PARENTING TIME.
HB-6268	AN ACT STOPPING FURTHER INCREASES IN THE MINIMUM WAGE AND REDUCING THE MINIMUM WAGE FOR MINORS.
HB-6293	AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF A PREGNANCY BY A MINOR.
HB-6321	AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONNECTICUT PARENTAGE ACT.
SB-308	AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFICIARIES TO WORK OR VOLUNTEER.
SB-311	AN ACT CONCERNING A WORK REQUIREMENT FOR YOUNG ADULT MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES.
SB-312	AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPLICANTS TO PROVIDE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP.
SB-320	AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS.

SB-324	AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL IMMUNITY FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ORGANIZATIONS AND THE SANCTIONING BODIES OF PRIVATE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS.
SB-328	AN ACT IMPROVING SERVICES FOR AND PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY.
SB-331	AN ACT REQUIRING PROVIDERS OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE AND COUNSELING TO BE MANDATORY REPORTERS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.
SB-332	AN ACT REQUIRING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF A PREGNANCY BY A MINOR.
SB-340	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR HOUSING SERVICES.
SB-346	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR PURPOSES OF REPORTING TRUANCY IN CONNECTICUT.
SB-354	AN ACT CONCERNING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.
SB-384	AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES TO CHILDREN AT PHARMACIES.
SB-396	AN ACT ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO TRACK AND TRACE CELLULAR PHONES OF YOUNG ADULTS IN DISTRESS.
SB-406	AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE CONNECTICUT SUICIDE ADVISORY BOARD.
SB-416	AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUTES.
SB-436	AN ACT EXPANDING THE EXEMPTIONS TO THE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS LAW FOR STUDENTS.
SB-439	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DYSLEXIA TASK FORCE.
SB-443	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM.
SB-445	AN ACT PROHIBITING PAY-TO-PLAY AND OTHER STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES.
SB-447	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PHASE-OUT OF THE USE OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.
SB-497	AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRENATAL CARE.
SB-503	AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TELEHEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES.
SB-509	AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH.
SB-517	AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILES CHARGED WITH LARCENY INVOLVING THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.
SB-518	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE OFFERING OF SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS AT HOTELS, MOTELS OR SIMILAR LODGINGS AT AN HOURLY RATE AND REQUIRING THAT USERS OF SUCH PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION PROVIDE THE OPERATOR WITH POSITIVE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION.
SB-524	AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN AND OTHER STATE RESIDENTS IN IMMIGRATION REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.

SB-525	AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANDPARENT'S ABILITY TO SEEK VISITATION WITH A GRANDCHILD.
SB-527	AN ACT CONCERNING ACTS OF ONLINE HATE AND HARASSMENT.
SB-529	AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS COMMITTED BY JUVENILES.
SB-530	AN ACT IMPROVING ACCESS TO A SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EXAM FOR A MINOR WHO IS A VICTIM OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT.
SB-532	AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND CRIMES COMMITTED BY JUVENILES.
SB-533	AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS COMMITTED BY JUVENILES.
SB-534	AN ACT CONCERNING AUTO THEFTS BY JUVENILE OFFENDERS.
SB-535	AN ACT ELIMINATING THE LIMITATION PERIOD FOR BRINGING A CIVIL ACTION FOR CLAIMS ARISING FROM CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.
SB-540	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM.
SB-541	AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY REUNIFICATION FOR CHILDREN IN TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.
SB-542	AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH COACH BACKGROUND CHECKS.
SB-562	AN ACT CONCERNING DOULA CERTIFICATION AND MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOULA SERVICES.
SB-594	AN ACT INCREASING TRAFFIC SAFETY AROUND ICE CREAM TRUCKS.
SB-608	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN WHEN BUYING ICE CREAM FROM AN ICE CREAM TRUCK.
SB-677	AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPLETION OF AN ANTI-RACISM COURSE FOR PURPOSES OF EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION.
SB-682	AN ACT CONCERNING A UNIVERSAL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES.
SB-688	AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF CAMERA VIDEO SYSTEMS INSIDE SCHOOL BUSES AND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.
SB-706	AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION ORGANIZATIONS.
SB-764	AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PROVIDERS.
SB-771	AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF CERTAIN DATA RELATING TO PARENTS WHO HAVE THEIR PARENTAL RIGHTS TERMINATED.

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**PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION**

Public Hearings will take pace virtually this year and each committee has a registration link in the Bulletin on the CT General Assembly webpage. Below is the information for Thursday's Committee on Children public hearing. If you have questions about testimony of testifying, please call the number listed below.

**\*COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021**

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.** via **Zoom**. The public hearing can be viewed via [YouTube Live](#). In addition, the public hearing may be recorded and broadcast live on [CT-N.com](#). Individuals who wish to testify via Zoom must register using the [On-line Testimony Registration Form](#). Registration will close on February 3, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. Speaker order of approved registrants will be listed in a randomized order and posted on the Committee on Children's website on February 3, 2021 at 8:00 P.M. under Public Hearing Testimony. If you do not have internet access, you may provide testimony via telephone. To register to testify by phone, call the Phone Registrant Line at (860) 240-0370 to leave your contact information. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to [kidtestimony@cga.ct.gov](mailto:kidtestimony@cga.ct.gov). Testimony should clearly state testifier name and related bill number. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for elected officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: Children's Bills

\*S.B. No. 35 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ADOPTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' FOSTER CARE PROGRAM.

\*S.B. No. 36 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL LUNCH DEBT.

\*S.B. No. 702 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FREE SWIMMING LESSONS TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

\*H.B. No. 6109 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALBERT J. SOLNIT CHILDREN'S CENTER.

\*H.B. No. 6110 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE SALE AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS.

\*H.B. No. 6111 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

\*H.B. No. 6112 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING A SURVEY OF COURT-INVOLVED YOUTHS.

\*H.B. No. 6113 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS**

**Mon, Feb 1 - 9:00 AM**

**Public Health Committee Public Hearing**

**Mon, Feb 1 - 2:00 PM**

**Appropriations and Human Services Forum "Medicaid 101"**

<b>Wed, Feb 3 - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Planning and Development Public Hearing</b>
<b>Thur, Feb 4 - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Human Services Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Thur, Feb 4 - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee on Children Public Hearing</b>

The CGA calendar next week is very sparse. Please follow the link to the General Assembly homepage below and scroll down to the calendar for a complete list of meetings. It is likely other committees will be meeting next week that are not yet scheduled.

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