



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

February 5, 2021

Update 2021-5

Governor's Budget Address

Governor Lamont is scheduled to present his budget to the General Assembly on Wednesday, February 10th. Since Friday is a state holiday, I will provide an update on Thursday that will include information from the budget and its effect on the Department.

BILLS OF INTEREST

This week was a bit light on new bills. They are listed below. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

HB-6322	AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION.
HB-6330	AN ACT CONCERNING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE VOTER REGISTRY LIST.
HB-6353	AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES RAISING CERTAIN CHILDREN.
HB-6359	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TEACHING OF CIVICS, DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND MEDIA LITERACY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
HB-6360	AN ACT EXPANDING FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION.
HB-6374	AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES.
HB-6376	AN ACT CREATING A RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORLD FOR NATURAL HAIR.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Public Hearings will take place virtually this year and each committee has a registration link in the Bulletin on the CT General Assembly webpage. Commissioner Dorantes and Tim Marshall, Director of the Office of Community Mental Health at the Department, testified at the Committee on Children public hearing Thursday, February 4th. Their testimony can be found on the Committee's website under the "Testimony" link.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Mon, Feb 8 - 9:00 AM	Public Health Committee Public Hearing
Mon, Feb 8 - 9:30 AM	Women & Children's Health Committee Meeting
Mon, Feb 8 - 10:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting
Mon, Feb 8 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing & Meeting
Mon, Feb 8 - 2:00 PM	Appropriations & Human Services Forum "Medicaid 101"
Tues, Feb 9 - 10:00 AM	Labor & Public Employees Public Hearing
Wed, Feb 10 - 9:00 AM	Public Health Committee Public Hearing
Wed, Feb 10 - 2:00 PM	Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council Meeting
Thur, Feb 11 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting

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

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