



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

February 19, 2021

Update 2021-7

BILLS OF INTEREST

Many of the bills below are the budget bills or policy bills offered by the Governor.

<u>HB-6438</u>	AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.
<u>HB-6439</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, 2023, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR.
<u>HB-6443</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET.
<u>HB-6444</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODERNIZATION OF STATE SERVICES.
<u>HB-6445</u>	AN ACT EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN OCCUPATIONS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION.
<u>HB-6446</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES.
<u>HB-6447</u>	AN ACT CREATING THE COVERED CONNECTICUT PROGRAM TO EXPAND ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE.
<u>HB-6449</u>	AN ACT EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN OCCUPATIONS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.
<u>HB-6450</u>	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH.
<u>SB-912</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT OF FATHERHOOD INITIATIVES.
<u>SB-919</u>	AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR A MINOR WHO POSSESSES ALCOHOL WHEN THE MINOR SEEKS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT THE DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY OF ANOTHER PERSON.

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. The Appropriations Committee is in full swing listening to budget presentations from agencies and holding public hearings on the Governor's proposed budget. I have included the latest schedule from committee below. DCF

will be presenting our budget to the committee on March 5th at 10:00 AM. The public hearing for the portion of the budget that affects DCF will take place on March 3rd.

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
SCHEDULE OF STATE AGENCY BUDGET PRESENTATIONS
AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021
(Revised as of 2/17/21)**

The Appropriations Committee will hold state agency budget presentations from **Friday, February 19, 2021** through **Friday, March 5, 2021**, to be held at the times and location listed below via **Zoom**. Separate Bulletin notices for public hearings will be published with links to an On-line Registration form for each public hearing. The state agency presentations can be viewed via [YouTube Live](#). In addition, some state agency presentations may be recorded and broadcast live on [CT-N.com](#).

NOTE: * Indicates a Time Change
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Friday, February 19, 2021

Conservation and Development

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (Including the Public Regulatory Authority)
11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.	Office of Consumer Counsel
11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Department of Agriculture
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.	LUNCH RECESS
1:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.	Department of Economic and Community Development
1:45 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	Department of Labor
2:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Department of Housing

Public Budget Hearings 5:00 P.M.

Monday, February 22, 2021

General Government A

10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	Secretary of the State
10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Office of State Ethics
11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.	State Elections Enforcement Commission
11:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Freedom of Information Commission
12:00 P.M. - 12:20 P.M.	Office of the Child Advocate
12:20 P.M. - 12:40 P.M.	Office of the Victim Advocate
12:40 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.	State Contracting Standards Board
1:00 P.M. - 1:20 P.M.	Board of Firearms Permit Examiners

1:20 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. LUNCH RECESS

General Government B

*2:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Office of Policy and Management
3:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. State Comptroller and Miscellaneous Accounts)
3:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Attorney General
*4:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. Department of Revenue Service
*4:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. State Treasurer (Including Debt Service)
*5:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. Department of Administrative Services

Public Budget Hearings 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Health

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Department of Public Health
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Department of Developmental Services
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. LUNCH RECESS
1:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. Department of Veterans' Affairs
1:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. Office of Health Strategy
2:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service

Public Budget Hearing for Health Agencies, Tuesday, March 2, 2021 10:00 A.M.

Friday, February 26, 2021

Transportation

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Department of Motor Vehicles
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Department of Transportation
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. LUNCH RECESS

Judicial and Corrections

1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. Judicial Department
2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Division of Criminal Justice
3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Public Defender Services Commission
4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Department of Correction (Including the Board of Pardons and Paroles)
5:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. Probate Court Administration

Public Budget Hearings (*** including Legislative Agencies) 6:30 P.M.

Monday, March 1, 2021

Elementary & Secondary Education

10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. Teachers' Retirement Board
10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. State Library
11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Office of Early Childhood
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. LUNCH RECESS
1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. State Department of Education

Public Budget Hearings 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Public Budget Hearings for Health Agencies - 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Public Budget Hearings for Human Services Agencies - 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, March 4, 2021**

Higher Education

10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	Office of Higher Education
10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.	CT State Colleges and Universities
11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	LUNCH RECESS
1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.	University of Connecticut
2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	UConn Health Center

Public Budget Hearings

4:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.	Higher Education Panels
6:30 P.M.	Public Hearing

Friday, March 5, 2021**

Human Services

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Department of Children and Families
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.	LUNCH RECESS
1:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Department of Aging and Disability Services
1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Department of Social Services

Public Budget Hearing for Human Services Agencies Wednesday, March 3, 2021 10:00 A.M.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Mon, Feb 22 - 9:00 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting
Tues, Feb 23 - 10:00 AM	Human Services Committee Public Hearing
Tues, Feb 23 - 3:00 PM	Committee on Children Meeting
Wed, Feb 24 - 11:30 AM	House Session
Thurs, Feb 25 - 10:00 AM	Committee on Children 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.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

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