



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

March 5, 2021

Update 2021-9

BILLS OF INTEREST

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| <u>HB-6557</u> | AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING. |
| <u>HB-6558</u> | AN ACT CONCERNING ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT. |
| <u>HB-6559</u> | AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD. |
| <u>HB-6561</u> | AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS PERMITTED TO PRACTICE WITHOUT LICENSES DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. |
| <u>HB-6565</u> | AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SERVICES. |
| <u>HB-6567</u> | AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY. |
| SB-2 | AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL EQUITY AND THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN. |
| <u>SB-978</u> | AN ACT CONCERNING PAROLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS SERVING LENGTHY SENTENCES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL TURNED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE. |
| <u>SB-984</u> | AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS. |
| <u>SB-985</u> | AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH. |
| <u>SB-1019</u> | AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES, ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR CERTAIN MISDEMEANOR AND FELONY OFFENSES, PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON ERASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION AND CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES. |

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. While not listed, you may want to review the agendas of several other committees next for bills of interest to you, especially the Judiciary, Human Services and Education Committees. Those agendas are available on the CGA website at end of this update.

On Tuesday March 9th, The Committee on Children is holding a public hearing. Below is the information on how to sign up and which bills are on the agenda.

**COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021**

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 9, 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](#). The registration form must contain the name of the person who will be testifying. A unique email address must be provided for each person registered to speak. Registration will close on March 8, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. Speaker order of approved registrants will be listed in a randomized order and posted on the Committee on Children website on March 8, 2021 at 5:00 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 to Kidtestimony@cga.ct.gov in Word or PDF format. Testimony should clearly state testifier name and 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: Committee on Children Bills

H.B. No. 6565 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

H.B. No. 6566 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN PURCHASING FROZEN DESSERTS FROM ICE CREAM TRUCKS.

H.B. No. 6567 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY.

S.B. No. 2 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL EQUITY AND THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN.

S.B. No. 984 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.

S.B. No. 985 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

**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](#).

Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

Elementary & Secondary Education

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| 12:30 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. | State Library |
| 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | Office of Early Childhood |
| 2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. | State Department of Education |
| 3:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. | Teachers' Retirement Board |

Public Budget Hearing 5:00 P.M.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

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| Mon, Mar 8 - 9:30 AM | Women & Children Health Committee Meeting |
| Tues, Mar 9 - 10:00 AM | Human Services Committee Meeting |
| Tues, Mar 9 - 1:00 PM | Committee on Children Public Hearing |
| Wed, Mar 10 - 2:00 PM | Appropriations Human Services Subcommittee Work Session |
| Wed, Mar 10 - 2:00 PM | BHPOC Meeting |
| Thur, Mar 11 - 10:00 AM | Human Services Public Hearing |
| Thur, Mar 11 - 1:00 PM | Committee on Children Meeting |

There are several events occurring next week and 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

For complete legislative information, visit the Connecticut General Assembly's website at - www.cga.ct.gov

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