

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

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#### WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the tenth edition of the DCF Legislative Update for the 2025 session of the General Assembly.

<u>Committee Deadlines:</u> The Committee on Children's deadline to petition the committee to report out a bill is Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup>.

All committee deadlines can be found <u>here</u>.

<u>Adjournment</u>: The General Assembly Adjourns on June 4th at midnight, which is later than in even numbered years due to the State Biennium budget adoption taking place in the odd numbered years.

#### **Appropriations and Budget Related Information**

The Appropriations Subcommittee Work Sessions are nearing their end and their full schedule can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

#### **BILLS OF INTEREST**

H.B. No. 7213 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE.

H.B. No. 7214 AN ACT CONCERNING MATERNAL HEALTH.

S.B. No. 1508 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL RECORDS.

S.B. No. 1511 AN ACT CONCERNING DISCONNECTED YOUTH.

### **LEGISLATIVE LEADERS – 2025 SESSION**

Senator Martin Looney (D) – Senate President Pro Tempore
Senator Bob Duff (D) – Senate Majority Leader
Representative Matthew Ritter (D) – Speaker of the House
Representative Jason Rojas (D) – House Majority Leader
Senator Stephen Harding (R) – Senate Minority Leader
Representative Vincent Candelora (R) – House Minority Leader

#### **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – 2025 SESSION**

#### **COMMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

#### www.cga.ct.gov/kid/

Cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Children and Families, including institutions under its jurisdiction, and children.

Chairs: Sen. Ceci Maher (D), Rep. Corey Paris (D)

*Vice-Chairs*: Sen. Christine Cohen (D), Rep. Mary Welander (D) *Ranking Members*: Sen. Jason Perillo (R), Rep. Anne Dauphinais (R)

#### Members:

Rep. Pat Boyd (D)
Rep. William Pizzuto (R)
Rep. Trenee McGee (D)
Rep. Kai Belton (D)
Rep. Robin Comey (D)
Sen. Julie Kushner (D)
Rep. Brian Lanoue (R)
Rep. Sarah Keitt (D)

Rep. Gale Mastrofrancesco (R) Rep. Rebecca Martinez (D)

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS**

Mon, Mar 17 - 11:30 AM	Public Health Committee Public Hearing	1D-ZOOM
Tue, Mar 18 - 11:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	2A-ZOOM
Wed, Mar 19 - 10:00 AM	Education Committee Public Hearing	1E-ZOOM
Thur, Mar 20 - 2:00 PM	Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee Meeting	2C-ZOOM
Fri, Mar 21 - 1:30 PM	Public Health Committee Meeting	1D-ZOOM

# PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

A.M. in Room 1D of the LOB and 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 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 Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. Speaker order of approved registrants will be listed in a randomized order and posted on the Public Health Committee website on Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 6:00 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 860-240-0560 to leave your contact information. Please submit written testimony using the On-line Testimony Submission Form. 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 Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal 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: Public Health Related Bills

S.B. No. 1507 (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING PRIVATE EQUITY OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS AND THE CONTROLLING OF OR INTERFERENCE WITH THE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT AND CLINICAL DECISIONS OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND REQUIRING AN EVALUATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER TO MANAGER HOSPITALS IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS.

S.B. No. 1508 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL RECORDS.

S.B. No. 1509 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT PROTECTIONS AND STANDARDS OF CARE AT CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOSPITAL.

- H.B. No. 7213 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE.
- H.B. No. 7214 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MATERNAL HEALTH.
- H.B. No. 7215 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PROBLEM GAMING.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

A.M. in Room 1E of the LOB and via Zoom. The public hearing on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 1E of the LOB and 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 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 Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. Speaker order of approved registrants will be listed in a randomized order and posted on the Education Committee website on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:00 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 860-240-0420 to leave your contact information. Please submit written testimony using the On-line Testimony Submission Form. 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 Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads, Chief Elected Municipal Officials, and Chairs of Boards of Education. The time period of 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM is reserved for educators and school staff. 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: Education Bills

- S.B. No. 1 (COMM) AN ACT INCREASING RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS, SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION.
  - S.B. No. 1513 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ASPIRING EDUCATORS.
- S.B. No. 1510 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ASSORTED REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.
  - S.B. No. 1511 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING DISCONNECTED YOUTH.
- H.B. No. 7219 (RAISED) AN ACT PROTECTING 504 PLAN ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS IN CONNECTICUT.
- H.B. No. 7216 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM.
- $\,$  H.B. No. 7217 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.
  - H.B. No. 7218 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION.
- S.B. No. 1512 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD.

#### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE**

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