# DCF Legislative Process

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#### Legislative Activities

- Solicit Agency Legislative Proposals
- Represent DCF at the General Assembly
- Monitor legislative activities
- Analyze pending legislation
- Prepare Public Hearing testimony
- Communicate the DCF position on pending legislation
- Provide Technical Assistance to Legislators

## Each year, Legislative Proposals are submitted to OPM and the Governor's Office





### Department of Children and Families 2017 Legislative Concepts

- "Uncared for" Due to Special Needs
- Sharing of Information in Domestic Violence Cases
- DCF Worker Safety
- Expungement of DCF Records
- Sex Crimes Perpetrated Against Minors
- Reporting of Substance-Exposed Newborns
- DCF Technical Changes

# After approval, the Department submits proposals to the General Assembly



### Legislative Updates

- issued periodically during the legislative session
- provide timely notice of bills, meetings and hearings of interest to the Department

#### **Bill Tracking**

- Over 3,000 bills will be introduced this session
- every bill is reviewed and we identify those with a potential impact on DCF
- we will track over 350 of interest or concern to DCF
- public hearing testimony will be offered on 30-50 bills

## Bills may be referred to multiple committees

DCF deals regularly with the following committees:

**Committee on Children** 

**Judiciary Committee** 

**Appropriations Committee** 

**Human Services Committee** 

**Public Health Committee** 

**Education Committee** 

#### **Bill History**

#### House Bill No. 5621 AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

Date	Action Taken
6/1/2016	Signed by the Governor
5/18/2016	Transmitted by Secretary of the State to Governor
5/18/2016	Transmitted to the Secretary of State
5/13/2016	Public Act 16-71
5/3/2016	On Consent Calendar / In Concurrence
5/3/2016	Senate Passed as Amended by House Amendment Schedule A
5/3/2016	Senate Adopted House Amendment Schedule A
4/28/2016	File Number 757
4/28/2016	Senate Calendar Number 534
4/28/2016	Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, Senate
4/27/2016	Immediate Transmittal to the Senate
4/27/2016	House Passed as Amended by House Amendment Schedule A
4/27/2016	House Adopted House Amendment Schedule A 5225
4/4/2016	File Number 425
4/4/2016	House Calendar Number 290
4/4/2016	Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House
4/4/2016	Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office
3/28/2016	Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 04/04/16 10:00 AM
3/17/2016	Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office
3/16/2016	Joint Favorable Substitute
3/10/2016	Public Hearing 03/14
3/9/2016	Referred to Joint Committee on Judiciary



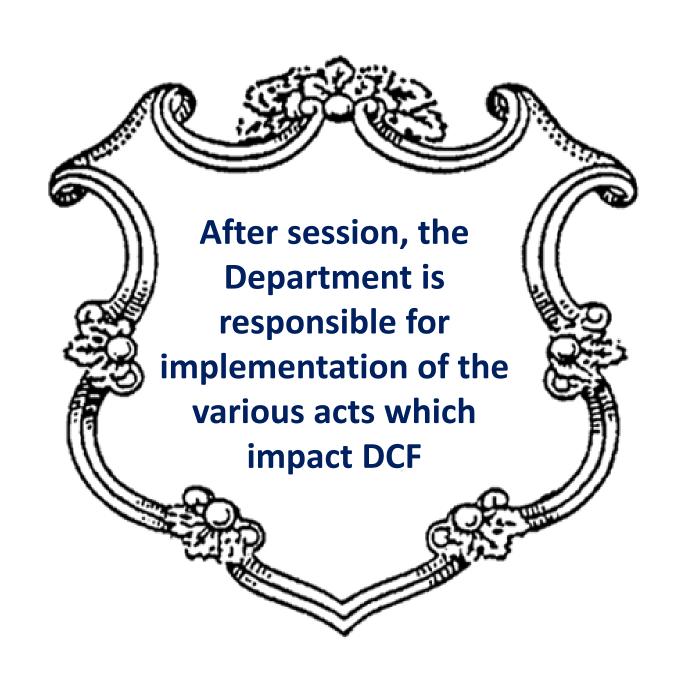
#### Substitute House Bill No. 5621 Public Act No. 16-71

#### AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 46a-170 of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

- (a) There is established a Trafficking in Persons Council that shall be within the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women for administrative purposes only.
- (b) The council shall consist of the following members: (1) The Chief State's Attorney, or a designee; (2) the Chief Public Defender, or a designee; (3) the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the commissioner's designee; (4) the Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee; (6) the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee; (7) the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the commissioner's designee; (8) the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee; (9) the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's designee; (10) the director of the Basic Training Division of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, or the director's designee; (11) the Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee; [(10)] (12) the Victim Advocate, or the Victim Advocate's



### Questions