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The following bills which have been shared in previous legislative updates will have public hearings in the committees indicated below. For your information we have also included the dates of the hearings.

[SB-665](#) AN ACT CONCERNING SPORTS WAGERING. (**Committee on Public Safety and Security public hearing 2/26**)

[HB-5975](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DELIVERY OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS TO MINORS. (**Committee on Children public hearing 2/28**)

[HB-7055](#) AN ACT CREATING THE CONNECTICUT GAMING COMMISSION AND CREATING A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS FOR A RESORT-CASINO. (**Committee on Public Safety and Security public hearing 2/26**)

Below are miscellaneous bills that may be of interest to the behavioral health community:

[SB-804](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE OMBUDSMAN TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING RECIPIENTS OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.

[HB-5045](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

[HB-5050](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRUG DOCKET PILOT PROGRAM IN NEW LONDON COUNTY

[HB-5052](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE PROBATE COURT TO ORDER THAT AN INDIVIDUAL SUBMIT TO AN INVOLUNTARY MEDICAL EVALUATION.

[HB-5053](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS RECOVERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

[HB-5138](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESCRIBING OF PSYCHIATRIC DRUGS.

[HB-5143](#) AN ACT CONCERNING EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.

You can find information on the bills above by clicking on the bill hyperlink provided or by visiting cga.ct.gov. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or mary.mason@ct.gov. During session, you may want to try to reach me on my cell phone at (860) 985-2120, since I am often at the Capitol and away from my desk phone.