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Governor's Task Force on Teen Safe Driving Law and Policy Subcommittee

**March 7, 2008
Department of Motor Vehicles, Wethersfield**

PRESENT: B. Campbell, T. Hollister, D. Preusser, G. Moser, M. Cruz, S. Naide,
J. MacPherson, S. Chapman, A. Byrne, W. Seymour

GUESTS: Yale-New Haven Hospital Representative, Channel 61

The meeting convened at 3:05 p.m.

The Subcommittee discussed the following and took these actions:

1. After extended discussion, decided to not alter the prior Task Force recommendation regarding no sibling passengers during the Learner's Permit stage.
2. Review Transportation Committee Bill, H.B. 5748. Noted (a) Learner's Permit passenger restrictions are unclear; (b) 40 hours training versus Task Force's 50 hours; and (c) required parent education session.
3. T. Hollister update on March 20, 2008 meeting, regarding coordination of DMV and court system.
4. Discussion of parent-initiated suspension of license. Consensus: no recommendation
5. Parent notification of teen driver violations. Consensus that parents should be notified promptly whenever law enforcement officer stops car driven by teen and deems conduct serious enough to issue written citation/ticket. Subcommittee to recommend further study of practical method.
6. T. Hollister noted initial list of potential recommendations of Law and Policy Subcommittee (for discussion on March 20, 2008):
 - #1: Extend Learner's Permit from 4 to 6 months with Driver's Ed, 6 to 8 months without it.
 - #2: Encourage technological solutions to aid law enforcement in identifying vehicles driven by teens.

- #3: Recommend parent notification system as per #5 above.
- #4: Review 2010 change in Connecticut law regarding juveniles for consistency with teen driving laws.
- #5: Work with Chief Court Administrator to educate judges on teen driving.
- #6: Improved coordination of reporting among law enforcement, courts and DMV.

Adjourned at 4:29 p.m.