



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

Proposed [S.B. No. 499](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE AMBER AND SILVER ALERT SYSTEMS REGARDING MISSING CHILDREN BETWEEN FIFTEEN AND SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE', to study the use and effectiveness of the amber and silver alert systems when the missing child is between fifteen and seventeen years of age. REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Proposed [S.B. No. 531](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE THE OVERUSE OF THE FAMILY COURT SYSTEM AND THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS THAT SUCH OVERUSE HAS ON A PARTY WHO HAS NO LEGAL REPRESENTATION', to establish a task force to examine the overuse of the family court system in cases where one party has no access to legal representation. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 543](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INPATIENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS', to require insurance coverage of inpatient substance abuse treatment programs not less than fourteen days in duration. REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 556](#) SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS', to restore the right of every adopted adult resident to obtain a copy of his or her original birth certificate or, in certain circumstances, the identifying information of such person's birth parents contained on such certificate. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 566](#) SEN. LINARES, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE STATE REGULATORY PROCESS', to create a more business-friendly climate. REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 576](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST.; REP. CAMILLO, 151st DIST.; REP. ROSE, 118th DIST.; REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST.; REP. HALL, 59th DIST.; REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST.; REP. BOLINSKY, 106th DIST.; REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST.; SEN. MARKLEY, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE', to create justice for unborn victims of violence by providing that a child in utero may be considered a victim if killed or injured as a result of a crime. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 577](#) SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE WITH A CHILD AS A PASSENGER', to create a greater deterrent to endangering children while driving drunk. REF. TRANSPORTATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 6097](#) REP. ROSARIO, 128th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING FOR YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS', to provide funding for the continuation of youth violence prevention programs. REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 6099](#) REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF GROUP HOMES MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to provide for and promote the health and safety of group home residents and those persons who live in close proximity to the group home. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [H.B. No. 6113](#) REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME PERIOD OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS FOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS', to limit the criminal history records check for prospective teachers in a public school to the previous ten years. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 6116](#) REP. SANCHEZ, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CHILD DAY CARE SERVICES FROM THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to streamline the funding for child day care services. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 6161](#) REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DISPUTES WITH STATE AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF REGULATIONS', to allow businesses to seek a declaratory ruling from the Attorney General in cases where the enforcement of state agency regulations is controversial. **REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6183](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RESTORING OVERSIGHT OF THE CARE 4 KIDS PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to transfer oversight of the Care 4 Kids child-care subsidy program from the Office of Early Childhood to the Department of Social Services. **REF. HUMAN SERVICES**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6185](#) REP. ROJAS, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES', to encourage innovation and efficiency in the delivery of human services. **REF. HUMAN SERVICES**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6187](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS', to encourage innovation and efficiency in the delivery of human services. **REF. HUMAN SERVICES**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6233](#) REP. BYRON, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING MENTAL HEALTH SCREENINGS OF CHILDREN', to have children screened for mental health issues. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6235](#) REP. MACLACHLAN, 35th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS', to increase available administration options for epinephrine. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6247](#) REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT', to combat the opioid crisis by providing adequate treatment options. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6253](#) REP. RUTIGLIANO, 123rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL TO TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROBLEMS', to establish a task force to study the feasibility of the implementation of SBIRT. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6260](#) REP. LINEHAN, 103rd DIST.; REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR STATE AND LOCAL POLICE REGARDING THE ELOPEMENT OR WANDERING OF CHILDREN DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to establish a training program for state and local police to handle cases involving the elopement or wandering of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and improve the safety and well-being of such children and police. **REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6297](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND PARENTAL RIGHTS', to protect parental rights when a child is voluntarily placed in out-of-home care for the purpose of obtaining treatment for a mental health issue or developmental disability. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6298](#) REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING IN MOTOR VEHICLES', to protect minors from secondhand smoke while riding in motor vehicles. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6299](#) REP. ROSE, 118th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADOPTED PERSON'S ABILITY TO OBTAIN AN UNCERTIFIED COPY OF HIS OR HER ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE', to ensure equal treatment under the law for an adopted person with respect to such person's ability to obtain an uncertified copy of his or her original birth certificate. **REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6444](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. CUMMINGS, 74th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF A PETITION BY A GRANDPARENT SEEKING VISITATION WITH HIS OR HER GRANDCHILD', to remove the requirement that a grandparent include specific and good-faith allegations that a parentlike relationship exists when a grandparent files a petition seeking visitation with a grandchild. **REF. JUDICIARY**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6449](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GRANDPARENT VISITATION WITH A MINOR CHILD', to allow a grandparent visitation with a minor child if: (1) A parentlike relationship exists between the person and minor child and denial of visitation would cause real and significant harm;

or (2) the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that there are compelling circumstances to overcome the presumption that the parental decision is in the child's best interest. **REF. JUDICIARY**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6468](#) REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS', to increase savings to municipalities by eliminating property tax exemptions for certain nonprofit organizations. **REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6483](#) REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE REGARDING THE IMPENDING SHORTAGE IN THE PSYCHIATRY WORKFORCE', to establish a task force to make recommendations regarding the impending shortage in the psychiatry workforce. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6485](#) REP. REYES, 75th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY AND TRACKING SYSTEM', to ensure easy, reliable access to immunization records by parents and doctors for all childhood immunizations. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6490](#) REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADULT ADOPTED PERSON'S ACCESS TO AN UNCERTIFIED COPY OF HIS OR HER ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE', to restore the right of every adopted adult resident of the state to obtain his or her original, true birth certificate. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6491](#) REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST. 'AN ACT RAISING THE AGE FOR CIGARETTE PURCHASES', to require cigarette purchases to be made by those twenty-one years of age and older. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6497](#) REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS', to protect the employment of those whose academic credentials and working history have been in the area of providing social work services but have not obtained the required statutory credentials for licensure as a clinical social worker. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6498](#) REP. CURREY, 11th DIST.; SEN. LARSON, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION AND LICENSURE OF A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER', to require the Department of Public Health to adopt regulations regarding school-based health centers and require the Commissioner of Public Health to issue school-based health center licenses in accordance with such regulations. **REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

The Appropriations Committee will hold a public hearing followed by a committee meeting on **Monday, January 23, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.** in **Room 2E** of the LOB.

SUBJECT MATTER: Juan F. Settlement

- S.R. No. 8 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN JUAN F., ET AL. V. DANIEL MALLOY, ET AL.
- H.R. No. 9 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN JUAN F., ET AL. V. DANIEL MALLOY, ET AL.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Mon., Jan. 23 - 10:00 AM	Appropriations Committee Public Hearing & Meeting	Room 2E
Mon., Jan. 23 - 11:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Thur., Jan. 26 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room TBD
Thur., Jan. 26 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2D
Wed., Feb. 1 - 10:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting	Room 2E
Thur., Feb. 2 - 11:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2E

New additions in **Bold**

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