



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

January 26, 2017

Update 2017-6

## NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

Proposed [S.B. No. 587](#) SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RESTITUTION FROM PERPETRATORS', to require full restitution from perpetrators regardless of changes to their parole or probation status. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 588](#) SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING AND PREVENTION SERVICES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE', to improve training and prevention services for domestic violence. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 589](#) SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS COUNCIL', to protect victims of human trafficking. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 592](#) SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST.; SEN. HARTLEY, 15th DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT', to raise the crime victim compensation limit for victims of sexual assault. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 594](#) SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING JUDGE TRAINING ON SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE', to require that all judges of the Superior Court attend trainings from outside experts on sexual assault and domestic violence. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 607](#) SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW AGENCY REGULATIONS', to create a business-friendly environment by requiring new regulations to contain a cost-benefit analysis and sunset provision and the repeal of two existing regulations for every new regulation adopted. REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 609](#) SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS', to increase funding for sexual assault and domestic violence programs. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 610](#) SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; REP. SLAP, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR SEXUAL ABUSE', to offer justice to child and adult victims of sexual abuse by extending the time for victims to come forward. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 637](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILD WELFARE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL', to establish a child welfare oversight council. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [S.B. No. 660](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DELAY FOR ONE YEAR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STUDENT DATA PRIVACY ACT', to allow school districts to delay for one year the implementation of the provisions of public act 16-189 relating to student data privacy. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 663](#) SEN. LINARES, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF STUDENT OUTCOMES DATA', to assist students and families in determining college readiness. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 666](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHARE INFORMATION RELATING TO EMPLOYEE ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT', to include private schools in the laws requiring schools to share information relating to school employee abuse and misconduct. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 666](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHARE INFORMATION RELATING TO EMPLOYEE ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT', to include private schools in the laws requiring schools to share information relating to school employee abuse and misconduct. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 677](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RATIO OF FIVE HUNDRED STUDENTS PER SOCIAL WORKER FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT', to assure that there is an adequate number of social workers in each school district who can provide assistance with special education and mental health issues. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 678](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTIES FOR TRUANCY', to reduce the rate of truancy in the state. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 682](#) SEN. LINARES, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE SCHOOL DAY BY THIRTY MINUTES', to improve educational performance by extending the school day and instruction time. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 688](#) SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES FROM TRANSFERRING LIABILITY FOR STUDENT RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT TO BOARDS OF EDUCATION', to prohibit the Department of Developmental Services from transferring liability for student residential placement to local and regional boards of education. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 689](#) SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; REP. SLAP, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNCTIONS OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS', to increase access to critical education jobs for highly trained counseling individuals and to enhance counseling services available to public school students. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 691](#) SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF A CHILD SEVEN YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER', to assure children have equal access to an education and that appropriate discipline is administered based on the age of the child and on the age of reason. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 693](#) SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STUDENT DATA PRIVACY ACT FOR ONE YEAR', to allow school districts to delay the implementation of the provisions of public act 16-189 relating to student data privacy for one year. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 701](#) SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPELLED STUDENTS', to study ways to reduce the costs associated with expelled students on school districts. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 705](#) SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE TOTAL HOURS REQUIREMENT RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPELLED STUDENTS', to eliminate the mandate requiring the amount of instructional time that school districts are required to provide to students who have been expelled. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 706](#) SEN. SUZIO, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROPRIATE USE OF RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION ON STUDENTS', to protect children from the inappropriate use of restraint and seclusion in school. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 722](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTORS', to ease the burden on certain contractors doing work for school districts. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 726](#) SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST.; SEN. HARTLEY, 15th DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. GERRATANA, 6th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT', to raise the crime victim compensation limit for victims of sexual assault. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 741](#) SEN. KENNEDY, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS', to maximize federal dollars for expanded treatment options for Medicaid recipients in need of substance abuse and mental health treatment. REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 743](#) SEN. KENNEDY, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURER REIMBURSEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO CERTAIN CHILDREN AND YOUTH', to require health insurers to reimburse the state for mental health services provided to certain children and youths who were denied coverage by such health insurers for such mental health services. REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [H.B. No. 6516](#) REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE', to extend the contract with the University of New Haven for the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee. REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 6517](#) REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CHILD WELFARE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE', to establish the Child Welfare Oversight Committee. REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 6524](#) REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING AN ADOPTED PERSON WITH EASIER ACCESS TO AN UNCERTIFIED COPY OF HIS OR HER ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE', to ensure equal treatment under the law for an adopted person concerning such person's ability to obtain an uncertified copy of his or her original birth certificate. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [H.B. No. 6526](#) REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. GOMES, 23rd DIST.; REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST.; REP. LEMAR, 96th DIST.; REP. PAOLILLO, 97th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM IN NEW HAVEN FOR A "SECOND CHANCE" MODEL HIGH SCHOOL', to provide former juvenile justice offenders with the support and services of high school while they complete high school degrees in a context that meets their needs. REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 6601](#) REP. CURREY, 11th DIST.; REP. ROJAS, 9th DIST.; REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST.; REP. TWEEDIE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT STUDYING THE MUNICIPAL FISCAL IMPACT OF GROUP HOMES', to study the fiscal impact to communities with more than thirty group homes. REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [H.B. No. 6626](#) REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT IMPOSING SANCTIONS AGAINST A PARENT WHO IS IN CONTEMPT OF COURT ORDERS RELATING TO CUSTODY AND VISITATION', to promote the best interests of children by ensuring that parents comply with court orders relating to custody and visitation. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6627](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SOLICITATION OF A PROSTITUTE', that section 54-36p of the general statutes be amended to include persons who solicit prostitutes as persons who are subject to forfeiture as a penalty for sexual exploitation. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6632](#) REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS', to align the Connecticut definition of trafficking in persons with federal definitions of trafficking. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6633](#) REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT', to provide justice for victims of rape and sexual assault. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6635](#) REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VERIFICATION OF THE ADDRESS OF A PERSON REGISTERED AS A SEXUAL OFFENDER', to ensure that sex offenders are compliant with statutory setbacks and that the officials of the proper municipality are notified. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6637](#) REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS COUNCIL', to include the Department of Education on the council and in discussions on how to fight human trafficking in this state. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6638](#) REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEGAL DISPUTES INVOLVING THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF MINOR CHILDREN', to establish new statutory requirements and Superior Court procedures in legal disputes involving the care and custody of minor children. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6645](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING A PRESUMPTION IN FAVOR OF SHARED PARENTING IN CASES INVOLVING THE CUSTODY OF A CHILD', to establish parental access equality in cases involving the custody of a minor child. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6651](#) REP. LINEHAN, 103rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PATRONIZATION OF A PROSTITUTE', to increase the penalties for patronizing a prostitute. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6653](#) REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES', to remove the statute of limitations in all criminal and civil sexual assault cases. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6655](#) REP. LINEHAN, 103rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE LIST OF OFFENSES REQUIRING REGISTRATION AS SEXUAL OFFENDER', to require persons convicted of trafficking in persons or patronizing a prostitute when such other person is under the age of eighteen to register as a sexual offender. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6658](#) REP. ALBIS, 99th DIST.; SEN. BYE, 5th DIST.; REP. ELLIOTT, 88th DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; REP. MCCRORY, 7th DIST.; REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; REP. FOX, 148th DIST.; SEN. GERRATANA, 6th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST.; REP. BARAM, 15th DIST.; REP. CURREY, 11th DIST.; REP. LINEHAN, 103rd DIST.; REP. TONG, 147th DIST.; REP. STAFSTROM, 129th DIST.; SEN. GOMES, 23rd DIST.; REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; REP. ROSARIO, 128th DIST.; REP. REYES, 75th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; REP. SOTO, 39th DIST.; REP. SANTIAGO, 130th DIST.; REP. MORRIS, 140th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPOSURE OF CHILDREN TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE', to protect children from the harmful effects that result from exposure to domestic violence. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6659](#) REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR PATRONIZING A PROSTITUTE', to better align the penalty of patronizing a prostitute under the age of eighteen with other similar sexual crimes against children. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6689](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS WHO ADMINISTER EPINEPHRINE TO A STUDENT', to permit school bus drivers to administer epinephrine to a student and to include school bus drivers in the list of persons protected from liability for administering epinephrine. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6691](#) REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING SMOKING IN A MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN A CHILD IS PRESENT', to protect children from secondhand smoke while riding in a motor vehicle. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6695](#) REP. CURREY, 11th DIST.; SEN. BYE, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF YOUTH FROM CONVERSION THERAPY', to protect youth from conversion therapy. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6718](#) REP. FOX, 148th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINORS IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL', to increase the penalties for minors for possession of alcohol. REF. TRANSPORTATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 6720](#) REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REAR-FACING CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS FOR CHILDREN TRANSPORTED IN MOTOR VEHICLES', to protect children in the state by requiring any person who transports a child under two years of age to use a rear-facing child restraint system, unless the child weighs more than forty pounds. REF. TRANSPORTATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 6740](#) REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO MAKE CERTAIN REPORTS TO THE JUVENILE COURT', to require timely reporting by the Department of Children and Families to the Juvenile Court. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [H.B. No. 6741](#) REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF COUNSEL TO ACCESS RECORDS IN ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROCEEDINGS', to grant counsel for a child who is the subject of an abuse and neglect petition immediate access to the child and the child's records. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [H.B. No. 6742](#) REP. REED, 102nd DIST.; REP. URBAN, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY EVIDENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES', to establish a task force to identify evidence-based solutions to reduce children's exposure to adverse childhood experiences. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [H.B. No. 6743](#) REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, TOWNS AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF EDUCATING NONRESIDENT STUDENTS', to require the Department of Children and Families to reimburse towns for the costs of educating nonresident children that are placed in such towns. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [H.B. No. 6764](#) REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF THE TOTAL HOURS REQUIREMENT RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR

**EXPELLED STUDENTS'**, to eliminate the amount of instructional time that school districts are required to provide to students who have been expelled. **REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6769](#) REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STUDENT DATA PRIVACY ACT**', to amend the student data privacy act of 2016. **REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6782](#) REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST. '**AN ACT PERMITTING BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO SELECT WHICH SCHOOL PERSONNEL SHALL COMPLETE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING RELATING TO THE RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION OF STUDENTS**', to allow boards of education to determine the appropriate professionals who should be trained in the restraint and seclusion of students, rather than requiring all staff to complete such training. **REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6794](#) REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF ONLINE SCHOOLS**', to empower school districts by authorizing them to offer online courses, to promote innovation through the use of online courses for the benefit of students throughout the state and to create a blended brick-and-mortar school for fully online schools without the walls of a classroom. **REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6799](#) REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST. '**AN ACT PERMITTING BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO CHOOSE THE DATE ON WHICH A CHILD MUST TURN FIVE YEARS OLD IN ORDER TO ENROLL IN KINDERGARTEN**', to allow boards of education to choose when a student can start kindergarten. **REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6800](#) REP. CURREY, 11th DIST.; REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST.; REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF INSTRUCTION ABOUT THE SAFE HAVENS ACT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM**', to include instruction concerning the Safe Havens Act in the health curriculum at the high school level. **REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6811](#) REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST. '**AN ACT DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE STUDENT DATA PRIVACY ACT FOR ONE YEAR**', to allow school districts to delay the implementation of the provisions of public act 16-189 relating to student data privacy for one year. **REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6832](#) REP. ROSARIO, 128th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING INCARCERATED PARENT'S ACCESS TO A STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL RECORDS**', to provide access to the educational records of a student to a parent or guardian who is incarcerated. **REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6839](#) REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING A REVIEW AND REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STUDENT DATA PRIVACY ACT**', to require the Department of Education to conduct a review of and submit a report on the implementation of the student data privacy act. **REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6841](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. COOK, 65th DIST. '**AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**', to transfer the functions and responsibilities of the Office of Early Childhood to the Department of Social Services. **REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6843](#) REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF THE NINE-HUNDRED-HOURS REQUIREMENT RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPELLED STUDENTS**', to eliminate the amount of instructional time that school districts are required to provide to students who have been expelled. **REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6852](#) REP. MCGEE, 5th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF REGIONAL YOUTH CENTERS**', to create regional youth centers in the lowest performing school districts in the state. **REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6864](#) REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. '**AN ACT ELIMINATING THE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING EXEMPTION FOR FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**', to eliminate the occupational licensing exemption for federal, state and municipal employees. **REF. GENERAL LAW**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6868](#) REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. REYES, 75th DIST. '**AN ACT REQUIRING AN ADDITIONAL REVIEW OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS**', to require state agencies to conduct a review of



their regulations and identify three regulations for repeal. REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 6883](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS', to provide funding for nonprofit health and human services organizations to undertake capital improvements. REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 6887](#) REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES', to require that each health insurance policy delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state provide coverage for additional mental health care services and substance abuse services, including, but not limited to, case management services and peer support services. REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [H.B. No. 6892](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILIES WITH SPECIALIZED NEEDS', to better serve families with specialized needs through the establishment of a new petition process. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6893](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SHARED CUSTODY ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE PARENT OF A CHILD WITH SPECIALIZED NEEDS', to establish a temporary shared custody arrangement between the state and the parent of a child with specialized needs. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6894](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF A CHILD WITH SPECIALIZED NEEDS', to ensure that the parents of a child with specialized needs are allowed to retain custody of such child while obtaining the services that the child needs. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6897](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW PROBATE COURT PROCEDURES AND FEES IN MATTERS INVOLVING THE PARENT OF A CHILD WITH DISABILITIES', to establish a task force to review Probate Court procedures and fees in matters involving a parent of a child with disabilities. REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6956](#) REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS', to protect children in the state by expanding the existing statute requiring child restraint systems in motor vehicles. REF. TRANSPORTATION

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## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Thur., Jan. 26 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 2B
Thur., Jan. 26 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2D
<b>Mon., Jan. 30 - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Public Health Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Room 1D</b>
Tues., Jan. 31 - 1:00 PM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room TBA
Wed., Feb. 1 - 10:00 AM	Education Committee Meeting	Room 2E
<b>Thur., Feb. 2 - 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Children's Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Room TBA</b>
Thur., Feb. 2 - 11:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2E
Tues., Feb. 7 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Public Hearing	Room TBA
Tues., Feb. 7 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2B
Tues., Feb. 7 - 2:00 PM	Human Services Public Hearing	Room 2B
Tues., Feb. 14 - 11:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Tues., Feb. 21 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thur., Mar. 2 - 11:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Tues., Mar. 7 - 11:00 AM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Tues., Mar. 14 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thur., Mar. 16 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Tues., Mar. 21 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A
Thur., Mar. 23 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2A

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