



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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NEW BILLS OF INTEREST

[S.B. No. 755](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNCIL ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT', to eliminate the standing subcommittee established to study and make annual recommendations concerning Medicaid cost savings. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

[S.B. No. 764](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH', to study the health of children in the state. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 765](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to study issues affecting children under the care and custody of the Department of Children and Families. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 766](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT EXTENDING CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REPORTING DEADLINES', to change the date by which the Commissioners of Children and Families and Agriculture shall report on the number of written reports regarding animal neglect and cruelty received from employees of the Department of Children and Families and animal control officers from January 1, 2015 to February 15, 2018. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 767](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD OBESITY', to improve the physical health of children in child care settings by prohibiting or limiting the serving of sweetened beverages, prohibiting or limiting children's access to mobile cellular telephones, computers, video games and movies and increasing participation in physical activity. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 768](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF HAND-HELD MOBILE TELEPHONES AND MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES BY INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHILE DRIVING', to increase the license suspension period for individuals under the age of eighteen who use hand-held mobile telephones or mobile electronic devices while driving. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 769](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONCUSSIONS AND YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON PUBLIC ATHLETIC FIELDS', to require operators conducting youth athletic activities on public athletic fields to obtain the informed consent of a parent or guardian of each child participating in the youth athletic activity regarding concussions, to require coaches of youth athletic activities on public athletic fields to complete a training course regarding concussions, to require coaches of youth athletic activities on public athletic fields to remove from play youth athletes suspected of having or diagnosed with concussions and to prohibit youth athletes suspected of having or diagnosed with concussions from resuming play until such youth athletes obtain permission to resume play from a licensed health care provider. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 5402](#) (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CAMERA, COMPUTER AND CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE REPAIR PERSONNEL AS MANDATED REPORTERS', to include camera, computer and cellular mobile telephone repair personnel as mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [H.B. No. 6974](#) REP. MCGEE, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOID TREATMENT AND PREVENTION EFFORTS', to direct federal funding for opioid abuse treatment and prevention programming to urban communities and streamline opioid abuse treatment and prevention programming across state agencies. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6981](#) REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEALTH PRIMARY PREVENTION STUDY GROUP', to establish a public health primary prevention study group. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6982](#) REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL', to allow for the development of the State-wide Health Information Exchange. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

[H.B. No. 6988](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT INCREASING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER NONPARENT RELATIVES WHO ARE RAISING CHILDREN', to provide financial assistance to grandparents and other nonparent relatives who have assumed the responsibility of raising needy children. REF. AGING

[H.B. No. 6996](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY', to study the safety of children in the state. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 6997](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN', to study the effects of the programs offered by the Department of Children and Families that address the well-being of children in the state. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 6999](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF THERAPY DOGS TO COMFORT CHILDREN TESTIFYING IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS', to allow the use of therapy dogs to provide comfort to children who are testifying in a criminal prosecution of an offense involving the assault, sexual assault or abuse of a child under the age of eighteen. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 7006](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT RESTORING OVERSIGHT OF THE CARE 4 KIDS PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ALLOWING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO THE PROGRAM', to restore oversight of the Care 4 Kids child-care subsidy program to the Department of Social Services and allow for transfer of federal block grant funds to the program. REF. HUMAN SERVICES

[H.B. No. 7007](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES', to encourage innovation and efficiency in the delivery of human services. REF. HUMAN SERVICES

[H.B. No. 7010](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS', to enable better care and treatment of persons with opioid and other substance use disorders. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017

The Children's Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.** in **Room 1B** of the LOB

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous Bills

- Proposed S.B. No. 396 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD FATALITY REVIEW PROCEDURES.
- Proposed S.B. No. 397 AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OMBUDSMAN.
- Proposed S.B. No. 398 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE FACILITIES, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.
- Proposed S.B. No. 637 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILD WELFARE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6099 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF GROUP HOMES MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6297 AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND PARENTAL RIGHTS.

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

The Human Services Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.** in **Room 2B** of the LOB

SUBJECT MATTER: Various bills, including:

- H.B. No. 7006 AN ACT RESTORING OVERSIGHTS OF THE CARE 4 KIDS PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND ALLOWING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO THE PROGRAM.
- H.B. No. 7007 AN ACT RESTORING CONCERNING AN INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES.

**CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017**

The Children's Committee will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.** in **Room 2A** of the LOB

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous Bills

- S.B. No. 764 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH.
- S.B. No. 765 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.
- S.B. No. 766 AN ACT EXTENDING CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REPORTING DEADLINES.
- S.B. No. 767 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD OBESITY.
- S.B. No. 768 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF HAND-HELD MOBILE TELEPHONES AND MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES BY INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN WHILE DRIVING.
- S.B. No. 769 AN ACT CONCERNING CONCUSSION AND YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED ON PUBLIC ATHLETIC FIELDS.
- H.B. No. 5402 AN ACT CONCERNING CAMERA, COMPUTER AND CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE REPAIR PERSONNEL AS MANDATED REPORTERS.
- H.B. No. 6995 AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRING SAFETY TRAINING FOR EQUESTRIAN RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS' OPERATORS AND INSTRUCTORS.
- H.B. No. 6996 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY.
- H.B. No. 6997 AN ACT CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN.
- H.B. No. 6998 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RECYCLED TIRE RUBBER AT MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS.
- H.B. No. 6999 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF THERAPY DOGS TO COMFORT CHILDREN TESTIFYING IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017**

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on **Friday, February 10, 2017 at 12:00 P.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB

- Proposed S.B. No. 36 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER.
- H.B. No. 6979 (Raised) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCREDITATION OF DENTAL ASSISTANT PROGRAMS.
- H.B. No. 6980 (Raised) AN ACT CONCERNING ART THERAPISTS.
- Proposed S.B. No. 34 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF STROKE CENTERS.

- Proposed S.B. No. 247 AN ACT PERMITTING THE HEALTH CARE CABINET TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND METHODS TO CREATE A HEALTH CARE COST GROWTH TARGET.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5384 AN ACT RAISING THE LEGAL AGE FOR PURCHASE AND USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5452 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE OF STUDENT EMBALMERS.
- Proposed S.B. No. 37 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATIONS.
- Proposed S.B. No. 126 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5660 AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELDER ABUSE REGISTRY.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5172 AN ACT CONCERNING STAFFING AT STATE-OPERATED FACILITIES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5667 AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITIES.
- Proposed S.B. No. 552 AN ACT CONCERNING A STANDING ORDER PROGRAM FOR DISPENSING OPIOID ANTAGONISTS.
- H.B. No. 7010 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5381 AN ACT REQUIRING PAIN CONTRACTS PRIOR TO PRESCRIBING OPIOIDS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5666 AN ACT REQUIRING WELLNESS CHECK-INS FOR PATIENTS WITH PRESCRIPTIONS FOR OPIOID ANTAGONISTS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5755 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES' LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLANS.
- Proposed H.B. No. 5760 AN ACT REQUIRING EDUCATION CONCERNING THE RISKS OF OPIOID ADDICTION AND PROPER STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF OPIOID MEDICATION.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6037 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PSYCHIATRIC CARE BEDS TO BE USED FOR PATIENTS RECOVERING FROM HEALTH CONCERNS RELATED TO OPIOID ABUSE.
- Proposed H.B. No. 6697 AN ACT REQUIRING A PHARMACIST TO REVIEW A PATIENT'S RECORDS IN THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING SYSTEM PRIOR TO DISPENSING AN OPIOID MEDICATION.
- S.B. No. 755 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNCIL ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Mon., Feb. 6 - 10:30 AM	Public Health Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
Tues., Feb. 7 - 10:00 AM	Children's Committee Public Hearing	Room 1B
Tues., Feb. 7 - 1:00 PM	Human Services Committee Meeting	Room 2B
Tues., Feb. 7 - 2:00 PM	Human Services Public Hearing	Room 2B
Thur., Feb. 9 - 10:00 AM	Children's Committee Public Hearing	Room 2A
Thur., Feb. 9 - 10:00 AM	OPM Budget Briefing	Room 2E
Fri., Feb. 10 - 10:30 AM	Public Health Committee Public Hearing	Room 1D
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

New additions in **Bold**

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