

Memorandum

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Re: Legislative Update

This Week at the Capitol:

This was a short but busy week as the state was closed on Monday due to the President's Day holiday.

On Wednesday, the Finance Committee met to raise concepts including AAC The Taxation of Cannabis. No details yet, as this is just a concept. However, as a Finance Committee bill, it will definitely deal with how recreational marijuana will be taxed.

Also on Wednesday, the Public Health Committee heard two controversial Vaccine bills. Both remove the religious exemption in order to register for public school. This means that parents will no longer be able to use a religious exemption to keep their children from getting vaccinated in order to register them for school. 1,962 people registered to testify before the Committee. Committee leadership decided to hold the hearing for 24 hours and not a moment longer. They were able to hear approximately 425 people. Had they let the hearing go non-stop till the last person registered spoke, it would have taken at least 5 full days to hear everyone's testimony. The Committee will now debate the bill before taking a vote to send it to the House and Senate.

Budget hearings are under way. As I mentioned earlier in the week, the DCF Budget Presentation by the Commissioner had to be moved because the House is going into session on Wednesday. It has been rescheduled for March 5th at 10:00 a.m. which is interesting since the public hearing will now take place two days *prior* to that! Welcome to the virtual session!!

As always, should you have any questions or concerns about these or any other Legislative matters, please contact me at your convenience. Also, please share this information with your members as you see fit.

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Bill #	Title and Explanation	Committee Action	File #	House Action	Senate Action	Gov's Action / Act #
Proposed SB 40	<p>An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products Within Five Miles of a School. (Sen. Anwar) To decrease the risk of children being exposed to and using electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00040-R00-SB.PDF</p>	1/8 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health				
Proposed SB 41	<p>An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Refillable Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products in the State. (Sen. Anwar) To prohibit the sale of refillable electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products in the state.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00041-R00-SB.PDF</p>	1/8 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health				
Proposed SB 44	<p>An Act Concerning the Online Sale and Delivery of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products. (Sen. Anwar) To require online sellers of electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products to require purchasers of such systems and products to (1) provide identification at the time of purchase, and (2) ensure that the name on such identification matches the name on the method of payment used to make the purchase.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00044-R00-SB.PDF</p>	1/8 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health				

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Proposed SB 237	An Act Concerning the Provision of Outpatient Mental Health Treatment of Minors. (Sen. Haskell) To promote the provision of confidential mental health services for young people. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00237-R00-SB.PDF	1/22 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health				
Raised SB 326	An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Flavored Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products. (Public Health; Co-sponsors: Sens. Anwar, Bradley, Kasser, Reps. Elliott, Vahey, Hennessy, Turco, Porter, Phipps, McGee) To prohibit the sale of flavored cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00326-R00-SB.PDF	1/25 Referred to PH 2/4 Public Hearing 2/8 <u>Testimony Link:</u> https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAllComm.asp?bill=SB-00326&doc_year=2021				
Proposed SB 346	An Act Concerning the Definition of Excused Absence for Purposes of Reporting Truancy in Connecticut. (Sen. Somers, Rep. Howard; Co-sponsor: Rep. Fishbein) To accurately report on truancy in Connecticut. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00346-R00-SB.PDF	1/26 Referred to Jt Cmte on Education				
Proposed SB 347	An Act Concerning the Calculation of a School District's Truancy Rate. (Sen. Somers, Rep. Howard; Co-sponsor: Rep. Fishbein) To accurately report on truancy in Connecticut https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00347-R00-SB.PDF	1/26 Referred to Jt Cmte on Education				

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Proposed SB 517	An Act Concerning Juveniles Charged with Larceny Involving Theft of a Motor Vehicle. (Sen. Sampson) To deter auto thefts. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00517-R00-SB.PDF	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary				
Proposed SB 529	An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Thefts Committed by Juveniles. (Sen. Kelly, Formica; Co-sponsor: Sen. Sampson) To enable law enforcement and the criminal justice system to investigate and prosecute motor vehicle thefts committed by juveniles. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00529-R00-SB.PDF	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary				
Proposed SB 532	An Act Concerning Juvenile Justice Policy and Crimes Committed by Juveniles. (Sen. Sampson) To reinstate certain juvenile justice policies in place prior to 2015 in order to provide law enforcement additional tools to combat juvenile crime. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00532-R00-SB.PDF	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary				
Proposed SB 533	An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Thefts Committed by Juveniles. (Sen. Cicarella; Co-sponsor: Sen. Sampson) To enable law enforcement and the criminal justice system to investigate and prosecute motor vehicle thefts committed by juveniles. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00533-R00-SB.PDF	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary				

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<p>Proposed SB 534</p>	<p>An Act Concerning Auto Thefts by Juvenile Offenders. (Sen. Kissel, Rep. Zawistowski; Co-sponsors: Reps. Petit, Veach, Anderson, Sen. Sampson) To provide law enforcement with necessary tools to address the rash of auto thefts being committed by juvenile offenders.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00534-R00-SB.PDF</p>	<p>1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary</p>				
<p>Proposed SB 540</p>	<p>An Act Establishing A Youth Suicide Prevention Pilot Program. (Sen. Martin) To require the Department of Children and Families and the Office of the Child Advocate to establish a youth suicide prevention pilot program.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00540-R00-SB.PDF</p>	<p>1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte on Children</p>				
<p>SB 888</p>	<p>An Act Responsibly and Equitably Regulating Adult-Use Cannabis. (Governor Request Pursuant to Jt Rule 9) To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00888-R00-SB.PDF</p>	<p>2/11 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary 2/22 Public Hearing 2/26</p>				

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<p>Proposed HB 5170</p>	<p>An Act Concerning the Automatic Transfer of Auto Theft Cases of Certain Juvenile Repeat Offenders to the Criminal Docket. (Rep. Fishbein) To require the automatic transfer to criminal court of a case of a juvenile charged with larceny involving theft of a motor vehicle when the juvenile has at least four prior adjudications or convictions for a felony and to change the factors a court must consider when determining whether to transfer a case involving a juvenile charged with certain felonies.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05170-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/13 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary</p>				
<p>Proposed HB 5234</p>	<p>An Act Concerning Suicide Prevention in School Districts. (Rep. Petit; Co-sponsors: Reps. Nuccio, Winkler, Turco, DiGiovancarlo, Haines) To assist school districts in developing and implementing suicide prevention protocols.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05234-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/22 Referred to Jt Cmte on Education</p>				
<p>Proposed HB 5473</p>	<p>An Act Concerning Additional Methods and Resources to Deter Juvenile Auto Theft. (Reps. Candelora, Devlin, O’Dea, Perillo, Rebimbas, Zupkus; Co-sponsors: Reps. Fishbein, Fiorello, Callahan, Zawistowski, Howard, Nuccio, Veach, Vail, Anderson, Petit, Mastofrancesco; Sen. Sampson) To offer additional pretrial educational and diversionary resources for juveniles in the criminal justice system while promoting public safety and reducing motor vehicle thefts by persistent juvenile offenders.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05473-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/25 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary</p>				

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Proposed HB 5582	<p>An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Flavored Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products. (Rep. Hampton)</p> <p>To protect our youth from being targeted by companies selling tobacco and electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products and their addictive substances.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05582-R00-HB.PDF</p>	1/26 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health				
Raised HB 5596	<p>An Act Concerning Telehealth. (Public Health)</p> <p>To require a study concerning the expansion of the provision of telehealth services in the state.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05596-R00-HB.PDF</p>	1/26 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health				
Proposed HB 5699	<p>An Act Concerning A Youth Suicide Prevention Pilot Program. (Rep. Hampton)</p> <p>To require the Department of Children and Families and the Office of the Child Advocate to establish a youth suicide prevention pilot program.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05699-R00-HB.PDF</p>	1/27 Referred to Select Cmte on Children				
Proposed HB 5853	<p>An Act Concerning the Retail Sale and Taxation of Marijuana. (Rep. Candelaria)</p> <p>To provide for the retail sale of marijuana, the taxation of such sales and the use of revenue generated from such tax.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05853-R00-HB.PDF</p>	1/28 Referred to Jt Cmte on Finance Revenue & Bonding				

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Proposed HB 5920	AA Prohibiting a Minor from Entering into a Marriage. (Rep. Wood; Co-sponsors: Reps. Bello, DeGraw, Elliott, Carney, Turco, Conley) To ban the marriage of minors with no exceptions. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05920-R00-HB.PDF	1/28 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary				
Proposed HB 5924	An Act Concerning State and Community Initiatives to Reduce Juvenile Auto Thefts and Break-Ins. (Reps. Turco, Bello, Sen. Lesser; Co-sponsor: Rep. DeGraw) To establish new state and community initiatives in partnership with municipalities to reduce the number of juvenile auto thefts and break-ins. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05924-R00-HB.PDF	1/28 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary				
Raised HB 6110	An Act Concerning the Online Sale and Delivery of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products. (Select Cmte on Children; Co-sponsor: Sen. Moore) To require online sellers of electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products to require purchasers of such systems and products to (1) provide identification at the time of purchase, and (2) ensure that the name on such identification matches the name on the method of payment used to make the purchase. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06110-R00-HB.PDF	1/28 Referred to Select Cmte on Children 1/29 Public Hearing 2/4 <u>Testimony Link:</u> https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAllComm.asp?bill=HB-06110&doc_year=2021				

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<p>Raised HB 6111</p>	<p>An Act Establishing A Youth Suicide Prevention Program. (Select Cmte on Children; Co-sponsor: Rep. Turco) To require the Youth Suicide Advisory Board and the Office of the Child Advocate to establish a youth suicide prevention pilot program.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06111-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/28 Referred to Select Cmte on Children 1/29 Public Hearing 2/4</p>				
<p>Raised HB 6112</p>	<p>An Act Requiring A Survey of Court-Involved Youths. (Select Cmte on Children) To require the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch to conduct a survey of court-involved youths in order to ascertain the need for additional or improved services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youths.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06112-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/28 Referred to Select Cmte on Children 1/29 Public Hearing 2/4</p>				
<p>Proposed HB 6264</p>	<p>An Act Concerning Car Theft and Break-ins by Juveniles. (Rep. Wood) To address the increase in auto theft and break-ins by juveniles.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06264-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/29 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary</p>				
<p>Proposed HB 6357</p>	<p>An Act Concerning Funding Increases for Nonprofit Service Providers. (Rep. Palm; Co-sponsors: Reps. Turco, Winkler) To make the state's nonprofits whole through a combination of state and federal dollars after years of underfunding.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06357-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>2/3 Referred to Jt Cmte on Appropriations</p>				

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<p>HB 6439</p>	<p>An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June Thirtieth, 2023, and Making Appropriations Therefor. (Request of the Governor Pursuant to Jt Rule 9) To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06439-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>2/11 Referred to Jt Cmte on Appropriations 2/16 Public Hearing 2/19 2/16 Public Hearing 2/18 2/17 Public Hearing 2/22 2/17 Public Hearing 2/26</p>				
<p>HB 6446</p>	<p>An Act Concerning the Governor's Budget Recommendations for Human Services. (Request of the Governor Pursuant to Jt Rule 9) To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06446-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>2/11 Referred to Jt Cmte on Human Services</p>				