Memorandum

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Re: Legislative Update

This Week at The Capitol:

This was a very busy and positive week for YSBs.

On Wednesday, CYSA was represented exceedingly well by all manner of membership including some of the youth you serve. About a half a dozen of the kids you work with spoke overwhelmingly in favor of YSBs and what they have done for each of them. Each shared their own stories why they are better off today than before they became part of their local YSB. They were all well received by Committee leadership!

It is also important to note that Erica B., Justin C. and Scott C. all spoke on different aspects of the importance of the work YSBs do. Erica spoke in detail about the long promised, yet to be appropriated Juvenile Justice funding, while both Justin and Scott requested new money for the Town of Somers so they can open a new YSB.

I want to thank ALL of you and your kids for testifying before the Appropriations Committee! Everyone's testimony makes a difference!!

On Friday, DCF appeared before the Appropriations' Human Service subcommittee for their budget presentation. Usually, these presentations are held PRIOR to the public hearing, but because both the House and Senate held sessions over the last week, both DCF's presentation and Department of Education's presentation had to be rescheduled.

The next step in the budget process will be for the subcommittee's work session enabling the DCF Commissioner and her staff answer questions which come out of their budget presentation. For the public, this is a listening session only. However, it has yet to be scheduled. I will, of course, let you know when it is.

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.

Bill #	Title and	Committee Action	File #	House	Senate	Gov's Action /
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SB 2	Committee Bill =	1/8 Referred to Cmte				
	An Act Concerning Social Equity and the Health,	on Children				
	Safety and Education of Children. (Cmte on Children;	1/21 (KID) Vote to				
	Co-sponsors: Sens. Looney, Duff, McCrory, Anwar,	Draft				
	Cassano, Slap, Lesser, Winfield, Cohen, Abrahms,	3/2 Drafted by Cmte				
	Cabrera, Moore, Kushner, Haskell, Flexer, Kasser,	3/3 Referred to KID				
	Bradley, Osten; Reps. Conley, Simms, Turco, Bello).	3/4 Public Hearing 3/9				
	To (1) establish a youth suicide prevention training program, (2) require					
	certain licensed health care professionals to complete mental health and					
	suicide screening and prevention training, (3) permit minors to receive more					
	than six outpatient mental health treatment sessions without the consent of a parent or guardian, (4) require local and regional boards of education to					
	integrate the principles and practices of social-emotional learning into					
	programs of professional development and statements of educational goals,					
	(5) permit parents to attend parent-teacher conferences remotely, (6) require					
	additional parent-teacher conferences during periods when a school district					
	conducts school sessions remotely, (7) require the provision of information					
	by teachers concerning safety, mental health and food insecurity during such					
	conferences, (8) permit local and regional boards of education to provide					
	instruction to high school students remotely and prohibit such boards from deeming absent a student who attends school remotely, (9) require local and					
	regional boards of education to permit students to take up to four mental					
	health wellness days per school year, (10) require the collection of adverse					
	childhood experiences data by local and regional boards of education and the					
	Department of Education, (11) require the Commissioner of Children and					
	Families to provide children in the care and custody of the commissioner					
	remote visitation opportunities in lieu of in-person visitation, in the event of					
	a pandemic or outbreak of communicable disease, (12) require the					
	Commissioner of Children and Families to develop a policy requiring the cessation of in-person visitation on a case-by-case basis in the event that					
	such visitation could result in the contraction of a communicable disease by					
	one or more participants, (13) expand the operation of the Department of					
	Children and Families telephone Careline to accommodate the receipt and					
	provision of information concerning child abuse and neglect by text					
	message, (14) require the Commissioner of Children and Families to provide					
	certain notice to parents and guardians in the event that the commissioner is					
	considering removal of a child from the home, and the services of a					
	translator, if necessary, during any meeting to discuss such removal, (15)					
	require the Commissioner of Early Childhood to develop and implement a plan to expand the birth-to-three program to provide early intervention					
	services to children five years of age and under and eliminate parent fees for					
	such services, (16) require the Commissioner of Education to establish an					
	Internet access grant program for local and regional boards of education to					
	provide students, educators and staff with Internet access during school					

	sessions that are conducted remotely, and (17) establish a task force to study the comprehensive needs of children in the state. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00002-R01-SB.PDF Proposed Language = An Act Concerning The Safety, Education and Social Equity of Children in Response to the Pandemic. (Sens. Looney, Duff, McCrory, Anwar, Cassano, Slap, Lesser, Winfield, Cohen, Abrahms, Cabrera, Moore, Kushner, Haskell, Flexer, Kasser, Bradley; Co-sponsors: Reps. Conley, Simms, Turco, Bello, Sen. Osten) To secure the safety, education and social equity of children in response to the pandemic. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00002-R00-SB.PDF			
Proposed SB 40	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. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00040-R00-SB.PDF	1/8 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health		
Proposed SB 41	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. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00041-R00-SB.PDF	1/8 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health		

Proposed SB 44	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.	1/8 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health		
	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00044-R00-SB.PDF			
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.	1/22 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health		
	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00237- R00-SB.PDF			
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, Stallworth) 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 3/5 (PH) JFS 3/5 Filed w/LCO Testimony Link: https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAll Comm.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	An Act Concerning the Calculation of a School District's	1/26 Referred to Jt Cmte		
SB 347	Truancy Rate. (Sen. Somers, Rep. Howard;	on Education		
	Co-sponsor: Rep. Fishbein)			
	To accurately report on truancy in Connecticut			
	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00347-			
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Proposed	An Act Concerning Juveniles Charged with Larceny	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte		
SB 517	Involving Theft of a Motor Vehicle. (Sen. Sampson;	on Judiciary		
	Co-sponsor: Sen. Witkos)			
	To deter auto thefts.			
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	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00517-			
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Proposed	An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Thefts Committed by	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte		
SB 529	Juveniles.	on Judiciary		
	(Sen. Kelly, Formica;			
	Co-sponsors: Sen. Sampson, Witkos)			
	To enable law enforcement and the criminal justice system to			
	investigate and prosecute motor vehicle thefts committed by			
	juveniles.			
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	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00529- R00-SB.PDF			
Proposed	An Act Concerning Juvenile Justice Policy and Crimes	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte		
SB 532	Committed by Juveniles. (Sen. Sampson)	on Judiciary		
SD 552	To reinstate certain juvenile justice policies in place prior to	on Judiciary		
	2015 in order to provide law enforcement additional tools to			
	combat juvenile crime.			
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	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00532-			
	R00-SB.PDF			

Proposed	An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Thefts Committed by	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte		
SB 533	Juveniles. (Sen. Cicarella; Co-sponsors: Sen. Sampson,	on Judiciary		
	Witkos)			
	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			
Proposed	An Act Concerning Auto Thefts by Juvenile Offenders.	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte		
SB 534	(Sen. Kissel, Rep. Zawistowski; Co-sponsors: Reps. Petit,	on Judiciary		
	Veach, Anderson, Sens. Sampson, Witkos)			
	To provide law enforcement with necessary tools to address			
	the rash of auto thefts being committed by juvenile offenders.			
	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00534-			
	R00-SB.PDF			
Proposed	An Act Establishing A Youth Suicide Prevention Pilot	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte		
SB 540	Program. (Sen. Martin)	on Children		
	To require the Department of Children and Families and the			
	Office of the Child Advocate to establish a youth suicide			
	prevention pilot program.			
	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00540-			
	R00-SB.PDF			
SB 888	An Act Responsibly and Equitably Regulating Adult-Use	2/11 Referred to Jt Cmte		
	Cannabis. (Governor Request Pursuant to Jt Rule 9)	on Judiciary		
	To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.	2/22 Public Hearing 2/26		
	https://www.oca.et.com/2021/TOD/S/DDE/2021SD-00000			
	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00888-R00-SB.PDF			

Proposed HB 5170	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	1/13 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary		
	involving a juvenile charged with certain felonies. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05170-R00-HB.PDF			
Proposed HB 5234	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. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05234-R00-HB.PDF	1/22 Referred to Jt Cmte on Education		
Proposed HB 5473	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, Rutigliano; 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. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05473-R00-HB.PDF	1/25 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary		

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

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 Testimony Link: https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/ menu/CommDocTmyBillAll Comm.asp?bill=HB- 06110&doc_year=2021		
Raised HB 6111	An Act Establishing A Youth Suicide Prevention Program. (Select Cmte on Children; Co-sponsors: Reps. Turco, Welander, Foster, Palm) To require the Youth Suicide Advisory Board and the Office of the Child Advocate to establish a youth suicide prevention pilot program. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06111-R00-HB.PDF	1/28 Referred to KID 1/29 Public Hearing 2/4 2/25 (KID) Jt Fav Subst 2/25 Filed with LCO 3/3 Referred to OLR OFA 3/8 5pm Testimony Link: https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAll Comm.asp?bill=HB- 06111&doc_year=2021		

Raised HB 6112	An Act Requiring A Survey of Court-Involved Youths. (Select Cmte on Children; Co-sponsor: Rep. Foster) 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. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06112- R00-HB.PDF	1/28 Referred to Select Cmte on Children 1/29 Public Hearing 2/4 2/25 (KID) Jt Fav Substitute 2/25 Filed with LCO 3/3 Referred to OLR OFA 3/8 5pm Testimony Link: https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/ menu/CommDocTmyBillAll Comm.asp?bill=HB- 06112&doc year=2021		
Proposed HB 6264	An Act Concerning Car Theft and Break-ins by Juveniles. (Rep. Wood) To address the increase in auto theft and break-ins by juveniles. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06264-R00-HB.PDF	1/29 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary		
Proposed HB 6357	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. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06357-R00-HB.PDF	2/3 Referred to Jt Cmte on Appropriations		

HB 6439	An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium	2/11 Referred to Jt Cmte
122 0.27	Ending June Thirtieth, 2023, and Making Appropriations	on Appropriations
	Therefor. (Request of the Governor Pursuant to Jt Rule 9)	2/16 PublicHearing 2/19
	To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.	2/16 PublicHearing 2/18
	To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.	2/17 PublicHearing 2/22
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	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06439-	2/17 PublicHearing 2/26
	R00-HB.PDF	2/23 PublicHearing 3/1
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		2/23 PublicHearing 3/3
		2/24 PublicHearing 3/4
		Testimony:
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		asp?bill=HB-
HB 6446	An Act Concerning the Governor's Budget	06439&doc year=2021 2/11 Referred to Jt Cmte
пь 0440		on Human Services
	Recommendations for Human Services. (Request of the	
	Governor Pursuant to Jt Rule 9) To implement the	2/26 Public Hearing 3/4
	Governor's budget recommendations.	
		Testimony Link:
	https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06446-	https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/
	R00-HB.PDF	menu/CommDocTmyBillAll
		Comm.asp?bill=HB-
		06446&doc_year=2021