

# Memorandum

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**Re:** Legislative Update

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This Week at The Capitol:

The Connecticut General Assembly opened with all the usual pomp and circumstance afforded to a new Legislature. The Assembly, Constitutional Officers, Lt. Governor and Governor were all sworn into Office on January 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a day full of excitement as both the Legislative Office Building and the Capitol were completely open to the public (including Lobbyists) for the first time since mid-March of 2020.

And then, tragically, everything changed. On his way home from the Governor's Inaugural Ball, Representative Quentin "Q" Williams was killed by a wrong way driver on Route 9, just minutes from his home. A bright, shining light, senselessly extinguished.

Instead of holding Committee meetings on Thursday and Friday, the Capitol complex was closed out of respect for Q and for those who knew him to have personal time to grieve his loss.

Somberly, both the Capitol and LOB reopened again on Monday and while it was definitely not business as usual, Legislative business commenced, nonetheless. As you might imagine, it has been a quiet week. Proposed bills by Legislators are coming out daily, however most bills won't see the light of day. Committees have begun raising concepts, there are no bill numbers or language attached yet. Committee bills will soon be drafted and readied for public hearings.

The Governor is tentatively set to give his budget address to the joint session of the House and Senate on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Appropriations Committee public hearings will begin the following Monday and will run for approximately two weeks. I will let you know when the Department of Children and Families budget hearing will take place as soon as possible. It is, however, never too early to start thinking about getting Members to volunteer to testify as well as youth your YSBs serve.

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