

# Memorandum

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**From:** Jay Aronson

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**Re:** Legislative Update

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This Week At The Capitol:

Things have begun to slowly pick up at the Capitol. Bills are coming out like there's no tomorrow! I can't remember any time in the past when there have been 74 pages of bills in one day...anywhere from 5 to 10 per page! And, as you have seen, I've been sending them to you on nearly a daily basis. Some include youth suicide prevention; MANY include theft of automobiles by youth.

In fact, the Children's Committee will be holding their first public hearing on February 4<sup>th</sup> and two of the bills of interest for YSBs will be heard:

1. HB 6111, AA Establishing A Youth Suicide Prevention Program, and;
2. HB 6112, AA Requiring A Survey of Court-Involved Youths

I have also received some insight into how the Appropriations Budget hearings will go. Hearings will begin late in the week of February 15<sup>th</sup> (state holiday) and run through late February/early March. The last three hearings will be Education, Health and Human Services (which I believe is what DCF falls under). The good news is that Health and Human Service hearings will begin at 10 a.m. on the days they fall on and will run for as long as it takes to hear every single person who signs up. It is VERY important for YSBs to have youth they serve testify on your behalf. (We can talk about the specifics as we get closer.)

I have reached out, again, to Appropriations staff for a meeting with the Chairs. I have yet to hear back from them but will keep you in the loop.

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.

## Bill Tracking 2021

### CT Association of Youth Service Bureaus (as of Friday, January 29, 2021)

| Bill #          | Title and Explanation   | Committee Action                          | File # | House Action | Senate Action | Gov's Action / Act # |
|-----------------|---|---|--------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Proposed SB 237 | An Act Concerning the Provision of Outpatient Mental Health Treatment of Minors. (Sen. Haskell)<br>To promote the provision of confidential mental health services for young people.<br><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00237-R00-SB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00237-R00-SB.PDF</a>                           | 1/22 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health |        |              |               |                      |
| 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)<br>To accurately report on truancy in Connecticut.<br><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00346-R00-SB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00346-R00-SB.PDF</a> | 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)<br>To accurately report on truancy in Connecticut<br><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00347-R00-SB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00347-R00-SB.PDF</a>                                 | 1/26 Referred to Jt Cmte on Education     |        |              |               |                      |
| Proposed SB 517 | An Act Concerning Juveniles Charged with Larceny Involving Theft of a Motor Vehicle. (Sen. Sampson)<br>To deter auto thefts.<br><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00517-R00-SB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00517-R00-SB.PDF</a>   | 1/27 Referred to JUD                      |        |              |               |                      |

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| <p>Proposed<br/>SB 529</p> | <p>An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Thefts Committed by Juveniles.<br/>(Sen. Kelly, Formica)<br/>To enable law enforcement and the criminal justice system to investigate and prosecute motor vehicle thefts committed by juveniles.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00529-R00-SB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00529-R00-SB.PDF</a></p>                     | <p>1/27 Referred to JUD</p> |  |  |  |  |
| <p>Proposed<br/>SB 532</p> | <p>An Act Concerning Juvenile Justice Policy and Crimes Committed by Juveniles. (Sen. Sampson)<br/>To reinstate certain juvenile justice policies in place prior to 2015 in order to provide law enforcement additional tools to combat juvenile crime.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00532-R00-SB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00532-R00-SB.PDF</a></p> | <p>1/27 Referred to JUD</p> |  |  |  |  |
| <p>Proposed<br/>SB 533</p> | <p>An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Thefts Committed by Juveniles. (Sen. Cicarella)<br/>To enable law enforcement and the criminal justice system to investigate and prosecute motor vehicle thefts committed by juveniles.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00533-R00-SB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00533-R00-SB.PDF</a></p>                              | <p>1/27 Referred to JUD</p> |  |  |  |  |

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| Proposed<br>SB 534 | An Act Concerning Auto Thefts by Juvenile Offenders.<br>(Sen. Kissel, Rep. Zawistowski)<br>To provide law enforcement with necessary tools to address the rash of auto thefts being committed by juvenile offenders.<br><br><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00534-R00-SB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00534-R00-SB.PDF</a>             | 1/27 Referred to JUD |  |  |  |  |
| Proposed<br>SB 540 | An Act Establishing A Youth Suicide Prevention Pilot Program.<br>(Sen. Martin)<br>To require the Department of Children and Families and the Office of the Child Advocate to establish a youth suicide prevention pilot program.<br><br><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00540-R00-SB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00540-R00-SB.PDF</a> | 1/27 Referred to KID |  |  |  |  |

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| <p>Proposed<br/>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)<br/>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><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05170-R00-HB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05170-R00-HB.PDF</a></p> | <p>1/13 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary</p> |  |  |  |  |
| <p>Proposed<br/>HB 5234</p> | <p>An Act Concerning Suicide Prevention in School Districts. (Rep. Petit; Co-sponsor: Rep. Nuccio)<br/>To assist school districts in developing and implementing suicide prevention protocols.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05234-R00-HB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05234-R00-HB.PDF</a></p>   | <p>1/22 Referred to Jt Cmte on Education</p> |  |  |  |  |

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| <p>Proposed<br/>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)<br/>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><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05473-R00-HB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05473-R00-HB.PDF</a></p> | <p>1/25 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary</p>     |  |  |  |  |
| <p>Raised<br/>HB 5596</p>   | <p>An Act Concerning Telehealth. (Public Health)<br/>To require a study concerning the expansion of the provision of telehealth services in the state.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05596-R00-HB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05596-R00-HB.PDF</a></p>  | <p>1/26 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health</p> |  |  |  |  |
| <p>Proposed<br/>HB 5699</p> | <p>An Act Concerning A Youth Suicide Prevention Pilot Program. (Rep. Hampton)<br/>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><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05699-R00-HB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05699-R00-HB.PDF</a></p>  | <p>1/27 Referred to Select Cmte on Children</p>  |  |  |  |  |

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| <p>Proposed<br/>HB 5853</p> | <p>An Act Concerning the Retail Sale and Taxation of Marijuana. (Rep. Candelaria)<br/>To provide for the retail sale of marijuana, the taxation of such sales and the use of revenue generated from such tax.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05853-R00-HB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05853-R00-HB.PDF</a></p>  | <p>1/28 Referred to Jt Cmte on Finance Revenue &amp; Bonding</p>            |  |  |  |  |
| <p>Proposed<br/>HB 5924</p> | <p>An Act Concerning State and Community Initiatives to Reduce Juvenile Auto Thefts and Break-Ins. (Reps. Turco, Bello, Sen. Lesser)<br/>To establish new state and community initiatives in partnership with municipalities to reduce the number of juvenile auto thefts and break-ins.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05924-R00-HB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05924-R00-HB.PDF</a></p> | <p>1/28 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary</p>                                |  |  |  |  |
| <p>Raised<br/>HB 6111</p>   | <p>An Act Establishing A Youth Suicide Prevention Program. (Select Cmte on Children)<br/>To require the Youth Suicide Advisory Board and the Office of the Child Advocate to establish a youth suicide prevention pilot program.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06111-R00-HB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06111-R00-HB.PDF</a></p>   | <p>1/28 Referred to Select Cmte on Children<br/>1/29 Public Hearing 2/4</p> |  |  |  |  |

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| <p>Raised<br/>HB 6112</p>   | <p>An Act Requiring A Survey of Court-Involved Youths. (Select Cmte on Children)<br/>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><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06112-R00-HB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06112-R00-HB.PDF</a></p> | <p>1/28 Referred to Select Cmte on Children<br/>1/29 Public Hearing 2/4</p> |  |  |  |  |
| <p>Proposed<br/>HB 6264</p> | <p>An Act Concerning Car Theft and Break-ins by Juveniles. (Rep. Wood)<br/>To address the increase in auto theft and break-ins by juveniles.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06264-R00-HB.PDF">https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06264-R00-HB.PDF</a></p>   | <p>1/29 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary</p>                                |  |  |  |  |