

Memorandum

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Re: Legislative Update

This Week at The Capitol:

Compared to the craziness of last week, this was a relatively quiet week for YSBs.

On Monday, the Appropriations Committee met to raise concepts, including AAC YSBs and JRBs. There is no language behind this concept yet. I expect to see a drafted bill next week. This is a Rep. Walker proposal. I asked her what it was for, and she said to “strengthen the system.” She is actively gathering information and wants us at the table for input. I will send the bill to you as soon as it is posted.

On Thursday, the Children’s Committee held a public hearing on a bill CYSA requested from the Committee and is a priority. SB 1005, AAC A Study of Post Pandemic Needs of Children was heard and commented on by both Michelle P. and Justin C. Both gave outstanding testimony and were asked several questions by Committee Members including the Chairs. I will follow up with them next week to gauge their thoughts.

Also on Thursday, Erica B. presented the Diversion subcommittee recommendations before the JJPOC. The Committee voted on and accepted one of the recommendations, but did not take action on a second. I defer to Erica for greater detail.

There are at least two public hearings next week for YSBs to be concerned with. I have sent the details to the ExComm, Advocacy Chair and E.D. Please let me know soonest if anyone will be testifying and on what bills.

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.