

Memorandum

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Date: March 12, 2021

Re: Legislative Update

This Week at The Capitol:

After last week's budget hearings, this was a much quieter week for YSBs.

On Tuesday, the Children's Committee held a public hearing on SB 2, AAC Social Equity and the Health, Safety and Education of Children. On Thursday, the Children's Committee passed AAC the Online Sale and Delivery of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products. I have included the substitute language here: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/kiddata/sl/2021HB-06110-R00LCO05021KID-SL.PDF> The bill passed unanimously 13-0. The measure now heads to the House for further action.

During the Appropriations', Human Services subcommittee DCF Budget presentation earlier this week, Representative Nolan of New London, a big supporter of YSBs, asked Commissioner Dorantes if the YSB transition was going well. The Commissioner stated that YSBs were indeed being brought into the DCF fold and in fact, her staff went out of the way to say how important YSBs were to the system. Rep. Nolan also wanted to know if they needed more support? Upon hearing his question, I emailed Rep. Nolan and he requested that CYSA send him funding information. This information will be provided prior to next Monday's Human Services subcommittee work session so he can question the Commissioner and her staff in greater detail.

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 #
SB 2	<p><i>Committee Bill =</i> An Act Concerning Social Equity and the Health, Safety and Education of Children. (Cmte on Children; Co-sponsors: Sens. Looney, Duff, McCrory, Anwar, Cassano, Slap, Lesser, Winfield, Cohen, Abrahms, Cabrera, Moore, Kushner, Haskell, Flexer, Kasser, Bradley, Osten; Reps. Conley, Simms, Turco, Bello). 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.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00002-R01-SB.PDF</p>	<p>1/8 Referred to Cmte on Children 1/21 (KID) Vote to Draft 3/2 Drafted by Cmte 3/3 Referred to KID 3/4 Public Hearing 3/9</p> <p><u>Testimony Link:</u> https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAllComm.asp?bill=SB-00002&doc_year=2021</p>				

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	<p><i>Proposed Language =</i> 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.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00002-R00-SB.PDF</p>					
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				
Proposed SB 237	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00237-R00-SB.PDF</p>	1/22 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health				

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<p>Raised SB 326</p>	<p>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, Meskers) To prohibit the sale of flavored cigarettes, tobacco products, electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00326-R00-SB.PDF</p>	<p>1/25 Referred to PH 2/4 Public Hearing 2/8 3/5 (PH) JFS 3/5 Filed w/LCO 3/15 Referred to OLR OFA 3/22 10am</p> <p><u>Testimony Link:</u> https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAllComm.asp?bill=SB-00326&doc_year=2021</p>				
<p>Proposed SB 346</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00346-R00-SB.PDF</p>	<p>1/26 Referred to Jt Cmte on Education</p>				
<p>Proposed SB 347</p>	<p>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</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00347-R00-SB.PDF</p>	<p>1/26 Referred to Jt Cmte on Education</p>				
<p>Proposed SB 517</p>	<p>An Act Concerning Juveniles Charged with Larceny Involving Theft of a Motor Vehicle. (Sen. Sampson; Co-sponsor: Sen. Witkos) To deter auto thefts.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00517-R00-SB.PDF</p>	<p>1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary</p>				
<p>Proposed SB 529</p>	<p>An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Thefts Committed by Juveniles. (Sen. Kelly, Formica; Co-sponsors: Sen. Sampson, Witkos, Berthel) To enable law enforcement and the criminal justice system to investigate and prosecute motor vehicle thefts committed by juveniles.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00529-R00-SB.PDF</p>	<p>1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary</p>				

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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-sponsors: Sen. Sampson, 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	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary				
Proposed SB 534	An Act Concerning Auto Thefts by Juvenile Offenders. (Sen. Kissel, Rep. Zawistowski; Co-sponsors: Reps. Petit, Veach, Anderson, Sens. Sampson, Witkos, Berthel) 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	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary				
Proposed SB 540	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. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00540-R00-SB.PDF	1/27 Referred to Jt Cmte on Children				
SB 888	An Act Responsibly and Equitably Regulating Adult-Use Cannabis. (Governor Request Pursuant to Jt Rule 9) To implement the Governor's budget recommendations. https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/S/PDF/2021SB-00888-R00-SB.PDF	2/11 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary 2/22 Public Hearing 2/26				

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<p>Proposed HB 5170</p>	<p>AAC the Automatic Transfer of Auto Theft Cases of Certain Juvenile Repeat Offenders to the Criminal Docket. (Rep. Fishbein; Co-sponsors: Sen. Sampson, Rep. Fusco) 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, Rutigliano, Fusco; 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>				
<p>Proposed HB 5582</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05582-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/26 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health</p>				

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<p>Raised HB 5596</p>	<p>An Act Concerning Telehealth. (Public Health; Co-sponsor: Rep. Elliott) 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>	<p>1/26 Referred to Jt Cmte on Public Health 3/11 Public Hearing 3/15</p>				
<p>Proposed HB 5699</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05699-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/27 Referred to Select Cmte on Children</p>				
<p>Proposed HB 5853</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05853-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/28 Referred to Jt Cmte on Finance Revenue & Bonding</p>				
<p>Proposed HB 5920</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05920-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/28 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary</p>				
<p>Proposed HB 5924</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-05924-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/28 Referred to Jt Cmte on Judiciary</p>				

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<p>Raised HB 6110</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06110-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/28 Referred to Select Cmte on Children 1/29 Public Hearing 2/4 3/11 (KID) Jt Fav Subst 3/12 Filed w/LCO</p> <p><u>Testimony Link:</u> https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAllComm.asp?bill=HB-06110&doc_year=2021</p>				
<p>Substitute for Raised HB 6111</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06111-R01-HB.PDF</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06111-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>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 3/9 Reported Out of LCO</p> <p><u>Testimony Link:</u> https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAllComm.asp?bill=HB-06111&doc_year=2021</p>	<p>File #19</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/F/C/PD/F/2021HB-06111-R00019-FC.PDF</p>	<p>3/9 Fav Report, Tabled for Cal, Hs 3/9 Hs Cal #49</p>		

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Substitute for Raised HB 6112	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/TOB/H/PDF/2021HB-06112-R00-HB.PDF</p>	<p>1/28 Referred to KID 1/29 Public Hearing 2/4 2/25 (KID) JFS 2/25 Filed with LCO 3/3 Referred to OFA OLR 3/8 5pm 3/9 Reported Out of LCO</p> <p><u>Testimony Link:</u> https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAllComm.asp?bill=HB-06112&doc_year=2021</p>	<p>File #20</p> <p>https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/F/C/PD/F/2021HB-06112-R00020-FC.PDF</p>	<p>3/9 Fav Report, Tabled for Cal, Hs 3/9 Hs Cal #50</p>		
Proposed HB 6264	<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>				
Proposed HB 6357	<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 PublicHearing 2/19 2/16 PublicHearing 2/18 2/17 PublicHearing 2/22 2/17 PublicHearing 2/26 2/23 PublicHearing 3/1 2/23 PublicHearing 3/2 2/23 PublicHearing 3/3 2/24 PublicHearing 3/4</p> <p><u>Testimony:</u> https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAllComm.asp?bill=HB-06439&doc_year=2021</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 2/26 Public Hearing 3/4</p> <p><u>Testimony Link:</u> https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CommDocTmyBillAllComm.asp?bill=HB-06446&doc_year=2021</p>				