



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Department of Mental Health
& Addiction Services**



Legislative Update # 11

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There are other public hearings taking place next week that may be of interest to the behavioral health community. On Thursday, the Human Services Committee will be hearing the Governor's budget bill that implements all the changes to the Department of Social Services budget. All public hearing information is as follows:

**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

The Public Health Committee will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 23, 2015 at 10:30 A.M.** in **Room 1D** of the LOB. The Committee is accepting electronic testimony via email at phctestimony@cga.ct.gov. Please submit electronic testimony no later than 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 21, 2015. If you are unable to submit electronic testimony, please submit 10 copies of written testimony no later than 9:00 A.M. on Monday, February 23, 2015 in Room 3000 of the LOB. Please submit separate testimony for each bill. Testimony submitted after the deadline will not be available until after the hearing. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 9:00 A.M. in the First Floor Atrium of the LOB. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. Bills will be heard in the order listed in the Bulletin. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.

SUBJECT MATTER: Public Health related bills

SB 110 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY ON REPORTS OF THREATS AND ASSAULTS AGAINST HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES. To study the prevalence of assaults and threats against hospital employees and hospital policies and responses relating to such incidents.

HB 5219 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES IN SCHOOLS. To expand the ban on smoking in schools to include a ban on the use of electronic cigarettes in schools.

HB 5528 AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO PRESCRIBE NARCOTIC DRUGS. To increase education for health care providers concerning the prescription of narcotics.

**GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

The General Law Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 1:00 P.M.** in **Room 2B** of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will begin at 10:00 A.M. in Room 3500 of the LOB. Please submit 25 copies of written testimony to Committee staff 10:00 A.M. in Room 3500 of the LOB.

Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Testimony should clearly state testifier name and related Bills. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: Miscellaneous Bills

SB 933 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM. To make licensing and license renewal for practitioners who distribute, administer or dispense controlled substances contingent on registration in the electronic prescription drug monitoring program.

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

The Human Services Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 12:00 P.M. in Room 2A of the LOB. Sign-up for the hearing will be from 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. in the Second Floor Atrium of the LOB. Please submit 35 copies of written testimony to Committee staff no later than 10:00 A.M. in the Second Floor Atrium of the LOB. Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to HStestimony@cga.ct.gov. Testimony should clearly state testifier name and related Bills. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, Constitutional Officers, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: The Governor's Recommendations on Human Services Programs

H.B. No. 6846 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS. To implement the Governor's budget recommendations concerning human services programs.

This is the Governor's bill to implement the changes in the Department of Social Services.

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