



Connecticut Department of Public Health

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**House Bill 5332 - An Act Concerning The Recommendations Of The Department Of Children
And Families**

The Department of Public Health (DPH) supports House Bill 5332, which makes several revisions to the statutes pertaining to the Department of Children and Families. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.

[Special Act 17-21](#) required the Departments of Public Health, Developmental Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Children and Families, as well as members of the nonprofit community, to convene a working group to conduct an assessment of each agencies' licensure and certification process. The working group followed the Lean model, which includes a week long Kaizen where licensure and certification processes were reviewed in detail for psychiatric clinics, child guidance clinics, extended day treatment facilities, residential child care facilities, community-based residential facilities, behavioral health facilities such as alcohol or drug treatment facilities, and outpatient clinics. The Lean event took place during a week in November 2017 and resulted in many recommendations which would reduce the administrative burden of the licensure and inspection process for these facility types. Section 8 of House Bill 5332 contains a recommendation that came from this Lean event. The Department of Public Health is supportive of the recommendations outlined in this bill, and respectfully requests the Children's Committee vote this bills out of committee and to their respective chambers.

Thank you for your consideration of this information.

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