

Committee on Children

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

1:00 PM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairman, Sen. Anwar S. S03.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Anwar S. S03; Bradley D. S23; Cohen C. S12; Martin H. S31;
Moore M. S22

Representatives: Boyd P. 050; Comey R. 102; Dauphinais A. 044; Foster J. 057;
Green R. 055; Lanoue B. 045; Linehan L. 103; Luxenberg G. 012;
Welander M. 114

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

Sen. Anwar opened the meeting, thanked members of the committee, and reviewed the Zoom etiquette guidelines.

Rep. Linehan discussed the relationship between mental health and distanced learning, in terms of isolation.

Sen. Anwar reminded members that the votes would remain open until 2:30 PM.

Sen. Anwar asked for a motion to reserve for the public hearing proposed bill S.B. No. 91, An Act Concerning Reciprocal Tuition Assistance For Children Adopted Out Of Foster Care In

Neighboring States. The motion was made by Rep. Linehan and seconded by Sen. Martin. A voice vote was held, and the motion passed.

Sen. Anwar asked for a motion to reserve for the public hearing proposed bill H.B. No. 5697, An Act Establishing A Baby Bonds Program. The motion was made by Sen. Moore and seconded by Rep. Foster. A voice vote was held, and the motion passed.

Sen. Anwar asked for a motion to reserve for the public hearing proposed bill S.B. No. 651, An Act Allowing Municipalities To Contribute To The Connecticut Higher Education Trust and 529 Plans. The motion was made by Sen. Moore and seconded by Sen. Bradley. A voice vote was held, and the motion passed.

Sen. Anwar asked for a motion to draft proposed bill H.B. No. 5698, An Act Concerning The Collection And Reporting Of Adverse Childhood Experiences Data. The motion was made by Rep. Linehan and seconded by Rep. Foster. A voice vote was held, and the motion passed.

Sen. Anwar asked for a motion to raise the following concepts: An Act Concerning The Department Of Children And Families Recommendations For Revisions To The Statutes Concerning Children, An Act Establishing The Office Of The Department Of Children And Family Ombudsman, and An Act Requiring Background Checks For Youth Sports Coaches, Trainers and Instructors. The motion was made by Sen. Martin and seconded by Rep. Linehan. A voice vote was held, and the motion passed.

Sen. Anwar announced that the next Public Hearing would be on February 18, 2021 at 1pm.

Sen. Anwar recessed the meeting at 1:13 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Gianna Vollano, Jalmar DeDios

Peter Murszewski

Assistant Clerks

Committee Clerk