
CWCSEO FULL ADVISORY BOARD SESSION RECAP

JUNE 28, 2023



HEALTH POLICY

- PA 23-137: An Act Concerning Resources and Support Services for Person's with An Intellectual or Developmental Disability
- The language and concepts of two bills concerning a cost-benefit analysis of establishing a Husky For All, universal healthcare financing system (HB 5485) and expanding Husky Health benefits to those ineligible due to immigration status (HB 6616) were passed as part of the implementer (HB 6941, §§298-300).
- Public Act 23-44: An Act Concerning the Minimum Age to be Eligible to Marry
- Language and concepts from both the bill establishing an office of the food access advocate and tax incentives for grocery stores in food deserts (HB 6854) and the bill implementing the recommendations of the Food As Medicine Working Group (HB 6857) were passed as part of the implementer (HB 6941, §§157-161).

EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

- PA 23-101: An Act Concerning the Mental, Physical and Emotional Wellness of Children
- PA 23-66: An Act Concerning a Title IX Compliance Toolkit for School Districts
- House Bill 6846: An Act Concerning a Study of the Effectiveness of the Implementation of Crisis Response Drills in Public Schools and Their Effect on Children's Mental Health

FREEDOM FROM POVERTY

- PA 23-144: An Act Concerning Affordable Homeownership Opportunities
- PA 23-21: An Act Concerning Financial Literacy Instruction
- SA 23-24: An Act Establishing a Task Force to Study Issues Relating to the Repeal of the Motor Vehicle Property Tax
- PA 23-167: An Act Concerning Transparency in Education

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

- PA 23-5: An Act Implementing Early Voting
- Also embedded into the implementer is the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act (SB 1226)
- The legislature passed a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to remove the state constitution's current restrictions on absentee voting (HJ 1)

ITEMS IN BUDGET

- \$7.8 million for the public-health-centered gun violence program
- Expands HUSKY C income eligibility to 105% FPL, after all income disregards (\$8.5 million in FY 2025).
- Provides \$25 million in additional Special Education funding in FY 2024 and FY 2025.
- Expand Mobile Crisis Intervention Services \$10,500,000 in FY23
- \$48 million in FY 2024 and \$96 million in FY 2025 to continue the ECS formula phase-in.
- 2Gen FY23 \$572,500, FY24 572,500
- Minority Teacher Advancement Program \$1,655,313 in FY23 and FY24
- LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network \$250,000 in FY23 FY24
- Right to Read \$12,860,000 in FY23 and FY24
- Free meals for students \$65,00,00 in FY23 and FY24
- Senior Centers \$10,000,000 in FY23

ITEMS IN BUDGET

- Provides \$6 million for student loan reimbursements.
- Reduces the state income tax by lowering the 5.0% rate to 4.5% and the 3.0% rate to 2.0% for the income year 2024. The benefits will be capped at \$150,000 for single filers and \$300,000 for joint filers.
- Increases the Earned Income Tax Credit from 30.5% to 40%.
- Provides \$14.2 million and \$53.3 million in FY 2024 and FY 2025 to fund rate increases of 11% for licensed providers and 6% for unlicensed providers in the Care4Kids system
- Provides \$810 million over the biennium in capital support towards housing development and housing financial assistance
- \$1.8 million to help fund early voting for towns.
- \$1.3 million in FY 2024 and \$1.32 million in FY 25 for early voting
- Temporary Family Assistance \$57,990,000 in FY23 and \$69,641,000 in FY24

EXPANSION OF CWCSEO MANDATES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct a study of community-based bereavement and grief counseling organizations and services for children and families to determine both the extent and availability of community-based bereavement and grief counseling organizations
- Convene and lead a working group to identify or develop a Title IX compliance toolkit for use by local and regional boards of education, students, and their parents and guardians.
- CWCSEO is listed as a member of the Connecticut Civics education, Civic Engagement, and Media Literacy Task Force
- CWCSEO is listed as a member of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Working Group
- CWCSEO will hire a food and nutrition policy analyst
- CWCSEO is required to review and make recommendations on the initiative's participating and appointed membership, including specific recommendations on family engagement strategies and advisory board composition
- CWCSEO is a member of the task force to analyze the per pupil equity of funding the teachers' retirement system