



PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA - Friday, March 1, 2019 - 1:00 PM in Room 2E of the LOB

1. S.B. No. 874 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT.
2. H.B. No. 7150 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION.
3. Proposed S.B. No. 457 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SIZE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
4. Proposed S.B. No. 738 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

TESTIMONY RULES—SB 874 Sections 17 and 18

1. Anyone wishing to testify must get in line at 10 am (line will form early). You can sign up only for one person
2. Typically, Testimony is in the order of sign up, NOT agenda. This means several people could testify on one issue, a few can testify on another, and then back to the first issue.
3. The first hour is reserved for legislators and elected public officials and agency heads and students. After the first hour, they will alternate between the public and the preferred speakers.
4. School superintendents will speak from 5:30-6:30.
5. Three minutes to speak. Specify Sections 17 & 18 of SB 874. If someone else has taken your talking points, you can say, "I agree with Mrs. _____", and ask them to Vote "No" on Sections 17 and 18 of SB 874.
6. Testimony is live-streamed in legislators' offices so that they can monitor the hearing. They will be in and out throughout the day.
7. Remember the testimony is on file and CT-N will most likely record the meeting and make it available on its website. <https://www.ct-n.com/>
8. Take the opportunity to visit your legislator. Search "Find your CT legislator" to find their number.

TALKING POINTS:

1. Research shows that regulation doesn't make children safer or improve academic outcomes.
2. DCF has all the power it needs to follow up with families and care for children.
3. Registration of all homeschoolers will cost money to solve a problem that does not exist.

PHONE NUMBERS

- House Republicans 860-240-8700
- House Democrats 860-240-8585
- Senate Republicans 860-240-8800
- Senate Democrats 860-240-8600

CAFETERIA CLOSSES AT 4 PM

Capitol Rm 310 has been reserved 8 am - 5 pm for all to use as a respite room. Table, chairs, carpeted floor, food allowed. Ask for directions.

ONCE THE HEARING IS OVER - WHAT'S NEXT?

Can they approve parts of SB 874 but not all? Yes, they can amend the bill, or approve only parts.

When? The deadline to vote the bill out of committee is **April 1**.

Where can you find the meeting schedule? Daily Bulletin on the cga.ct.gov website under "CGA Daily Records".

What happens if it is not voted on by the deadline? It is considered to have "died in committee." This is good. If Sections 17 and 18 are removed in an amended version, that would also be good.

However...it ain't over till it's over. Bill language can be tacked on to another bill or placed in a "concept/shell bill" on the floor during the voting process. TEACH CT will continue to monitor the journey of this language and be in touch with you if your action is needed.