HB 5053 AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO OVERDOSE REVERSAL DRUGS
Bill Priority- High
Bill Status- P.A. 16-43
Signed by Governor (5/27)
Senate Passed in Concurrence (36 Yeas- 0 Nays)
House Passed as Amended (144 Yeas- 0 Nays)
JF to Floor (40 Yeas- 0 Nays)
Ref. by House to Judiciary Committee (3/31)
JF to Floor (18 Yeas- 0 Nays)
Ref. by House to Planning & Development Committee
JFS to Floor (27 Yea- 0 Nay)
Public Hearing (2/16)
Ref. to Public Health Committee

This bill contains various provisions on opioid abuse prevention and treatment and related issues. It:

1. prohibits, with certain exceptions, a prescribing practitioner authorized to prescribe an opioid drug from issuing a prescription for more than a seven-day supply to (a) an adult for the first time for outpatient use or (b) a minor;

2. makes various changes to the electronic prescription drug monitoring program, such as (a) expanding who may serve as a prescriber's authorized agent, (b) modifying reporting deadlines, and (c) decreasing prescriber reviews for prolonged treatment of schedule V nonnarcotic drugs;

3. allows any licensed health care professional to administer an opioid antagonist (e.g., Narcan) to treat or prevent a drug overdose without civil or criminal liability;

4. requires municipalities, by October 1, 2016, to amend their local emergency medical services (EMS) plans to ensure that specified first responders are equipped with an opioid antagonist and trained in administering it;

5. prohibits certain health insurance policies that provide prescription drug coverage for opioid antagonists from requiring prior authorization for these drugs; and

6. requires the Public Health Committee chairpersons to establish a working group on the issuance of opioid drug prescriptions by prescribing practitioners.

The bill was introduced by the Public Health Committee where it received a public hearing in early February. During the public hearing many
organizations and associations spoke in strong favor of the bill including, the Department of Public Health, Department of Consumer Protection and the Connecticut State Medical Society just to name a few. While many spoke in favor of the legislation, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities spoke in opposition citing the costs to municipalities as an unfunded mandate. In order to assist towns and cities, CCM suggested the General Assembly either provide a grant or bonding to help fund the allocation of opioid antagonists.

When the Public Health Committee took final action on the bill, substitute language was proposed by the committee chairs to protect licensed health care professionals who administer an opioid antagonist from any civil action liability or criminal prosecution. The substitute language also requires each municipality to amend its local emergency medical services plan to ensure that the municipality’s primary emergency medical services provider is equipped with an opioid antagonist and its personnel has received training, approved by the Commissioner of Public Health, in the administration of opioid antagonists.

Members of the Public Health Committee unanimously JFS’d the bill to the floor of the House where it was later referred to the Planning and Development Committee as well as the Judiciary Committee. Once again, the bill was unanimously sent to the House for further consideration.

During the debate on the floor of the House, members adopted LCO#4795 that does the following:
1) adds the provisions on the seven-day limit on opioid prescriptions;
(2) Alcohol and Drug Policy Council;
(3) prescription drug monitoring program;
(4) practice of auricular acupuncture;
(5) scope of practice of alcohol and drug counseling, and
(6) disciplinary action against controlled substance registrants. It also modifies how municipalities must amend their local EMS plans regarding the provision of opioid antagonists to first responders.

After adopting the amendment the House unanimously passed the bill as did the Senate.
**HB 5460 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF GLUCAGON IN SCHOOLS**

Bill Priority- High  
Bill Status- Dead  
JF to Education Committee (Voice vote)  
Public Hearing (3/2)  
Ref. to Public Health Committee

During the 2014 legislative session, Governor Malloy signed PA 14-176, An Act Concerning The Storage And Administration Of Epinephrine At Public Schools, which is the basis for the current law which requires schools to designate and train nonmedical staff to administer emergency epinephrine in cartridge injectors to students having allergic reactions who were not previously known to have serious allergies.

HB 5460 was introduced to remove the requirement that a qualified school employee voluntarily agrees to administer glucagon to a student with diabetes. In the current law, teacher participation was voluntary, however, in this proposal, the section deletes the phrase “qualified school employee voluntarily agree to serve” which means any teacher can be designated as a qualified school employee charged with the responsibility of administering medications to a student in a medical emergency. It would require non-licensed personnel to administer glucagon if assigned, regardless if they felt comfortable in performing this function.

The Association of School Nurses of Connecticut is extremely concerned about requiring an unwilling participant to be trained to do an involuntary task. The proposed legislation places an added burden on school nurses and school administrators since they’d also be responsible for educating all of these individuals initially and yearly thereafter.

One of the driving forces behind the legislation is Representative Ed Jutila (D-37th Assembly District) who testified in support due to the fact that a student constituent of his suffers from a severe form of diabetes. Proponents of the bill such as Rep. Jutila, argue that the administration of glucagon is similar to other injectable medications listed in the statute and if it isn’t enacted, it would be a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

On a voice vote the bill was successfully referred to the Education Committee in its original form but no further action was taken on the bill.
SB 293 AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCHOOL NURSE ADVISORY COUNCIL
Bill Priority- High
Bill Status- Dead
Senate Recommitted to Public Health (4/26)
JF to Floor (26 Yeas- 2 Nays)
Ref. by Senate to Education Committee (4/13)
JFS to Floor (27 Yea- 0 Nay)
Public Hearing (3/2)
Ref. to Public Health Committee

For over three years the School Nurse Advisory Council has been meeting to discuss matters related to school nurses, school health and other matters. Overall, the School Nurse Advisory Council made three recommendations to the General Assembly for the 2016 legislative session including;

1) **Committee Membership:** The School nurse representative from ASNC to the Council should be chosen from the general membership and not be limited to a private or parochial nurse.

2) **Professional Development for School Nurses:** In addition to the professional development requirements specified by state regulation, all new Connecticut school nurses should complete the CSDE school nurse orientation program within one year of hire.

3) **Delivery of Health Care Services by School Nurses and Other Matters That Affect School Nurses:** All districts should be required to participate in the CSDE’s annual school health services survey.

A public hearing on the bill was held on March 2\textsuperscript{nd} where the majority, spoke in favor of the legislation such as the Capitol Region Education Council and the Connecticut Nurses Association just to name a couple. The Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) supported the intent of the bill but could not support it in full because their association was not included as a council member. A couple of weeks after the public hearing, the committee JFS’d the bill to the floor of the Senate which added language to include CAS as a member of the advisory council.

Upon further review of the amended bill it was discovered that the word "and” included in line 42 created confusion in regards to the orientation program. The inclusion of “and” made it seem like the nurse must participate in two orientation programs, one offered by the state Department of Education and the Association of School Nurses of Connecticut and another one offered by any regional education service center. ASNC was against
swapping out “and” for “or” because it would make it appear that there could be different programs.

Line 47 required each local or regional board of education to annually complete the state Department of Education’s health services program information survey. While this was the third and final recommendation of the advisory council, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities flagged this section as a new unfunded mandate on municipalities. In their testimony, CCM made the argument that this section was included without any input from local officials who would be responsible for compliance with such a new mandate.

As mentioned before, the amended bill was successfully reported out of the Public Health Committee to the floor of the Senate where it was later referred to the Education Committee. A few days later the Education Committee passed the bill out to the floor of the Senate. However, the bill suddenly died when the Office of Policy and Management raised concerns about it being another unfunded mandate on municipalities. After speaking with Sen. Gerratana a working group will be convened later in the year to prepare something everyone can support next legislative session.

**HB 5129 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES BY PHARMACISTS AND MEDICAL ASSISTANTS AND THE LISTING OF CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS**

Bill Priority- Medium
Bill Status- Dead
JFS to Floor (18 Yea- 8 Nay)
Public Hearing (2/16)
Ref. to Public Health Committee

HB 5129 is another committee bill out of Public Health and it expands the authority of licensed pharmacists to administer vaccines, by allowing them to administer the flu vaccines to minors age 12 and older. Under current statute, pharmacists may already administer to adults any vaccines on the CDCs adult immunization schedule. Under existing law, pharmacists must administer the vaccine according to a licensed health care provider’s order and department of consumer protection regulations.

The bill also allows medical assistants, under certain conditions, to administer flu vaccines. They may do so only under the direct supervision, control and responsibility of a physician or APRN or the direct supervision of PA.
HB 5130 AN ACT CONCERNING CLEARANCE OF STUDENT ATHLETES WITH CONCUSSIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN TEAM ACTIVITIES
Bill Priority- Medium
Bill Status- Dead
Public Hearing (2/16)
Ref. to Public Health Committee

To add physical therapists to the list of those health care professionals who may clear a student athlete who has suffered from a concussion for participation in team activities.

HB 5136 AN ACT CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF CHILDREN
Bill Priority- Medium
Bill Status- Dead
JF to Floor (13 Yea- 0 Nays)
Public Hearing (2/16)
Ref. to Committee on Children

To study the health of children in the state.

SB 17 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES
Bill Priority- Medium
Bill Status- Dead
Senate Recommitted to Public Health Committee
JFS to Floor (12 Yea- 5 Nays)
Public Hearing (2/18)
Ref. to Human Services Committee

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

SB 67 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES
Bill Priority- Medium
Bill Status- P.A. 16-39
Signed by Governor (5/31)
House Passed in Concurrence (145 Yeas- 0 Nays)
Senate Passed as Amended (36 Yeas- 0 Nays)
JFS to Floor (27 Yea- 0 Nay)
Public Hearing (2/16)
Ref. to Public Health Committee

To make changes to the statutes that grant advanced practice registered nurses additional authority and responsibilities.
SB 378 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS TASK FORCE

Bill Priority- Medium
Bill Status- Dead
Public Hearing (3/7)
Ref. to Education Committee

To make changes to the high school graduation requirements, to establish the High School Graduation Requirements Council, and to require the State Board of Education to develop recommendations for a new set of high school graduation requirements.
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