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Those Voting Nay 70

Those absent and not voting 3

Necessary for placement on a ballot in 2018 is
114.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The bill passes as amended. [Gavel]

Will the Clerk please call House Calendar 525.

CLERK:

On page 39, House Calendar 525, Senate Bill No.
766, AN ACT EXTENDING CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURAL AND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
REPORTING DEADLINES. Favorable report of the Joint
Standing Committee on Children.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Representative Urban of the 43rd, you have the
floor, Madam.

REP. URBAN (43RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move acceptance of
the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage
of the bill in concurrence with the Senate.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The question before the Chamber is on

acceptance of the Joint Committee's favorable report and passage of the bill. Representative Urban, you have the floor.

REP. URBAN (43RD):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we had the opportunity to bring forward the relationship between animal cruelty and child abuse. And by working with our Department of Children and Families and our Department of Agriculture, achieved something that was pretty amazing. We had the two agencies reporting to each other and they are able to cross-reference these reports and have successfully intervene in issues where animals were being cruelly treated and we found out that the child in the home was also being subject to this.

So, the bill, the law itself has been incredibly successful. But what we'd like to do is change the reporting date because of being able to gather data and all this bill does is change the reporting date from a January 1st to a February 15th for being able to gather data that we might have missed at the end of December, and I urge adoption.

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SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Will you remark? Representative Zupkus of the 89th, you have the floor, Madam.

REP. ZUPKUS (89TH):

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I too rise in support of this piece of legislation as the good Representative said, it's just extending the date out to give time for more reporting. So, I encourage my colleagues to support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

Thank you very much, Madam. Will you remark further on the bill before us? Will you remark further on the bill before us? If not, staff and guests, please come to the well of the House. Members take your seats. The machine will be open.

(Ringing)

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by roll.

Members to the Chamber. The House of Representatives is voting by roll, members to the Chamber.

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

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Have all the members voted? If all the members have voted, please check the board to ensure your vote has been properly cast. If all the members have voted, the machine will be locked. The Clerk will take a tally. The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill 766.

Total Number of Voting	148
Necessary for Passage	75
Those Voting Yea	148
Those Voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	3

SPEAKER ARESIMOWICZ (30TH):

The bill passes in concurrence with the Senate.

[Gavel]

Are there any announcements or introductions?
Representative Zawistowski of the 61st, for what purpose do you rise, Madam?

REP. ZAWISTOWSKI (61ST):

Mr. Speaker, I was a little tardy getting back and I apparently did not run fast enough. I would

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Okay, thank you.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

And on calendar page 14, calendar 203, Senate Bill 944, I'd like to mark that item as Go. And if the Clerk can call those in calendar order, please.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Majority Leader. The Clerk -- if the Clerk would begin calling the items beginning with the first item marked by the Majority Leader, calendar page 2, calendar 76, Senate Bill 76 --

CLERK:

Calendar page 2, Senate Bill 766, AN ACT EXTENDING CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REPORTING DEADLINES.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Thank you, Sen -- Mr. President. Senate Bill -- I move acceptance of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the Bill.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Moore. Will you remark?

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

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Yes I will, thank you very much. This Bill, AN ACT EXTENDING CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REPORTING DEADLINES. The purpose of this Bill is to change the dates of reporting from January 2 to February, which would allow time for them to gather data that comes through in the month of December.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Moore. Is there any additional comment on the Bill? Additional comment on the Bill? If not, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Thank you. If there's no more comments I'd ask that this be put on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Senator Moore has moved the item to the Consent Calendar. Is there any objection? Seeing none, the Bill will be placed as the first item on Consent Calendar No. 2.

SENATOR MOORE (22ND):

Thank you.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you, Senator Moore. If the Clerk would call the second item, also calendar page 2, calendar 79, calendar 129.

CLERK:

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Thank you Madam President. On Calendar Page 60, Calendar 271, Senate Bill 1001. I'd like to take that item off the foot of the calendar and mark that PR?

THE CHAIR:

Thank you.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you Madam President. If the clerk could now call the bills that are on the second consent calendar followed by a vote please?

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On Page 2, Calendar 76, Senate Bill 766. On Page 5, Calendar 108, Senate Bill 894. On Page 7, Calendar 126, Senate Bill 906. On Page 14, Calendar 205, Senate Bill 820. Also on Page 14, Calendar 203, Senate Bill 944. On Page 30, Calendar 340, Senate Bill 1020. And on Page 52, Calendar 128, Senate Bill 821.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you Mr. Clerk. If you could call for a roll call vote.

CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the second consent calendar for the day. Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate.

THE CHAIR:

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Senator Kissel. Have all members voted? Have all members voted? Please ensure your vote has been properly recorded. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:

On the second consent calendar for the day

Total number Voting	36
Necessary for Passage	19
<u>Those voting Yea</u>	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not Voting	0

THE CHAIR:

Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you Madam President. Madam President, I think we've had a very successful and productive day today even though it is now tomorrow, but it is today actually. So I will yield to any points of personal privilege before we make our announcement for later today.

THE CHAIR:

Are there any points of personal privilege? Seeing none, Senator Duff.

SENATOR DUFF (25TH):

Thank you Madam President. Madam President, it is our intent to gavel in tomorrow at 10:30 sharp tomorrow morning and we will be taking up the bills that were marked PT earlier yesterday or today in

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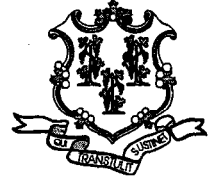


**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Public Hearing Testimony

Committee on Children

February 16, 2017



S.B. No. 766 AN ACT EXTENDING CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REPORTING DEADLINES

The Department of Children and Families **supports** S.B. No. 766, An Act Extending Certain Department of Agriculture and Department of Children and Families Reporting Deadlines. This bill changes the date by which the Commissioners of Children and Families and Agriculture must annually report on the number of written reports regarding animal neglect and cruelty received from DCF employees and animal control officers from January 1st to February 15th.

We have been collecting this data since June 2014 on a calendar year basis. This change allows us adequate time to compile the information and submit it to the Committee on Children.

In addition to providing this report each year, DCF and the Department of Agriculture have collaborated on the training of DCF Social Workers and Animal Control Officers on the link between animal abuse and child abuse.

Below is the information that has been gathered over the past 2 ½ years:

Summary of Suspected Animal Abuse Reports 2016

Month	Reports Received	Open Case	Prior DCF History	Reports that Met Standard for Investigation	Review Still Open	Cases Opened
January	11	5	5	5	0	2
February	1	0	0	0	0	0
March	3	0	0	0	0	0
April	7	1	1	0	0	0
May	9	0	2	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	2	0	1	0	0	0
September	12	0	1	0	0	0
October	11	5	5	1	0	1
November	14	1	10	0	0	0
December	8	1	2	1	0	0
TOTAL	78	13	27	7	0	3

Summary of Suspected Animal Abuse Reports 2015

Month	Reports Received	Open Case	Prior DCF History	Reports that Met Standard for Investigation	Review Still Open	Cases Opened
January	12	2	7	1	0	1
February	8	0	4	0	0	0
March	8	0	2	0	0	0
April	8	1	4	3	0	3
May	3	0	2	1	0	1
June	6	0	2	0	0	0
July	11	0	4	1	0	1
August	5	0	1	0	0	0
September	10	3	5	1	0	1
October	5	1	2	0	0	0
November	6	0	2	1	0	1
December	5	2	3	0	0	0
TOTAL	87	9	38	8	0	8

Summary of Suspected Animal Abuse Reports June - December 2014

Month	Reports Received	Open Case	Prior DCF History	Reports that Met Standard for Investigation	Review Still Open	Cases Opened
June	1	0	1	0	0	0
July	1	0	1	0	0	0
August	1	0	1	0	0	0
September	2	0	1	0	0	0
October	11	1	5	0	0	0
November	22	2	8	1	0	0
December	3	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	41	3	17	1	0	0