



New Haven Legislative Update

We worked hard this year on legislation to address important issues for the people of Connecticut. Earlier this year, we made a plan to protect people who often can't protect themselves. Foster care youth, victims of domestic violence and children at risk due to the poor economy are some of the people who will benefit from the progress we have made. I hope you find this information helpful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on these programs or any other issue.



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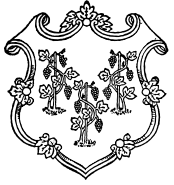
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CHILDREN IN THE RECESSION

Connecticut Acts - First In Nation

The recession has plunged tens of thousands of Connecticut's children into poverty. We responded by passing the nation's first law to examine the needs of children who have been impacted by the recession. The bill addresses hunger, housing, employment opportunities and health care needs of families by creating new state agency responsibilities and reporting requirements that are intended to provide an emergency response to children affected by this economic crisis.

STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAWS

Sadly, it seems hardly a week goes by when we don't hear of a tragic incident of family violence in our state. To help stop these crimes, we passed the most comprehensive reform to our domestic violence laws in 25 years. The changes include GPS monitoring

for the highest risk offenders, improvements on the enforcement of protective orders, expansion of domestic violence court dockets, improvements on employment and rental agreement protections for domestic violence victims, and increases in staffing at domestic violence shelters.

IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTING FOSTER CARE CHILDREN

Although all individuals may be susceptible to identity theft, youth in foster care may be at greater risk, as multiple agencies and organizations have access to their personal data. In order to protect these youth, I introduced legislation to require the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to obtain a free credit report for each youth in foster care over the age of 16. If DCF finds evidence of identity theft, they must report their findings to the Chief State's Attorney, the youth's foster parent, case worker and attorney.

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