

## Weekly Legislative Preview:

### Committee Hearings:

**Tuesday, December 10, 2013**

### **Vermont Child Poverty Council**

- 9:00 AM                    **Traffic Fines**  
*Payment alternatives for traffic fines*  
Gabrielle Lapointe, Clerk of the Court, Judicial Bureau - via Phone  
Hon. Michael Pratt, Chief Hearing Officer, Judicial Bureau - via Phone  
Willa Farrell, Court Diversion Director, Vermont Court Diversion  
Helena Gardner, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council
- 9:40 AM                    **Childhood Homelessness**  
*Review of Draft Policy Resolution in Ending Childhood Homelessness*  
Diana Arnell, Law Clerk, Office of Legislative Council
- 10:00 AM                    **H. 208 - An act relating to absence from work for health care and safety**  
Daniel Barrow, Public Policy Manager, Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility
- 10:40 AM                    **S. 35 - An act relating to establishing and regulating licensed dental practitioners**  
Peter Youngbaer, The People's Health & Wellness Clinic  
Vaughn Collins, Executive Director, Vermont State Dental Association  
Ellen Grimes, Vermont Technical College
- 11:20 AM                    **Council Charge**  
*Review of Draft Bill on Amending the Council's Charge*  
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council
- 11:30 AM                    **Committee Discussion**  
*Legislative Priorities, Council Actions re: credit repair and asset building program*
- 12:00 PM                    **Adjourn**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2013**

## **Mental Health Oversight**

9:00 AM Room 11 (Large Hearing Room)

## **S. 82 Committee of Conference**

10:00 am Room 49 (House Government Operations)

## **Thursday, December 12, 2013**

### **Corrections Oversight**

10:00 AM Room 10 (Small Hearing Room)

## **Friday, December 13, 2013**

### **Joint Committee on Judicial Rules**

10:15 AM Room EA (Ethan Allen Room)

10:00 a.m. **Convene, Review, and Approve Minutes of August 15, 2013.**

10:15 AM **Promulgated Emergency Rule effective November 13, 2013**  
*V.R.Cr.P. 11.1. Adds provisions to plea colloquy required by changes to 18 V.S.A. Sec. 4230*  
Scott McGee, Chair, Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules, Vermont Supreme Court via Phone  
Honorable Walter Morris, Reporter, Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules, Vermont Supreme Court - via Phone

10:30 AM **Proposed Rules (proposed October 14, 2013; comments due December 13, 2013)**  
*a. V.R.P.P. 67. Theft of assets by fiduciaries in probate proceedings;*  
*b. V.R.P.P. 80.21. Notice of appointment of guardian;*  
*c. V.R.P.P. 17(a)(3). Defining "interested persons" in involuntary adult guardianship proceedings (Proposed December 4, 2013; comments due February 3, 2014)*  
Joanne Ertel, Probate Judge and Chair, Advisory Committee on Probate Rules, Vermont Supreme Court - via Phone  
Kinvin Wroth, Reporter for Civil, Criminal and Family Procedures, Vermont Supreme Court

10:45 AM            **Promulgated Civil and Environmental Court Rules (promulgated December 2, 2013; effective February 3,**  
*a. V.R.C.P. 80.1(b)(3). Reflecting change from BISHCA to Department of Financial Regulation;*  
*b. V.R.C.P. 80.9. Reflecting elimination of the District Court and transfer of its jurisdiction over municipal parking violations to the Criminal Division of the Superior Court;*  
*c. V.R.C.P. 5(h)(1). Requiring the appellant to produce a transcript in all on-the-record appeals.*  
William Griffin, Chair, Advisory Committee on Civil Rules, Vermont Supreme Court  
Kinvin Wroth, Reporter for Civil, Criminal, Probate and Family Rules, Vermont Supreme Court

10:52 AM            **Proposed Civil Rules (proposed December 5, 2013 ( approx.); comments due by February 5, 2014 (approx..)**  
*a. V.R.C.P. 4(b). Eliminating requirement that summons contain e-mail address of Court;*  
*b. V.R.C.P. 79(b)and (c). Reflecting elimination of record-keeping requirements in Act 67 of 2013.*  
William Griffin, Chair, Advisory Committee on Civil Rules, Vermont Supreme Court  
Kinvin Wroth, Reporter for Civil, Criminal, Probate and Family Rules, Vermont Supreme Court

11:00 AM            **Rules Recommended for Promulgation by Family Rules Committee; Not Yet Acted on by Supreme Court**  
*V.R.F.P. 7, 7.1. Representation of child by attorney or guardian ad litem.*  
Jody Racht, Chair, Advisory Committee on Family Rules, Vermont Supreme Court  
Kinvin Wroth, Reporter for Civil, Criminal, Probate and Family Rules, Vermont Supreme Court

12:00 PM            **Adjourn**

**[PreKindergarten-16 Council](#)**

10:00 AM    Room 10 (Small Hearing Room)

10:00 AM            **Approve minutes**

- 10:10 AM            **Legislative priorities**  
*Report of the Subcommittee on Legislative Priorities*  
Rep. Peter Peltz
- 10:30 AM            **Introduction**  
Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary, Agency of Education
- 11:00 AM            **Great Schools Partnership**  
David Ruff, Executive Director, Great Schools Partnership
- 11:30 AM            **Other Business**  
*Early Education Summit, Vermont Business Roundtable planning,*  
*University of Vermont conference on education.*
- Noon                 **Adjourn**

### Public Records Legislative Study Committee

9:00 AM    Room 11 (Large Hearing Room)

- 9:00 AM            **Public Records Exemptions**  
*1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(7) (personal records) and 1 V.S.A. §§ 317(c)(10), (c)(12)*  
Helena Gardner, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council  
Susanne Young, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General  
Michael Donoghue, Executive Director, Vermont Press Association  
Tom Little, Vice-President and General Counsel, Vermont Student  
Assistance Corporation - via Phone  
Steven Collier, General Counsel, Department of Human Resources
- 11:00 AM            **Public Records Exemptions**  
*New proposed whistleblower exemption*  
Doug Hoffer, State Auditor
- 11:30 AM            **Public Records Exemptions**  
*1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(9) (trade secrets): discussion of November 1, 2013*  
*meeting testimony*  
*Committee Discussion*
- 12:00 PM            **Lunch**

12:45 PM            **Act 23 Project**  
*Review draft bill, questionnaire responses*  
Committee Discussion  
Helena Gardner, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Council

2:15 AM            **Public Records Exemptions**  
*Discuss committee recommendations on exemptions reviewed in 2013*  
Committee Discussion

3:00 PM            **Public Records Exemptions**  
*Plan final meeting; discuss process for finalizing annual report*  
Committee Discussion

**Other Meetings:**

**Monday, December 9, 2013**

Vermont NEA Press Conference  
Cedar Creek Room 12:30-1:30

**Tuesday, December 10, 2013**

Ed Open House for Armando  
Cedar Creek Room 4:30 -6:30

**Tuesday, December 11, 2013**

BGS Grant Awards  
SH Well, 1:00-1:45

**Weekly Legislative Report:**

**Committee Hearings:**

**Monday, December 2, 2013**

**House Committee on Appropriations**

- **Governor's Proposed FY 2014 Budget Adjustment**

## House Committee on Corrections and Institutions

- Corrections Oversight, Mental Health Oversight and SFI Committees Update
- Intercept Model
- H. 463 - An act relating to a Department of Corrections victim services program
- H. 464 - An act relating to health care reform and cost reduction in the Department of Corrections
- Department of Buildings and General Services  
*Rutland Garage and Waterbury State Office Complex Bidding Process*

## Tuesday, December 3, 2013

### House Appropriations

- Governor's Proposed FY 2014 Budget Adjustment

### House Committee on Human Services

- Rep. Sandy Haas, Study Committee on Providing Community Support to Persons with Serious Functional Impairments
- Rep. Patsy French, Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules
- Rep. Bill Frank, Building Bright Futures
- Rep. Michael Mrowicki, Tri-Branch Task Force
- 3SquaresVT
- Rep. Jill Krowinski, Health Care Oversight Committee
- Rep. Francis "Topper" McFaun, Health Care Oversight Committee
- Rep. Anne B. Donahue, Mental Health Oversight Committee
- Rep. Ann Pugh, Mental Health Oversight Committee

## Wednesday, December 4, 2013

### House Appropriations

- Governor's Proposed FY 2014 Budget Adjustment – Human Services

### House Committee on Judiciary

- Report by Judiciary Members on Summer Study Committees
- Report of Minor Guardianship Study Committee

## Thursday, December 5, 2013

## Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules

- **13-P30 - Rule 2.000: Health Insurance Rate Review**
- **#13-P01 - Regulation Establishing Standards for Emergency Involuntary Procedures**
- **#13-P02 - Licensing and Operating Regulations for Therapeutic Community Residences**
- **13-P29 - Amendments to Subchapter XI, Low Emission Vehicle Program, Vermont Air Pollution**
- **13-P26 - Stream Alteration Rule**
- **13-P37 - Maple Products Regulations**
- **13-P28 - Regulations Pertaining to the Construction and Operation of Net Metering Systems**
- **13-P40 - Rule Governing the Safe Disposal of Unused Medication**
- **13-E09 -4th Emergency Rule - General Assistance Emergency Housing for Vulnerable Populations**

## House Appropriations

- **Governor's Proposed FY 2014 Budget Adjustment**

## House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

- COMMITTEE PRIORITIES.
- VTA testimony – Need money for cell phone coverage, Broadband service completed now focus is equity and speed.
- DPS testimony - 248a sunset – should be lifted, net metering, smart grid report
- DOL testimony – technical changes, self employment assistance, workers comp, vocational rehab, WARN Act.
- VEDA testimony – not presented at hearing.
- ACCD testimony – growth center designations, fair share transportation, future mission of VTA, crowd funding, CEDS.
- DFR testimony and Proposed Rule – separate captive house-keeping bill – risk retention, dormant captives who leave Vermont would be able to opt in to stay in a dormant fashion so if they decide to come back, everything is already in place. Otherwise the state gets nothing from captives that leave. Credit for reinsurance, after-market parts bill for cars, severe weather deductibles.

- [AG testimony](#) – not presented.
- [Treasurer testimony](#) – not presented.

## **Friday, December 6, 2013**

### **House Appropriations**

- **Governor's Proposed FY 2014 Budget Adjustment**

### **Interim Study Committee on the Regulation of Precious Metal Dealers**

- **Review Draft Report**