

From: Padien, Mary (SEN)
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2007 11:04 AM
To: 'Ami Bhatt'
Subject: RE: CHINS - Steering Committee Meeting
Hi Ami,

We are doing the line-by line tomorrow.

There are two things you could help me with:

I need a two-three page summary of the changes we made in the draft Senator Spilka will propose to the committee at the hearing. Some of the changes can be described as technical - e.g. name changes, some substantive - e.g. removal of language related to the CORI process, which is not needed. It is hard to do this now, before we are finished, but if you can stay and work with Erin and I on Wednesday - we will be doing final language changes to the text starting then and continuing on Thursday.

The SJC is at this moment considering an appeal in a CHINS case, where the parents did not have party status and were not assigned counsel. I have a copy of an amicus curiae brief ((PAL, MSPCC, etc.). I want to look at (and analyis) the Attorney General's brief and the child's brief (if there was one). I think the case is just refered to as "In re: child in need of services" No. SJC-100036. Oral arguments were 2 or 3 weeks ago, they haven't issued a decision yet. Could you find the briefs, read them and get me a copy? - In the end I will need a very brief memo relating this to the bill. I am mostly concerned about whether people are arguing a constitutional or statutory basis.

Mary Anne

From: Ami Bhatt [mailto:amibhatt@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 06, 2007 10:38 AM
To: Padien, Mary (SEN)
Subject: Re: CHINS - Steering Committee Meeting

Hello Mary Anne,

Hope you had a good weekend. Wanted to reach out to you and see if you were still conducting a line by line on the CHINS bill tomorrow. Also, wanted to see if I could provide any further research or other assistance at this time.

Thank you!
Ami

On 10/29/07, **Padien, Mary (SEN)** <Mary.Padien@state.ma.us> wrote:
Hello Ami,

I wanted to remind you that there is a meeting of the CHINS steering committee tomorrow that you might find useful - **Tuesday, October 30th from 1:00-3:00 at the State House in room 222.**

The draft we are working from at that meeting is attached.

Hope you are able to make it -- its the best way for you to come up to date with where we are in the redrafting process.

Mary Anne