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The Governor will be meeting with Rep. Putnam on the bills below at 10:15 on Wednesday. He has stated that DSS supports each of these bills. I will reach out to Karen today. He is also working on some background information to share with our office.

Holly – I wasn't sure if you wanted to be there/will be available for this meeting.

Please let me know if we have any concerns with these bills. Thank you!

H.4492- Putnam—Notice To Foster Parents – EPW (2016.01.12)

- Requires notice to foster parents about any hearings set in child abuse and neglect cases and lists procedures for filing any reports with the Family Court.
- *Committee Report:*
- *Fiscal Impact:* no fiscal impact statement associated with this legislation.

H.4493- Putnam- Priority For Foster Parent Adoptions – EPW (2016.01.12)

- Directs the Department of Social Services to give certain foster parents priority for adopting foster children.
- *Committee Report:*
- *Fiscal Impact:* no fiscal impact statement associated with this legislation.

H.4546- Putnam - Improve Foster Care– EPW (2016.01.12)

- Requires reviews of foster care placements, programs, and activities.
- *Committee Action:*
- *Fiscal Impact:* no fiscal impact statement associated with this legislation.

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