

BILL SELECTION ASSIGNMENT

This assignment is not graded, but merely to get you going on selecting the bill you plan to follow in this legislative session. You should answer these questions and then place this document in the Bill Selection Assignment Submission Folder.

1. What bill are you planning to follow? (bill number and any name that is present)

Bills always have numbers (i.e. SB 657 or HB 247) but frequently they also have titles that become names.

2. Why are you interested in following this bill?

Please talk about what motivated you to consider following this bill. If you don't feel at least some passion about the issue involved, it is sometimes hard to keep up the momentum to complete the assignment.

3. What is the social problem this bill is attempting to address

You should think about the problem this bill is supposed to solve. You may not agree that it will, or you may not agree with the definition of this as a social problem. Think about this from the perspective of the sponsors. You do not have to agree with the bill you follow. And many of the bills you choose will not cross over.

4. Who is the main sponsor of this legislation and what is their background?

The first person in the list of sponsors is the main sponsor. Remember my discussion in the video about thinking about bipartisanship when you consider what bill to follow. You can also look at Polly McKinney's discussion (Voices for Georgia's Children) or Melissa Carter's discussion (Barton Center) if you are thinking about following a bill that affects children and families.

5. Do you think this bill will affect social work practice? How or why not?

The main point of this class is to show you that public policy is social work policy. Every single effort you make with your clients, no matter what setting you find yourself, will be affected by public policy.