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OLR BACKGROUNDER: 2011 AGENCY REORGANIZATIONS

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This report lists the various state agency reorganizations that occurred in the 2011 legislative session.

AGENCY REORGANIZATIONS

According to the Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA), the 2011-2013 biennial budget reduced the number of state agencies from 81 to 57. The budget (1) assumes savings of \$9 million in FY 12 and \$9.6 million in FY 13 and (2) eliminates 68 positions because of the reorganizations.

Table 1 of this report lists agencies that were either merged with another agency or had certain functions transferred to another agency. Table 2 lists agencies that either gained functions or are newly-created. Table 3 lists agencies that both gained and lost functions. Each table includes the number of positions affected by the reorganization and the public act number implementing it.

Information on the number of positions transferred and eliminated is from OFA's budget book. It should be noted that the information in this report only includes position changes specifically attributed to a reorganization. Some of the agencies listed below experienced position reductions beyond what is listed in the table, but such reductions were attributed to other factors, rather than being specifically tied to a reorganization.

Additionally, some agencies did not have any position transfers listed in the budget book because they assumed a former agency's account in the budget. For example, while the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) was merged with the Department of Public Utility Control to form the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), the new agency was placed in DEP's previous budget account (DEP 43000), so no position transfers are shown from DEP to DEEP.

Table 1: Merged and Dissolved Agencies

Agency	Action	Number of Positions	Public Act Number
Board of Accountancy (BOA)	Merged into secretary of the state's office	4 positions transferred 1 position eliminated	PA 11-51
Board of Education and Services for the Blind (BESB)	Merged into newly-created Bureau of Rehabilitative Services (BRS)	91 positions transferred 4 positions eliminated	PA 11-44
Board of Firearms Permit Examiners (BFPE)	Merged into newly-created Office of Governmental Accountability (OGA)	1 position transferred	PA 11-48
Charter Oak State College	Charter Oak's governing board (Board of State Academic Awards) dissolved: college now governed by Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR)	31 positions transferred	PA 11-48
Commission on Child Protection	Dissolved: functions transferred to Public Defender Services Commission	6 positions transferred 3 positions eliminated	PA 11-51
Commission on Culture and Tourism (CCT)	Dissolved: functions transferred to Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)	31 positions transferred	PA 11-48
Commission on Deaf and Hearing Impaired (CDHI)	Merged into BRS	5 positions transferred 2 positions eliminated	PA 11-44
Commission on Fire Prevention and Control	Merged into newly-created Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), was previously within Department of Public Safety (DPS) for administrative purposes only	15 positions transferred 2 positions eliminated	PA 11-51
Connecticut Community-Technical Colleges (CTC)	CTC Board of Trustees dissolved: system now governed by BOR	2,088 positions transferred (position count increases to 2,125 in FY 13)	PA 11-48
Connecticut State University System (CSUS)	CSUS Board of Trustees dissolved: system now governed by BOR	2,331 positions transferred	PA 11-48
Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS)	Dissolved: functions transferred to DESPP	35 positions transferred	PA 11-51

Table 1: -Continued-

Agency	Action	Number of Positions	Public Act Number
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)	Merged with Department of Public Utility Control to form newly-created Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)	DEEP assumes DEP's budget account (DEP 43000), so no position transfers are shown	PA 11-80
Department of Higher Education (DHE)	Dissolved: most functions assumed by newly-created Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education (OFAAHE) Some functions transferred to BOR	13 positions transferred to BOR OFAAHE assumes DHE's budget account (DHE 66500), so no position transfers are shown to OFAAHE	PA 11-48
Department of Information Technology (DOIT)	Dissolved: most functions assumed by Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Information technology (IT) policy responsibilities transferred to Office of Policy and Management (OPM) IT manager positions transferred to various agencies	182 positions transferred to DAS 27 IT manager positions transferred to various agencies 3 positions transferred to OPM 9 positions eliminated	PA 11-51
Department of Public Safety (DPS)	Dissolved: most functions assumed by DESPP Responsibility for and operation of weigh stations transferred to Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) State building inspector and fire marshal offices (but not the responsibility for fire investigations) transferred to newly-created Department of Construction Services (DCS) Oversight of amusements and exhibitions transferred to Department of Consumer Protection (DCP)	61 positions transferred to DCS 7 positions transferred to DMV 2 positions transferred to DCP DESPP assumes DPS's budget account (DPS 32000), so no position transfers are shown from DPS to DESPP	PA 11-51 PA 11-61 (fire investigations)
Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC)	Dissolved: merged into DEEP	115 positions transferred	PA 11-80
Department of Public Works (DPW)	Dissolved: construction and construction management functions transferred to DCS All other functions (e.g., leasing, property management, etc.) transferred to DAS	103 positions transferred to DAS 16 positions transferred to DCS 13 positions eliminated	PA 11-51

Table 1: -Continued-

Agency	Action	Number of Positions	Public Act Number
Department of Social Services (DSS)	Rehabilitation services program transferred to BRS Child day care program and school readiness enhancement grant transferred to state Department of Education (SDE)	5 positions transferred to BRS 1 position transferred to SDE	PA 11-44
Division of Special Revenue (DSR)	Dissolved: functions transferred to DCP Transfer also includes the Gaming Policy Board	89 positions transferred 3 positions eliminated	PA 11-51
Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC)	Merged into OGA	19 positions transferred 1 position eliminated	PA 11-48
Judicial Review Council (JRC)	Merged into OGA	1 position transferred	PA 11-48
Judicial Selection Commission (JSC)	Merged into OGA	1 position transferred	PA 11-48
Office of the Child Advocate (OCA)	Merged into OGA	6 positions transferred 3 positions eliminated	PA 11-48
Office of State Ethics (OSE)	Merged into OGA	15 positions transferred 1 position eliminated	PA 11-48
Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA)	Merged into OGA	3 positions transferred	PA 11-48
Office of Workforce Competitiveness (OWC)	Merged into Department of Labor (DOL) Funding for certain programs transferred to DECD	3 positions transferred to DOL	PA 11-48
Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST)	Merged into DESPP, was previously within DPS for administrative purposes only	19 positions transferred 3 positions eliminated	PA 11-51
State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB)	Merged into OGA	5 positions transferred 3 positions eliminated	PA 11-48
State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC)	Merged into OGA	37 positions transferred	PA 11-48
Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC)	Rehabilitative services program transferred to BRS	6 positions transferred	PA 11-44

Table 2: Agencies that Increased in Size or were Newly-Created

Agency	Components	Number of Positions	Public Act Number
Board of Regents of Higher Education (BOR)	Newly-created agency consisting of (1) CSUS, (2) CTC, (3) Charter Oak, and (4) part of DHE	2,331 positions transferred from CSUS 2,088 positions transferred from CTC (position count increases to 2,125 in FY 13) 31 positions transferred from Charter Oak 13 positions transferred from DHE	PA 11-48
Bureau of Rehabilitative Services (BRS)	Newly-created agency consisting of (1) BESB, (2) CDHI, (3) DSS rehabilitation services program, (4) DMV handicapped driver training program, and (5) WCC rehabilitative services program	91 positions transferred from BESB 6 positions transferred from WCC 5 positions transferred from CDHI 5 positions transferred from DSS 2 positions transferred from DMV	PA 11-44
Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA)	Newly-created quasi-public agency Responsible for management and oversight of Bradley Airport and state's general aviation airports	Department of Transportation (DOT) aviation employees will be transferred to CAA if and when DOT transfers the functions they perform to CAA	PA 11-84
Department of Administrative Services (DAS)	Expanded to include (1) most of DOIT's functions and (2) all DPW functions except for construction and construction management	182 positions transferred from DOIT 103 positions transferred from DPW	PA 11-51
Department of Construction Services (DCS)	Newly-created agency consisting of (1) DPW's construction and construction management functions, (2) Bureau of School Facilities from SDE, and (3) the state building inspector and fire marshal offices from DPS (but not the responsibility for fire investigations) Responsibility for school building projects is now divided between SDE and DCS	61 positions transferred from DPS 16 positions transferred from DPW 10 positions transferred from SDE	PA 11-51 PA 11-61 (fire investigations)
Department of Consumer Protection (DCP)	Expanded to include (1) DSR and (2) DPS's oversight of amusements and exhibitions	89 positions transferred from DSR 2 positions transferred from DPS	PA 11-51

Table 2: -Continued-

Agency	Components	Number of Positions	Public Act Number
Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)	Expanded to include CCT Also oversees funding for certain OWC programs	31 positions transferred from CCT	PA 11-48
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP)	Newly-created agency consisting of (1) DEMHS, (2) most of DPS, (3) POST, (4) Commission on Fire Prevention and Control, and (5) other agencies' dispatch operations	35 positions transferred from DEMHS 19 positions transferred from POST 15 positions transferred from Commission on Fire Prevention and Control Approximately 18 dispatch positions eliminated, the rest transfer to DESPP No positions transferred from DPS as DESPP assumes DPS's budget account (DPS 32000)	PA 11-51 PA 11-61 (fire investigations)
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)	Newly-created agency consisting of DEP and DPUC Agency also assumes OPM's energy-related powers and responsibilities	115 positions transferred from DPUC 7 positions transferred from OPM No positions transferred from DEP to DEEP as DEEP assumes DEP's budget account (DEP 43000)	PA 11-80
Department of Labor (DOL)	Expanded to include OWC	3 positions transferred	PA 11-48
Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education (OFAAHE)	Newly-created agency consisting of most of DHE	OFAAHE assumes DHE's budget account (DHE 66500), so no position transfers are shown	PA 11-48
Office of Governmental Accountability (OGA)	Newly-created agency consisting of (1) SEEC, (2) FOIC, (3) OSE, (4) OCA, (5) OVA, (6) SCSB, (7) JRC, (8) JSC, and (9) BFPE The component agencies retain independent decision-making authority	Position transfers are as follows: SEEC- 37 FOIC- 19 OSE- 15 OCA- 6 OVA- 3 SCSB- 2 JRC- 1 JSC- 1 BFPE- 1	PA 11-48
Public Defender Services Commission	Expanded to include Commission on Child Protection	6 positions transferred	PA 11-51
Secretary of the State	Expanded to include BOA	4 positions transferred from BOA	PA 11-48

Table 3: Agencies that Both Gained and Lost Functions

Agency	Components	Number of Positions	Public Act Number
State Department of Education (SDE)	Bureau of School Facilities transferred to DCS Child day care program and school readiness enhancement grant transferred from DSS Responsibility for school building projects is now divided between SDE and DCS	10 positions transferred to DCS 1 position transferred from DSS	PA 11-51 (school facilities) PA 11-44 (child day care and school readiness)
Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	Responsibility for and operation of weigh stations transferred from DPS Handicapped Driver Training Program transferred to BRS	7 positions transferred from DPS 2 positions transferred to BRS	PA 11-51 (weigh stations) PA 11-44 (handicapped driver training program)
Office of Policy and Management (OPM)	Energy unit transferred to DEEP IT policy responsibilities transferred from DOIT	7 positions transferred to DEEP 3 positions transferred from DOIT	PA 11-80 (DEEP) PA 11-51 (DOIT)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OFA Budget Book Part 1

http://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/documents/year/BB/2012BB-20110714_FY%2012%20and%20FY%2013-Connecticut%20Budget-Part%20I.pdf

OFA Budget Book Part 2

http://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/documents/year/BB/2012BB-20110916_FY%2012%20and%20FY%2013-Connecticut%20Budget-Part%20II.pdf

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