

**Government Administration and Elections Committee**  
**JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** HB-5263

AN ACT REQUIRING A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE LIST OF LEGISLATIVELY

**Title:** APPOINTED BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS.

**Vote Date:** 3/9/2018

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/5/2018

**File No.:** 17

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Rep. Craig C. Fishbein, 90th Dist.

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

This bill gives the public an opportunity to view a list of all boards and commissions and apply for vacancies.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None Expressed.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**State of Connecticut, House Republican Office:** This bill is a House Republican proposal that directs the Office of Legislative Management to post on the General Assembly website a list of accessible boards and commissions. The boards and commissions provide research, generate revenue and protect citizens.

**Paddi LeShane, Sullivan & LeShane Inc.,** This bill would readily make available critical information necessary for all registered lobbyists to fulfill their obligations under the State's Ethics reporting statutes. Registered Lobbyists must report certain expenditures that benefit individual legislators. As of current, this task is not easy for there is not central list of commissioners and board members. An employee of a company can underwrite the cost of food and beverage for an event where, unknowingly, a member of the legislature or a member of a board or commission is in attendance. The company is at risk of violating the

law. LeShane suggests “amending the language to include any and all appointments of the Governor or other state wide elected to boards, commissions, or organizations deemed by the OSE to be reportable under the CT State Ethic Laws.”

**Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists (CSPJ):** The CSPJ is in favor of any bill that makes it easier for the public to know who is working for the public on their behalf.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed.

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