

**SENATE  
List of Bills**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 244](#) SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT FREEZING CREDIT SCORES OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN'**, to protect the credit scores of certain federal workers during the partial federal government shutdown.

**REF. BANKING**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 248](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF GENERATORS IN STATE PARKS'**, to encourage environmentally friendly practices in state parks.

**REF. ENVIRONMENT**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 450](#) SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING AN OFFICE OF INNOVATION'**, to create an Office of Innovation responsible for encouraging innovation in government and business.

**REF. COMMERCE**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 451](#) SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD INDEPENDENCE'**, to provide children with greater independence and permit parents to make appropriate parenting decisions for their children.

**REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 452](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STATE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES'**, to establish the State Oversight Council on Children and Families in place of the State Advisory Council on Children and Families, and require the State Oversight Council on Children and Families to report annually to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and children.

**REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 453](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OMBUDSMAN'**, to establish an independent children and families ombudsman to provide children in the care and custody of the Department of Children and Families an opportunity to have complaints and grievances heard, reviewed and addressed.

**REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 454](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS'**, to create a more efficient educational system.

**REF. EDUCATION**

Proposed [S.B. No. 455](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO THE NEW ENGLAND SCIENCE AND SAILING FOUNDATION FOR THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO SCHOOLS', to authorize the Department of Education to provide grants to the New England Science and Sailing Foundation for the provision of education programs to schools.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 456](#) SEN. ABRAMS, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAMS AT SCHOOLS', to increase the safety and security of children and staff at schools.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 457](#) SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SIZE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS', to require certain small school districts to create new or join existing regional school districts.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 458](#) SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BOARDS OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP', to authorize the chief elected official to appoint the chairperson of the local board of education for certain municipalities.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 459](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES TO CERTAIN CHILDREN', to extend special education services to children and young adults who need service for social, executive functioning and life skills.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 460](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NORWICH AS INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOL PROGRAMS', to designate the public schools in the town of Norwich as interdistrict magnet school programs and to open enrollment to such schools to students in surrounding towns.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 461](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONVERTING THE LEBANON REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER TO AN INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOL PROGRAM', to convert the Lebanon Regional Agricultural Science and Technology Center to an interdistrict magnet school program.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 462](#) SEN. BRADLEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR INCREASING DIVERSE TEACHING POPULATIONS', to establish guidelines that will increase minority teacher recruitment and hiring.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 463](#) SEN. CHAMPAGNE, 35th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE EXCESS COST THRESHOLD FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS', to aid small towns in the financing of special education services.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 464](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM', to provide students with access to a comprehensive school counseling program.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 465](#) SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST.; REP. ROSE, 118th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM', to include the events of September 11, 2001, in the social studies component of the public school curriculum and to require the State Board of Education to develop and make available model curriculum relating to the events of September 11, 2001.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 466](#) SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FROM MAKING RESCISSIONS TO A TOWN'S EDUCATION COST-SHARING GRANT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR', to prohibit the Governor from making rescissions to towns' education cost-sharing grants during a fiscal year.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 467](#) SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF AN ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE ON INFRASTRUCTURE', to study the impact of an electromagnetic pulse on infrastructure in the state.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed [S.B. No. 468](#) SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON STATE LAND NEAR PUBLIC HIGHWAYS', to allow the installation of publicly or privately owned solar panels on state-owned land in the proximity of public highways.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed [S.B. No. 469](#) SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY RESPONSE TIMES FOR RESTORATION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE AND UTILITY MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS', to require improved utility response times for restoration of electric service after power outages and to establish minimum staffing levels for utility line crews and related utility employee positions.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed [S.B. No. 470](#) SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL ADOPTIONS BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF ANIMAL ABUSE', to prohibit persons convicted of animal abuse from adopting animals.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 471](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO AMBULANCES FOR THE TOWN OF SOMERS', to provide funding for the purchase of two ambulances for the town of Somers.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 472](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT REPEALING THE TRANSFER FROM THE PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMMING AND EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT (PEGPETIA) TO THE GENERAL FUND', to repeal the transfer from the public, educational and governmental programming and education technology investment account to the general fund.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 473](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR THE SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (STEAP)', to provide additional funding for the small town economic assistance program (STEAP).

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 474](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. ROTELLA, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY WELL, SEPTIC SYSTEM AND PAVED ROAD IN THE PAUCATUCK EASTERN PEQUOT RESERVATION IN THE TOWN OF NORTH STONINGTON', to provide funding for the construction of a community well, septic system and paved road in the Paucatuck Eastern Pequot reservation in the town of North Stonington.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 475](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE SALES TAX RATE AND DEDICATING THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO MUNICIPALITIES', to increase municipal revenue.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 476](#) SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING THE HOME CULTIVATION OF CANNABIS BY CERTIFIED MARIJUANA PATIENTS', to allow certified medical marijuana patients to cultivate cannabis at home.

REF. GENERAL LAW

Proposed [S.B. No. 477](#) SEN. BRADLEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO PLACE THEIR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS IN CERTAIN CONTAINERS', to allow individuals to place their prescription medications in containers that such medications were not originally distributed to them in.

REF. GENERAL LAW

Proposed [S.B. No. 478](#) SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF VENDORS AT PARKVILLE MARKET', to establish a regulatory framework for vendors that wish to sell goods at the Parkville Market in Hartford.

REF. GENERAL LAW

Proposed [S.B. No. 479](#) SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING ELECTION DAY AS A STATE HOLIDAY', to designate election day as a legal holiday to remove barriers to voting.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 480](#) SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A LOW-INCOME FAMILY IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATION', to make government more family centered by creating an impact statement on how certain legislation impacts low-income families.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 481](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK', to establish Kidney Disease Awareness Week.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 482](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A REVIEW OF STATE MANDATES', to review all state mandates.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 483](#) SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING AN ANALYSIS OF THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION', to provide legislators with information regarding the constitutionality of proposed legislation.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 484](#) SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FORM OF OATHS', to make the form of oaths consistent.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 485](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS', to require the Auditors of Public Accounts to conduct a performance audit of certain government programs.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 486](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS', to increase affordable housing options for first responders who wish to reside in the municipality in which they work.

REF. HOUSING

Proposed [S.B. No. 487](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST.; REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING NONRETIREE RESIDENCY IN SENIOR HOUSING', to reduce the number of nonretirees that reside in housing designated for senior citizens.

REF. HOUSING

Proposed [S.B. No. 488](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONELDERLY RESIDENTS OF SENIOR HOUSING', to reduce the number of nonretirees that reside in senior housing.

REF. HOUSING

Proposed [S.B. No. 489](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST.; REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING THE PERCENTAGE OF NONRETIREEES IN SENIOR HOUSING', to reduce the percentage of nonretirees residing in senior housing.

REF. HOUSING

Proposed [S.B. No. 490](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING THE PERCENTAGE OF NONRETIREEES RESIDING IN SENIOR HOUSING', to reduce the number of nonretirees residing in housing designated for senior citizens.

REF. HOUSING

Proposed [S.B. No. 491](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO QUALITY HUMAN SERVICES', to save more than one million dollars per group home and seven thousand dollars per client of a local mental health authority by converting state-run services to a nonprofit operation.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 492](#) SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES', to incentivize nonprofit providers of human services to use innovative approaches to make state dollars go farther to assist clients.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 493](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SERVICE ANIMALS', to require health insurance coverage for each service animal that is annually registered with, or certified by, this state or the municipality where such service animal is kept.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 494](#) SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT RESTORING THE DEATH PENALTY FOR THE CRIME OF MURDER WITH SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES', to restore the death penalty in Connecticut.  
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 495](#) SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE EARNED RISK REDUCTION CREDIT PROGRAM', to eliminate the earned risk reduction credit program.  
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 496](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; SEN. ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. BRADLEY, 23rd DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGALIZATION, TAXATION AND REGULATION OF THE RETAIL SALE AND RECREATIONAL USE OF CANNABIS', to provide for the legalization, taxation and regulation of the retail sale, personal growth and recreational use of cannabis by individuals twenty-one years of age or older.  
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 497](#) SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM', to reduce recidivism through community-based housing, health and behavioral health services.  
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 498](#) SEN. ABRAMS, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS', to prevent unregulated and dangerous weapons from being distributed in Connecticut.  
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 499](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING "UPSKIRTING"', to make it unlawful to take "upskirt" photos without consent even if the victim is in a public place.  
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 500](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION', to provide that juvenile court jurisdiction reverts back to age sixteen years or under for any person after one conviction of a felony.  
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 501](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE CRIME OF ABUSING AN ELDERLY PERSON', to amend the statute of limitations for the crime of abusing an elderly person to provide that the five-year period be based on the discovery of the offense or the death of the elderly person.  
REF. JUDICIARY



Proposed [S.B. No. 502](#) SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST.; REP. ROSE, 118th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY OFFENSES AGAINST A MINOR AND REQUIRING PARENTS TO WATCH A SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAM', to eliminate the statute of limitations in the case of a felony sexual assault with a minor victim and to require local and regional school districts to require parents or guardians to watch a sexual assault prevention program.

**REF. JUDICIARY**

Proposed [S.B. No. 503](#) SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON'S HOME, MOTOR VEHICLE OR BUSINESS', to establish a rebuttable presumption in a self-defense claim that, when a person believes it necessary to use deadly force to repel an intruder, such belief is a reasonable belief.

**REF. JUDICIARY**

Proposed [S.B. No. 504](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, TREATMENT AND COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS', to establish a community-based preprosecution program.

**REF. JUDICIARY**

Proposed [S.B. No. 505](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION', to establish the crime of mutilation of female genitalia of minors as a class D felony offense.

**REF. JUDICIARY**

Proposed [S.B. No. 506](#) SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERIAL OFFENDERS OF DUI LAWS', to strengthen driving under the influence laws for serial offenders.

**REF. JUDICIARY**

Proposed [S.B. No. 507](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMITMENT OF INDIVIDUALS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF MENTAL DEFECT OR DISEASE', to provide that the time of commitment be more closely tied to the time of incarceration associated with the crime.

**REF. JUDICIARY**

Proposed [S.B. No. 508](#) SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT', to combat the increase in automobile thefts.

**REF. JUDICIARY**

Proposed [S.B. No. 509](#) SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM', to establish a paid family and medical leave program.

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**



Proposed [S.B. No. 510](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NON-ERISA PLANS AND QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS', to allow for lifetime payments for a nonparticipating spouse, even if the spouses are divorced.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 511](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNEMPLOYMENT REDUCTION AMOUNT', to increase unemployment compensation benefits for individuals working part-time.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 512](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; SEN. FONFARA, 1st DIST.; SEN. BRADLEY, 23rd DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT ASSISTING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS', to allow and require the Labor Department to assist federal employees who are either furloughed or forced to work without pay during the federal government shutdown.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 513](#) SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMPTROLLER TO OFFER THE PARTNERSHIP PLAN TO SMALL EMPLOYERS', to require the Comptroller to offer the partnership plan to small employers.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 514](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; REP. PAOLILLO, 97th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN FEES BY BUILDING OFFICIALS', to ensure compliance with building codes.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 515](#) SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE ONLINE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES BY MUNICIPALITIES', to permit municipalities to publish legal notices on the Internet web sites of such municipalities.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 516](#) SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF MUNICIPAL BLIGHT REGULATIONS', to establish a cap on the sum total of a civil penalty that a municipality may assess to the owner of a blighted property.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 517](#) SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE MINORITY REPRESENTATION RULE TO FIRE DISTRICTS', to extend the minority representation rule to fire districts.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 518](#) SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd DIST.; REP. POLLETTA, 68th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL OPTION FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS FOR ARTS AND CULTURE', to encourage the advancement of the arts and culture by permitting municipalities to offer property tax abatements.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 519](#) SEN. ABRAMS, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL OVERSIGHT OF OPEN SPACE, WATER RESOURCES AND FARM LAND', to permit municipalities to acquire, preserve and steward open space, water resources and farm land.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 520](#) SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON GROUP HOME APPLICATIONS', to require public hearings on applications for new group homes.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 521](#) SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST.; REP. PHIPPS, 100th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MIDDLETOWN AREA TRANSMIT', to modify the charter of Middletown Area Transit.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 522](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMISSIONS', to permit a member of a zoning board of appeals to serve as an alternate member of a planning commission.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 523](#) SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TRUCK WEIGHTS', to increase the maximum allowable truck weight to one hundred thousand pounds.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 524](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING AN ELDERLY OR DISABLED HOMEOWNER'S ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN TAX RELIEF', to require assessors to comply with guidelines established by the Office of Policy and Management when determining an elderly or disabled taxpayer's eligibility for tax relief pursuant to said section, in order to prevent arbitrary denial of tax relief.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 525](#) SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD LEVELS FOR THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TAX RELIEF PROGRAM', to increase the qualifying income threshold levels for the tax relief program under section 12-170aa of the general statutes to forty-five thousand dollars for unmarried homeowners and sixty thousand dollars for married homeowners.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 526](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; SEN. BERGSTEIN, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MUNICIPAL FISCAL YEAR', to permit municipal legislative bodies to amend municipal fiscal years to align with the federal fiscal year.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 527](#) SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST.; REP. PHIPPS, 100th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPALITIES TO COMBINE THE PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS OF MULTIPLE ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES', to permit municipalities to enter into tax agreements to combine real and personal property assessments of multiple electric generating facilities.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 528](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL REPORTING BY BOARDS OF EDUCATION', to require boards of education to submit financial reports and explanations of all line item transfers to municipal boards of finance or their equivalent in a format prescribed by such board of finance or equivalent.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 529](#) SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO REDUCE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENTS', to permit a municipality to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education if such municipality has experienced an increase in self-insurer health care expenditures.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [S.B. No. 530](#) SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST.; REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST.; REP. WINKLER, 56th DIST.; REP. ROSE, 118th DIST.; REP. ELLIOTT, 88th DIST.; REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST.; REP. CAMILLO, 151st DIST.; REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST.; REP. COOK, 65th DIST.; REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST.; REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST.; REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST.; REP. CURREY, 11th DIST.; REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th DIST.; REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST.; REP. SLAP, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ORIGINAL BIRTH RECORDS BY ADULT ADOPTED PERSONS', to permit all adopted individuals and such individuals' children and grandchildren, to obtain uncertified copies of such individuals' original birth certificates.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

Proposed [S.B. No. 531](#) SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE COMMUNITY COMPANIONS PROGRAM', to expand opportunities for persons with intellectual disability to live in a family setting with other persons with intellectual disability.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

Proposed [S.B. No. 532](#) SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING THE PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION UPON PRESENTATION OF AN OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE OR PERMIT TO CARRY A FIREARM', to allow an individual to purchase ammunition upon presentation of a license or permit to carry a firearm that was issued by another state and displays the individual's picture.

**REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Proposed [S.B. No. 533](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. FONFARA, 1st DIST.; SEN. MCCRORY, 2nd DIST.; SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST.; SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. BRADLEY, 23rd DIST.; SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST.; SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST.; SEN. BERGSTEIN, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS', to expand access to diaper changing stations in public buildings.

**REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Proposed [S.B. No. 534](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE ESTATE AND GIFT TAXES', to eliminate the estate and gift taxes.

**REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING**

Proposed [S.B. No. 535](#) SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE SALES AND USE TAXES ON VAPING PRODUCTS AND ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN', to increase the sales and use taxes on vaping products and to establish a fund for addiction treatment services for children under eighteen years of age.

**REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING**

Proposed [S.B. No. 536](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS CARING FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY PERSONS, MINOR CHILDREN AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to reduce financial burdens on taxpayers for the cost of providing home care for certain elderly persons, minor children and persons with disabilities.  
REF. AGING

Proposed [S.B. No. 537](#) SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAMMING FUNDING', to increase funding for community access programming.  
REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed [S.B. No. 538](#) SEN. LESSER, 9th DIST.; SEN. ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST.; REP. PHIPPS, 100th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY FIRE SCHOOL IN MIDDLETOWN', to provide funding for the construction of a new Middlesex County fire school in the city of Middletown.  
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 539](#) SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF CIDER AND FOOD BY HOLDERS OF A MANUFACTURER PERMIT FOR CIDER', to authorize a holder of a manufacturer permit for cider to sell cider and apple wine by the glass or bottle for on-site consumption and to sell and serve food on the permitted premises.  
REF. GENERAL LAW

Proposed [S.B. No. 540](#) SEN. BRADLEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT PLACING THE STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE', to place the State Elections Enforcement Commission within the office of the Secretary of the State.  
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 541](#) SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS', to establish firefighter villages in order to facilitate the participation of members of volunteer fire departments in providing fire response services in a municipality.  
REF. HOUSING

Proposed [S.B. No. 542](#) SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE', to require the Department of Social Services to use telemedicine in the medical assistance program and update telemedicine definitions to more accurately serve rural areas.  
REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 543](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EQUINE THERAPY FOR VETERANS', to require health insurance coverage for equine therapy for veterans.  
**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE**

Proposed [S.B. No. 544](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH PARITY, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PARITY AND MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT', to require health carriers to report data to the Insurance Commissioner concerning mental health and substance use disorder parity, and eliminate certain restrictions concerning medication-assisted treatment.  
**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE**

Proposed [S.B. No. 545](#) SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN', to (1) permit certain property owners to repurchase property taken from them by eminent domain if such property is not used for a public use and is subsequently resold; (2) prohibit persons from misrepresenting that they are authorized to acquire property by eminent domain by making such misrepresentation an unfair trade practice; (3) require that appraisals in eminent domain proceedings be conducted by licensed real estate appraisers in accordance with uniform standards; (4) require the consent of the parties before a court may appoint a judge trial referee to review a statement of compensation in an eminent domain proceeding; (5) increase the maximum payments for relocation assistance; and (6) revise the standards used by municipal legislative bodies prior to authorizing the use of eminent domain pursuant to a development plan under chapter 132 of the general statutes.  
**REF. JUDICIARY**

Proposed [S.B. No. 546](#) SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN BY MUNICIPALITIES AND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF PROPERTY RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN', to (1) eliminate the use of eminent domain by (A) a municipality or development agency to acquire property within a municipal development project area, and (B) an implementing agency to acquire property in a development plan under the Manufacturing Assistance Act; (2) establish an Office of Property Rights Ombudsman; (3) permit a private property owner to request that the ombudsman arbitrate an eminent domain or relocation assistance dispute between the owner and a public agency; and (4) require a public agency to make a reasonable effort to negotiate with a property owner before starting an eminent domain action and provide the property owner with certain information before filing such an action, including information about the ombudsman.  
**REF. JUDICIARY**

Proposed [S.B. No. 547](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE GRANTING OF ZONING VARIANCES', to provide that a zoning variance may be granted by a zoning board of appeals if the literal enforcement of a zoning regulation would create an exceptional difficulty or unusual hardship because of a unique characteristic of the subject property.  
**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 548](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT'**, to (1) create requirements for the expenditure of municipal revenue sharing grants and select payment in lieu of taxes grants; (2) authorize the Office of Policy and Management to create and maintain a web site for the solicitation of proposals for solutions to urban area problems; (3) establish pilot programs based on such proposals; and (4) establish a task force to study the manner in which state funding is utilized by nonprofit providers and review the requirements imposed on nonprofit providers by state agencies and compliance with those requirements by nonprofit providers.

**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 549](#) SEN. KUSHNER, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FIREFIGHTER WORK WEEKS'**, to eliminate the fifty-six hour average work week cap for certain firefighters.

**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 550](#) SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS'**, to make geographic information system tools and software available at low cost to municipalities.

**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 551](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ARTS DISTRICTS'**, to promote the growth of the arts by permitting municipalities to establish local arts districts in which the state sales tax is waived.

**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 552](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST.; REP. LEMAR, 96th DIST.; REP. PAOLILLO, 97th DIST.; REP. DIMASSA, 116th DIST.; REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY'**, to permit the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority to establish separate municipal water rates.

**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 553](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES BY MUNICIPALITIES'**, to permit municipalities to publish legal notices on municipal or state Internet web sites.

**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**



Proposed [S.B. No. 554](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING EXISTING UNFUNDED MANDATES AND REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO CREATE NEW UNFUNDED MANDATES', to eliminate all existing unfunded mandates on January 1, 2020, and require a two-thirds vote of each chamber of the General Assembly to enact legislation that creates an unfunded mandate after said date.

**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Proposed [S.B. No. 555](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT IN LIEU OF TAXES TO THE TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN', to provide a grant in lieu of taxes to the town of Voluntown equal to the total of one hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been paid with respect to Pachaug State Park.

**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Proposed [S.B. No. 556](#) SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN RETIRED PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES', to permit any municipality, by a two-thirds vote of the legislative body of such municipality, to annually pay a public safety employee of such municipality who was disabled on duty the difference between the employee's disability retirement pay and regular rate of pay prior to retirement until the employee reaches sixty-five years of age.

**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Proposed [S.B. No. 557](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST.; REP. LEMAR, 96th DIST.; REP. PAOLILLO, 97th DIST.; REP. DIMASSA, 116th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN NEW HAVEN', to provide a comprehensive approach to redevelopment projects in New Haven.

**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Proposed [S.B. No. 558](#) SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RAILROAD EXPRESS COMPANY POLICE OFFICERS', to allow a railroad express company engaged in the business of transportation in this state to establish a railroad police department and employ officers certified by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council.

**REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**