



JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Friday, February 14, 2020

The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:38 o'clock a.m., Representative Mushinsky of the 85th District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Kerri E. Malloy of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Almighty Creator, bless our labors this day as we handle the business of the State. Guide us as we discern what is right for the people we represent. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kerri E. Malloy of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

REPORTS

The following reports were received on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committees indicated:

Report - Department of Energy and Environmental Protection - Connecticut Energy Efficiency Board - Evaluation Studies and Results Abstracts for 2018. (Pursuant to Section 33 of Public Act 11-80, Amending Section 16-245m of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 21, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Department of Veterans' Affairs for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 22, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Report - Department of Labor - Recommendations Regarding Optimal Methods for Obtaining Information Related to Employees Receiving Gratuities, January 2020. (Pursuant to Public Act 19-4 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 22, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Labor and Public Employees.

Report - Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund - Quarterly Report of Disbursals of the American Legion Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 27-140 of the Connecticut General Statutes as Amended by Public Act 14-217.) Date Received: January 23, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety and Security.

Report - Connecticut Innovations, Inc. - 2019 Annual Report of Connecticut Innovations and CT Next, including: New and Outstanding Financial Assistance FYE 6-30-19; Vendors Over

\$5,000 - FY 2019; Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employment Policy Statement, and Planned Activities for FYE 2020. (Pursuant to Section 1-123(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 23, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Commerce, Appropriations and Public Health.

Report - State of Connecticut - Results First Policy Oversight Committee's 2019 Annual Report. (Pursuant to Section 2-111(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 24, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Public Health and Children.

Report - Office of Early Childhood - 2nd Quarter Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Expenditure and Priority Group Enrollment Report. (Pursuant to Section 257 of Public Act 19-117.) Date Received: January 28, 2020.

Referred to the Committees on Education and Appropriations.

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - 2019 Annual Report to the General Assembly. (Pursuant to Section 2-92 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 29, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report - Department of Economic and Community Development - Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits for Fiscal Year 2019. (Pursuant to Section 10-416c (j) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 29, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Commerce and Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report - Office of the Chief State's Attorney - Preliminary Status Report of Danbury State's Attorney Concerning the Use of Deadly Force in Ansonia on January 2, 2020 and the Release of Body Camera Video; Preliminary Status Report of Middlesex State's Attorney Concerning the Use of Deadly Force in West Haven on January 15, 2020. (Pursuant to Section 3 of Public Act 19-90.) Date Received: January 29, 2020.

Referred to the Committees on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Report - Auditor of Public Accounts - Auditors' Report - Department of Transportation For The Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2013, 2014, 2015 And 2016. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 30, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Report - Connecticut Sentencing Commission - 2020 Interim Report - A Study of the Disparities in Pretrial and Sentencing Outcomes of Criminal Defendants. (Pursuant to Special Act 19-17.) Date Received: January 30, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Report - Connecticut Sentencing Commission - 2019 Annual Report. (Pursuant to Sections 11-4a and 54-300(p) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 30, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Report - Office of the Chief State's Attorney - Preliminary Report of the State's Attorney for the Judicial District of New Britain Concerning the Use of Deadly Force in Waterbury on January 20, 2020. (Pursuant to Section 3 of Public Act 19-90.) Date Received: January 30, 2020.

Referred to the Committees on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Report - Department of Labor - Report on Uncollectible, Cancelled Unemployment Claims, January 2020. (Pursuant to Section 31-273 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 30, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Labor and Public Employees.

Report - Department of Labor - Report on the Application of Military Training or Experience for Service Members, January 2020. (Pursuant to Section 4-61BB of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 30, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report - Department of Labor - Report on Recommendations Regarding Recognition of Relevant Military Education, Skills and Training in the Occupational Certification and Licensing Process, January 2020. (Pursuant to Public Act 14-131.) Date Received: January 30, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Report - Connecticut Innovations, Inc. - CTNext - Annual Report, Strategic Marketing 2019-2020. (Pursuant to Section 32-39g(b)(6) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 31, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Commerce.

Report - Office of Legislative Management - Working Group to Study Issues Relating to the Implementation of the Pre-Service Assessment, edTPA, as Adopted by the Connecticut State Board of Education, December 7, 2016. Final Report, January 31, 2020. (Pursuant to Public Act 19-139 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: January 31, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Report - State Board of Education - Connecticut Youth Service Bureaus Biennial Report - July 2017 to June 2019: Positive Youth Development, Diversion from the Juvenile Justice System and Connecting Youth and Families to Community-Based Support Services. (Pursuant to Sections 10-19m(c) and 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 3, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Report - Connecticut Judicial Branch - Rules that Modify, Supersede or Suspend Statutes Relating to Pleading, Practice and Procedure in Existence on July 1, 1957 - For the Period January 8, 2019 to February 3, 2020. (Pursuant to Section 51-14(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 3, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Report - Department of Transportation - Inventory of All Parcels Located in the City of New Haven Under the Control of the Department of Transportation in Connection with the Interstate Route 95 New Haven Harbor Crossing Corridor Improvement Program. (Pursuant to Section 12 of Public Act 19-161.) Date Received: February 4, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Report - Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection - Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications - Annual Report Concerning Enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Service for Calendar Year ended December 31, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 28-29b of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 4, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Energy and Technology and Public Safety and Security.

Report - Connecticut Innovations, Inc. - Bioscience Collaborative Program Budget - Jackson Labs Budget for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021. (Pursuant to Section 31-41y(d)(3) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 5, 2020

Referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Public Health.

Report - Office of Policy and Management - Online Lottery and Debt-Free College Feasibility Report. (Pursuant to Section 364 of Public Act 19-117 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 5, 2020.

Referred to the Committees on Higher Education and Employment Advancement, Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Public Safety and Security.

Report - Public Utilities Regulatory Authority - Docket No. 19-06-37 - PURA Review of Standards for Electric Distribution Company Emergency Performance. (Pursuant to Special Act 19-15 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 6, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

Report - Public Utilities Regulatory Authority - Docket No. 19-07-03 - Study Regarding Creation of New Rate Class for Houses of Religious Worship. (Pursuant to Special Act 19-20 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 6, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

Report - Department of Motor Vehicles - Connecticut Emissions Program Statistics for the Period of January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020. (Pursuant to Executive Directive #3 and Section 14-164h of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 6, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Report - Department of Economic and Community Development - 2019 Annual Report. (Pursuant to Section 32-1m of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 6, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Report - Department of Consumer Protection and Department of Agriculture - Report on a Pilot Program for Hemp. (Pursuant to Public Act 19-3 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 7, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Environment.

Report - Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services - Report Concerning Involuntary Detention and Transport to Hospital Emergency Departments of Persons Who Experienced Non-Fatal Opioid Overdoses. (Pursuant to Public Act 19-191 and Section 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: February 7, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Public Health.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS

On motion of Representative Gresko of the 121st District, the first reading of the following bills and resolutions was waived, the list of bills and resolutions as prepared by the Clerks was accepted, and the bills and resolutions referred to the committees as indicated thereon in concurrence.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5147 REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST. 'AN ACT ADJUSTING STATE LEGISLATOR SALARIES FOR INFLATION', to adjust state legislator salaries for inflation since the current rate was established in 2001.

Proposed H.B. No. 5148 REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF SMOKING PREVENTION EFFORTS', to prevent smoking.

Proposed H.B. No. 5149 REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST.; REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION EFFORTS', to adjust the state budget by adding twelve million dollars to tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.

Proposed H.B. No. 5150 REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE USE OF VAPOR PRODUCTS BY UNDERAGE PERSONS', to prevent the illegal use of vapor products by minors.

Proposed H.B. No. 5151 REP. CUMMINGS, 74th DIST. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR REPAIRS AT THE STONE HOUSE AT HAMILTON PARK IN WATERBURY', to fund repairs at the Stone House at Hamilton Park in Waterbury.

Proposed H.B. No. 5152 REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT DECREASING LEGISLATIVE POSTAL COSTS', to decrease the amount of state funds used for legislators to send mail.

Proposed H.B. No. 5153 REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A QUALIFIED ABLE PROGRAM', to provide funding for a state-run qualified ABLE program.

ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5154 REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RETENTION OF UNCLAIMED BOTTLE DEPOSITS BY DISTRIBUTORS AND REQUIRING AN INCREASE IN THE HANDLING FEE PAID TO REDEMPTION CENTERS', to shift unclaimed bottle deposits from the state to beverage distributors and to require distributors to fairly compensate bottle redemption stores for each container they redeem.

Proposed H.B. No. 5155 REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE INCREASE IN THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FEE', to eliminate the recent increase in the greenhouse gas reduction fee.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. 5156 REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING HANDICAP RAMPS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt handicap ramps for residential use from the sales and use taxes.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed H.B. No. 5157 REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST.; REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th DIST.; REP. WILSON, 66th DIST.; REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST.; REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST.; REP. HAYES, 51st DIST.; REP. VAIL, 52nd DIST.; REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST.; REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th DIST.; REP. FUSCO, 81st DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. 'AN ACT FUNDING THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE BY REDUCING CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM GRANTS', to provide funding to the state-wide firearms trafficking task force and prevent deaths from illegally trafficked firearms.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed H.B. No. 5158 REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST.; REP. ROCHELLE, 104th DIST. 'AN ACT FUNDING THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE EXPANSION OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS TO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS', to appropriate sufficient funds to operate the pilot program for the expansion of advanced manufacturing certificate programs to public high schools.

Proposed H.B. No. 5159 REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS OF INSTRUCTORS IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AT REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES', to establish a tax credit for employers of instructors in advanced manufacturing certificate programs at regional-community technical colleges.

APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 122 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING SCHOOLS', to increase funding for the operation of the regional fire training schools.

Proposed S.B. No. 123 SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COMMUNITY NONPROFIT PROVIDERS', to begin catch-up payments to community nonprofit providers.

Proposed S.B. No. 124 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR LEGISLATORS', to reduce costs to the state by ensuring that legislators are reimbursed only for the mileage that they have driven.

GENERAL LAW

S.B. No. 125 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT', to make minor and technical changes to streamline the Department of Consumer Protection's licensing and enforcement statutes.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed S.B. No. 126 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT FUNDING THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE BY REDUCING CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM GRANTS', to provide funding to the state-wide firearms trafficking task force.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 127 SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF FUNDING FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to provide adequate funding and support to Connecticut's public institutions of higher education in order to ensure their future growth and success.

Proposed S.B. No. 128 SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE', to provide tuition-free community college for Connecticut residents.

TRANSPORTATION

Proposed S.B. No. 129 SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DIRECT BUDGETARY RESOURCES TO LITCHFIELD COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF MASS TRANSIT OPTIONS', to require the Department of Transportation to use existing budgetary resources to increase the availability of mass transit options to residents of Litchfield County.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Gresko of the 121st District, the House adjourned at 11:40 o'clock a.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.