JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Thursday, February 27, 2020

The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:39 o'clock a.m., Representative Perone of the 137th District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Amy F. Albert of Middletown, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. May we regard all people as family members whom we care about. May we have a mind that reasons, a tongue for truth, an eye for beauty, a heart that loves and sympathy that understands. May we encourage learning, may we safeguard freedom, may we seek peace, teach love, care for the earth and to use power wisely. May we use our minds to comprehend the world around us and apply the fruits of knowledge to better our lives and help others. May we prevent suffering, may we be true to our conscience, may we allow others to be true to theirs and may we respect cultural differences and reap the benefits of diversity.

May we have neither malice nor envy, but a true kindness and a noble common sense. And at the close of each day, may we come together and find contentment and peace. Amen (Author: Cary S. Shaw)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Amy F. Albert of Middletown, Connecticut.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

February 27, 2020

Corrected Letters

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-7, 4-9c and 10a-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint ANDY F. BESSETTE, of West Hartford, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor
TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-7, 4-9c and 10a-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint CHARLES F. BUNNELL, of Waterford, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-7, 4-9c and 10a-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint SHARI CANTOR, of West Hartford, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-7, 4-9c and 10a-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint ANDREA B. DENNIS-LAVIGNE, of Simsbury, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-7, 4-9c and 10a-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, reappoint KEVIN J. O'CONNOR, of Greenwich, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, in succession to Lawrence D. McHugh, to serve a term ending June 30, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-1, 4-7, 4-9c and 10a-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint DANIEL D. TOSCANO, of Darien, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Connecticut, in succession to Denis J. Nayden, to serve a term ending June 30, 2025, or until a successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor
BUSINESS FROM THE SENATE
FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following favorable reports of the Joint Standing Committees were received from the Senate, the resolutions read the second time and tabled for the Calendar:

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. 16 RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT J. KANE OF WATERTOWN AN AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. 17 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF GRANT W. WESTERSON OF OLD SAYBROOK TO BE REAPPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY.

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.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 5029 (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR GRADUATES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS IN THE STATE', to establish a personal income tax credit for in-state graduates with a bachelor's degree, associate degree or an advanced manufacturing certificate.

H.B. No. 5158 (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT FUNDING THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE EXPANSION OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS TO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS', to appropriate one million dollars for the pilot program for the expansion of advanced manufacturing certificate programs to public high schools.

H.B. No. 5159 (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. '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.

COMMERCE

H.B. No. 5325 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT ADOPTING THE REVISED UNIFORM LAW ON NOTARIAL ACTS', to adopt the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.

H.B. No. 5326 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONSOLICITATION AGREEMENTS IN THE HOME HEALTH SERVICES INDUSTRY', to allow nonsolicitation agreements in the home health services industry.
H.B. No. 5327 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDENT LOAN REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES IN CERTAIN HIGH-DEMAND FIELDS', to examine the creation of a student loan reimbursement program through public-private partnerships to attract skilled labor to the state and meet the hiring needs of private sector employers in the state.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 5328 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ROLE OF BIRTH-TO-THREE SERVICE PROVIDERS AT PLANNING AND PLACEMENT TEAM MEETINGS', to (1) allow parents at planning and placement team meetings to request the attendance and participation of their child's birth-to-three service coordinator and that the recommendations of such child's birth-to-three service provider be addressed, and (2) protect birth-to-three service providers from discipline for making recommendations for special education services at planning and placement team meetings.

H.B. No. 5329 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO SUBMIT A REPORT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN PROCESSES', to require the Department of Children and Families to submit a progress report concerning the implementation of the processes developed by the department to collect and provide certain information.

H.B. No. 5330 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION DATA', to require the Department of Public Health to distribute an immunization survey to each child care center, group child care home and family child care home, determine as to each child care center whether herd immunity exists with respect to certain infectious diseases and publish such determinations on the department's Internet web site.

H.B. No. 5331 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A SURVEY OF COURT-INVOLVED YOUTHS', to require the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch to conduct a survey of youths who interface with the court system or receive services through the Judicial Branch in order to ascertain the need for additional or improved services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer youths.

H.B. No. 5332 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE TIMELINESS OF REPORTS AND FAILURE TO REPORT BY MANDATED REPORTERS', to require the Department of Children and Families to conduct a study of the timeliness of reports and failure to report by mandated reporters.

H.B. No. 5333 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY', to require (1) the Department of Public Health to administer the national Youth Risk Behavior Survey, (2) high schools to participate in the survey, if selected, and (3) the Child Advocate to develop questions assessing the risk to youths of being victims of sexual assault or misconduct by an adult.

H.B. No. 5334 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ONLINE SALE AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS', to require online sellers of electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products to require purchasers of such systems and products to (1) provide identification at the time of purchase, and (2) ensure that the name on such identification matches the name on the method of payment used to make the purchase.

H.B. No. 5335 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE', to require
the Department of Children and Families to develop and operators of youth athletic activities to distribute information concerning appropriate interactions with children and child sexual abuse to youth coaches, participants in youth athletic activities and parents or guardians of such participants.

H.B. No. 5336 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF LICENSED YOUTH CAMPS', to require licensed youth camp employees who are eighteen years of age or older to submit to a comprehensive background check.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5337 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESSING OF RABBITS FOR CONSUMPTION', to provide a means for the processing of rabbits in the state for consumption by consumers and retail food establishments.

H.B. No. 5338 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PARAPHERNALIA', to prohibit the sale of items that are used for animal fighting.

H.B. No. 5339 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE RELEASE OF HELIUM BALLOONS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE', to prohibit the knowing release of helium balloons into the atmosphere.

H.B. No. 5340 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODERNIZATION OF THE CONNECTICUT BOTTLE REDEMPTION PROGRAM', to modernize the functioning of the Connecticut Bottle Bill by expanding its coverage and increasing certain fees paid pursuant to the bottle redemption program.

H.B. No. 5341 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE AND BREEDING OF CERTAIN CETACEANS', to prohibit the sale and breeding of certain cetaceans.

H.B. No. 5342 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MULTI-STREAM RECYCLING', to provide for multi-stream recycling in order to establish marketable streams for recycled materials and lessen the effects of such materials on the state's solid waste stream.

H.B. No. 5343 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING LOCAL REPRESENTATION ON THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS', to allow for local representation on the Siting Council for certain proceedings involving electric distribution companies.

H.B. No. 5344 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING OFF-SHORE DRILLING FOR OIL AND GAS IN CONNECTICUT', to prohibit off-shore drilling for oil and gas and the mapping for such oil in the coastal waters of the state.

H.B. No. 5345 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE REVIEW OF FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRANSACTIONS', to eliminate the State Property Review Board's review of Farmland Preservation Program transactions in order to expedite their occurrence.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

H.B. No. 5346 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL SEWER USE CHARGES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS', to set the
charges for a residential user's connection with and use of a sewerage system during the summer months at an amount based upon the average volume of water discharged to the sewerage system during the nonsummer months.

H.B. No. 5347 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A VOLUMETRIC SURCHARGE STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT', to require a study on current nonbypassable surcharges or combined public benefit charges, and the impact such charges have on large commercial and industrial customers and small commercial and industrial customers.

H.B. No. 5348 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STUDY OF COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION', to require a study of community choice aggregation programs by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection.

H.B. No. 5349 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS BY ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES', to allow electric distribution companies to submit proposals to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to own solar power generation facilities up to an aggregate of fifty megawatts.

H.B. No. 5350 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE', to (1) allow the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to solicit proposals for the supply of biogas for injection into the natural gas distribution system in the state, (2) require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to reopen or initiate dockets for the sole purpose of evaluating whether a gas company should accelerate its existing schedule for the repair and replacement of aging infrastructure, (3) allow the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to set rates to protect the interests of ratepayers and ensure revenue recovery for gas companies, and (4) require construction contractors to pay not less than the prevailing rate of wage to individuals who perform construction activities with respect to the replacement of a gas company's natural gas distribution infrastructure.

H.B. No. 5351 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND TO INCENTIVIZE AND IMPLEMENT ELECTRIC ENERGY STORAGE RESOURCES', to (1) state the policy of the state to encourage the deployment of one thousand megawatts of electric energy storage by December 31, 2030, (2) initiate a program and associated funding for electric energy storage resources connected to the electric distribution system, and (3) permit the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to solicit proposals for demonstration projects that are collocated with electric energy storage derived from Class I renewable energy sources.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 5352 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGIES AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to require public institutions of higher education to develop and implement strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on their campuses by forty-five per cent by the January 1, 2030.

H.B. No. 5353 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT FUNDING THE DEBT-FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM', to appropriate sixteen million dollars to the debt-free community college program and to establish an account for such program into which will be deposited state appropriations and any moneys received from any online offering of lottery draw games.
H.B. No. 5354 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ALLOWING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION OR AN ESTATE TAX CREDIT FOR A SCHOLARSHIP DONATION', to allow either a personal income tax deduction or an estate tax credit for a donation to an endowment fund established by the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority for the benefit of the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program.

H.B. No. 5355 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES', to require institutions of higher education in the state to adopt a policy on freedom of expression.

H.B. No. 5356 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS', to establish a task force to study the feasibility of establishing a pathways in technology early college high school program in alliance districts which would enroll students from surrounding towns.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

H.B. No. 5357 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND LIKELY EFFECTS OF MANDATING COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN BENEFITS UNDER MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES AND CERTIFICATES', to require the Insurance Commissioner to study the feasibility and likely effects of mandating coverage for certain benefits under Medicare supplement insurance policies and certificates.

H.B. No. 5358 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE', to establish a task force to study property and casualty insurance.

H.B. No. 5359 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HEALTH INSURANCE', to establish a task force to study health insurance.

H.B. No. 5360 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION AND TAXATION OF TRAVEL INSURANCE AND ASSOCIATED ENTITIES, PRODUCTS AND PROFESSIONALS', to provide for the regulation and taxation of travel insurance, and associated entities, products and professionals, in this state.

H.B. No. 5361 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES AND LISTS OF COVERED DRUGS', to limit the circumstances in which a health carrier may remove a prescription drug from a drug formulary or list of covered drugs, or move a prescription drug to a different cost-sharing tier, during a plan year.

H.B. No. 5362 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE', to (1) prohibit property and casualty insurers from discriminating against an individual solely because the individual is a victim of domestic violence, and (2) provide that such discrimination constitutes a violation of the Connecticut Unfair Insurance Practices Act.

H.B. No. 5363 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO STUDY THIRD-PARTY HEALTH
INSURANCE AND MEDICARE MARKETING', to require the Insurance Commissioner to study the marketing practices of third parties that generate revenue from referral fees paid to such entities based on Medicare-related and health insurance leads generated in this state.

H.B. No. 5364 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT REVIEW', to alter the manner in which the General Assembly enacts new mandated health insurance benefits.

H.B. No. 5365 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH FEE, THIRD PARTY PERFORMANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYEES' DUTIES, THE INSURANCE DATA SECURITY LAW AND ASSESSMENTS AGAINST DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES AND ENTITIES', to (1) modify reporting requirements, and impose a late filing fee and penalty, concerning the public health fee, (2) permit attorneys, actuaries, accountants and experts to perform certain duties currently performed by the Insurance Department's employees, (3) modify the Insurance Data Security Law, and (4) modify the payment schedule for assessments against domestic insurance companies and other domestic entities.

H.B. No. 5366 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to: (1) Cap aggregate monthly cost-sharing for prescription drugs covered under certain individual and group health insurance policies; (2) cap the cost of generic drugs in this state; (3) require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to submit a request to the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services to implement a Canadian prescription drug reimportation program in this state and, if the secretary approves such request, implement such program in this state; (4) require pharmaceutical manufacturers to send notice to the Insurance Commissioner regarding "pay-for-delay" agreements, and require health carriers and pharmacy benefits managers to reduce the cost of brand name prescription drugs that are the subject of such agreements; (5) establish a Critical Drug Shortage Review Board; and (6) limit the circumstances in which a health carrier may remove a prescription drug from a drug formulary or list of covered drugs, or move a prescription drug to a different cost-sharing tier, during a plan year.

H.B. No. 5367 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE POLICIES AND COVERAGE FOR THE PERIL OF COLLAPSE', to require homeowners insurance policies to provide coverage for the peril of collapse and mitigation undertaken to prevent all or part of the covered dwelling from falling down or caving in.

H.B. No. 5368 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE USE OF BREED OF DOG AS AN UNDERWRITING FACTOR FOR HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE POLICIES', to establish a task force to study the use of breed of dog as an underwriting factor for homeowners insurance policies delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or endorsed in this state.

H.B. No. 5369 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DONOR BREAST MILK AND HUMAN MILK PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM DONOR BREAST MILK', to: (1) Require certain group health insurance policies to provide coverage for pasteurized donor breast milk and human milk products derived from donor breast milk; (2) require the Commissioner of Public Health to establish a program to regulate the donation, processing and distribution of donor breast milk and human milk products derived from donor breast milk; and (3) require the Commissioner of Social Services, to the extent permissible under federal law, to provide Medicaid coverage for pasteurized donor breast milk and human milk products derived from donor breast milk.
H.B. No. 5370 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS', to: (1) Extend the sunset date for Connecticut Foundation Solutions Indemnity Company, Inc.; and (2) require the Insurance Commissioner to study methods available to accelerate responses by insurers to claims under homeowners insurance policies for foundation deterioration due to the presence of pyrrhotite.

H.B. No. 5371 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COVERAGE FOR THE REMOVAL OF TREES FROM REAL PROPERTY', to provide that insurers that are licensed to write homeowners or commercial property insurance in this state may provide coverage for the removal of trees that fall onto covered real property due to a natural disaster.

H.B. No. 5372 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING INSURANCE COMPANIES FROM USING CREDIT HISTORY AS A FACTOR IN UNDERWRITING OR RATING PRIVATE PASSENGER NONFLEET AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES', to prohibit insurance companies from using an applicant's or insured's credit history as a factor in underwriting or rating private passenger nonfleet automobile insurance policies.

H.B. No. 5373 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS AND SALESPERSONS', to: (1) Modify both the permissible and required terms of home improvement contracts; (2) preclude home improvement contractors from engaging in certain conduct to induce owners to enter into home improvement contracts; (3) require home improvement contractors to notify the commissioner regarding changes in their business names, trade names and addresses; (4) require home improvement contractors to maintain insurance coverage; (5) expand the required content of the application for a certificate of registration as a home improvement contractor; and (6) modify the grounds on which the Commissioner of Consumer Protection may (A) reprimand or place a home improvement contractor or salesperson on probation, or (B) revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue or renew a certificate of registration as a home improvement contractor or salesperson.

H.B. No. 5374 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN INSUREDS FROM THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX', to exempt certain insureds insured by an association captive insurance company from the insurance premium tax.

H.B. No. 5375 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS', to modify the preconditions to issuing a real estate broker's license in this state.

EDUCATION

H.B. No. 5376 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EDTPA AS PART OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS', to cease implementation of edTPA in the state and require each educator preparation program to develop and implement its own preservice performance assessment.

H.B. No. 5377 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT PERMITTING A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY TUITION FOR SENDING ITS ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ANOTHER DISTRICT', to allow a board of education to pay tuition to another school district for sending its elementary and middle school students to such other school district.

H.B. No. 5378 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INTEGRATION OF SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING IN PROGRAMS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EDUCATORS IN CONNECTICUT', to integrate
the principles and practices of social-emotional learning in the program of professional development for educators in the state.

H.B. No. 5379 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF SLOTS FOR STATE-FUNDED CHILD CARE CENTERS', to allow certain operators of a child care center to allocate up to thirty per cent of the spaces at such center to children who are members of families with incomes above seventy-five per cent of the state median income.

H.B. No. 5380 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL LITERACY', to expand the intensive reading instruction program to include grades four and five, and to establish the Center for Literacy Research and Reading Success within the Department of Education.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.B. No. 5381 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AND FORCED ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS', to allow employees to sue employers on behalf of the state after having waived their personal rights to sue by signing forced arbitration agreements.

H.B. No. 5382 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEE LEAVE FOR DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEER SERVICE', to allow employees to volunteer for disaster relief service with nonprofit organizations without loss of vacation time, sick leave or earned overtime accumulation.

H.B. No. 5383 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF SALARY RANGE FOR A VACANT POSITION', to require employers to disclose salary ranges for vacant positions and to provide comparable pay for comparable work.

H.B. No. 5384 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT MAKING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO LABOR DEPARTMENT STATUTES', to make minor and technical changes to Labor Department statutes.

H.B. No. 5385 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ENSURING FAIR AND EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK', to ensure fair and equal pay for equal work.

H.B. No. 5386 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A STOP WORK ORDER', to increase penalties for violating a stop work order.

H.B. No. 5387 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS AND CANINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS', to provide workers' compensation coverage for members of underwater search and rescue teams and canine search and rescue teams.

H.B. No. 5388 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CREATING A RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORLD FOR NATURAL HAIR', to prohibit discrimination on the basis of ethnic hairstyles historically associated with race, by adopting what is commonly referred to as the CROWN Act.

H.B. No. 5389 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF A CRIMINAL RECORD', to protect individuals from discrimination based on criminal history record information.
JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5390 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A HOUSE OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP', to eliminate the requirement that a person in a house of religious worship retreat before using deadly physical force to defend himself or herself or a third person.

H.B. No. 5391 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY THAT IS EXEMPT FROM A JUDGMENT CREDITOR', to increase the value of certain personal and real property that shall be exempt from a judgment creditor and to provide that the cash surrender value of life insurance policies shall also be exempt from a judgment creditor.

H.B. No. 5392 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES FOR REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF MUNICIPAL REGULATIONS OR ORDINANCES', to improve a municipality's code enforcement provisions and reduce the number of repeat offenders.

H.B. No. 5393 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JURY ADMINISTRATOR IN SUMMONING JURORS', to better ensure that the composition of a jury is reflective of the overall population within the judicial district.

H.B. No. 5394 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS ON BEHALF OF AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION', to permit the Commissioner of Correction to accept service of process on behalf of an employee of the department who is named as a defendant in a civil action in his or her individual capacity.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

H.B. No. 5395 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCED DEPOSIT WAGERING', to delete a provision on the date of transfer of the off-track betting system and repeal the provision governing advanced deposit wagering.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

H.B. No. 5396 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MILITARY TRAINING EVALUATION CONDUCTED BY THE LABOR DEPARTMENT', to extend the time limit for veterans to apply to the Labor Department for a military training evaluation.

H.B. No. 5397 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND BYLAWS OF THE MILITIA UNITS AND THE MAXIMUM RETIREMENT AGE FOR MEMBERS SERVING AS MUSICIANS IN BANDS OF THE GOVERNOR'S FOOT GUARDS', to require the Governor to determine the structure of the militia units and authorize the Adjutant General to issue bylaws for the militia, and to increase the maximum retirement age for members serving as musicians in bands of the Governor's Foot Guards.

H.B. No. 5398 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSED OCCUPATIONS OF MILITARY SPOUSES', to permit the state to recognize current, out-of-state occupational licenses held by military spouses.
H.B. No. 5399 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' INTERVIEWS FOR FILLING CERTAIN VACANCIES IN STATE AGENCIES', to require that all veterans listed on the candidate for original appointments list by the Commissioner of Administrative Services be granted an interview when filling original appointment vacancies within state agencies.

H.B. No. 5400 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VETERAN-OWNED MICRO BUSINESSES', to provide veteran-owned micro businesses with economic opportunities.

H.B. No. 5401 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES', to require municipalities to provide a property tax exemption to eligible Gold Star parents and surviving spouses.

H.B. No. 5402 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING RETALIATION OR DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS A VETERAN FOR EXCEEDING PAID SICK LEAVE', to protect employees who are veterans from retaliation or discrimination by their employers for exceeding the number of paid sick leave days.

H.B. No. 5403 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING CERTAIN VETERANS' BENEFITS WHEN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS', to exclude certain veterans' benefits from income when determining eligibility for public assistance programs.

COMMERCE

S.B. No. 277 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM', to require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to study the state's enterprise zone program and make recommendations for any legislative changes to such program.

S.B. No. 278 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN TO PARTNER WITH MANUFACTURERS TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT TO SCHOOLS', to require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to develop a plan to partner with the state manufacturing community to provide equipment to schools.

S.B. No. 279 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS', to allow two or more towns in any regional tourism district to jointly appoint one representative to the regional tourism district boards of directors.

S.B. No. 280 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF STUDENT DATA RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION', to require school districts to report regarding the number of computer science courses or programs offered in each school, student participation in such courses or programs and the number of computer science instructors at each school.

S.B. No. 281 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PROPERTY TRANSFER LAW', to make various revisions to the property transfer law and establish a release-based remediation program.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN
S.B. No. 282 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS THAT MAKE PAYMENTS TOWARD CHILD CARE COSTS OF EMPLOYEES', to provide a tax credit to employers that make payments for the child care costs of employees who reside in the state.

S.B. No. 283 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to require the Department of Children and Families to extend the age that a person in the custody of the department may receive legal representation through the department from age eighteen to twenty-three.

S.B. No. 284 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TRANSPORTATION SERVICES', to require the Auditors of Public Accounts to conduct an audit of the payments made for transportation services under the most recent payment formula adopted by the Department of Children and Families.

S.B. No. 285 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT INFORMATION COLLECTED THROUGH COLLEGE ADMISSIONS EXAMINATIONS', to prohibit testing companies from sharing student information collected through college admissions examinations without consent.

S.B. No. 286 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to give priority to grandparents in the placement of children committed to the care of the commissioner.

S.B. No. 287 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SHARED TABLE INITIATIVE', to require the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, to develop guidelines for the implementation of shared tables at public schools, and to authorize public schools to implement shared tables.

S.B. No. 288 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S PROPOSED RULE CONCERNING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS', to establish a task force to examine the impact of the United States Department of Agriculture's Final Rule concerning simplifying meal service and monitoring requirements in the National School Lunch Program and National School Breakfast Program.

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

S.B. No. 289 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION BY MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVES', to (1) allow the public to examine the books and accounts of municipal cooperatives pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, and (2) require the municipal cooperative to provide documentation for fees, rentals or other charges.

S.B. No. 290 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TAXATION OF CERTAIN SOLAR POWER FACILITIES', to eliminate a property tax exemption applicable to Class I renewable energy sources participating in virtual net metering.

S.B. No. 291 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION AND REQUIRING ONLINE POSTING OF CERTAIN SCHOOL SAFETY INFORMATION', to: (1) Extend the
crime of stalking in the second degree to certain electronic disclosures of personal identifiable
information without consent, and establish a civil action for victims of such crime, and (2) require
school boards to post existing suicide prevention policies and procedures on their Internet web
sites.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 292 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC
DOCUMENTS AND PESTICIDE REGULATION IN THE STATE', to require information
contained in notices of pesticide application that are filed with the Department of Energy and
Environmental Protection to be entered into an electronic, searchable spreadsheet that is available
for public use.

S.B. No. 293 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RELEASE-
BASED PROPERTY REMEDIATION PROGRAM', to transition from a transfer-based
property remediation program to a release-based property remediation program.

S.B. No. 294 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE AND
TRADE OF IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN IN CONNECTICUT', to prohibit the sale
of ivory and rhinoceros horn in the state.

S.B. No. 295 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE
SELECTION OF CATERERS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO RENT STATE-OWNED
VENUES', to allow vendor choice for persons who rent certain state facilities.

S.B. No. 296 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MINIMUM
RECYCLED GLASS CONTENT FOR WINE AND LIQUOR BOTTLES SOLD OR
DISTRIBUTED IN THE NORTHEAST REGION', to require the Commissioner of Energy and
Environmental Protection to convene a collective of New England states for the purpose of
establishing a minimum recycled content for glass wine and liquor bottles sold in the region.

S.B. No. 297 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF
PERFLUOROALKYL OR POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN CLASS B
FIREFIGHTING FOAM', to prohibit the use of PFAS in firefighting foams and develop a take-
back program for such products.

S.B. No. 298 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD WASTE
DIVERSION AND ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITIES', to encourage the development
of additional anaerobic digestion facilities in the state that are available to divert food waste from
the state's solid waste stream.

S.B. No. 299 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS', to curtail the automatic distribution
of single-use plastic straws in the state at certain locations.

S.B. No. 300 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE
RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF SMOKE DETECTORS', to require an assessment of the
need to implement an extended producer responsibility program for residential smoke detectors.

S.B. No. 301 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF
CHLORPYRIFOS', to create a general phase out of the use of the insecticide chlorpyrifos.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

S.B. No. 302 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT
ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CONNECTICUT HIGHER
EDUCATION TRUST FUNDS FOR FIRE SCHOOLS AND OTHER TRAINING PROGRAMS', to (1) require the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control to seek qualification for the Connecticut Fire Academy and the regional fire schools as an eligible educational institution for the purposes of becoming eligible to receive funds from the Connecticut Higher Education Trust, and (2) require the Labor Commissioner to provide information on registering apprenticeship programs to become eligible to receive funds from the Connecticut Higher Education Trust.

S.B. No. 303 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE REGARDING THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to implement the recommendations of the task force regarding the prevention and treatment of mental illness at institutions of higher education.

S.B. No. 304 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDENTS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to allow the Commissioner of Transportation to contract with institutions of higher education to provide transportation services to students at such institutions.

S.B. No. 305 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY', to (1) allow the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority to (A) finance the capital projects of out-of-state health care institutions, and (B) make loans and transfer funds to its subsidiaries, and (2) allow the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority to (A) fund the Special Capital Reserve Fund with a bank letter of credit, (B) increase its Special Capital Reserve Fund backed bond limit to five hundred million dollars, (C) allow it to provide educational financial assistance other than loans and grants, and (D) add the state pledge for its bond holders.

S.B. No. 306 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT ATHLETES AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to allow student athletes to earn compensation from such students' name, image or likeness or from employment in activities unrelated to an intercollegiate athletic program.

S.B. No. 307 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING POST-SECONDARY EXPENSES OF INDIVIDUALS ADOPTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to allow the Department of Children and Families to contract through the New England Board of Higher Education with compacting states to establish reciprocity for post-secondary education financial assistance available to students adopted through a foster care program and attending an institution of higher education in this state or a compacting state.

S.B. No. 308 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR NONCREDIT SUB-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS', to require the Office of Higher Education to establish a scholarship program for students enrolled in noncredit sub-baccalaureate certificate programs.

S.B. No. 309 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TUITION WAIVERS FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF PERMANENTLY DISABLED VETERANS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to waive the payment of tuition at public institutions of higher education for the dependent children of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled and reside in the state.

EDUCATION

S.B. No. 310 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTERS', to change the way agricultural science and technology education centers are funded.

S.B. No. 311 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING FUNDS RECEIVED FROM A SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT FROM THE CALCULATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT', to exclude any funds received from a school security grant from the calculation of a school district's minimum budget requirement.

S.B. No. 312 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL COUNSELORS', to include a requirement in the guidelines for a comprehensive school counseling program that school counselors spend at least eighty per cent of their work time during regular school hours providing school counseling services directly to individual or groups of students.

S.B. No. 313 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT RECONSTITUTING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP TASK FORCE', to reconstitute the former Achievement Gap Task Force as the Educational Opportunity Gaps Task Force and to repeal the Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap.

S.B. No. 314 (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES IN THE SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM', to include Native American studies in the social studies curriculum for public schools.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 315 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONDISCLOSURE OF THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF AN INVESTIGATOR EMPLOYED BY THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES', to prohibit a public agency from disclosing the residential address of an investigator who is employed by the Division of Public Defender Services.

S.B. No. 316 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMITMENT OF A PERSON FOUND NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT', to allow the state's attorney to make application for commitment of certain acquittees to a hospital for psychiatric disabilities prior to the acquittee's discharge at the expiration of the acquittee's maximum term of commitment if the acquittee would constitute a danger to himself or herself or others or is gravely disabled.

S.B. No. 317 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPENING OR SETTING ASIDE OF A PATERNITY JUDGMENT', to clarify court procedures with respect to the opening or setting aside of a paternity judgment entered by the Superior Court, a family support magistrate or the Probate Court.

S.B. No. 318 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT PROTECTING EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND CONSCIENCE', to prohibit an employer from coercing any employee into attending or participating in a meeting sponsored by the employer concerning the employer's views on political or religious matters.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
S.B. No. 319 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO STUDY REIMBURSEMENT PARITY FOR PODIATRISTS', to require the Insurance Commissioner to study reimbursement parity for podiatrists.

S.B. No. 320 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH CARRIERS FROM REQUIRING THE USE OF STEP THERAPY FOR DRUGS PRESCRIBED TO TREAT DISABLING, CHRONIC OR LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES OR CONDITIONS', to prohibit health carriers from requiring the use of step therapy for drugs prescribed to treat disabling, chronic or life-threatening diseases or conditions.

S.B. No. 321 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BURDEN OF PROOF DURING ADVERSE DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEWS', to require that health carriers bear the burden of proving that certain health care services under adverse determination or utilization review are not medically necessary.

S.B. No. 322 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO CONSIDER AFFORDABILITY IN REVIEWING INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY PREMIUM RATE FILINGS', to require the Insurance Commissioner to consider affordability as a factor in reviewing individual and group health insurance policy premium rate filings.

S.B. No. 323 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SURPRISE BILLING AND COST SHARING FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUT-OF-NETWORK PROVIDERS AT IN-NETWORK FACILITIES', to: (1) Expand the definition of "surprise bill" to include emergency health care services and nonemergency health care services; and (2) prohibit health carriers from charging out-of-network cost sharing for certain health care services provided by out-of-network health care providers at in-network facilities.

S.B. No. 324 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES AND REQUIRING NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT REGARDING THE POTENTIAL COST OF SUCH SERVICES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES', to: (1) Modify mandatory health insurance benefits for ambulance services to (A) include medically necessary transportation to a covered person's place of residence, and (B) require that such benefits be provided at an in-network level; (2) provide for electronic notification of assignments of bills for ambulance services; and (3) require an ambulance provider to notify, and obtain consent from, a person before providing transportation services to the person if the provider reasonably believes that such services are not emergency services.

S.B. No. 325 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS', to authorize association health plans in this state to the maximum extent permitted under federal law.

S.B. No. 326 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CORONARY CALCIUM SCAN TESTS', to require health insurance coverage for medically necessary coronary calcium scan tests.

S.B. No. 327 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ELECTIVE FERTILITY PRESERVATION TREATMENTS', to require health insurance coverage for elective fertility preservation treatments.
S.B. No. 328 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE COST GROWTH BENCHMARKS, CANADIAN DRUG REIMPORTATION, STOP-LOSS INSURANCE AND REINSURANCE', to: (1) Require the Office of Health Strategy to establish and implement health care cost growth benchmarks in this state; (2) require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to submit a request to the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services to implement a Canadian prescription drug reimportation program in this state and, if the secretary approves such request, implement such program in this state; (3) implement the Insurance Commissioner's recommendations regarding stop-loss insurance; and (4) require the Office of Health Strategy to seek a state innovation waiver from the federal government to establish a reinsurance program in this state and, if the federal government approves such request, implement such program in this state.

S.B. No. 329 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE POLICIES', to: (1) Require the Insurance Commissioner to develop and disseminate a minimum set of affordable benefit options for individual and group long-term care policies; (2) provide that no insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center may exclusively deliver, issue, renew, continue or amend such policies in this state; (3) require the Insurance Commissioner to refer an insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center that files a rate filing for a long-term care policy that contains a deliberate or reckless misstatement or omission of fact to the Attorney General for investigation; (4) require each such insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center to disclose to insureds the minimum set of affordable benefit options developed by the Insurance Commissioner; and (5) authorize the Attorney General to investigate a rate filing referred to the Attorney General by the Insurance Commissioner and take action to protect and secure compensation for the insured under the long-term care policy that is the subject of such rate filing.

S.B. No. 330 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REGULATION OF SURETY BAIL BOND AGENTS IN THIS STATE', to establish a task force to study the regulation of surety bail bond agents in this state.

S.B. No. 331 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT', to establish a task force to study the Insurance Department.

S.B. No. 332 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE', to establish a task force to study the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange.

S.B. No. 333 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR CERTAIN COVERED HEALTH BENEFITS', to require certain health insurers, preferred provider networks and other entities to include certain provisions in contracts with health care providers regarding reimbursement for certain covered health benefits.

S.B. No. 334 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO STUDY METHODS OF ENHANCING DATA PRIVACY FOR BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AND COVERED ENTITIES UNDER THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT', to require the Insurance Commissioner to study methods of enhancing data privacy for business associates and covered entities under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

S.B. No. 335 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ROLE OF CLINICAL PEERS IN ADVERSE DETERMINATION AND
UTILIZATION REVIEWS', to: (1) Redefine "clinical peer" for the purposes of adverse determination and utilization reviews; and (2) require health carriers to provide certain clinical peers with the authority to reverse initial adverse determinations.

S.B. No. 336 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN HEALTH CARRIERS AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS FROM EMPLOYING COPAY ACCUMULATOR PROGRAMS', to require certain health carriers and pharmacy benefits managers to give credit for payments made by third parties for the amount of, or any portion of the amount of, an insured's or enrollee's cost-sharing liability for a covered benefit.

S.B. No. 337 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS, QUALIFIED HEALTH PLANS AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY', to: (1) Require certain high deductible health plans to apply annual deductibles on a calendar year basis; (2) require certain health care providers to promptly refund excess cost-sharing payments for covered benefits; (3) require certain qualified health plans offered through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange to cover certain benefits, have a minimum actuarial value of at least seventy per cent and offer a broad provider network; (4) prohibit life insurers from discriminating against persons on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity; and (5) make changes to various provisions of the general statutes concerning high deductible health plans to more closely conform to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code concerning health savings accounts and medical savings accounts.

S.B. No. 338 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE', to adopt the Insurance Department's recommendations regarding credit for reinsurance.

S.B. No. 339 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES', to: (1) Amend certain captive insurance company definitions; (2) provide tax amnesty to an insured that establishes a branch captive insurance company in, or transfers domicile of its alien captive insurance company or foreign captive insurance company to, this state; (3) modify licensing requirements; (4) authorize the Insurance Commissioner to license foreign captive insurance companies, and issue unlicensed captive insurance companies a conditional certificate of authority; (5) reduce capitalization requirements for pure captive and branch captive insurance companies; (6) authorize the commissioner to exempt foreign branch captive insurance companies from minimum capitalization requirements; (7) authorize foreign captive insurance companies to register to do business in this state; and (8) authorize the commissioner to waive the requirement that (A) alien captive insurance companies and foreign captive insurance companies file an annual report concerning their financial condition; and (B) the commissioner periodically examine the financial condition of pure captive insurance companies.

S.B. No. 340 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTION EFFORTS BY HOSPITALS AND COLLECTION AGENTS AGAINST UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED PATIENTS', to restrict (1) the amount that a hospital or collection agent may recover from an uninsured or underinsured patient for the unpaid cost of health care, and (2) the manner in which a hospital or collection agent may secure or recover payment for such unpaid cost.

S.B. No. 341 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PARTICIPATION BY COVERED PERSONS, AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN UTILIZATION REVIEWS', to: (1) Require health care professionals to notify covered persons and their authorized representatives of their right to submit additional information for consideration as part of a utilization review; and (2) provide
covered persons, authorized representatives and health care professionals with a right to submit such additional information.

S.B. No. 342 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF, AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN, THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY IN THIS STATE', to require the Insurance Commissioner to promote the development of, and employment opportunities in, the insurance industry in this state.

S.B. No. 343 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL PLANNERS AND THE CONNECTICUT UNFAIR INSURANCE PRACTICES ACT', to: (1) Require each financial planner doing business in this state to disclose to a consumer in this state, upon request, whether or not such financial planner has a fiduciary duty to such consumer for each recommendation that such financial planner makes to such consumer regarding insurance; and (2) provide that any failure to make such disclosure constitutes a violation of the Connecticut Unfair Insurance Practices Act.

S.B. No. 344 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE TO REPORT ADDITIONAL DATA', to require the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange board of directors to report additional data in its quarterly reports to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, human services and insurance.

S.B. No. 345 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO STUDY AND REPORT ON ISSUES CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE', to require the Insurance Commissioner to (1) annually conduct a study on issues related to climate change and report the results of such study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance, and (2) assess the feasibility of collecting and reporting additional data concerning climate change.

S.B. No. 346 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT', to: (1) Establish the ConnectHealth Program, the ConnectHealth Trust Account and the ConnectHealth Advisory Board; (2) require the Comptroller, in consultation with the ConnectHealth Advisory Board and the Office of Health Strategy, to establish the ConnectHealth Plan; (3) authorize the Comptroller to offer coverage to plan participants and beneficiaries in this state under a multiemployer plan, nonprofit employers and their employees, and small employers and their employees; and (4) require the Commissioner of Social Services to seek to amend the federal waiver for the state-wide dental plan that provides for the administration of the dental services portion of the department's medical assistance to expand coverage to include additional individuals in this state.

S.B. No. 347 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT', to establish state medical loss ratios for individual health insurance policies and group health insurance policies for small employers that will become effective if the federal medical loss ratios for such policies are repealed or rendered ineffective by operation of law.

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

S.B. No. 348 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE REGARDING THE STATE WORKFORCE AND RETIRING EMPLOYEES', to establish a task force to study the state workforce and retiring employees.
S.B. No. 349 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF DISPATCHERS', to reclassify the position of telecommunicator to one that better reflects telecommunicators' service as first responders.

S.B. No. 350 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CODIFYING PREVAILING WAGE CONTRACT RATES', to codify prevailing wage contract rates.

S.B. No. 351 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT', to make minor and technical changes to the Workers' Compensation Act.

S.B. No. 352 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY AND PENSION OFFSETS', to prohibit municipal or special taxing district pension systems from diminishing or eliminating certain retiree's rights and benefits.

S.B. No. 353 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TIPPED CREDIT WORKERS AND INDEXING', to make adjustments concerning tipped credit workers and indexing.

S.B. No. 354 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN NEW DEAL FOR CONNECTICUT', to create jobs and transition the state to a clean, renewable energy economy.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

S.B. No. 355 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HMONG LAOTIAN SPECIAL GUERILLA UNITS SERVING IN THE KINGDOM OF LAOS', to provide certain benefits to members of the Hmong Laotian special guerilla units who served in the secret war in the Kingdom of Laos during the Vietnam War.

S.B. No. 356 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAILING OF INFORMATION REGARDING VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SUICIDE PREVENTION TO CERTAIN VETERANS', to require the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs to mail to certain veterans information concerning veterans' benefits and suicide prevention.

S.B. No. 357 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY OF GOLD STAR PARENTS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES FOR A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION', to permit municipalities, upon approval by their legislative bodies, to disregard the income of Gold Star parents or surviving spouses when determining eligibility for the property tax exemption.

S.B. No. 358 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A VIRTUAL SCHOOL', to require the State Board of Education to study the feasibility of establishing a virtual school to support the transition of military children from another state to this state.

S.B. No. 359 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREDIT OF CERTAIN MILITARY EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING TOWARD CERTAIN LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS', to credit military experience and training in water or wastewater operations toward the requirements for licensure in certain occupations.

S.B. No. 360 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT WAIVING CERTAIN MEDICAL MARIJUANA FEES FOR VETERANS', to exempt veterans from the registration and administration fees for medical marijuana.
S.B. No. 361 (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF MEDICAID, MEDICARE AND TRICARE FUNDS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN VETERANS WITH TRANSPORTATION TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS', to provide veterans who do not have access to transportation with transportation services to and from medical appointments and hospital visits.

S.J. No. 18 (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT THE AGENT ORANGE EXPOSURE FAIRNESS ACT OF 2019', to urge the United States Congress to enact the Agent Orange Exposure Fairness Act of 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Gresko of the 121st District, the House adjourned at 11:41 o’clock a.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.