



JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

The Senate was called to order at 11:28 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Carmela Balducci of Deep River, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Teach us the secret of loving. Help us to love one another and not put off until tomorrow the loving words we can say today.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(d) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 10, 2020, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, read by the Clerk and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations:

March 10, 2020

Corrected Letter

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint KAREN E. DUBOIS-WALTON, of New Haven, to the State Board of Education, to be a member, in succession to Stephen Wright, to serve a term ending February 28, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

REPORTS

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

Report - Department of Children and Families - Annual Report Concerning Actual or Suspected Instance of Animal Neglect or Cruelty. (Pursuant to Section 17a-110c of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: March 5, 2020

Referred to Committees on Children, Human Services and Public Health.

Report – Department of Public Health – Annual Report on Birth Certificates Issued to Adopted Adults for Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2019. (Pursuant to Section 7-53a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 10, 2020

Referred to Committees on Children and Public Health

Report – Department of Motor Vehicles – Monthly Wait Times by Branch and Internet Transaction Information for January and February 2020. (Pursuant to Section 14-11e(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 10, 2020.

Referred to Committee of Transportation.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), 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:

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. **449** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT SEPTIC SYSTEMS', to authorize the use of alternate sewage treatment systems under certain conditions.

S.B. No. **450** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES', to codify the existing prohibition on the idling of motor vehicles for more than three minutes, contained in section 22a-174-18 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, and authorize the enforcement of such restriction by municipalities in addition to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

S.B. No. **451** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FARM WINERIES AND THE USE OF "CONNECTICUT-GROWN" LABELING', to have the provisions of section 23 of public act 19-24 concerning the use of "Connecticut-Grown" labeling by farm wineries take effect July 1, 2021, rather than July 1, 2020.

S.B. No. **452** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE'S HEMP PROGRAM', to make the state's hemp program consistent with requirements of federal law.

S.B. No. **453** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SAFE BOATING', to make various revisions to the state's safe boating laws concerning licensure and boating education requirements.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. **454** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SANDY HOOK WORKERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND FUND', to (1) eliminate time restrictions on requests for assistance from the Sandy Hook Workers Assistance program, (2) seek to recover funds from a charitable trust or entity currently operating the program, (3) provide additional reports to the General Assembly on the fund's operation, and (4) provide a mechanism for future transfers of the fund to a charitable trust or entity.

S.B. No. **455** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COURT PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING FAMILY VIOLENCE CRIMES', to revise court processes and procedures involving family violence crimes.

S.B. No. **456** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS WITH ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES WHEN SEEKING A RESTRAINING ORDER UNDER SECTION 46B-15 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES', to establish a program to provide indigent individuals with access to legal services when seeking a restraining order under section 46b-15 of the general statutes.

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. **457** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY WHO ARE CANDIDATES TO RECEIVE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT', to prohibit discrimination against an individual with a disability who is a candidate to receive an anatomical gift.

S.B. No. **458** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLEX CARE NAVIGATORS', to increase access to complex care navigators.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. **459** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERSISTENT OFFENDERS', to provide a look-back period for sentencing of certain persistent offenders.

S.B. No. **460** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING USE OF FORCE BY A PEACE OFFICER', to provide that use of deadly physical force upon another person by a peace officer may be reasonably believed to be necessary only upon consideration of the totality of the circumstances in order to defend himself, herself or another person or effect an arrest or prevent the escape from custody of a person who the officer reasonably believes to have committed or attempted to commit a felony involving serious injury.

S.B. No. **461** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESSIBILITY OF INFORMATION ON PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN, BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENTS AND SURETY BAIL BOND AGENTS', to make publicly available a searchable database providing accessible information on the licensure of a professional bondsman, bail enforcement agent or surety bail bond agent and directing a person to the correct licensing and regulating agency for such bondsman, bail enforcement agent or surety bail bond agent.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. **5495** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MATERIALS INNOVATION AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY'S SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

CONTRACTS', to provide certain requirements for the approval of municipal solid waste management contracts by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection.

H.B. No. **5496** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS GENERAL PERMIT', to require the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to provide certain assistance to municipalities in relation to compliance with the small municipal separate storm sewer systems general permit.

H.B. No. **5497** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO ENVIRONMENT-RELATED STATUTES', to make various minor revisions to environmental programs including wastewater treatment facility operator certification programs, pesticide control programs and noise ordinance programs.

H.B. No. **5498** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR LARGE-SCALE BENEFICIAL REUSE OF CERTAIN SOIL PROJECTS', to provide a pilot program for the beneficial reuse of certain soils and materials.

H.B. No. **5499** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GREEN BURIALS', to require recommendations concerning the award of open space grants for properties used for green burial purposes.

H.B. No. **5500** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF GLYPHOSATE', to prohibit the use of glyphosate in the state.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. **5501** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS', to combat the opioid epidemic in the state.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. **5502** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST MINORS', to (1) increase the membership in the Trafficking in Persons Council, (2) allow certain testimony in the case of a delinquency proceeding to be compelled, (3) establish an affirmative defense for trafficking in persons in the case of a victim of trafficking, (4) redefine "sex trafficking", (5) change the required frequency of a refresher course in human trafficking awareness for certain professions, (6) extend vacatur relief to a person who committed certain crimes if a conviction is based on participation in the crime by the convicted person due to such person being a victim of trafficking, (7) to prohibit hourly rates at lodgings and require lodgings to establish a customer's identification before offering accommodation to such person, and (8) authorize extended periods of probation following convictions for certain crimes against minors.

H.B. No. **5503** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR A MINOR WHO POSSESSES ALCOHOL WHEN THE MINOR SEEKS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT THE DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY OF ANOTHER PERSON', to provide immunity from criminal prosecution for a minor who possesses alcohol when the minor seeks emergency assistance to prevent the death or serious injury of another person.

H.B. No. **5504** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE REGISTRATION OF ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE COURT REPORTING SERVICES AND THE LICENSURE OF COURT REPORTERS', to require entities that provide court reporting services to register with the Department of Consumer Protection and to require court reporters to be licensed by the Department of Consumer Protection.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate at 11:29 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.