



## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE**

**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

The House of Representatives was called to order at 2:52 o'clock p.m., in accordance with the provisions of House Rule 50, and under the authority of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Minority Leader.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Georgette Cicero of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Almighty Father, look graciously upon this Body today. Help us discern Your divine will in working for the good of the people of Connecticut. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Georgette Cicero of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House of Representatives was called to order, by the Office of the House Clerk under the authority of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Minority Leader.

It was moved that the House agenda dated Tuesday, January 26, 2021 be adopted, and the items on said agenda - illustrating Business on the Clerk's desk - were acted upon as indicated, and the matters contained in the agenda were incorporated by reference into the House Journal and the House Transcript.

### **COMMUNICATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCIES**

The following declaration was received from His Excellency, the Governor, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and ordered printed in the Journal.

**January 26, 2021**

The Honorable Denise Merrill  
Secretary of the State  
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Frederick J. Jortner  
Clerk of the State House of Representatives  
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Clerk of the State Senate

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RE: Declaration of Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergencies

Dear Secretary Merrill and Clerks of the General Assembly:

On March 10, 2020, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that was affecting multiple countries and states and had resulted in the spread of infections in Connecticut and surrounding states, as well as resulting shortages of personal protective equipment and other supplies that could jeopardize public safety and civil preparedness, and in order to provide me and other appropriate officials with all authorities necessary to limit the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus and protect public safety within the State of Connecticut, I declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency throughout the State, pursuant to Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Those states of emergency were to remain in effect through September 9, 2020.

On September 1, 2020, in anticipation of the expiration of those states of emergency and in recognition of continued and newly emerging threats to public health and safety and civil preparedness posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, I renewed the March 10, 2020 declarations and declared new public health and civil preparedness emergencies through February 9, 2021.

Since I declared and renewed those public health and civil preparedness emergencies, and due in no small part to the orders I have issued pursuant to those emergencies, Connecticut has made significant progress in limiting the spread of COVID-19 and mitigating its devastating public health and economic effects. And yet, while it has been more than a month since I have issued a new executive order, those orders currently in effect remain crucial to the state's civil preparedness and ability to protect the public health. COVID-19 remains a global pandemic, capable of spreading quickly within our state. New and unforeseen challenges have arisen since September of last year, when I declared new and renewed emergencies. The current, second wave and the recent mutations of the virus have made clear that many of the existing orders will remain essential beyond February 9. While our vaccination effort currently leads the country in many respects, an effective mass vaccination program requires that I be vested with all of the flexibility and resources that the declared states of emergency provide. As was true in September of last year, the risks to public health and to our state's economy would be heightened substantially if the existing emergencies expired as scheduled on February 9.

As a result, and for the same reasons I declared emergencies on March 10 and declared new and renewed emergencies on September 1, pursuant to Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I am renewing the existing public health emergency and civil preparedness emergencies throughout the State. In addition, I will be required in the coming months to respond to a number of additional public health and civil preparedness risks that were not clear concerns or justifications for the March and September 2020 emergencies. Among many other things, I will need to address and administer a mass vaccination program as well as the potential threat posed by new and more infectious variants of the disease. As I did in September, out of an abundance of caution and to eliminate any confusion about the extent of my emergency powers to address the many risks and concerns that will arise in the coming months and did not constitute clear justifications for the original emergencies I declared in March of this 2020 and again in September 2020, and pursuant to Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I hereby declare that new states of public health and civil preparedness emergency exist throughout the State.

These new and renewed states of emergency shall run concurrently and remain in effect until April 20, 2021, unless earlier terminated by me. The Department of Public Health, along with municipal and district health departments, as well as multiple other state agencies in supporting roles, are responding to these renewed public health and civil preparedness emergencies. As I did

at the time I declared and renewed the public health and civil preparedness emergencies on March 10 and September 1, and in accordance with Section 19a-131a (f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I hereby authorize and direct the Commissioner of Public Health to delegate the powers regarding isolation or quarantine to municipal and district directors of public health, while concurrently retaining such authority.

Orders regarding additional measures to protect public health and safety and ensure the state's civil preparedness will follow as I determine to be necessary.

I am filing this declaration with you under my hand and seal on this 26th day of January, 2021.

**NED LAMONT**  
Governor

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS  
HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS**

Pursuant to House Rule 50, 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.

**BANKING**

**Proposed H.B. No. 5479 REP. BOYD, 50th DIST. 'AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING MORTGAGE LENDERS, CORRESPONDENT LENDERS, BROKERS AND LOAN ORIGINATORS'**, to (1) revise and delete certain definitions in section 36a-485 of the general statutes, (2) delete the provisions in subdivision (5) of subsection (b) of section 36a-486 of the general statutes, and (3) remove certain requirements concerning branch office locations in chapter 668 of the general statutes.

**COMMERCE**

**Proposed H.B. No. 5480 REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND REUSE OF EXISTING PROPERTIES'**, to establish a low-interest revolving loan program designed to address financing gaps that otherwise would hinder reinvestment into the development and reuse of existing unused buildings or properties.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5481 REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST.; REP. MILLER, 145th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR WOMEN AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES'**, to provide access to capital for women and minority-owned businesses who have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5482 REP. LEEPER, 132nd DIST.; REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO RECRUIT BUSINESSES TO CONNECTICUT'**, to implement the recommendations of the working group on a public-private marketing partnership to recruit businesses to the state.

**EDUCATION**

**Proposed H.B. No. 5483 REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARIES OF PARAEDUCATORS IN THE STATE'**, to increase the salaries of paraeducators and paraprofessionals in the state.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5484 REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE TEACHING OF CERTAIN IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS'**, to better prepare our high school students for issues they may face as adults.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5485 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTERS'**, to achieve funding equity of the per student grant for agricultural science and technology education centers.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5486 REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO REVISE SCHOOL BUS ROUTES TO REFLECT ACTUAL STUDENT RIDERSHIP'**, to assist boards of education in reducing school transportation costs by allowing them to revise school bus routes to reflect actual student ridership.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5487 REP. FIORELLO, 149th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE LAWS GOVERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS'**, to establish a task force to review and evaluate Connecticut's charter school statutes and regulations.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5488 REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING FOR REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTERS'**, to achieve funding equity of the per student grant for agricultural science and technology education centers and the Technical Education and Career System.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5489 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE THAT A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY MAY BE CARED FOR IN A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME'**, to raise the age that a child with a disability may be cared for in a family child care home setting in order to accommodate the existing and extended needs of those children.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5490 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR FORMER MAGNET SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ENROLL IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL AFTER OCTOBER FIRST'**, to provide reimbursement on a pro rata basis to school districts for former magnet school students who enroll in a public school after October first.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5491 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC SCHOOLS BE EQUIPPED WITH CLASSROOM DOORS THAT LOCK FROM THE INSIDE'**, to require all public school classrooms to be equipped with doors that are able to be locked from inside the classroom.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5492 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF SCHOOL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND CRISIS RESPONSE DRILLS IN STUDENTS' INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS'**, to include school emergency situations and crisis response drills in a student's IEP in order to accommodate such student's needs during emergencies.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5493 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM'**, to require the public school health curriculum to include mental health awareness.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5494 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOOL SECURITY AND SAFETY PLANS'**, to require boards of education to implement the school security and safety plans for each school under the jurisdiction of such boards.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5495 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL'**, to include a licensed architect to the membership of the School Safety Infrastructure Council.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5496 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FULL FUNDING OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXCESS COST GRANT'**, to fully fund the special education excess cost grant.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5497 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FROM MAKING RESCISSIONS TO A TOWN'S EDUCATION COST-SHARING GRANT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR'**, to prohibit the Governor from making rescissions to towns' education cost-sharing grants during a fiscal year.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5498 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SCHOOL SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF ARMED SECURITY OFFICERS'**, to allow school districts to use school security infrastructure competitive grant program funds to employ armed school security officers.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5499 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF A SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING CURRICULUM FOR CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS'**, to include social-emotional learning within Connecticut schools.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5500 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE-WIDE PLAN FOR RESPONDING TO LARGE SCALE SCHOOL CRISIS EVENTS'**, to require the Department of Education to develop a state-wide plan for responding to large scale school crisis events.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5501 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING OFF-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO CARRY FIREARMS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS'**, to allow off-duty law enforcement officers to carry firearms on school grounds.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5502 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF ARMED SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS'**, to allow for the employment of armed school resource officers and school security officers in public schools.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5503 REP. RUTIGLIANO, 123rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A STUDY CONCERNING SCHOOL START TIMES'**, to establish a task force to conduct a study concerning school start times.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5504 REP. ROCHELLE, 104th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF ALLIANCE DISTRICT FUNDING'**, to provide boards of education for alliance districts flexibility in how they utilize and expend their alliance district funds.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5505 REP. HAINES, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATORS'**, to determine ways in which to streamline course offerings and requirements under the professional development laws for educators.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5506 REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL ROOF BUILDING PROJECTS'**, to amend the date by which a school roof project begins.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5507 REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION PREPARATION COMPANIES FROM DISCLOSING OR SELLING STUDENT INFORMATION'**, to protect the privacy of students taking college entrance exams.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5508 REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DATE ON WHICH A CHILD MUST TURN FIVE YEARS OLD IN ORDER TO ENROLL IN KINDERGARTEN'**, to require students to have reached age five by September first of the year they enter kindergarten.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5509 REP. FIORELLO, 149th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS'**, to fund charter schools equitably and to study the feasibility of providing education cost sharing grants to state charter schools.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5510 REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA, 105th DIST.; REP. CURREY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF LGBTQ+ STUDIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM'**, to include LGBTQ+ studies in the public school curriculum.

#### ENVIRONMENT

**Proposed H.B. No. 5511 REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PLANTING OF INVASIVE BAMBOO'**, to prohibit the planting of invasive bamboo.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5512 REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DECLAWING OF CATS'**, to prohibit the practice of declawing cats.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5513 REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS'**, to provide energy production and clean waste disposal to rural communities.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5514 REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES MONITORING PROGRAM AT BOAT LAUNCHES'**, to stop the spread of aquatic invasive species.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5515 REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DE-ICING ALTERNATIVES'**, to protect groundwater and drinking water supplies from the effect of de-icing agents.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5516 REP. ANDERSON, 62nd DIST.; REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT PHASING OUT THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE AND IMPLEMENTING OTHER PARK USER FEES'**, to phase out the Passport to the Parks fee and replace it with fees charged to visitors of state parks and forests.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5517 REP. NUCCIO, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING FREE HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES TO VOLUNTEER CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND FIREARMS SAFETY INSTRUCTORS'**, to compensate certain volunteer instructors with complimentary hunting and fishing licenses.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5518 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY METHODS FOR ENFORCING LAKE REGULATIONS'**, to identify methods for enforcing regulations that apply to our lakes.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5519 REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING LOCAL REPRESENTATION ON THE SITING COUNCIL'**, to require local representation on the Siting Council.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5520 REP. HARRISON, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TREATMENT OF CHICKEN EGGS AS FRESH PRODUCE'**, to allow produce vouchers for state food nutrition programs to cover the purchase of chicken eggs at farmers' markets.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5521 REP. SMITH, 118th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE BOTTLE BILL'**, to reduce solid waste volume for municipalities single-stream processing and to encourage consumer recycling.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5522 REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING HUNTERS TO USE SOUND SUPPRESSORS'**, to authorize hunters to use firearms fitted with sound suppressors.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5523 REP. CHAFEE, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING ENFORCEMENT OF FISHING REGULATIONS'**, to enforce fishing regulations.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5524 REP. CHAFEE, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-WIDE LAND TRUST'**, to help conserve land.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5525 REP. BERGER-GIRVALO, 111th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF POLYSTYRENE CONTAINERS IN RESTAURANTS'**, to prohibit the use of polystyrene containers in restaurants.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5526 REP. HENNESSY, 127th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS FOR FOOD PRODUCTION'**, to create local self-sustaining food production throughout the state.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5527 REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF CHLORPYRIFOS'**, to prohibit the use of chlorpyrifos in the state.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5528 REP. GUCKER, 138th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF LEHOLD OR BODY-CRUSHING TRAPS'**, to prohibit the use of leghold and body-crushing traps.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5529 REP. WELANDER, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ROAD SALT REDUCTION INCENTIVES FOR MUNICIPALITIES'**, to incentivize greater use of road safety treatments that cause less environmental damage than the road salts currently used.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5530 REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ROLE OF STATE FORESTS IN MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE'**, to evaluate the role of state forests and old growth forests in achieving the state's climate goals.

#### **FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING**

**Proposed H.B. No. 5531 REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX ON AMMUNITION'**, to establish a tax on the purchase of ammunition for sale at retail to increase funding for gun violence prevention programs.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5532 REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION SOLUTIONS INDEMNITY COMPANY, INC'**, to provide funding to the Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund in order to assist the Connecticut Foundation Solutions Indemnity Company, Inc. in remedying the crumbling concrete foundation crisis in the state.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5533 REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A PEDESTRIAN ISLAND ON WHALLEY AVENUE IN NEW HAVEN'**, to provide funds to the city of New Haven to reduce injury and promote safety and walkability on a widened area of Whalley Avenue where two pedestrians have been killed by motor vehicles.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5534 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION SOLUTIONS INDEMNITY COMPANY, INC'**, to authorize bonds of the state to provide an additional one hundred million dollars to the Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund, in order to provide funding to the Connecticut Foundation Solutions Indemnity Company, Inc.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5535 REP. NUCCIO, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS GROSS EARNINGS TAX PROPANE GAS USED TO POWER MEDICALLY NECESSARY DEVICES AND EQUIPMENT'**, to exempt from the petroleum products gross earnings tax propane gas to be used in a generator that provides electricity to medically necessary devices and equipment.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5536 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSIONS TAX FOR NEW BRITAIN STADIUM'**, to expand the reduced admissions tax for New Britain Stadium from certain athletic events to any event at said stadium.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5537 REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN ARTICLES OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES'**, to exempt articles of clothing or footwear costing under fifty dollars from the sales and use taxes.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5538 REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SMOKING CESSATION PRODUCTS FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES'**, to exempt smoking cessation products from the sales and use taxes.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5539 REP. SANCHEZ, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL TAX RELIEF FOR CERTAIN SENIORS'**, to provide additional tax relief to seniors who have resided in the same residence for more than thirty years.

#### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

**Proposed H.B. No. 5540 REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th DIST.; REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST.; REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST.; REP. LABRIOLA, 131st DIST.; SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE'**, to limit the authority of the Secretary of the State with regard to election laws.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5541 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST.; REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONTESTED ELECTIONS FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES'**, to grant jurisdiction over contested elections for state legislative offices to the Superior Court under certain circumstances where the General Assembly has not taken action.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5542 REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF STATE AGENCY COMMISSIONERS'**, to ensure interim appointments are limited and prohibit being commissioner of two departments at a time.

#### GENERAL LAW



**Proposed H.B. No. 5543 REP. BETTS, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELEVATOR APPRENTICES'**, to increase the allowable number of apprentices for elevator licensure.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

**Proposed H.B. No. 5544 REP. NAPOLI, 73rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEE WAIVERS FOR VETERANS ATTENDING PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION'**, to provide fee waivers at public institutions of higher education for veterans who performed service in a time of war and are enrolled at such institution.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5545 REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES'**, to require the Board of Regents for Higher Education to include the central office in the itemization of its budget request.

#### INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

**Proposed H.B. No. 5546 REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST.; SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TELEHEALTH SERVICES'**, to: (1) Expand (A) required health insurance coverage for telehealth services, and (B) the variety of telehealth providers and platforms that are eligible for reimbursement; (2) provide that no (A) telehealth provider who provides a covered benefit to an insured through telehealth and receives a reimbursement for such benefit shall seek any payment from the insured for such benefit except for any coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense due and owing for such benefit under the insured's health insurance policy, and (B) health carrier shall reduce the amount of any reimbursement paid to a telehealth provider for a covered benefit solely because the telehealth provider provided such covered benefit to an insured through telehealth.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5547 REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE PREMIUM RATE INCREASES'**, to provide that premium rate increases during the lifetime of an insurance policy shall, in the aggregate, not exceed seventy-five per cent of the original premium rate for the insurance policy.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5548 REP. EXUM, 19th DIST.; REP. CURREY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIVING ORGAN DONOR INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION'**, to: (1) Prohibit certain insurers from discriminating against an individual solely because the individual is a living organ donor; and (2) provide that prohibited discrimination against a living organ donor constitutes a violation of the Connecticut Unfair Insurance Practices Act.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5549 REP. MORRIN BELLO, 28th DIST.; REP. SMITH, 118th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TELEHEALTH'**, to: (1) Expand required health insurance coverage for telehealth services; and (2) require reimbursement parity for telehealth services.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5550 REP. DATHAN, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS'**, to establish a task force to study the possible certification and education of peer support specialists in this state, the peer support services that would be delivered by such certified peer support specialists and possible health insurance coverage for such services.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5551 REP. RYAN, 139th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING BALANCE BILLING AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO HEALTH CARE CONSUMERS'**, to: (1) Prohibit certain out-of-network health care providers from

engaging in balance billing; and (2) provide additional consumer protections to health care consumers.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5552 REP. DIMASSA, 116th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE CLAIMS FOR BODILY INJURIES'**, to require each insurance company that issues a motor vehicle insurance policy in this state to issue a medical payment letter not later than forty-eight hours after such insurer receives a claim for a bodily injury insured under such policy.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5553 REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENTS BY PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS'**, to provide that no pharmacy benefits manager shall reimburse a pharmacy for pharmacy services at a rate that is lower than the rate at which the pharmacy benefits manager reimburses an affiliate for the same pharmacy services.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5554 REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY CONTAINED IN STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES'**, to require an insurer providing coverage for a stolen motor vehicle to reimburse the insured for the full value of any personal property contained in such stolen motor vehicle.

#### JUDICIARY

**Proposed H.B. No. 5555 REP. VARGAS, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ASSAULT OF SCHOOL SECURITY PERSONNEL'**, to offer a higher degree of safety and protection for those who work as school security personnel.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5556 REP. THOMAS, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE PERFORMANCE OF A NOTARIAL ACT'**, to permit the remote performance of any notarial act.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5557 REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING'**, to enact the recommendations of the Trafficking in Persons Council to prevent and address human trafficking.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5558 REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ASSAULT OF A SPORTS OFFICIAL'**, to offer a higher degree of safety and protection for those who work as sports officials or referees.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5559 REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ASSAULT OF LOSS PREVENTION AGENTS'**, to offer a higher degree of safety and protection for those who work as loss prevention personnel.

#### LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

**Proposed H.B. No. 5560 REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS SUFFERED BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION EMPLOYEES AND DISPATCHERS'**, to extend workers' compensation benefits for certain mental or emotional impairments to emergency medical services personnel, Department of Correction employees and dispatchers.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5561 REP. HARRISON, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR'**, to delay the implementation of the Paid Family and Medical Leave program for one year.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Proposed H.B. No. 5562 REP. RUTIGLIANO, 123rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OUTDOOR DINING AND COVID-19'**, to permit outdoor dining consistent with the provisions of Executive Order Number 7MM for the duration of the public health emergency relating to COVID-19.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5563 REP. HAINES, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES TO ASSESS FEES ON CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL SERVICES'**, to allow municipalities to assess fees on certain nonprofit organizations for certain municipal services.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5564 REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTINUATION OF RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES FOR CERTAIN RETIREES UPON SUBSEQUENT EMPLOYMENT BY A BOARD OF EDUCATION'**, to permit retired public safety personnel to receive retirement allowances, but not credit in a municipal pension system, if such personnel are employed by a local or regional board of education in a public safety capacity after retirement.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5565 REP. DELNICKI, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND CERTAIN REPAIRED CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS'**, to allow municipalities to provide certain tax relief for up to three years to residential building owners whose crumbling concrete foundations have been repaired or replaced.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5566 REP. HAYES, 51st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN WATER QUALITY IN A LAKE'**, to permit the approval of a proposal to create a special taxing district to maintain water quality in a lake by a majority vote, rather than a two-thirds vote, of voters who own real property located in such proposed district.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Proposed H.B. No. 5567 REP. PALM, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS BY CERTIFIED NURSE'S AIDES AND HOME HEALTH AIDES'**, to help residents and their families avoid unnecessary trips to the emergency department, which cause trauma for elders, unnecessarily burden the health care system and drive up the costs of treating a urinary tract infection, which is a common and recurrent, but nonlife-threatening medical condition.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5568 REP. DATHAN, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION REGARDING NURSERY SCHOOLS CONTAINING LEAD PAINT'**, to ensure the safety of children attending a nursery school determined to contain lead paint.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5569 REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION OF POLICE DOGS BY AMBULANCE'**, to provide for the safety and well-being of police dogs by allowing an ambulance to transport a police dog injured in the line of duty and in need of emergency medical care to a veterinary clinic or similar facility if there are no individuals in need of transportation or emergency assistance.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5570 REP. YOUNG, 120th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO ENTER INTO A MULTISTATE COMPACT TO WORK TOWARD DEVELOPING CURES FOR MAJOR DISEASES'**, to incentivize investment in medical research toward cures for disease rather than treatment of disease and to share taxpayer savings in money and bodily treasure.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5571 REP. SCANLON, 98th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH'**, to establish a task force to study the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on childhood mental health and to make recommendations to the legislature.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5572 REP. STALLWORTH, 126th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF NONCOMPETE CLAUSES IN PHYSICIAN CONTRACTS'**, to prohibit the use of noncompete clauses in physician contracts.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5573 REP. PHIPPS, 100th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING CONNECTICUT TO JOIN THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT'**, to provide patients greater access to care, allow licensed psychologists to provide continuity of care as patients relocate to other states and help ensure patients are better protected from harm.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5574 REP. GENGA, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES IN CARE AND TREATMENT PLANS'**, to include chiropractic as an available service within a patient's care and treatment plan so that chronic pain can be reduced without the use of narcotic drugs.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5575 REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY STANDARDS OF HEALTH AND HOSPITAL CARE FOR PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT HOSPITAL OWNERSHIP'**, to establish community standards of health and hospital care for private for-profit hospital ownership in Connecticut as a means of prioritizing best practice patient care over shareholder dividends and other unnecessary fee for service contracts.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5576 REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF HYPERTROPHIC CARDIOMYOPATHY'**, to reduce, through education and technology, the risk of death from the potentially fatal heart condition, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5577 REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE PALLIATIVE MARIJUANA PROGRAM RECIPROCITY'**, to require the Department of Consumer Protection to establish a program allowing visitors with out-of-state prescriptions for the palliative use of marijuana to purchase marijuana from state dispensaries of palliative marijuana.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5578 REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST.; REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th DIST.; REP. WILSON, 66th DIST.; REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST.; REP. ANDERSON, 62nd DIST.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST.; REP. FIORELLO, 149th DIST.; REP. FUSCO, 81st DIST.; REP. HAYES, 51st DIST.; REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST.; REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th DIST.; REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST.; REP. POLLETTA, 68th DIST.; REP. VAIL, 52nd DIST. 'AN ACT INCLUDING MORAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL OBJECTIONS AS AN EXEMPTION TO IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS'**, to allow a waiver for moral and philosophical objection to the immunization requirements.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5579 REP. BLUMENTHAL, 147th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENT ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS'**, to ensure that patients have affordable access to their medical records.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5580 REP. ALLIE-BRENNAN, 2nd DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A HAIRDRESSING AND COSMETICIAN LICENSE TO INCLUDE WAXING'**, to expand the qualifications of a hairdressing and cosmetician license to include waxing.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5581 REP. FARRAR, 20th DIST.; REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST.; REP. LEEPER, 132nd DIST.; REP. MORRIN BELLO, 28th DIST.; REP. BERGER-GIRVALO, 111th DIST.; REP. PHIPPS, 100th DIST.; REP. THOMAS, 143rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ITINERANT FOOD VENDING ESTABLISHMENTS'**, to support our small businesses with the implementation of reciprocal local licensing for food trucks.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5582 REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND VAPOR PRODUCTS'**, to protect our youth from being targeted by companies selling tobacco and electronic nicotine delivery systems and vapor products and their addictive substances.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

**Proposed H.B. No. 5583 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY INTERVENTION BY A POLICE OFFICER WHEN A PERSON SUFFERS AN OVERDOSE'**, to allow a police officer to take a person into custody when the officer has reasonable cause to believe that such person is experiencing a drug overdose.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5584 REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING MICROSTAMPING OF SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOLS'**, to require all models of semiautomatic pistols to be designed and equipped with microstamping technology.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5585 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; SEN. CICARELLA, 34th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST.; REP. PARKER, 101st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL FAIRS AND STATE POLICE OFFICERS'**, to limit the reimbursement rate for state police officers providing on-site security and traffic control related to agricultural fairs in towns with resident state troopers.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5586 REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST.; REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING EXPANSION OF THE CRISIS INITIATIVE PILOT PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE STATE'**, to require the Division of State Police to expand the CRISIS Initiative Pilot Program to all areas of the state.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5587 REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR REQUIRED BODY AND DASHBOARD CAMERAS'**, to assist the municipalities in meeting expenses of public act 20-1 of the July special session, also known as the Police Accountability Act.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

**Proposed H.B. No. 5588 REP. BETTS, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM NOISE LEVELS FOR MOTORCYCLES'**, to establish maximum decibel levels permissible for motorcycles and penalties for operating a motorcycle above such decibel levels.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5589 REP. NOLAN, 39th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS TO SECURE ANIMALS IN MOTOR VEHICLES'**, to encourage safe driving and protect both the driver and animal by requiring the driver to restrain an animal in the motor vehicle.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5590 REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXTREME LEFT LANE ON STATE HIGHWAYS'**, to restrict driving in the extreme left lane on state highways.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5591 REP. BLUMENTHAL, 147th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN TO MODERNIZE THE STAMFORD TRANSPORTATION CENTER'**, to ensure that the busiest Connecticut station on the New Haven line best serves travelers and thereby promotes economic development throughout Fairfield County and the state.

#### VETERANS' AFFAIRS

**Proposed H.B. No. 5592 REP. ALLIE-BRENNAN, 2nd DIST.; REP. CURREY, 11th DIST.; SEN. KASSER, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' BENEFITS FOR VETERANS DISCHARGED OTHER THAN HONORABLY'**, to expand eligibility for state veterans' benefits to veterans who were discharged other than honorably due solely to their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5593 REP. BORER, 115th DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING SPECIAL REGISTRATION MARKER PLATES FOR VETERANS WHO SERVED DURING CERTAIN PERIODS OF WAR'**, to amend title 14 of the general statutes to create special registration marker plates for veterans who served during certain periods of war.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5594 REP. HALL, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS FEE WHEN REGISTERING A MOTOR VEHICLE'**, to exempt veterans from the Passport to the Parks fee when registering a motor vehicle.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5595 REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM THE FEES FOR VETERAN SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES'**, to exempt veterans from the fees for veteran specialty license plates.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

**H.B. No. 5596 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH'**, to require a study concerning the expansion of the provision of telehealth services in the state.

**H.B. No. 5597 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS'**, to combat the opioid epidemic in the state.

#### JUDICIARY

**H.B. No. 5598 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR THE EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR LIMB'**, to impose liability on certain owners of real property for the expenses of removing a tree or limb that falls on an adjoining owner's private real property.

#### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

**Proposed H.J. No. 40 REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PETITIONING CONGRESS TO CONVENE AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION'**, to petition Congress to call a constitutional convention.

**Proposed H.J. No. 41 REP. PALM, 36th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PERMIT NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING'**, to eliminate the requirement that an elector satisfy a particular reason specified by law in order to cast an absentee ballot.

#### APPROPRIATIONS

**Proposed S.B. No. 340 SEN. LOPES, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR HOUSING SERVICES'**, to ensure adequate funding for homelessness and housing assistance services.

**Proposed S.B. No. 341 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.

#### COMMERCE

**Proposed S.B. No. 342 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONNECTICUT ENTREPRENEUR WEEK'**, to establish a Connecticut Entrepreneur Week to showcase local entrepreneurs' products and businesses.

**Proposed S.B. No. 343 SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEARN HERE, LIVE HERE PROGRAM'**, to increase the expenditure on the Learn Here, Live Here program and encourage first-time homeownership in Connecticut.

**Proposed S.B. No. 344 SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE COUNCIL'**, to adopt programs that meet the workforce needs of Connecticut.

**Proposed S.B. No. 345 SEN. HARTLEY, 15th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONNECTICUT INDUSTRIAL HISTORY TRAIL'**, to require the Department of Economic and Community Development to establish a Connecticut industrial history trail.

#### EDUCATION

**Proposed S.B. No. 346 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST.; REP. HOWARD, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR PURPOSES OF REPORTING TRUANCY IN CONNECTICUT'**, to accurately report on truancy in Connecticut.

**Proposed S.B. No. 347 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST.; REP. HOWARD, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S TRUANCY RATE'**, to accurately report on truancy in Connecticut.

**Proposed S.B. No. 348 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST.; REP. HOWARD, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS'**, to expand workforce preparedness in Connecticut schools.

**Proposed S.B. No. 349 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CARRY OVER UNEXPENDED FUNDS'**, to ensure equity in education savings by creating parity between local and regional boards of education with regard to nonlapsing reserve funds.

#### FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

**Proposed S.B. No. 350 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPEDITING THE ALIGNMENT DATE OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL ESTATE TAX THRESHOLDS'**, to expedite the alignment date of the state and federal taxable estate thresholds for imposition of the estate tax.

**Proposed S.B. No. 351 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE TO REBUILD THE SHAKESPEARE THEATER IN STRATFORD'**, to provide funding to rebuild the Shakespeare Theater in Stratford.

**Proposed S.B. No. 352 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BIKE ROUTE ON ROUTES 68 AND 70 IN CHESHIRE'**, to provide a grant-in-aid to the town of Cheshire to develop a bike route on Routes 68 and 70.

#### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

**Proposed S.B. No. 353 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS'**, to require each municipality to hold its biennial municipal election in November, unless a two-thirds vote of such municipality's legislative body decides that such election shall be held in May.

#### HOUSING

**Proposed S.B. No. 354 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS'**, to help landlords meet their financial obligations to lien holders.

**Proposed S.B. No. 355 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A LANDLORD'S ABILITY TO REVIEW CRIMINAL RECORDS RELATING TO A PROSPECTIVE TENANT'**, to lower barriers to finding adequate housing for individuals with prior criminal convictions.

**Proposed S.B. No. 356 SEN. LOPES, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING ENERGY EFFICIENCY'**, to decrease energy demand, reduce pollution, mitigate health and safety concerns, increase affordability and improve living conditions for residents of the state.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

**Proposed S.B. No. 357 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRIORITIZATION OF IN-STATE STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION'**, to require public institutions of higher education to prioritize in-state students for admission and for the allocation of state funds.

**Proposed S.B. No. 358 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION'**, to eliminate the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

**Proposed S.B. No. 359 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF STATE FUNDS BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR SPEAKING FEES'**, to prohibit the use of state funds by public institutions of higher education for politically related speaking fees or events costs.

**Proposed S.B. No. 360 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING TUITION WAIVERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FOR THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF EMPLOYEES'**, to prohibit tuition waivers at The University of Connecticut for family members of employees of said university.

#### JUDICIARY

**Proposed S.B. No. 361 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE CRIME OF ABUSING AN ELDERLY**



**PERSON'**, to amend the statute of limitations for the crime of abusing an elderly person to provide that the five-year period be based on the discovery of the offense or the death of the elderly person.

**Proposed S.B. No. 362 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON'S HOME, MOTOR VEHICLE OR BUSINESS'**, to establish a rebuttable presumption in a self-defense claim that, when a person believes it necessary to use deadly force to repel an intruder, such belief is a reasonable belief.

**S.B. No. 363 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'**, to clarify the Attorney General's authority to (1) investigate allegations that an individual's civil rights are being violated, and (2) initiate legal proceedings in response to such allegations.

#### LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

**Proposed S.B. No. 364 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; REP. SMITH, 48th DIST.; REP. NOLAN, 39th DIST.; REP. TURCO, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL INJURIES'**, to allow all workers coverage for post traumatic stress and other mental or emotional injuries.

**Proposed S.B. No. 365 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. NOLAN, 39th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; REP. SMITH, 48th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL INJURIES THAT DO NOT ARISE OUT OF PHYSICAL INJURIES OR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES'**, to allow all workers coverage for post traumatic stress and other mental or emotional injuries.

**Proposed S.B. No. 366 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TIME FRAMES FOR BINDING ARBITRATION'**, to amend time frames for binding arbitration in Connecticut.

**Proposed S.B. No. 367 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE TO THE PREVAILING WAGE THRESHOLD FOR RENOVATIONS'**, to raise the prevailing wage threshold for renovations.

#### ENVIRONMENT

**Proposed S.B. No. 368 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF DEBRIS IN THE HOUSATONIC RIVER'**, to encourage the clean-up of the Housatonic River for safety and environmental reasons.

**Proposed S.B. No. 369 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE MARKING OF THE COASTAL JURISDICTION WITH MAN-MADE STRUCTURES'**, to allow certain man-made structures to mark the coastal jurisdiction line.

**Proposed S.B. No. 370 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE TRAILS ON STATE-OWNED PROPERTY'**, to create all-terrain vehicle trails on state-owned property.

**Proposed S.B. No. 371 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS GENERATED FROM THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FEE'**, to use certain fees for the purpose of brownfield remediation.

**Proposed S.B. No. 372 SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SITING OF ANAEROBIC DIGESTERS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD WASTE DISPOSAL'**, to promote the efficient disposal of agriculture and food waste.

**Proposed S.B. No. 373 SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YEAR-ROUND TROUT SEASON'**, to promote fishing in the state.

**Proposed S.B. No. 374 SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF PASSPORT TO THE PARKS FUNDS FOR FISH HATCHERIES'**, to increase fish supply to meet the demand created by the increased number of fishing licenses issued.

**Proposed S.B. No. 375 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CATERERS OF CHOICE IN CERTAIN STATE VENUES'**, to allow individuals who rent state-owned venues in state parks to utilize their own caterer.

**Proposed S.B. No. 376 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE SEWAGE SPILL RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT'**, to increase transparency concerning knowledge of sewage spills and protect the public health.

**Proposed S.B. No. 377 SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; REP. QUINN, 82nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DRAW DOWN OF LAKE BESECK'**, to better protect Lake Beseck from the effects of invasive aquatic plants.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

**Proposed S.B. No. 378 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A TEMPORARY STATE PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER'**, to specify uniform criteria for an application for a temporary state permit to carry a pistol or revolver so that each town and city will have the same criteria, standards and procedures for the application process.

**Proposed S.B. No. 379 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN GUN BUY-BACK PROGRAMS'**, to require all state and municipal employees involved in gun buy-back programs to have a valid permit to carry a pistol or revolver.

#### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Proposed S.B. No. 380 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL OPTION TO ESTABLISH A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR DONATIONS TO CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS'**, to permit a municipality to provide a property tax credit to any owner of property in such municipality that donates to a scholarship program established by such municipality.

**Proposed S.B. No. 381 SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST HAVEN'**, to establish a special taxing district in West Haven for the purpose of certain infrastructure improvements.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Proposed S.B. No. 382 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING SMOKING AT SOCIAL CLUBS'**, to prohibit smoking at social clubs.

**Proposed S.B. No. 383 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY TICK-BORNE ILLNESSES'**, to determine whether tick-borne illnesses are being appropriately discovered, diagnosed and treated.

**Proposed S.B. No. 384 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES TO CHILDREN AT PHARMACIES'**, to permit the administration of vaccines to children at pharmacies.

#### VETERANS' AFFAIRS

**Proposed S.B. No. 385 SEN. HASKELL, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING ALL STATE AGENCIES TO INCLUDE CERTAIN QUESTIONS RELATING TO VETERAN STATUS ON STATE FORMS'**, to require all state agencies to include certain questions relating to veteran status on state forms.

**Proposed S.B. No. 386 SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING ALL VETERANS' BENEFITS FROM INCOME WHEN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR A STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM'**, to exclude all veterans' benefits from income when determining eligibility for a state Medicaid program.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

**Proposed S.B. No. 387 SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR THE MERGER OR CLOSING OF INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES'**, to require legislative approval for the merger or closing of institutions within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities.

#### ENVIRONMENT

**Proposed S.B. No. 388 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. GRESKO, 121st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE PROPERTIES REVIEW BOARD CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS'**, to support the preservation of prime farmland.

**Proposed S.B. No. 389 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FARMLAND ACCESS WORKING GROUP'**, to implement priorities of the Farmland Access Working Group.

**Proposed S.B. No. 390 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. GRESKO, 121st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE SITING COUNCIL TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF AGRICULTURE'**, to require the Siting Council to have a representative with knowledge of agriculture.

#### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

**Proposed S.B. No. 391 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES'**, to establish requirements for a new quasi-public agency.

#### FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

**Proposed S.B. No. 392 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN ABANDONED RAILROAD BRIDGE OVER THE HOP RIVER AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-USE TRAIL IN HOP RIVER STATE PARK IN COLUMBIA'**, to finance various improvements to Hop River State Park in the town of Columbia.

## HOUSING

**Proposed S.B. No. 393 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ROOM TEMPERATURES'**, to allow tenants to maintain a reasonable temperature range in their dwellings.

**Proposed S.B. No. 394 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST.; SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF HOUSING OPTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES'**, to study methods to increase housing options for employees to reside in the municipalities in which they work.

## INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

**Proposed S.B. No. 395 SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TELEHEALTH'**, to provide that individual and group health insurance policies delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state shall provide coverage for mental health intakes and visits provided through telehealth, and that such coverage shall be provided at the same level of benefits and cost sharing as mental health intakes and visits provided in person.

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

**Proposed S.B. No. 396 SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO TRACK AND TRACE CELLULAR PHONES OF YOUNG ADULTS IN DISTRESS'**, to allow law enforcement the ability to track and trace a cellular phone of an eighteen to twenty-year-old who is believed to be in distress or danger and still living dependently in the home of a parent or guardian.

## PUBLIC HEALTH

**Proposed S.B. No. 397 SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST.; SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' LEVEL OF NEED ASSESSMENT'**, to establish a task force to study the Department of Developmental Services' level of need assessment system.

**Proposed S.B. No. 399 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING SHOCK THERAPY TREATMENT'**, to prohibit shock therapy treatment.

**Proposed S.B. No. 400 SEN. SLAP, 5th DIST.; REP. EXUM, 19th DIST.; REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST.; REP. FARRAR, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO OFFER PATIENTS A TEST FOR HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS AT LEAST ONCE ANNUALLY'**, to increase testing, protect members of the public and decrease the stigma surrounding a test for human immunodeficiency virus.

**Proposed S.B. No. 401 SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING TELEHEALTH COVERAGE'**, to expand telehealth coverage.

**Proposed S.B. No. 402 SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING PRACTICES OF LIMITED SERVICES PREGNANCY CENTERS'**, to prohibit deceptive advertising practices by limited services pregnancy centers.

**Proposed S.B. No. 403 SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO DEVELOP AND DISCLOSE A CLEARLY ARTICULATED PLAN FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 VACCINES'**, to provide residents a relative certainty as to when they can expect vaccination.

**Proposed S.B. No. 404 SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS'**, to prohibit the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in consumer products.

**Proposed S.B. No. 405 SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE STATE FROM MANDATING A VACCINE THAT HAS ONLY BEEN GIVEN EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'**, to ensure that long-term vaccine studies are performed on a vaccine before the vaccine is mandated by the state.

**Proposed S.B. No. 406 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE CONNECTICUT SUICIDE ADVISORY BOARD'**, to recognize the Connecticut Suicide Advisory Board in statute.

**Proposed S.B. No. 407 SEN. MARONEY, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO PROTECTING MIXED-USE BUILDING RESIDENTS AND OCCUPANTS FROM SECONDHAND SMOKE'**, to establish a task force to study and make recommendations concerning issues related to protecting and safeguarding occupants and residents of mixed-use buildings from harm caused by secondhand smoke, especially residents and occupants who suffer from impaired respiratory function or another respiratory disability.

#### TRANSPORTATION

**Proposed S.B. No. 408 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE STATE SUBSIDIZATION OF THE HARTFORD-NEW BRITAIN BUSWAY'**, to prohibit the subsidization of the Hartford-New Britain busway and ensure that the passenger rates for ridership pay the cost of operation.

**Proposed S.B. No. 409 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CONFINED TO A STRETCHER'**, to provide persons with disabilities an opportunity to travel in a stretcher van instead of an ambulance.

#### VETERANS' AFFAIRS

**Proposed S.B. No. 410 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPOSIT OF REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR PHARMACEUTICAL PURCHASES INTO THE GENERAL FUND'**, to require the deposit of reimbursements from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for pharmaceutical purchases into the General Fund.

**Proposed S.B. No. 411 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM TO IDENTIFY THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION PURPOSES'**, to establish a system to identify the motor vehicle registration of each member of the armed forces residing in the state and notify the municipality where such motor vehicle is located to remove such motor vehicle from the list of property to be taxed by such municipality.

**Proposed S.B. No. 412 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS BE ADJUSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT'**, to require the property tax exemption for disabled veterans be adjusted in accordance with the cost-of-living adjustment.

**Proposed S.B. No. 413 SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM THE FEES FOR APPLICATION OR RENEWAL OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES'**, to exempt veterans from the fees for application or renewal of occupational licenses.

**Proposed S.B. No. 414 SEN. CICARELLA, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CREDITING MILITARY EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING IN WATER OR WASTEWATER OPERATIONS TOWARD REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE IN CERTAIN OCCUPATIONS'**, to credit military experience and training in water or wastewater operations toward the requirements for licensure in certain occupations.

**Proposed S.B. No. 415 SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS FROM THE FEES FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS'**, to exempt individuals applying for assistance from the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund from the fees for certified copies of vital records.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**S.B. No. 416 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUTES'**, to (1) make information in the Department of Developmental Services' abuse and neglect registry available to the Department of Administrative Services, (2) allow the Commissioner of Developmental Services or a Department of Developmental Services regional or training school director to consent to emergency medical treatment for an individual under the custody or control of the department, (3) restrict legal representatives of persons with intellectual disabilities from accessing abuse and neglect reports when the legal representative is the alleged perpetrator of such abuse or neglect or is residing with the alleged perpetrator, (4) update the membership of the Camp Harkness Advisory Committee, and (5) excuse the Department of Developmental Services from assessments of individuals in the context of a review of guardianship by the Probate Court where the department has previously determined that such individual does not have intellectual disability.

#### **GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

**Proposed S.J. No. 11 SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN LOBBYING IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE CHAMBERS'**, to subject agency liaisons to the same rules as lobbyists regarding their presence on the House and Senate floor.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 2:54 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.