



## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE**

**Thursday, March 4, 2021**

The House of Representatives was called to order at 4:12 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, Mary Alice Hughes of Haddam, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Lord, listen to the prayers of Your people this day. Allow Your grace to shine upon our legislators so that their decisions will be in the best interest of all the people of our State. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mary Alice Hughes of Haddam, 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 Thursday, March 4, 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.

### **FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES HOUSE BILLS**

The following House Bills were received from the committees indicated, the bills read the second time and tabled for the Calendar and printing:

**GENERAL LAW. H.B. No. 5305 (RAISED) (File No. 8) AN ACT CONCERNING TOBACCO BARS.**

**GENERAL LAW. Substitute for H.B. No. 5310 (RAISED) (File No. 9) AN ACT CONCERNING DATA PRIVACY BREACHES.**

**AGING. H.B. No. 6354 (RAISED) (File No. 10) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RENTERS' REBATE PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

**BUSINESS FROM THE SENATE  
FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES  
CHANGES OF REFERENCE  
SENATE BILLS**

The following favorable reports on the Senate Bills recommending a change of reference were received from the committees indicated, the bills read, the reports of the committees accepted and the bills referred as recommended in concurrence:

**AGING. S.B. No. 274 AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE COST OF HOME HEALTH CARE.**

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

**AGING. S.B. No. 897 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS.**

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

**AGING. S.B. No. 900 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVES.**

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**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.

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

**H.B. No. 5011 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT'**, to reduce the fee for copying public records and eliminate the fee for copying records that are not land records with a camera, cell phone or portable scanner.

**H.B. No. 5318 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT RESTORING ELECTORAL PRIVILEGES TO CONVICTED FELONS WHO ARE ON PAROLE'**, to restore the electoral privileges of convicted felons who are on parole.

**H.B. No. 5652 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF EQUITY IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY'**, to require a study to determine the percentage of construction work in the state in both the private and public sectors that is performed by minority and women-owned businesses.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT**

**H.B. No. 5668 (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A MICROCREDENTIAL PILOT PROGRAM'**, to require the Office of Higher Education to establish a pilot program to develop a virtual platform on which state residents can earn microcredentials.

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

**H.B. No. 5877 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGIONAL ADOPTION OF ATLANTIC STANDARD TIME'**, to require the state to adopt Atlantic standard time upon the enactment of legislation in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York adopting said time and federal approval of such change.

**H.B. No. 5879 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN CONTACT INFORMATION FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT'**, to exempt certain contact information in the custody of a member of the General Assembly from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

**H.B. No. 6212 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF CERTAIN PROTECTED PERSONS IN ONLINE MUNICIPAL RECORDS'**, to require municipalities to redact the residential address of program participants from any online version of municipal records.

### ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

**H.B. No. 6571 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM'**, to create financing opportunities for zero-emission vehicle infrastructure and resiliency measures.

**H.B. No. 6572 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ENERGY USE BUILDING STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTARY ADOPTION'**, to permit a town, city or borough to require new or substantially renovated building energy use standards.

### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

**H.B. No. 6573 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY'**, to add additional members to the Commission for Educational Technology and make technical changes.

**H.B. No. 6574 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS'**, to make revisions to the State Codes of Ethics concerning the scope of gift prohibitions, reporting of gifts, authority of the ethics enforcement officer, activities involving consultants and independent contractors, findings of ethics violations, permitting certain filings to be electronic and the repeal of certain provisions.

**H.B. No. 6575 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RISK-LIMITING AUDITS FOR ELECTION RESULTS'**, to establish a working group to examine risk-limiting audits for election results.

**H.B. No. 6576 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONDISCLOSURE OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT'**, to prohibit the disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of the residential addresses of employees of the office of the Attorney General.

**H.B. No. 6577 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PROPERTIES REVIEW BOARD'**, to expand the purview of the State Properties Review Board to include licensing agreements, the purchasing of

agricultural development rights and contracts entered into by other state agencies and quasi-public agencies and to move the board to within the Legislative Department.

**H.B. No. 6578 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS'**, to (1) restore, without the payment of certain fines, the electoral privileges of convicted felons who are on parole, (2) codify existing practice, under a memorandum of understanding, regarding voter registration procedures at the Department of Motor Vehicles, and (3) eliminate registrar-appointed challengers from who may be present in the polling place during a primary or election.

**H.B. No. 6579 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATION'**, to revise or repeal certain election administration laws concerning (1) admission of electors and maintenance of registry lists, (2) training of certain election officials, (3) residential status of tabulator tenders, and (4) delivery of election returns to the Secretary of the State, town clerks and registrars of voters.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

**H.B. No. 6580 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS'**, to require The University of Connecticut to study the feasibility of establishing food and agricultural education programs.

**H.B. No. 6581 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLETION RATES AT PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS'**, to require the Office of Higher Education to study student completion rates at private occupational schools in the state.

**H.B. No. 6582 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR ADJUNCT FACULTY'**, to require the Labor Department to consider specific circumstances when determining whether an individual who performs instructional, research or principal administrative duties at an institution of higher education is eligible to receive unemployment compensation.

**H.B. No. 6583 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO SUBMIT CLOSURE PLANS TO THE OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION'**, to require independent institutions of higher education in the state to submit to the Office of Higher Education a closure plan and, if an institution plans to close, a written notice regarding the arrangements for such closure.

**H.B. No. 6584 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OUT-OF-STATE PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS'**, to require out-of-state private occupational schools to acquire authorization from the Office of Higher Education prior to offering any distance learning programs in the state.

#### INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

**H.B. No. 6585 (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.

**H.B. No. 6586 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CONTRACTS'**, to: (1) Require each contract between a health carrier and a health care professional or facility to (A) require the health carrier to reimburse the health care professional or facility for medically necessary covered benefits, (B) include a mechanism for the health care professional or facility to request that the health carrier reconsider a denial of coverage or refusal to reimburse, and (C) permit the health care professional or facility to collect payment for health care services that are not medically necessary; (2) provide that a health carrier shall (A) not require prior authorization for certain health care services, (B) promptly respond to prior authorization requests for post-stabilization and maintenance services, and (C) be financially responsible for post-stabilization and maintenance services if the health carrier fails to promptly respond to a prior authorization request for such services; (3) require each health carrier that enters into a participating provider contract to afford to the participating provider (A) at least ninety days' advance written notice of any proposed change to the provisions, other documents, provider manuals or policies incorporated by reference in such contract, and (B) a right to appeal any such proposed change; (4) redefine "adverse determination" and "final adverse determination", and define "hospital", "preferred provider network", "prior authorization", "prior authorization appeal" and "skilled nursing center", for the purposes of adverse determination and utilization review; (5) require certain health carriers to submit an annual prior authorization report to the Insurance Commissioner and make such report publicly available; (6) require the Insurance Commissioner to convene a prior authorization working group and require such working group to submit a report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance and public health; (7) require (A) the Insurance Commissioner to establish prior authorization standards and incorporate such standards into existing health carrier audit and enforcement procedures, (B) any health carrier that fails to satisfy such standards to submit to the commissioner, and successfully implement, a corrective action plan, and (C) the commissioner to refrain from issuing or renewing a license to any health carrier that fails to satisfy such standards or, if applicable, submit and successfully implement such corrective action plan; (8) the Insurance Commissioner to develop and conduct an annual health care provider satisfaction survey and include the results of such survey in the consumer report card; (9) impose various duties on health carriers with respect to prior authorizations; (10) incorporate health carriers' duties with respect to prior authorizations into various provisions concerning adverse determination and utilization review; (11) require the Insurance Commissioner to develop and establish technical standards

**H.B. No. 6587 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EPINEPHRINE CARTRIDGE INJECTORS'**, to provide that certain individual and group health insurance policies shall not impose a coinsurance, copayment, deductible or out-of-pocket expense for a covered epinephrine cartridge injector in an amount that is greater than twenty-five dollars.

**H.B. No. 6588 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES'**, to: (1) Provide that no individual or group health insurance policy providing coverage for outpatient prescription drugs shall (A) require a prescribing health care provider to prescribe a supply of a covered outpatient psychotropic drug that is larger than the supply of such drug that such provider deems clinically appropriate, or (B) if a prescribing health care provider deems a ninety-day supply of a covered outpatient psychotropic drug to be clinically inappropriate and prescribes less than a ninety-day supply of such drug, impose a coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for the prescribed supply of such drug in an amount that exceeds the amount of the coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for a ninety-day supply of such drug reduced pro rata in proportion to such prescribed supply of such drug; (2) provide that no mental health care benefits provided under state law, with state funds or to state employees shall require a prescribing health care provider to prescribe a supply of an outpatient psychotropic drug that is larger than the supply of such drug that such provider deems clinically appropriate; (3) establish a task force to study methods available to this state, and health carriers doing business in this state, to encourage health care providers providing mental health services to participate in

provider networks; and (4) establish a task force to study health insurance coverage for peer support services.

**H.B. No. 6589 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THIRD-PARTY ACCESS TO PARTICIPATING DENTAL PROVIDER CONTRACTS'**, to specify the circumstances in which a health carrier, or a health carrier's contractor or subcontractor, may enter into a contract with a third party for the purpose of providing the third party with access to a participating dental provider contract.

**H.B. No. 6590 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY INSURANCE COSTS BORNE BY BUSINESSES LOCATED IN DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES'**, to: (1) Expand the Connecticut Unfair Insurance Practices Act to provide that no (A) insurance company, hospital service corporation, health care center or fraternal benefit society providing disability income protection coverage shall refuse to insure, refuse to continue to insure or limit the amount, extent or kind of coverage available to an individual, or charge an individual a different rate for the same coverage, because the individual has been a victim of domestic violence, and (B) property and casualty insurer that delivers, issues, renews, amends, continues or endorses a property or casualty insurance policy shall make any distinction or discrimination against an individual in delivering, issuing, renewing, amending, continuing, endorsing, offering, withholding, cancelling or setting premiums for such policy, or in the terms of such policy, because the individual has been a victim of domestic violence; (2) provide that no life insurer shall make any distinction or discrimination between persons on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or status as a victim of domestic violence; and (3) establish a task force to study the high insurance costs borne by businesses located in distressed municipalities in this state.

**H.B. No. 6591 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY TO STUDY HOME HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS'**, to require the Office of Health Strategy to: (1) Study methods, and develop recommendations, to improve home health care for veterans in this state; and (2) submit a report concerning home health care for veterans to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance.

## JUDICIARY

**H.B. No. 6592 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF A CIVIL ACTION FOR MALICIOUS PROSECUTION'**, to allow a claim for malicious prosecution to be brought no later than three years from the date of the termination of the criminal proceeding that forms the basis for such claim.

**H.B. No. 6593 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT PROTECTING A MORTGAGOR FROM AN UNREASONABLE INVASION OF HIS OR HER PRIVACY BY A MORTGAGE HOLDER'**, to ensure that a mortgagee does not enter upon the residential real property that is the subject of the mortgage without the permission of the owner, occupant or mortgagor or an order of a court.

**H.B. No. 6594 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS'**, to (1) permit the state to depose persons seventy-five years of age and older in criminal matters; (2) change "patronizing a prostitute" to "soliciting sexual acts"; (3) transfer the requirement for a state's attorney to investigate a town clerk/treasurer to the Office of the Attorney General; (4) transfer bond forfeiture duties from the Division of Criminal Justice to the Office of the Attorney General; (5) require state prosecutors to notify the Office of Attorney General when the defendant in a state court action is a public official or state or municipal employee charged with a crime related to their office for purposes of pension revocation; (6) bring the definition of "vendor fraud" in line with its federal criminal counterpart; (7) clarify and

provide a more appropriate penalty for the wilful and unauthorized distribution of intimate images of an individual; (8) increase the penalty for severe internet stalking or cyber harassment; (9) provide a ten-year look back in the sentencing of certain persistent offenders, including those charged with possession of a controlled substance; (10) clarify that application and program fees required by statute for certain pretrial diversionary programs are waived for persons represented by a public defender appointed or a determination of indigency by the court; (11) provide that community service cannot be required in lieu of any fees for indigent persons; (12) eliminate the disparity between possession of a narcotic drug and the storage of such; (13) reduce the penalties when a person charged with an infraction or violation fails to respond or pay a fine; (14) allow for pre-sentence confinement credit on all concurrent sentences regardless of the day the sentences are imposed, while ensuring that consecutive sentences are not credited twice; (15) enact recommendations by the Connecticut Sentencing Commission concerning the enhanced penalty for the sale or possession of drugs near schools, day care centers and public housing projects; and (16) enact recommendations by the Connecticut Sentencing Commission regarding sentence modification.

#### LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

**H.B. No. 6595 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR MATTERS RELATED TO COVID-19, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STAFFING ISSUES'**, to address labor matters related to COVID-19, personal protective equipment and other staffing issues.

**H.B. No. 6596 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MANAGER SALARIES AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REGULATION'**, to require a study of manager salaries and to require that the refusal, suspension or revocation of certain licenses, registrations or certificates required for certain occupations not be automatic based on conviction of a felony, but only felonies reasonably related to the holder's ability to perform work safely and competently.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

**H.B. No. 6597 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCREDITATION, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, MENTAL HEALTH, DATA STORAGE SERVICES AND TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS'**, to revise the requirements regarding the accreditation of law enforcement units, study ways to lower the costs associated with data storage or services related to body-worn recording equipment, require police officers receive training regarding interactions with persons with mental or physical disabilities, and revise the amount of a grant-in-aid to municipalities for the purchase of body-worn recording equipment.

**H.B. No. 6598 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST HIRING POLICE OFFICERS DISMISSED FOR MALFEASANCE OR WHO RESIGNED OR RETIRED WHILE UNDER INVESTIGATION'**, to (1) prohibit the Police Officer Standards and Training Council from certifying a police officer who was dismissed for malfeasance or resigned or retired while under investigation, and (2) require the council to provide an opportunity for a hearing for such officer and a law enforcement unit seeking to hire such officer.

**H.B. No. 6599 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE REPORTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS'**, to require the Department of Transportation, the Division of State Police and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council to jointly revise the uniform investigation of accident report form.

**H.B. No. 6600 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE**

**DETECTORS OF SELLERS OF REAL PROPERTY'**, to require the owner of real property to disclose the existence of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at the beginning of a residential disclosure report.

#### COMMERCE

**H.B. No. 6601 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OPTIMIZING STATE SERVICES THROUGH THE USE OF INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPED IN CONNECTICUT'**, to promote economic development, reduce administrative burdens and improve state services by using innovative technologies developed by businesses in the state.

**H.B. No. 6602 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES'**, to require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to study economic development issues in the state.

**H.B. No. 6603 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND TOURISM COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP'**, to (1) allow two or more municipalities in any regional tourism district to jointly appoint one representative to the regional tourism district boards of directors, and (2) require that a representative of the Connecticut Tourism Coalition be a member of the Connecticut Tourism Council.

#### ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

**S.B. No. 4 (COMM) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DATA PRIVACY, NET NEUTRALITY, CYBER SECURITY AND FAIRNESS IN DATA USAGE IN THE NEW AGE OF A DIGITAL WORKFORCE'**, to: (1) Require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to apply net neutrality principles to broadband Internet access service providers and enforce such principles with civil penalties; (2) direct the authority to conduct studies on cybersecurity and data privacy laws in the state; and (3) extend the crime of stalking in the second degree to certain electronic disclosures of personal identifiable information without consent; and (4) establish a civil action for victims of such crime and require school boards to post existing suicide prevention policies and procedures on their Internet web sites.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

**S.B. No. 119 (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES AND COMPANIES FROM THE FEE FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK'**, to exempt volunteer fire companies and departments and volunteer ambulance services and companies from the fee for a criminal history records check.

**S.B. No. 120 (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT ALLOWING POLICE OFFICERS TO WEAR RELIGIOUS HEAD COVERINGS AS PART OF A POLICE UNIFORM'**, to permit a police officer to wear a religious head covering in accordance with such officer's religious beliefs while on duty and wearing a uniform.

#### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

**S.B. No. 353 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. '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.

**S.B. No. 753 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNTING OF INCARCERATED PERSONS FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS'**, to provide for the adjustment of population data so as to count incarcerated persons as residents of their last town of residence rather than as residents of the town in which the correctional facility is located.

**S.B. No. 759 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER NEUTRALITY IN THE STATE CONSTITUTION'**, to establish a commission to review the text of the Constitution of the state to recommend the removal of all gendered language.

**S.B. No. 760 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING PUBLICATION OF AN IMAGE OR A VIDEO OF A FATAL ACCIDENT UNTIL A FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER HAS BEEN NOTIFIED'**, to prohibit members of the news media from publishing images or videos of a fatal accident scene prior to notification of a family or household member of the fatality.

#### JUDICIARY

**S.B. No. 986 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM TRUST CODE, RULE AGAINST PERPETUITIES, CONNECTICUT UNIFORM POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT, CONNECTICUT BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT AND CONNECTICUT REVISED NONSTOCK CORPORATION ACT'**, to make revisions to the Connecticut Uniform Trust Code, Rule Against Perpetuities, Connecticut Uniform Power of Attorney Act, Connecticut Business Corporation Act and Revised Nonstock Corporation Act.

**S.B. No. 987 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REINVESTMENT OF SAVINGS ACHIEVED THROUGH A REDUCTION IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY POPULATION INTO REENTRY AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES AND PROGRAMS'**, to reinvest money saved from the closure of Northern Correctional Institution into reentry and community-based services and programs, including, but not limited to, those concerning housing and behavioral and physical health.

**S.B. No. 988 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING JUDICIAL COMPENSATION'**, to implement the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Compensation.

**S.B. No. 989 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE HARASSMENT'**, to combat online harassment, including that motivated by hate, by (1) extending the crime of stalking in the first degree to specifically include certain hate-based motivations, (2) extending the crime of second-degree stalking to include certain electronic disclosures of personal identifiable information without consent and establishing a civil action for victims of such crime, and (3) extending the crime of second-degree harassment to include more electronic forms of communication.

#### ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

**S.B. No. 990 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT PREVENTING NEW DATA CAPS DURING COVID-19'**, to prevent the imposition of new data caps during COVID-19.

**S.B. No. 991 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT ARTICULATING FEES ON AN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION CUSTOMER'S BILL'**, to articulate fees on an electric distribution customer's bill.

**S.B. No. 992 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY COMPANY TEXT MESSAGE COMMUNICATIONS'**, to require text message communications from utility companies.

**S.B. No. 993 (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT REMOVING THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOLAR PROJECTS AND RECLASSIFYING THE TAX CALCULATION OF SOLAR PROJECTS ON SINGLE PARCELS OF LAND'**, to remove the property tax exemption for solar projects under seven megawatts and reclassify the tax calculation of solar projects on single parcels of land.

#### **HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT**

**S.B. No. 994 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS TO THE PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL STUDENT PROTECTION ACCOUNT'**, to require private occupational schools to contribute to the student protection account for in-state and out-of-state students.

**S.B. No. 995 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOL'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT A RENEWAL APPLICATION'**, to allow the Office of Higher Education to deny the renewal of a private occupational school's certificate of authorization if such school fails to submit a timely application to renew such authorization.

**S.B. No. 996 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDRAISING BY THE FOUNDATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT'**, to allow The University of Connecticut to maintain the amount of cash compensation paid to the foundation if the two-year average of funds raised by the foundation for the preceding two fiscal years is not less than five times the average total cash compensation paid by said university to the foundation over the same period.

**S.B. No. 997 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXPANSION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT AND THE VOTING RIGHTS OF THE FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION'**, to (1) add two members of The University of Connecticut's University Senate to the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, and (2) allow faculty members of the Board of Regents for Higher Education to be voting members.

**S.B. No. 998 (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE OCCUPATIONAL SCHOOLS'**, to change the eligibility of private occupational schools that can file a compiled financial statement from schools that enroll less than ten students to schools that receive less than fifty thousand dollars in tuition revenue.

#### **LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

**S.B. No. 999 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A JUST TRANSITION TO CLIMATE-PROTECTIVE ENERGY PRODUCTION AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT'**, to provide for a just transition to climate-protective energy production and community investment.

**S.B. No. 1000 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY DRIVERS'**, to allow for and protect the ability of transportation network company drivers and transportation network companies to negotiate terms that best meet the needs of the parties.

**S.B. No. 1001 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT REGULATION'**, to require the Labor Department to study the need for employment regulation.

**S.B. No. 1002 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR ISSUES RELATED TO COVID-19, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STAFFING MATTERS'**, to address labor issues related to COVID-19, personal protective equipment and other staffing matters.

#### **INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE**

**S.B. No. 1003 (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. 1004 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN'**, to allow children, stepchildren and other dependent children to retain dental and vision insurance coverage under their parents' insurance policies until they attain the age of twenty-six or obtain substitute coverage through an employer.

**S.B. No. 1005 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN HEALTH INSURERS TO AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN NEWBORNS'**, to require certain health insurers to automatically provide health insurance coverage for certain newborns.

**S.B. No. 1006 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE COSTS, THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE AND HEALTH EQUITY'**, to: (1) Require the Office of Health Strategy to (A) develop, innovate, direct and oversee health care delivery and payment models, (B) develop and adopt health care quality benchmarks, (C) enhance the transparency of health care entities, (D) monitor the development of accountable care organizations and patient-centered medical homes, and (E) monitor the adoption of alternative payment methodologies; (2) require the executive director of the Office of Health Strategy to (A) establish annual health care cost growth benchmarks and primary care targets, (B) submit an annual report to the General Assembly, (C) establish standards governing submission of data, information and documents by certain persons, (D) prepare and disclose an annual report concerning health status adjusted total medical expenses, (E) at least annually, submit a request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the health status adjusted total medical expenses of provider organizations that serve Medicare patients, (F) identify and examine any health care entity or payer that exceeds any annual health care cost growth benchmark and take enforcement action against such entity or payer, and (G) develop and adopt annual health care quality benchmarks for health care entities and payers; (3) require certain providers and provider organizations to annually submit certain data, information and documents to the Office of Health Strategy; (4) authorize the Office of Health Strategy to (A) enter into certain contractual agreements with third parties, and (B) adopt certain regulations; (5) subject to approval by the federal government, require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to establish a Canadian legend drug importation program and authorize the commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, to adopt regulations to implement such program; (6) adopt the Insurance Commissioner's recommendations concerning stop-loss insurance; (7) subject to approval by the federal government, require the Office of Health Strategy, in conjunction with the Office of Policy and Management, Insurance Department and Health Reinsurance Association, to establish a reinsurance program; (8) require the Auditors of Public

Accounts to annually conduct an audit of certain health care plans administered or offered by this state and disclose the results of such audit to the General Assembly; (9) establish term limits for members of the board of directors of the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange and require that members appointed or reappointed to the board have insurance expertise; (10) require the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange to (A) conduct a public meeting before charging an assessment or user fee to certain health carriers, increasing the amount of any such assessment or fee or implementing or changing any process used to calculate any such assessment or fee, and (B) receive the approval of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having co

**S.B. No. 1007 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE AND MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEVERE OBESITY'**, to require health insurance and Medicaid coverage for certain surgical procedures performed, and certain outpatient prescription drugs prescribed, to treat severe obesity.

**S.B. No. 1008 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH EQUITY, THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND PULSE OXIMETERS'**, to: (1) Require the Insurance Commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, to adopt regulations to ensure that (A) each health care provider, health carrier, pharmacist, pharmacy and pharmacy benefits manager doing business in this state is informed that a pulse oximeter is more likely to produce an inaccurate blood oxygen level reading for an insured who is an individual of color as opposed to an insured who is a white individual, and (B) each insured in this state (i) who receives a covered pulse oximeter is informed that such pulse oximeter is more likely to produce an inaccurate blood oxygen level reading for such insured if such insured is an individual of color as opposed to an insured who is a white individual, and (ii) is informed that if such insured receives an inaccurate blood oxygen level reading as measured by a pulse oximeter such insured may be deprived of medically necessary health care services due to such inaccurate reading; and (2) provide that no insurer, health care center, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, fraternal benefit society or other entity delivering, issuing, renewing, amending or continuing certain individual and group health insurance policies in this state may deny coverage for an otherwise covered benefit if such denial is exclusively based on an insured's blood oxygen level as measured by a pulse oximeter.

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

**S.B. No. 1009 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT REQUIRING SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENTS'**, to require the Police Officer Standards and Training Council to develop a model social media policy for police departments and to require police departments to adopt such model policy or a policy with higher standards.

**S.B. No. 1010 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF MOBILE TELEPHONES BY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL'**, to prohibit (1) emergency personnel from using a hand-held mobile telephone when operating a motor vehicle upon a highway, and (2) a state police officer from using a mobile telephone when providing police services for private contractors at highway construction sites.

**S.B. No. 1011 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS AND EPINEPHRINE CARTRIDGE INJECTORS BY POLICE OFFICERS'**, to (1) require a law enforcement unit to train its police officers in the use of opioid antagonists and epinephrine cartridge injectors, and (2) permit such trained officers to carry and administer opioid antagonists and epinephrine cartridge injectors.

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

**S.B. No. 1012 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPERATIONS OF THE STATE TREASURER'**, to (1) amend

provisions concerning the bonding authority of the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority, (2) require state agencies to notify the Treasurer of reportable financial obligations, (3) remove the Treasurer from the regional school district committee, (4) remove provisions concerning the Tax-Exempt Proceeds Fund, and (5) require the approval of the Treasurer for certain transactions.

**S.B. No. 1013 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS STATUTES'**, to make technical revisions to the statutes concerning government administration and elections.

**S.B. No. 1014 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL ELECTION MONITOR FOR THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND THE 2022 STATE ELECTION'**, to employ an election monitor for both the municipal election in 2021 and the state election in 2022 in any municipality with a population of at least one hundred forty thousand.

**S.B. No. 1015 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND MODERNIZING REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT'**, to remove references to "update bid statement", to reduce certain deadlines for the disposition of surplus real property, to expand the Department of Administrative Services' ability to grant and receive easements, to clarify the State Property Review Board's scope and standard of review, to raise the threshold for review of construction consultant contracts and to give the department authority over integrated works of art in state buildings.

**S.B. No. 1016 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ETHICS'**, to require every municipality to adopt a code of ethics and the Office of State Ethics to develop a model municipal code of ethics for municipalities to adopt.

**S.B. No. 1017 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTION ADMINISTRATION'**, to (1) make permanent the use of absentee ballot drop boxes initially used during the 2020 election cycle, (2) bring certain state laws relating to the circulation of nominating and primary petitions into compliance with federal case law, (3) in the case of nominations for judges of probate and members of Congress, reduce the time by which a person other than a party-endorsed candidate can file a candidacy for nomination in order for a primary to be held, (4) require the Secretary of the State to develop a system through which election-related forms can be signed electronically, (5) include absentee ballot central counting locations in post-election audits of voting districts, (6) allow the Secretary to suspend supervised absentee voting during certain emergencies, (7) require the Secretary to review local election officials' implementation of redistricting plans, (8) require the Secretary to provide accessible absentee ballots to certain visually impaired electors, (9) require all municipal elections to be held in November, and (10) allow the Governor to issue writs of election electronically.

## JUDICIARY

**S.B. No. 1018 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROSECUTORIAL ACCOUNTABILITY'**, to (1) increase prosecutorial accountability by (A) providing that the Criminal Justice Commission be an autonomous body, (B) requiring biennial performance evaluations of state's attorneys, (C) requiring adoption and implementation of uniform policies, (D) amending training requirements for prosecutors, (E) outlining data upon which state's attorney performance ratings are based, (F) making policies and reports available online, and (G) adding use of force investigations as a category for which case level data is collected, and (2) repeal the

requirement that in the investigation and prosecution of crime, priority be given to crimes involving physical violence or the possession of a firearm.

**S.B. No. 1019 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES, ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR CERTAIN MISDEMEANOR AND FELONY OFFENSES, PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON ERASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION AND CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO MISDEMEANOR SENTENCES'**, to (1) require certain training to members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and to require the board to provide a written explanation when denying a pardon, to streamline record erasure in the case of misdemeanors and certain felonies, (2) waive certain fees for applicants for a pardon, (3) allow for appointment of a deputy warden to serve as director of reentry services, (4) establish a reentry employment advisory committee, (5) prohibit discrimination against a person based on such person's erased criminal history record information, and (6) enact the Connecticut Sentencing Commission's recommendations with respect to misdemeanor offenses.

#### COMMERCE

**S.B. No. 1020 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM IN THE NAUGATUCK VALLEY'**, to establish a regional economic development pilot program in the Naugatuck Valley.

**S.B. No. 1021 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP'**, to establish a manufacturing technology working group to ensure that manufacturers in the state have a clear road map for the lean application and integration of Industry 4.0 technology into their product development and production processes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to House Rule 50, the House adjourned at 4:13 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.

#### JOURNAL NOTATION

LCO No. 3877, Committee Bill No. 5614 was inadvertently delivered to the Clerk of the House, before a vote to draft action was taken in the Commerce Committee. Committee Bill No. 5614 will be deleted from List of Bills No. 25 dated February 24, 2021. The bill will be reprocessed as a Committee Bill and will be referred at a later date.