



## **JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

**Thursday, February 18, 2021**

Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(A).

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated February 18, 2021, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

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### **REPORTS**

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

Report – CTNEXT – 2020 Report on Grants in Aid Distributed and Operations and Effectiveness of Innovation Places Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2020. (Pursuant to Section 32-39m(a)(2)(E) of The Connecticut General Statutes. Date Received: February 11, 2021.

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

Report - Legislative Regulation Review Committee - 2020 Report to the General Assembly. (Pursuant to Section 4-170; 4-170b; and 4-171 of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 12, 2021

Referred to Connecticut Legislative Leadership.

Report – Department of Children and Families Services - Final Report: Racial Justice Data, Activities and Strategies for Fiscal Year 2020. (Pursuant to 17a-6e of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: February 17, 2021.

Referred to the Committees on Children and Judiciary.

Report – Sacred Heart University – Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence, and Policy Against Gender-based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct for School year 2019-20. (Pursuant to Section 10a-55m(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 16, 2021.

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement.

Report – Department of Motor Vehicles – Monthly Wait Times by Branch and Internet Transaction Information for December 2020 and January 2021. (Pursuant to Section 14-11e(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: February 17, 2021.

Referred to Committee of Transportation.

Report – Department of Housing and the Department of Children and Families – Stating the number of DCF involved families accepted in the DCF Rental Assistance Program. (Pursuant to Section 37 of PA 19-117 of the General Statutes). Date received: February 18, 2021

Referred to the Committees on Children and Housing

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

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), the first reading of the following bills and resolutions was waived, the list of bills and resolutions as prepared by the Clerks was accepted, and the bills and resolutions referred to the Committees as indicated thereon in concurrence:

**COMMERCE**

S.B. No. **430** (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL TOURISM DISTRICT BOARDS OF DIRECTORS', to allow two or more municipalities in any regional tourism district to jointly appoint one representative to the regional tourism district boards of directors.

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

S.B. No. **902** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKING CONDITIONS', to require the Labor Commissioner to adopt regulations regarding safe and equitable working conditions for all employees in the state.

S.B. No. **903** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE LABOR DEPARTMENT STATUTES', to make technical and other changes to Labor Department statutes.

S.B. No. **904** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR', to specify the executive director of the Labor Department's Employment Security Division shall be in the classified service and shall be devoted full-time to the duties of his or her office.

S.B. No. **905** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT REGARDING NEUTRAL ARBITRATOR SELECTION COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS AT THE STATE BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION', to specify neutral arbitrator selection committee requirements at the state board of mediation and arbitration.

S.B. No. **906** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NON-COMPETE AGREEMENTS', to set certain requirements for covenants not to compete.

S.B. No. **907** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT', to make minor and technical changes to the Workers' Compensation Act.

S.B. No. **908** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE TO JOIN OR SUPPORT A UNION', to protect the rights of public employees to join or support unions.

**HUMAN SERVICES**

S.B. No. **909** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE HUSKY B PROGRAM', to change co-pay requirements for HUSKY B and eliminate the HUSKY Plus program.

S.B. No. **910** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR POST-PARTUM CARE TO TWELVE MONTHS AFTER A MEDICAID BENEFICIARY GIVES BIRTH TO A CHILD', to expand Medicaid coverage for post-partum care to twelve months after a Medicaid beneficiary gives birth to a child.

S.B. No. **911** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRENATAL CARE', to require the Commissioner of Social Services to provide prenatal care under the Children's Health Insurance Program, or "HUSKY B", under a state plan amendment.

S.B. No. **912** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT OF FATHERHOOD INITIATIVES', to establish an advisory council to make recommendations concerning fatherhood initiatives and provide state funding for fatherhood initiatives.

S.B. No. **913** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING FAIRNESS FOR FAMILIES IN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND REIMBURSEMENT DETERMINATIONS', to ensure equity in payment between privately paid and family providers of human services, equity in Medicaid reimbursement for home care services compared to institutional care and fairness to families who discover an asset or are unable to immediately liquidate an asset after applying for Medicaid.

#### **VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

S.B. No. **914** (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HMONG LAOTIAN SPECIAL GUERRILLA UNITS WHICH SERVED IN THE KINGDOM OF LAOS', to provide certain benefits to members of the Hmong Laotian special guerilla units who served in the secret war in the Kingdom of Laos during the Vietnam War.

S.B. No. **915** (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY SUICIDE BY VETERANS', to create a task force to study suicide by veterans.

S.B. No. **916** (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF VITAL RECORDS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES FUND', to require the waiver of fees charged for certified copies of vital records sought in connection with a person's application for aid from the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund.

S.B. No. **917** (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS' FEDERAL PENSION BENEFITS FROM INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS', to exclude all veterans' federal pension benefits from income when determining eligibility for public assistance programs.

S.B. No. **918** (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF VETERAN', to expand the definition of veteran.

#### **COMMERCE**

H.B. No. **6467** (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SMALL BUSINESS EXPRESS PROGRAM', to increase access to capital for businesses, opportunity zones and distressed municipalities.

**FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING**

H.B. No. **6468** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR QUALIFIED DATA CENTERS TO LOCATE IN THE STATE', to provide certain tax exemptions to incentivize qualified data centers to locate in the state.

**HUMAN SERVICES**

H.B. No. **6469** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY', to eliminate the copayment under the state-funded portion of the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly.

H.B. No. **6470** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOME HEALTH, TELEHEALTH AND UTILIZATION REVIEW', to ease health care access by making permanent certain changes related to home health, telehealth and utilization review in the medical assistance program that were implemented by executive order during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

H.B. No. **6471** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO DELIVER COST-EFFECTIVE HUMAN SERVICES AND DETER FRAUD', to establish a public-private partnership between the state and nonprofit human services providers to deliver cost-effective human services and deter fraud.

H.B. No. **6472** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH', to expand telehealth services for Medicaid beneficiaries for a period of two years and study whether the benefits of expanding such services should be made permanent.

H.B. No. **6473** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE DIAPER BANK TO INCLUDE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS', to provide funding to the Diaper Bank of Connecticut so that it may provide feminine hygiene products to women of limited income.

**LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

H.B. No. **6474** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COLLATERAL EMPLOYMENT CONSEQUENCES OF A CRIMINAL RECORD', to address the collateral employment consequences of a criminal record.

H.B. No. **6475** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FORCED ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS', to allow employees to sue employers on behalf of the state after having waived their personal rights to sue by signing forced arbitration agreements.

H.B. No. **6476** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DISPARITY STUDY', to require a disparity study.

H.B. No. **6477** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND AMBULANCE COMPANIES AND THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER UNDER THE STATE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT', to clarify the definition of employer regarding volunteer fire departments and ambulance companies under the State Occupational Safety and Health Act.

H.B. No. **6478** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION', to address various issues concerning workers' compensation.

H.B. No. **6479** (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR', to require the Labor Commissioner to adopt regulations regarding the efficient operation of the Labor Department.

#### VETERANS' AFFAIRS

H.B. No. **6480** (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNERAL EXPENSES OF CERTAIN VETERANS', to specify the funeral expenses covered by the sum paid by the state for certain veterans.

H.B. No. **6481** (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL REGISTRATION MARKER PLATES FOR VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO SERVED IN PERIODS OF WAR', to create special registration marker plates available to veterans and members of the armed forces who served during certain periods of war.

H.B. No. **6482** (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING FEDERAL VETERANS' BENEFITS FROM INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS', to exclude all federal veterans' benefits from income when determining eligibility for public assistance programs.

H.B. No. **6483** (RAISED) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PURPLE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM', to allow military orders to be accepted as proof of residency for the purpose of enrollment in a public school by children of members of the armed forces and to establish a Purple Star School Program.

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#### CHANGE OF REFERENCE SENATE BILLS

The following report on a Senate Bills recommending a change of reference were received from the Committees indicated, the reports of the Committees were accepted, and the bills referred as recommended:

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. Proposed S.B. No. **551** AN ACT CONCERNING MULTIFAMILY HOUSING AND ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Transportation

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. Proposed S.B. No. **554** AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ZONING AND PUBLIC TRANSIT.

The bill was referred to the committee on Transportation

COMMERCE. Proposed S.B. No. **710** AN ACT CREATING INCENTIVES FOR DEFENSE CONTRACTORS TO CREATE JOBS.

The bill was referred to the committee on Transportation

**BUSINESS FROM THE HOUSE  
CHANGE OF REFERENCE  
HOUSE BILLS**

The following report on a House Bills recommending a change of reference were received from the Committees indicated, the reports of the Committees were accepted, and the bills referred as recommended:

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. **6299** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY AND AWARENESS WEEK.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Government Administrations and Elections

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. **5671** AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. **5475** AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR PERSONS SUFFERING FROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations

PUBLIC HEALTH. Proposed H.B. No. **5474** AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF CRITICAL SERVICES TO PERSONS SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations