



JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

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The 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 March 9, 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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE

The Secretary of the State, Denise W. Merrill, certified the member as follows and administered the oath of office.

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REPORTS

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

Report – State Board of Education - Annual Report on Paraprofessionals. (Pursuant to section 10-155(k) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: March 8, 2021.
Referred to the Committee of Education.

Report – Auditors of Public Accounts – Monthly Loss Report to the Governor as of February 28, 2021. (Pursuant to Section 4-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: March 9, 2021.
Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES SENATE BILLS

The following favorable reports were received from the Joint Standing Committees indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar and printing.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. S.B. No. **35** (COMM) (File No. 31) "AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ADOPTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' FOSTER CARE PROGRAM."

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. Substitute for S.B. No. **36** (COMM) (File No. 32) "AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL LUNCH DEBT."

PUBLIC HEALTH. Substitute for S.B. No. **285** (RAISED) (File No. 33) "AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES."

PUBLIC HEALTH. Substitute for S.B. No. **416** (RAISED) (File No. 34) "AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUTES."

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. S.B. No. **702** (RAISED) (File No. 35) "AN ACT CONCERNING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FREE SWIMMING LESSONS TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN."

HUMAN SERVICES. S.B. No. **763** (RAISED) (File No. 36) "AN ACT REQUIRING DRIVERS OF PARATRANSIT VEHICLES TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION OR ABANDONMENT OF ELDERLY PERSONS."

HUMAN SERVICES. Substitute for S.B. No. **765** (RAISED) (File No. 37) "AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CONNECTICUT HOME CARE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES."

PUBLIC HEALTH. S.B. No. **835** (RAISED) (File No. 38) "AN ACT CONCERNING DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING PRACTICES OF LIMITED SERVICES PREGNANCY CENTERS."

LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. Substitute for S.B. No. **836** (RAISED) (File No. 39) "AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY BENEFITS AND PENSION OFFSETS."

HUMAN SERVICES. S.B. No. **853** (RAISED) (File No. 40) "AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS."

HUMAN SERVICES. S.B. No. **854** (RAISED) (File No. 41) "AN ACT CONCERNING A LIST OF THE 100 MOST DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGORS."

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:

HOUSING

S.B. No. **86** (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE SYSTEM TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS AND TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS', to establish the Homelessness Response System to provide increased funding for the coordinated access networks and the United Way of Connecticut 2-1-1 Infoline program for housing resources.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

S.B. No. **385** (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE INCLUSION OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO VETERAN STATUS ON STATE AGENCY FORMS', to require a study of the inclusion of questions relating to veteran status on state agency forms.

HOUSING

S.B. No. **393** (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ROOM TEMPERATURES IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND DWELLING UNITS', to allow tenants and students to maintain a reasonable temperature range in their dwellings.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

S.B. No. **413** (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT WAIVING CERTAIN FEES FOR VETERANS FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE', to waive for veterans the fee for the (1) application, (2) initial license, (3) initial permit, (4) initial registration, or (5) other initial credential, required for occupational licensure.

S.B. No. **614** (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING VETERANS FROM PAYMENT OF THE FARES FOR BUS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES', to exempt veterans from payment of the fares for state-owned or state-controlled bus public transportation services.

S.B. No. **787** (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS FROM PROPERTY TAX', to exempt any veteran with a disability rating from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs amounting to one hundred per cent from property tax on such veteran's dwelling house and lot used as his or her domicile.

HOUSING

S.B. No. **804** (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INCLUSION IN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES, ZONING REQUIREMENTS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING', to address issues with affordable housing, multiunit residential buildings, sewerage systems, housing authority jurisdiction, training for certain municipal officials involved in planning and zoning decisions and compliance with municipal zoning regulations.

H.B. No. **5681** (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITY REIMBURSEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL EQUITY', to provide that school building project grants for inclusive municipalities be increased by ten percentage points.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

H.B. No. **5731** (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR AS AN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR VETERANS', to eliminate service in time of war as an eligibility criteria for certain benefits for veterans.

H.B. No. **5736** (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRICE PREFERENCES FOR VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN STATE CONTRACTING', to provide a price preference of ten per cent for the purchase of goods or services from veteran-owned businesses when determining the lowest responsible qualified bidder in state contracting.

H.B. No. **5737** (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CREATING A VETERANS AND MILITARY TOURISM TRAIL', to create a Veterans and Military Tourism Trail linking museums, memorials, battleground sites and historic sites in the state relating to veterans and the United States armed forces.

H.B. No. **5739** (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR A PARENT OF A DECEASED SERVICEMAN OR VETERAN', to extend the property tax exemption for a surviving spouse or minor child of a serviceman or veteran to a parent of such serviceman or veteran if there is no surviving spouse or minor child.

HOUSING

H.B. No. **6239** (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING FUNDING ALLOCATION AND SEGREGATION', to require the Department of Housing to gather data that can be used to determine whether its housing programs affect economic and racial segregation.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

H.B. No. **6316** (COMM) VETERANS' AFFAIRS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EVALUATION OF MILITARY TRAINING EVALUATION APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE LABOR DEPARTMENT', to require the Labor Commissioner, the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioners' designees, to jointly evaluate military training applications to the Labor Department's program of apprenticeship training.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. **6605** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS, TRADE NAMES, THE COMMERCIAL RECORDING DIVISION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE, COMMERCIAL REGISTERED AGENTS AND REMOTE NOTARIAL ACTS', to (1) revise various provisions on registration of business entities in this state, (2) revise provisions governing trade names, (3) rename the Commercial Recording Division within the Office of the Secretary of the State as the Business Services Division, (4) create a listing of commercial registered agents, and (5) allow notaries and commissioners of the superior court to conduct notarial acts remotely.