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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 11, 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

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following favorable reports were received from the Senate Committee indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar.

APPROPRIATIONS. S.R. No. **6** "RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE & RESIDUAL EMPLOYEES UNION."

FAVORABLE REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE SENATE RESOLUTION

The following favorable report was received from the Joint Standing Committee indicated, read the second time and tabled for the calendar.

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. **20** "RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF KEVIN J. O'CONNOR OF GREENWICH TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT."

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. **21** "RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT T. SIMMELKJAER II OF WESTPORT TO BE A MEMBER AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONNECTICUT LOTTERY CORPORATION."

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. **22** "RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ROBERT NAMNOUM OF CANTON TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION ARBITRATION BOARD."

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. **23** "RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF SARAH HEALY EAGAN OF WEST HARTFORD TO BE REAPPOINTED AS THE CHILD ADVOCATE."

EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS. S.J. No. **24** "RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF ANDREA B. DENNIS-LAVIGNE OF SIMSBURY TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT."

**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:

PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. **1** (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT EQUALIZING COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC', to equalize comprehensive access to mental, behavioral and physical health care in response to the pandemic.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.B. No. **138** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS', to nullify the vote of, remove and replace any faithless presidential elector.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

S.B. No. **178** (COMM) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT', to increase the applicable percentage of the earned income tax credit to thirty per cent.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.B. No. **183** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE MEETINGS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to permit public agencies to conduct remote meetings under the Freedom of Information Act.

S.B. No. **294** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM', to require that the State Elections Enforcement Commission return to a campaign treasurer any contribution that does not qualify toward receiving a grant under the Citizens' Election Program so that such treasurer may return such contribution to the contributor.

S.B. No. **296** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF A MUNICIPAL ETHICS BOARD TO THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS', to permit aggrieved parties to appeal a local municipal ethics board decision to the Office of State Ethics.

S.B. No. **297** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF STATE MANDATES', to require a legislative review of all state mandates.

S.B. No. **640** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE PLATFORMS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE', to define "online platform", require such platform to make publicly available copies of electioneering communications and contact information at such platform for such communications and impose a rebuttable presumption that certain content created by or for such platform is not an independent expenditure if displayed during the ninety days prior to a primary or election.

S.B. No. **761** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE USE OF CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS TO OFFSET A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S CHILD CARE COSTS', to permit the use of Citizens' Election Program grant funds to offset a participating candidate's child care costs.

EDUCATION

S.B. No. **1032** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES', to require the Department of Education to conduct a study concerning various revisions to the education statutes.

S.B. No. **1033** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND FINANCIAL LITERACY AS PART OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS', to include computer science and financial literacy instruction in the high school graduation requirements.

S.B. No. **1034** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINORITY TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION', to improve minority teacher recruitment and retention in the state by (1) establishing the minority candidate certification, retention or residency year program, (2) developing a plan to promote the teaching profession as a career option to students in high school, and (3) develop and require school district personnel responsible for hiring educators to complete a video training module relating to implicit bias and anti-bias in the hiring process.

S.B. No. **1035** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PRESERVICE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS', to cease implementation of EdTPA and create a new state-wide preservice performance assessment for teacher preparation programs.

S.B. No. **1036** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL COOPERATION AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS', to allow a board of education to pay tuition to another school district for sending its elementary and middle school students to such other school district.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. **1037** (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT', to add items covered by the provisions of the state's bottle bill program, increase redemption values and handling fees, develop incentives for unit-based pricing programs in municipalities and require certain dealers to have reverse vending machines at their stores.

COMMERCE

S.B. No. **1038** (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION', to (1) allow short-term lessees of eligible brownfields to apply to the

abandoned brownfield cleanup and the brownfield remediation and revitalization programs, (2) allow the Commissioner of Environmental Protection specific authority to issue compliance orders to participants in brownfield programs, (3) establish audit deadlines for the abandoned brownfield cleanup program, and (4) establish a brownfield tax credit program.

S.B. No. **1039** (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BLOCKCHAIN AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES', to require (1) the Department of Administrative Services to issue a request for information for the incorporation of blockchain technology to make a state administrative function more efficient or cost effective, and (2) the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop a plan to promote existing remote work workspaces and incentivize the creation of new remote work workspaces.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

S.B. No. **1040** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSIONS TAX', to allow any event at New Britain Stadium and the Xfinity Theatre in Hartford to be subject to the five per cent admissions tax rate.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

S.B. No. **1041** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE SHARING PLANS AND HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRIES', to provide that: (1) No person shall receive a fee or anything of value in exchange for (A) selling or soliciting a health care sharing plan for a resident of this state, (B) negotiating a health care sharing plan on behalf of a resident of this state, or (C) administering a health care sharing plan that includes a resident of this state; (2) certain prohibited transactions with, or on behalf of, health care sharing plans violate the Connecticut Unfair Insurance Practices Act; and (3) no person licensed by the Insurance Department shall conduct any business with, or conduct any act requiring a license issued by the department on behalf of, a health care sharing ministry or health care sharing plan.

S.B. No. **1042** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS', to: (1) Impose a surcharge on certain insurance premiums to fund firefighter training costs; and (2) extend the sunset date for (A) Connecticut Foundation Solutions Indemnity Company, Inc., and (B) the Healthy Homes Fund surcharge.

S.B. No. **1043** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE HARTFORD COURANT', to: (1) Prohibit The Hartford Courant Company and its legal successors from incurring any debt or issuing any dividend that is not in the public interest; and (2) authorize the Attorney General and certain persons to seek injunctive relief against The Hartford Courant Company or its successors if The Hartford Courant Company or its successors incur any debt or issue any dividend that is not in the public interest.

S.B. No. **1044** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE IN THIS STATE', to establish a task force to study insurance and health care in this state.

S.B. No. **1045** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STEP THERAPY, ADVERSE DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEWS, AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN', to: (1) Allow a child, stepchild or other dependent child to retain health insurance coverage under a parent's individual or group health insurance policy until the policy anniversary date after the date on which the child, stepchild or other dependent child attains the age of twenty-six; (2) prohibit certain health carriers from requiring the use of step therapy for drugs prescribed to treat behavioral health conditions or chronic, disabling or life-threatening

conditions or diseases; (3) redefine "clinical peer" for the purposes of adverse determination and utilization reviews; (4) require health carriers to bear the burden of proving that certain health care services under adverse determination or utilization review are not medically necessary; and (5) require health carriers to provide certain clinical peers with the authority to reverse initial adverse determinations.

S.B. No. **1046** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE', to: (1) Require the Insurance Commissioner to develop and disseminate a minimum set of affordable benefit options for long-term care policies; (2) provide that an insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center shall not deliver, issue, renew, continue or amend a long-term care policy in this state unless such company, society, corporation or center is authorized or licensed to sell long-term care insurance and at least one other line of insurance in this state; (3) require the Insurance Commissioner to refer an insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center that files a rate filing for a long-term care policy that contains a deliberate or reckless misstatement or omission of fact to the Attorney General for investigation; (4) provide that an insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center that files a rate filing for a long-term care policy that seeks an increase of twenty per cent or more and spreads such increase over a period of not less than three years shall not file a rate filing for an increase in premium rates for the long-term care policy during said period; (5) require an insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center that files a rate filing for a long-term care policy to disclose to insureds the minimum set of affordable benefit options developed by the Insurance Commissioner; and (6) authorize the Attorney General to investigate a rate filing referred to the Attorney General by the Insurance Commissioner and take action to protect and secure compensation for the insured under the long-term care policy that is the subject of such rate filing.

S.B. No. **1047** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE AND CLIMATE CHANGE', to require: (1) The Insurance Commissioner to (A) develop and implement criteria for each insurer doing business in this state to annually submit a report to the commissioner concerning climate risk, and (B) annually submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance; and (2) each insurer doing business in this state to annually submit a report to the commissioner concerning climate risk.

S.B. No. **1048** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR CERTAIN COVERED HEALTH BENEFITS', to require certain health insurers, preferred provider networks and other entities to include certain provisions in contracts with health care providers regarding reimbursement for certain covered health benefits.

S.B. No. **1049** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS', to require certain high deductible health plans to apply annual deductibles on a calendar year basis.

S.B. No. **1050** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICES PROVIDED BY LIFE INSURERS', to require each insurer that delivers or issues an individual or group life insurance policy in this state to: (1) At least annually, give a written policy status notice to each beneficiary and owner of, person whose life is insured under and insurance producer who negotiated and sold such policy; and (2) send any notice cancelling such policy to each owner of such policy.

S.B. No. **1051** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY MEDICAL PRACTICE OWNERSHIP MODELS', to establish a task force to study medical practice ownership models.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.B. No. **1052** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DISPARITY STUDY', to require the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, in consultation with the Department of Administrative Services, to issue a request for proposals for the conducting of a disparity study.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

S.B. No. **1053** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOLS SERVED BY THE CAPITOL REGION EDUCATION COUNCIL', to provide funding for capital improvements to schools served by the Capitol Region Education Council.

H.B. No. **5001** (COMM) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLD FOR THE PENSION AND ANNUITY INCOME DEDUCTION FOR MARRIED INDIVIDUALS FILING JOINTLY', to increase the qualifying income threshold for the pension and annuity income deduction for married individuals filing jointly, to twice the amount of the qualifying income threshold for unmarried individuals.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. **5320** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESSIBILITY TO VOTING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CERTAIN DISABILITIES', to (1) establish a task force for the study of accessibility to voting for individuals with disabilities, and (2) require at each federal election that each polling place have at least one voting device equipped for individuals with disabilities that complies with federal law.

H.B. No. **5461** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING JURISDICTION OVER DISPUTES IN ELECTIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF STATE SENATOR AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE', to statutorily confer jurisdiction over contested elections for state legislative offices to the judicial branch.

H.B. No. **5651** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR CERTAIN DETAINED INDIVIDUALS', to allow certain individuals detained in correctional facilities to submit absentee ballot applications and be able to cast an absentee ballot if they expect to be unable to appear at the polling place on the day of any election, primary or referendum.

H.B. No. **5654** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UPDATING OF STATE FORMS, APPLICATIONS AND METHODS OF IDENTIFICATION TO INCLUDE A NONBINARY GENDER OPTION', to require all state agency forms, applications and methods of identification to be updated with a nonbinary gender option.

H.B. No. **5872** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT EXPANDING AUTOMATIC APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION TO CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES', to (1) establish automatic application for voter registration at certain state agencies that currently make available voter registration information, and (2) create a presumption that any removal from a party enrollment list through such automatic application for voter registration was unintentional.

H.B. No. **5883** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND ON LOCAL QUESTIONS', to permit individuals who have attained the age of sixteen years, but who have not

attained the age of eighteen years, to vote at elections and primaries of municipal officers and on local questions.

H.B. No. **6205** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING STATUTES', to revise certain absentee voting statutes to more closely align the language thereof with that of related state constitutional provisions.

H.B. No. **6207** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES', to require a public hearing and a vote of the legislative body prior to any move of polling places from one election to the next.

H.B. No. **6209** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY', to establish Juneteenth Independence Day as a legal holiday.

H.B. No. **6327** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO TOTAL COST BASIS CONSTRUCTION STATE CONTRACTS', to not require the approval of the State Properties Review Board for certain amendments to total cost basis construction contracts.

EDUCATION

H.B. No. **6616** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS FOR FUNDING A NEW CHARTER SCHOOL', to establish a charter school approval grant account for the purpose of funding new charter schools.

H.B. No. **6617** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND REVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS STATUTES', to authorize state grant commitments for school building projects; to require that all plans for a school building project submitted on and after July 1, 2022, provide for the installation of water bottle filling stations; and to require boards of education to be responsible for establishing or reestablishing school building committees for school building projects.

H.B. No. **6618** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN FUNDING ISSUES AFFECTING BOARDS OF EDUCATION', to (1) provide boards of education for alliance districts flexibility in how they utilize and expend their alliance district funds, (2) permit boards of education to carry forward any unexpended federal funds received for the purpose of covering costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic into the next fiscal year, and (3) permit a regional board of education to deposit into a nonlapsing account any unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year from the budgeted appropriation for education for the regional school district, provided such deposited amount does not exceed two per cent of the total budgeted appropriation for education for such prior fiscal year.

H.B. No. **6619** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A KINDERGARTEN TO EIGHT GRADE MODEL CURRICULUM', to develop a model curriculum for grades kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, for use by local and regional boards of education.

H.B. No. **6620** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO READ AND ADDRESSING OPPORTUNITY GAPS AND EQUITY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS', to improve student literacy and address issues relating to equity and opportunity gaps that exist in public education in the state.

H.B. No. **6621** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ASSORTED REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES', to (1) clarify the law that requires boards of education to hold public hearings that such public hearings shall be related to the provision of education offered by the board of education, (2) clarify the law how annual vision screenings for students may be performed, and (3) to establish the CT Grown for CT Kids Grant Program to assist in the development and implementation of local farm-to-school programs.

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

H.B. No. **6622** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES AND LISTS OF COVERED DRUGS', to limit the circumstances in which a health carrier may remove a prescription drug from a drug formulary or list of covered drugs, or move a prescription drug to a different cost-sharing tier, during a plan year.

H.B. No. **6623** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE', to: (1) Provide that an insurer shall not refuse to deliver, issue or renew a homeowners insurance policy for a residential dwelling in this state solely because the insured or prospective insured declines to purchase coverage from such insurer for any structure other than such residential dwelling; (2) require an insurer or insurance producer to disclose to an insured or prospective insured whether the insurer requires that real property be assessed, evaluated or inspected not later than the time the insurer or insurance producer provides the insured or prospective insured with an estimate for the premium cost of a property and casualty insurance policy for such real property; and (3) require the Insurance Department to study methods available to accelerate homeowners insurance claims processing and submit a report disclosing the results of such study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance.

H.B. No. **6624** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS', to modify the preconditions to issuing a real estate broker's license in this state.

H.B. No. **6625** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC ADJUSTERS', to require the Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations establishing continuing education requirements for public adjusters.

H.B. No. **6626** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE AND MEDICAID COVERAGE, AMBULANCE SERVICES AND COST TRANSPARENCY', to: (1) Require certain individual and group health insurance policies to provide coverage for (A) motorized wheelchairs, including, but not limited to, (i) used motorized wheelchairs, (ii) repairs to motorized wheelchairs, and (iii) replacement batteries for motorized wheelchairs, (B) cochlear implants and cochlear implant surgery for insureds diagnosed with hearing loss, (C) medically necessary coronary calcium scan tests, (D) genetic cystic fibrosis screenings for women, (E) the treatment of neurological conditions and diseases, including, but not limited to, physical therapy for the treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, (F) equine therapy for veterans, (G) gambling disorder treatment, (H) audiologic, ophthalmologic and optometric care, and (I) specialized formulas for individuals twelve years of age or older; (2) require Medicaid coverage for audiologic, ophthalmologic and optometric care; (3) (A) modify required health insurance coverage for ambulance services to (i) include medically necessary transportation to a covered person's place of residence, and (ii) require that such benefits be provided at an in-network level, (B) provide for electronic notification of assignments of bills for ambulance services, and (C) require an ambulance provider to notify, and obtain consent from, a person before providing transportation services to the person if the provider reasonably believes that such services are not emergency services; (4) require the Insurance Commissioner to, within

available appropriations, establish a program to advance breast health and breast cancer awareness, and promote greater understanding of the importance of early breast cancer detection, in this state; (5) expand required health insurance coverage under certain individual and group health insurance policies to include coverage for (A) colorectal cancer diagnoses and related benefits, (B) breast health and breast cancer benefits regardless of sex, (C) diagnostic and screening (i) mammograms, including, but not limited to, (I) baseline mammograms for certain insureds younger than thirty-five years of age, and (II) annual mammograms for certain insureds younger than forty years of age, (ii) comprehensive breast ultrasounds, and (iii) magnetic resonance imaging of an entire breast or breasts, (D) breast biopsies, (E) prophylactic mastectomies for certain insureds, and (F) breast reconstructive surgery for certain insureds; and (6) (A) require a health care provider who provides a mammogram to a patient to provide to the patient (i) advance notice disclosing information regarding certain tests or examinations proposed to further investigate the results of the mammogram, and (ii) an opportunity to determine whether the cost of such proposed tests or examinations are covered under the terms of the patient's health coverage, and (B) authorize the Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the Insurance Commissioner, to adopt regulations.

FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

H.B. No. **6627** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE BOND-FINANCED STATE HOUSING PROGRAM', to provide funding for the bond-financed state housing program.

H.B. No. **6628** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE DIGITAL MEDIA TAX CREDIT', to allow the digital media tax credit to be claimed against the sales tax under certain circumstances and at a reduced rate.

H.B. No. **6629** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND REMITTANCE OF THE E 9-1-1 FEE BY MARKETPLACE FACILITATORS', to require marketplace facilitators to collect and remit the E 9-1-1 fee.

H.B. No. **6630** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RATE OF THE REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX ON CERTAIN CONVEYANCES', to exempt new homes conveyed by certain conveyors from the portion of the real estate conveyance tax imposed on consideration in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars.

H.B. No. **6631** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF INTEREST ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES', to authorize municipal tax collectors to waive all or part of the interest due and payable on delinquent property taxes owed by certain taxpayers.

H.B. No. **6632** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INVEST CT FUND PROGRAM', to specify investment requirements for the invest CT fund program on or after September 1, 2021 and increase the aggregate amount of credits allowed under the program.

H.B. No. **6633** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT RESTRUCTURING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS AND IMPROVING FUND SOLVENCY', to restructure unemployment insurance benefits and improve fund solvency.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.J. No. **50** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS.
'RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CONNECTICUT-TAIWAN SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP'

**CHANGES OF REFERENCE
SENATE BILLS**

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

TRANSPORTATION. Proposed S.B. No. **598** "AN ACT PROHIBITING GASOLINE ZONE PRICING."

The bill was referred to the Committee on General Law.

TRANSPORTATION. Proposed S.B. No. **688** "AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF CAMERA VIDEO SYSTEMS INSIDE SCHOOL BUSES AND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

TRANSPORTATION. Proposed S.B. No. **689** "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR A SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

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

The following report on a House Bill recommending a change of reference was received from the Committee indicated, the report of the Committee was accepted, and the bill referred as recommended:

TRANSPORTATION. Proposed H.B. No. **6094** "AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES WHEN MOTOR VEHICLE INFRACTIONS ARE NOLLED."

The bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.