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Tuesday, May 18, 2021

The Senate was called to order at 12:23 p.m., President in the Chair.

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut

The following is the prayer:

Bless us this day. Grant us the power to refresh and renew our lives during this Spring season. Through your guidance, may we be better stewards, not only of the earth, but also of the holy word.

PLEDGE

Senator Maroney of the 14th led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORT

The following report was received, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee indicated:

Report – Auditors of Public Accounts – Monthly Loss Report to the Governor as of April 30, 2021. (Pursuant to Section 4-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes) Date received: May 14, 2021.

Referred to Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

MATTERS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE NO NEW FILE

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

APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for S.B. No. **262** (RAISED) (File No. 12) "AN ACT REQUIRING MANUFACTURERS OF BRAND NAME PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PROVIDE SAMPLES OF SUCH DRUGS TO MANUFACTURERS OF GENERIC PRESCRIPTION DRUGS."

APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for S.B. No. **893** (RAISED) (File No. 360) "AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PRIVACY."

APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for S.B. No. **683** (COMM) (File No. 447) "AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL BILLING AND COLLECTION EFFORTS BY HOSPITALS AND COLLECTION AGENCIES."

APPROPRIATIONS. S.B. No. **1011** (RAISED) (File No. 295) "AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF OPIOID ANTAGONISTS AND EPINEPHRINE CARTRIDGE INJECTORS BY POLICE OFFICERS."

APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for S.B. No. **1030** (RAISED) (File No. 457) "AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES."

**BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
ORDER OF THE DAY
FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE
BILL PASSED**

The following favorable report was taken from the table, read the third time, the report of the Committee accepted and the bill passed.

APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for S.B. No. **1** (COMM) (File No. 481) "AN ACT EQUALIZING COMPREHENSIVE ACCESS TO MENTAL, BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC."

Senator Abrams of the 13th offered Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 8687) and moved adoption.

Remarking were Senator Hwang of the 28th, Anwar of the 3rd, and Somers of the 18th.

Osten of the 19th in the Chair.

President in the Chair.

Remarking were Senators Champagne of the 35th, and Formica of the 20th.

Senator Abrams of the 13th requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 2:55 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	30
Those voting Nay	5
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 8687) was Adopted.

The following is the roll call vote:

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| Y | 1 | JOHN W. FONFARA | | Y | 19 | CATHERINE A. OSTEN |
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Y	2	DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y	20	PAUL M. FORMICA
Y	3	SAUD ANWAR	Y	21	KEVIN C. KELLY
Y	4	STEVE CASSANO	Y	22	MARILYN MOORE
Y	5	DEREK SLAP	A	23	DENNIS BRADLEY
Y	6	RICK LOPES	Y	24	JULIE KUSHNER
N	7	JOHN A. KISSEL	Y	25	BOB DUFF
Y	8	KEVIN D. WITKOS	Y	26	WILL HASKELL
Y	9	MATTHEW L. LESSER	Y	27	PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
Y	10	GARY WINFIELD	Y	28	TONY HWANG
Y	11	MARTIN M. LOONEY	Y	29	MAE FLEXER
Y	12	CHRISTINE COHEN	Y	30	CRAIG MINER
Y	13	MARY ABRAMS	Y	31	HENRI MARTIN
Y	14	JAMES MARONEY	N	32	ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y	15	JOAN V. HARTLEY	Y	33	NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
N	16	ROB SAMPSON	N	34	PAUL CICARELLA
Y	17	JORGE CABRERA	N	35	DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y	18	HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y	36	ALEX KASSER

The following is the Amendment.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) It is hereby declared that racism constitutes a public health crisis in this state and will continue to constitute a public health crisis until the goal set forth in subsection (c) of section 3 of this act is attained.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health, to document and make recommendations to decrease the effect of racism on public health. The commission shall be part of the Legislative Department.

(b) The commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of a nonprofit organization that focuses on racial equity issues and one of whom shall be a representative of Health Equity Solutions;

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be a representative of a violence intervention program using a health-based approach to examine individuals post-incarceration and policies for integration and one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Health Foundation;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Katal Center for Equity, Health, and Justice;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a representative of the Connecticut Children's Office for Community Child Health;

(5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a physician educator associated with The University of Connecticut who has experience and expertise in infant and maternal care and who has worked on diversity and inclusion policy and one of whom shall be a representative of the Partnership for Strong Communities;

(6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom shall be a medical professional with expertise in mental health and one of whom is a representative of the Open Communities Alliance;

(7) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health;

(8) Two members of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, appointed by the caucus chairperson;

(9) One appointed by the Governor, who shall be a representative of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee of the Connecticut Bar Association;

(10) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee;

(11) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee;

- (12) The Commissioner of Early Childhood, or the commissioner's designee;
- (13) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee;
- (14) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's designee;
- (15) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;
- (16) The Commissioner of Housing, or the commissioner's designee;
- (17) The chief executive officer of the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, or the chief executive officer's designee;
- (18) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's designee;
- (19) The executive director of the Office of Health Strategy, or the executive director's designee;
- (20) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee;
- (21) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee; and
- (22) The Commissioner of Correction, or the commissioner's designee.

(c) Any member of the commission appointed under subdivisions (1) to (8), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly. All initial appointments to the commission made under subdivisions (1) to (9), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section shall be made not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. Appointed members shall serve a term that is coterminous with the appointing official and may serve more than one term.

(d) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, and the representative appointed under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section as a representative of Health Equity Solutions, shall serve as chairpersons of the commission. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the commission, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. If appointments under subsection (b) of this section are not made within such sixty-day period, the chairpersons may designate individuals with the required qualifications stated for the applicable appointment to serve on the commission until appointments are made pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

(e) Members shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. Any vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term.

(f) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business and any decision shall be by a majority vote of those present at a meeting, except the commission may establish such committees, subcommittees or other entities as it deems necessary to further the purposes of the commission. The commission may adopt rules of procedure.

(g) The members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall, within the limits of available funds, be reimbursed for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

(h) The commission, by majority vote, shall hire an executive director to serve as administrative staff of the commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commission. The commission may request the assistance of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management in hiring the executive director. The executive director may hire not more than two executive assistants to assist in carrying out the duties of the commission.

(i) The commission shall have the following powers and duties: To (1) support collaboration by bringing together partners from many different sectors to recognize the links between health and other issues and policy areas and build new partnerships to promote health and equity and increase government efficiency; (2) create a comprehensive strategic plan to eliminate health disparities and inequities across sectors, in accordance with section 3 of this act; (3) study the impact that the public health crisis of racism has on vulnerable populations within diverse groups of the state population, including on the basis of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and disability, including, but not limited to, Black American descendants of slavery; (4) obtain from any legislative or executive department, board, commission or other agency of the state or any organization or other entity such assistance as necessary and available to carry out the purposes of this section; (5) accept any gift, donation or bequest for the purpose of performing the

duties described in this section; (6) establish bylaws to govern its procedures; and (7) perform such other acts as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the duties described in this section, including, but not limited to, the creation of subcommittees.

(j) The commission shall engage with a diverse range of community members, including people of color who identify as members of diverse groups of the state population, including on the basis of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and disability, who experience inequities in health, to make recommendations to the relevant state agencies or other entities on an ongoing basis concerning the following: (1) Structural racism in the state's laws and regulations impacting public health, where, as used in this subdivision, "structural racism" means a system that structures opportunity and assigns value in a way that disproportionately and negatively impacts Black, Indigenous, Latino or Asian people or other people of color; (2) racial disparities in the state's criminal justice system and its impact on the health and well-being of individuals and families, including overall health outcomes and rates of depression, suicide, substance use disorder and chronic disease; (3) racial disparities in access to the resources necessary for healthy living, including, but not limited to, access to adequate fresh food and physical activity, public safety and the decrease of pollution in communities; (4) racial disparities in health outcomes; (5) the impact of zoning restrictions on the creation of housing disparities and such disparities' impact on public health; (6) racial disparities in state hiring and contracting processes; and (7) any suggestions to reduce the impact of the public health crisis of racism within the vulnerable populations studied under subdivision (3) of subsection (i) of this section.

(k) Not later than January 1, 2022, and every six months thereafter, the commission shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, concerning (1) the activities of the commission during the prior six-month period; (2) any progress made in attaining the goal described in subsection (c) of section 3 of this act; (3) any recommended changes to such goal based on the research conducted by the commission, any disparity study performed by any state agency or entity, or any community input received; (4) the status of the comprehensive strategic plan required under section 3 of this act; and (5) any recommendations for policy changes or amendments to state law.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health, established under section 2 of this act, shall develop and periodically update a comprehensive strategic plan to eliminate health disparities and inequities across sectors, including consideration of the following: Air and water quality, natural resources and agricultural land, affordable housing, infrastructure systems, public health, access to quality health care, social services, sustainable communities and the impact of climate change.

(b) Such plan shall address the incorporation of health and equity into specific policies, programs and government decision-making processes including, but not limited to, the following: (1) Disparities in laws and regulations impacting public health; (2) disparities in the criminal justice system; (3) disparities in access to resources, including, but not limited to, healthy food, safe housing, public safety and environments free of excess pollution; and (4) disparities in access to quality health care.

(c) Not later than January 1, 2022, as part of such plan, the commission shall determine, using available scientifically based measurements, the percentages of disparity in the state based on race, in the following areas: (1) Education indicators, including kindergarten readiness, third grade reading proficiency, scores on the mastery examination, administered pursuant to section 10-14n of the general statutes, rates of school-based discipline, high school graduation rates and retention rates after the first year of study for institutions of higher education in the state, as defined in section 3-22a of the general statutes; (2) health care utilization and outcome indicators, including health insurance coverage rates, pregnancy and infant health outcomes, emergency room visits and deaths related to conditions associated with exposure to environmental pollutants, including respiratory ailments, quality of life, life expectancy, lead poisoning and access to adequate healthy nutrition and self-reported well-being surveys; (3) criminal justice indicators, including rates of involvement with the justice system; and (4) economic indicators, including rates of poverty, income and housing insecurity. It shall be the goal of the state to attain at least a seventy per cent

reduction in the racial disparities set forth in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this subsection from the percentage of disparities determined by the commission on or before January 1, 2022.

(d) Upon completion of the initial comprehensive strategic plan, and thereafter of any update to such plan, the commission shall submit the plan to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, and to any other joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relevant to what is contained in such plan, as determined by the commission.

Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "structural racism" means a system that structures opportunity and assigns value in a way that disproportionately and negatively impacts Black, Indigenous, Latino or Asian people or other people of color, and "state agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-79 of the general statutes. The Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health, established under section 2 of this act, shall determine best practices for state agencies to (1) evaluate structural racism within their own policies, practices, and operations, and (2) create and implement a plan, which includes the establishment of benchmarks for improvement, to ultimately eliminate any such structural racism within the agency.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the commission shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration. Such report shall include the best practices established by the commission under this section and a recommendation on any legislation to implement such practices within state agencies.

Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public Health shall study the development and implementation of a recruitment and retention program for health care workers in the state who are people of color. Not later than February 1, 2022, the commissioner shall report the results of such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health. Such report shall include any legislative recommendations to improve the recruitment and retention of people of color in the health care sector, including, but not limited to, recommendations for the implementation of such recruitment and retention program.

Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall perform an assessment of racial equity within environmental health quality programs administered by said department. Not later than January 1, 2022, the department shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment. Such report shall include the results of such assessment and any legislative recommendations to improve racial equity within such programs.

Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "cultural humility" means a continuing commitment to (1) self-evaluation and critique of one's own worldview with regard to differences in cultural traditions and belief systems, and (2) awareness of, and active mitigation of, power imbalances between cultures.

(b) The Office of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, shall evaluate the recruitment and retention of people of color in health care preparation programs offered by the constituent units of the state system of higher education and the inclusion of cultural humility education in such programs. Not later than January 1, 2022, the office shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education. Such report shall include the results of such evaluation and any legislative recommendations to improve the recruitment and retention of people of color in such programs and include additional cultural humility education in such programs.

Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 2-128 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) Not later than January first, annually, the executive director of the commission shall submit a status report, organized by subcommission, concerning its efforts in promoting the desired results listed in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and

the budgets of state agencies in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. On and after January 1, 2022, such report shall include the status of amendments to the joint rules of the House of Representatives and the Senate concerning the preparation of racial and ethnic impact statements pursuant to section 2-24b.

Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a gun violence intervention and prevention advisory committee for the purpose of advising the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and human services on the establishment of a Commission on Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention to coordinate the funding and implementation of evidence-based, community-centric programs and strategies to reduce street-level gun violence in the state. The committee shall: (1) Consult with community outreach organizations, victim service providers, victims of community violence and gun violence, community violence and gun violence researchers and public safety and law enforcement representatives regarding strategies to reduce community violence and gun violence; (2) identify effective, evidence-based community violence and gun violence reduction strategies; (3) identify strategies to align the resources of state agencies to reduce community violence and gun violence; (4) identify state, federal and private funding opportunities for community violence and gun violence reduction initiatives; and (5) develop a public health and community engagement strategy for the Commission on Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention.

(b) The committee shall be composed of the following members:

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Hospital Association and one of whom shall be a representative of Compass Youth Collaborative;

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Violence Intervention Program and one of whom shall be a representative of Regional Youth Adult Social Action Partnership;

(3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of Hartford Communities That Care, Inc. and one of whom shall be a representative of CT Against Gun Violence;

(4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom shall be a representative of Project Longevity and one of whom shall be a representative of Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of Yale New Haven Hospital;

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a representative of Hartford Hospital;

(7) One appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, who shall be a representative of You Are Not Alone (YANA);

(8) One appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, who shall be a representative of Mothers United Against Violence;

(9) One appointed by the executive director of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, who shall be a representative of the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention; and

(10) Two appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health, who shall be representatives of the Department of Public Health's Injury and Violence Surveillance Unit.

(c) All initial appointments to the committee shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(d) The president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairperson of the committee from among the members of the committee. Such chairperson shall schedule the first meeting of the committee, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. The committee shall meet not less than bimonthly.

(e) The administrative staff of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity shall serve as administrative staff of the committee.

(f) Not later than January 1, 2022, the committee shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of

matters relating to public health and human services, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The committee shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Public Health shall conduct a study on the state's COVID-19 response. Not later than February 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Public Health shall submit a preliminary report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health regarding the findings of such study. Such report may include the commissioner's recommendations for (1) any policy changes and amendments to the general statutes necessary to improve the state's response to future pandemics, including, but not limited to, recommendations regarding provisions of the general statutes or the regulations of Connecticut state agencies that should automatically be waived in the event of an occurrence or imminent threat of an occurrence of a communicable disease, except a sexually transmitted disease, or a public health emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to section 19a-131a of the general statutes in response to an epidemic or pandemic, and (2) how to improve administration of mass vaccinations, reporting and utilization of personal protective equipment supply during a public health emergency, cluster outbreak investigation and health care facilities' care for patients. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized by said organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On and after January 1, 2022, any state agency, board or commission that directly, or by contract with another entity, collects demographic data concerning the ancestry or ethnic origin, ethnicity, race or primary language of residents of the state in the context of health care or for the provision or receipt of health care services or for any public health purpose shall:

- (1) Collect such data in a manner that allows for aggregation and disaggregation of data;
- (2) Expand race and ethnicity categories to include subgroup identities as specified by the Community and Clinical Integration Program of the Office of Health Strategy and follow the hierarchical mapping to align with United States Office of Management and Budget standards;
- (3) Provide the option to individuals of selecting one or more ethnic or racial designations and include an "other" designation with the ability to write in identities not represented by other codes;
- (4) Provide the option to individuals to refuse to identify with any ethnic or racial designations;
- (5) Collect primary language data employing language codes set by the International Organization for Standardization; and
- (6) Ensure, in cases where data concerning an individual's ethnic origin, ethnicity or race is reported to any other state agency, board or commission, that such data is neither tabulated nor reported without all of the following information: (A) The number or percentage of individuals who identify with each ethnic or racial designation as their sole ethnic or racial designation and not in combination with any other ethnic or racial designation; (B) the number or percentage of individuals who identify with each ethnic or racial designation, whether as their sole ethnic or racial designation or in combination with other ethnic or racial designations; (C) the number or percentage of individuals who identify with multiple ethnic or racial designations; and (D) the number or percentage of individuals who do not identify or refuse to identify with any ethnic or racial designations.

(b) Each health care provider with an electronic health record system capable of connecting to and participating in the State-wide Health Information Exchange as specified in section 17b-59e of the general statutes shall, collect and include in its electronic health record system self-reported patient demographic data including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, primary language, insurance status and disability status based upon the implementation plan developed under subsection (c) of this section. Race and ethnicity data shall adhere to standard categories as determined in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Not later than August 1, 2021, the Office of Health Strategy shall consult with consumer advocates, health equity experts, state agencies and health care providers, to create an implementation plan for the changes required by this section.

(d) The Office of Health Strategy shall (1) review (A) demographic changes in race and ethnicity, as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau, and (B) health data collected by the state, and (2) reevaluate the standard race and ethnicity categories from time to time, in consultation with health care providers, consumers and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health.

Sec. 12. Section 19a-59i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There is established a maternal mortality review committee within the department to conduct a comprehensive, multidisciplinary review of maternal deaths for purposes of identifying factors associated with maternal death and making recommendations to reduce maternal deaths.

(b) The cochairpersons of the maternal mortality review committee shall be the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee, and a representative designated by the Connecticut State Medical Society. The cochairpersons shall convene a meeting of the maternal mortality review committee upon the request of the Commissioner of Public Health.

(c) The maternal mortality review committee may include, but need not be limited to, any of the following members, as needed, depending on the maternal death case being reviewed:

(1) A physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 who specializes in obstetrics and gynecology, appointed by the Connecticut State Medical Society;

(2) A physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 who is a pediatrician, appointed by the Connecticut State Medical Society;

(3) A community health worker, appointed by the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity;

(4) A nurse-midwife licensed pursuant to chapter 377, appointed by the Connecticut Nurses Association;

(5) A clinical social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 383b, appointed by the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers;

(6) A psychiatrist licensed pursuant to chapter 370, appointed by the Connecticut Psychiatric Society;

(7) A psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 20-136, appointed by the Connecticut Psychological Association;

(8) The Chief Medical Examiner, or the Chief Medical Examiner's designee;

(9) A member of the Connecticut Hospital Association;

(10) A representative of a community or regional program or facility providing services for persons with psychiatric disabilities or persons with substance use disorders, appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health;

(11) A representative of The University of Connecticut-sponsored health disparities institute;

or

(12) Any additional member the cochairpersons determine would be beneficial to serve as a member of the committee.

(d) Whenever a meeting of the maternal mortality review committee takes place, the committee shall consult with relevant experts to evaluate the information and findings obtained from the department pursuant to section 19a-59h and make recommendations regarding the prevention of maternal deaths. Not later than ninety days after such meeting, the committee shall report, to the Commissioner of Public Health, any recommendations and findings of the committee in a manner that complies with section 19a-25.

(e) Not later than January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the maternal mortality review committee shall submit a report of disaggregated data, in accordance with the provisions of section 19a-25, regarding the information and findings obtained through the committee's investigation process to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. Such report may include recommendations to reduce or eliminate racial inequities and other public health concerns regarding maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in the state.

[(e)] (f) All information provided by the department to the maternal mortality review committee shall be subject to the provisions of section 19a-25.

Sec. 13. Section 19a-490u of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

[On or after October 1, 2015, each] (a) Each hospital, as defined in section 19a-490, shall [be required to] include training in the symptoms of dementia as part of such hospital's regularly provided training to staff members who provide direct care to patients.

(b) On and after October 1, 2021, each hospital shall include training in implicit bias as part of such hospital's regularly provided training to staff members who provide direct care to women who are pregnant or in the postpartum period. As used in this subsection, "implicit bias" means an attitude or internalized stereotype that affects a person's perceptions, actions and decisions in an unconscious manner and often contributes to unequal treatment of a person based on such person's race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability or other characteristic.

Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health shall convene a working group to advance breast health and breast cancer awareness and promote greater understanding of the importance of early breast cancer detection in the state. The working group shall (1) identify organizations that provide outreach to individuals, including, but not limited to, young women of color and high school students, regarding the importance of breast health and early breast cancer detection; and (2) examine payment options for early breast cancer detection services available to such individuals. Not later than February 1, 2022, the working group shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, regarding appropriations or legislative proposals that will improve breast cancer awareness and early detection of breast cancer.

Sec. 15. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "doula" means a trained, nonmedical professional who provides physical, emotional and informational support, virtually or in person, to a pregnant person before, during and after birth.

(b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall conduct a scope of practice review pursuant to sections 19a-16d to 19a-16f, inclusive, of the general statutes to determine whether the Department of Public Health should establish a state certification process by which a person can be certified as a doula. The commissioner shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the findings of such committee and any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health on or before February 1, 2022.

Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working group to develop recommendations for the strategic expansion of school-based health center services in the state. The working group shall consider, but need not be limited to, the following: (1) Specific geographical regions of the state where additional school-based health centers may be needed, (2) options to expand or add services at existing school-based health centers, (3) methods for providing additional support for school-based health centers to expand telehealth services, (4) options for expanding insurance reimbursement for school-based health centers, and (5) options to expand access to school-based health centers or expand school-based health center sites, which may include establishing school-based mental health clinics. As used in this subsection, "school-based mental health clinic" means a clinic that (A) is located in or on the grounds of a school facility of a school district or school board or of an Indian tribe or tribal organization, (B) is organized through school, community and health provider relationships, (C) is administered by a sponsoring facility, and (D) provides on-site mental, emotional or behavioral health services to children and adolescents in accordance with state and local law, including laws relating to licensure and certification.

(b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee;
- (2) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee;
- (3) The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee;
- (4) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;
- (5) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
- (6) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, or the chairpersons' designees;
- (7) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, or the ranking members' designees;

(8) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, or the chairpersons' designees;

(9) The ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, or the ranking members' designees;

(10) Two persons designated by the Connecticut Association of School Based Health Centers;

(11) One person designated by the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut;

(12) One person designated by the Connecticut Association of Healthcare Plans;

(13) One person designated by Connecticut Health Center, Inc.; and

(14) One person who is a children's mental health service provider, appointed by the Commissioner of Children and Families.

(c) The cochairpersons of the working group shall be the Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee, and a member of the working group appointed pursuant to subdivisions (6) to (9), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section, elected by the members of the working group. The cochairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(d) Not later than February 1, 2022, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and any recommendations for the strategic expansion of school-based health center services, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and appropriations. The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2022, whichever is later.

Sec. 17. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall, within available appropriations, increase access to mobile crisis services throughout the state by expanding such services' hours of operation to include nights and weekends.

(b) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall develop a plan to increase access to mobile crisis services throughout the state by making such services available twenty-four hours per day and seven days per week. Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and appropriations, regarding such plan. Such report shall include any legislative recommendations necessary to implement such plan.

Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Peer support services" means all nonmedical mental health care services and substance use services provided by peer support specialists; and

(2) "Peer support specialist" means an individual providing peer support services to another individual in the state.

(b) There is established a task force to study peer support services and to encourage health care providers to use such peer support services when providing care to patients. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of methods available for the delivery and certification of peer support services and payment mechanisms for such services.

(c) The task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom has personal experience with psychiatric or substance use disorders;

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom has personal experience with psychiatric or substance use disorders;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who has personal experience with psychiatric or substance use disorders;

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who has personal experience with psychiatric or substance use disorders;

(7) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the commissioner's designee; and

(8) Two persons appointed by the Governor, one of whom has personal experience with psychiatric or substance use disorders.

(d) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (c) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

(e) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(f) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

(h) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall develop a mental health toolkit to help employers in the state address employee mental health needs that arise as a result of COVID-19. Such toolkit shall (1) identify common mental health issues that employees experience as a result of COVID-19, (2) identify symptoms of such mental health issues, and (3) provide information and other resources regarding actions that employers may take to help employees address such mental health issues. Not later than October 1, 2021, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall post such mental health toolkit on its Internet web site. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized by said organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

Sec. 20. Section 19a-200 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) The mayor of each city, the chief executive officer of each town and the warden of each borough shall, unless the charter of such city, town or borough otherwise provides, nominate some person to be director of health for such city, town or borough. [, which] Such person shall possess the qualifications specified in subsection (b) of this section. Upon approval of the Commissioner of Public Health, such nomination shall be confirmed or rejected by the board of selectmen, if there be such a board, otherwise by the legislative body of such city or town or by the burgesses of such borough within thirty days thereafter.

(b) Notwithstanding the charter provisions of any city, town or borough with respect to the qualifications of the director of health, on and after October 1, 2010, any person nominated to be a director of health shall (1) be a licensed physician and hold a degree in public health from an accredited school, college, university or institution, or (2) hold a graduate degree in public health from an accredited institution of higher education. The educational requirements of this section shall not apply to any director of health nominated or otherwise appointed as director of health prior to October 1, 2010.

(c) In cities, towns or boroughs with a population of forty thousand or more for five consecutive years, according to the estimated population figures authorized pursuant to subsection (b) of section 8-159a, such director of health shall serve in a full-time capacity, except where a town has designated such director as the chief medical advisor for its public schools under section 10-205, [, and]

(d) No director shall, [not,] during such director's term of office, have any financial interest in or engage in any employment, transaction or professional activity that is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of the duties required of directors of health by the general statutes or the regulations of Connecticut state agencies or specified by the appointing authority of the city, town or borough in its written agreement with such director. A written agreement with such director shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Public Health by such appointing authority upon such director's appointment or reappointment.

(e) Such director of health shall have and exercise within the limits of the city, town or borough for which such director is appointed all powers necessary for enforcing the general

statutes, provisions of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies relating to the preservation and improvement of the public health and preventing the spread of diseases therein.

(f) In case of the absence or inability to act of a city, town or borough director of health or if a vacancy exists in the office of such director, the appointing authority of such city, town or borough may, with the approval of the Commissioner of Public Health, designate in writing a suitable person to serve as acting director of health during the period of such absence or inability or vacancy and such person's start date. [, provided the] The commissioner may appoint such acting director if the city, town or borough fails to do so. The person so designated, when sworn, shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties of such director.

(g) In case of vacancy in the office of such director, if such vacancy exists for [thirty] sixty days, said commissioner may appoint a director of health for such city, town or borough. The person so designated, when sworn, shall (1) be considered an employee of the city, town or borough, and (2) have all the powers and be subject to all the duties of such director.

(h) In case of the absence or inability to act of a city, town or borough director of health during a public health emergency declared pursuant to section 19a-131a, the appointing authority of such city, town or borough shall, with the approval of the Commissioner of Public Health, designate in writing a suitable person to serve as acting director of health during the period of such absence or inability or vacancy and such person's start date. If the city, town or borough fails to appoint such acting director of health, or fails to notify the commissioner of such appointment within thirty days, the commissioner shall appoint an acting director who meets the qualifications specified in subsection (b) of this section. The person designated as acting director of health pursuant to this subsection, when sworn, shall (1) be considered an employee of the city, town or borough, and (2) have all the powers and be subject to all the duties of such director.

(i) Said commissioner, may, for cause, remove an officer the commissioner or any predecessor in said office has appointed, and the common council of such city, town or the burgesses of such borough may, respectively, for cause, remove a director whose nomination has been confirmed by them, provided such removal shall be approved by said commissioner; and, within two days thereafter, notice in writing of such action shall be given by the clerk of such city, town or borough, as the case may be, to said commissioner, who shall, within ten days after receipt, file with the clerk from whom the notice was received, approval or disapproval.

(j) Each such director of health shall hold office for the term of four years from the date of appointment and until a successor is nominated and confirmed in accordance with this section.

(k) Each director of health shall, annually, at the end of the fiscal year, [of the city, town or borough, file with the Department of Public Health a report of the doings as such director for the year preceding] submit a report to the Department of Public Health detailing the activities of such director during the preceding fiscal year.

(b) (l) On and after July 1, 1988, each city, town and borough shall provide for the services of a sanitarian licensed under chapter 395 to work under the direction of the local director of health. Where practical, the local director of health may act as the sanitarian.

(c) (m) As used in this chapter, "authorized agent" means a sanitarian licensed under chapter 395 and any individual certified for a specific program of environmental health by the Commissioner of Public Health in accordance with the general statutes and regulations of Connecticut state agencies.

Sec. 21. (Effective from passage) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the Department of Public Health shall, within available appropriations, implement the state loan repayment program for community-based health care providers in primary care settings."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	2-128(b)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	19a-59i
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	19a-490u
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	19a-200
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Senator Somers of the 18th offered Senate Amendment Schedule “B” (LCO 8695) and moved adoption.

Remarking were Senators Champagne of the 35th, Hwang of the 28th, Formica of the 20th, and Abrams of the 13th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 3:12 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	13
Those voting Nay	22
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule “B” (LCO 8695) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
N 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
Y 4 STEVE CASSANO	N 22 MARILYN MOORE
N 5 DEREK SLAP	A 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
N 6 RICK LOPES	N 24 JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25 BOB DUFF
Y 8 KEVIN D. WITKOS	N 26 WILL HASKELL
N 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	N 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10 GARY WINFIELD	Y 28 TONY HWANG
N 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	N 29 MAE FLEXER
N 12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30 CRAIG MINER
N 13 MARY ABRAMS	Y 31 HENRI MARTIN
N 14 JAMES MARONEY	Y 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
N 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
N 17 JORGE CABRERA	Y 35 DAN CHAMPAGNE

Y 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS

N 36 ALEX KASSER

The following is the Amendment.

Strike section 10 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 10. (Effective from passage) The Department of Public Health shall contract with an independent third party to conduct a study on the state's COVID-19 response. Not later than February 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Public Health shall submit a preliminary report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health regarding the findings of such study. Such report shall include the independent third party's findings and may include the commissioner's recommendations for (1) any policy changes and amendments to the general statutes necessary to improve the state's response to future pandemics, including, but not limited to, recommendations regarding provisions of the general statutes or the regulations of Connecticut state agencies that should automatically be waived in the event of an occurrence or imminent threat of an occurrence of a communicable disease, except a sexually transmitted disease, or a public health emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to section 19a-131a of the general statutes in response to an epidemic or pandemic, and (2) how to improve administration of mass vaccinations, reporting and utilization of personal protective equipment supply during a public health emergency, cluster outbreak investigation and health care facilities' care for patients. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized by said organization as a communicable respiratory disease."

Remarking were Senators Abrams of the 13th, Moore of the 22nd, Formica of the 20th, Duff of the 25th, Kelly of the 21st, and Looney of the 11th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 3:57 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	30
Those voting Nay	5
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Bill No. 1 as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 8687) was Passed.

The following is the roll call vote:

Y 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	Y 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
Y 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
Y 4 STEVE CASSANO	Y 22 MARILYN MOORE
Y 5 DEREK SLAP	A 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
Y 6 RICK LOPES	Y 24 JULIE KUSHNER
N 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	Y 25 BOB DUFF
Y 8 KEVIN D. WITKOS	Y 26 WILL HASKELL
Y 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	Y 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
Y 10 GARY WINFIELD	Y 28 TONY HWANG
Y 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	Y 29 MAE FLEXER
Y 12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30 CRAIG MINER

Y	13	MARY ABRAMS	Y	31	HENRI MARTIN
Y	14	JAMES MARONEY	N	32	ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y	15	JOAN V. HARTLEY	Y	33	NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
N	16	ROB SAMPSON	N	34	PAUL CICARELLA
Y	17	JORGE CABRERA	N	35	DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y	18	HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y	36	ALEX KASSER

BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
MATTERS RETURN FROM COMMITTEE
FAVORABLE REPORTS OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES
BILLS PASSED

The following favorable reports were taken from the table, read the third time, the reports of the Committees accepted and the bills passed.

APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for S.B. No. **1091** (RAISED) (File No. 617) "AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, REVISING STATUTES CONCERNING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CHILD CUSTODY, FAMILY RELATIONS MATTER FILINGS AND BIGOTRY OR BIAS CRIMES AND CREATING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL TO INDIGENTS IN RESTRAINING ORDER CASES."

Senator Winfield of the 10th offered Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 8666) and moved adoption.

Remarking were Senators Kasser of the 36th, Flexer of the 29th, Kissel of the 7th, Osten of the 19th, Cassano of the 4th, Sampson of the 16th, and Kasser of the 36th.

Senator Kissel of the 7th requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 5:10 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those voting Yea	31
Those voting Nay	5
Those absent and not voting.....	0

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 8666) was adopted.

The following is the roll call vote:

Y	1	JOHN W. FONFARA	Y	19	CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y	2	DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y	20	PAUL M. FORMICA
Y	3	SAUD ANWAR	Y	21	KEVIN C. KELLY
Y	4	STEVE CASSANO	Y	22	MARILYN MOORE
Y	5	DEREK SLAP	Y	23	DENNIS BRADLEY
Y	6	RICK LOPES	Y	24	JULIE KUSHNER
Y	7	JOHN A. KISSEL	Y	25	BOB DUFF
Y	8	KEVIN D. WITKOS	Y	26	WILL HASKELL
Y	9	MATTHEW L. LESSER	Y	27	PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
Y	10	GARY WINFIELD	Y	28	TONY HWANG

Y	11	MARTIN M. LOONEY	Y	29	MAE FLEXER
Y	12	CHRISTINE COHEN	N	30	CRAIG MINER
Y	13	MARY ABRAMS	N	31	HENRI MARTIN
Y	14	JAMES MARONEY	N	32	ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y	15	JOAN V. HARTLEY	Y	33	NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
N	16	ROB SAMPSON	Y	34	PAUL CICARELLA
Y	17	JORGE CABRERA	N	35	DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y	18	HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y	36	ALEX KASSER

The following is the Amendment.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Section 1. Section 46b-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Matters within the jurisdiction of the Superior Court deemed to be family relations matters shall be matters affecting or involving: (1) Dissolution of marriage, contested and uncontested, except dissolution upon conviction of crime as provided in section [46b-47] 46b-48; (2) legal separation; (3) annulment of marriage; (4) alimony, support, custody and change of name incident to dissolution of marriage, legal separation and annulment; (5) actions brought under section 46b-15, as amended by this act; (6) complaints for change of name; (7) civil support obligations; (8) habeas corpus and other proceedings to determine the custody and visitation of children; (9) habeas corpus brought by or on behalf of any mentally ill person except a person charged with a criminal offense; (10) appointment of a commission to inquire whether a person is wrongfully confined as provided by section 17a-523; (11) juvenile matters as provided in section 46b-121; (12) all rights and remedies provided for in chapter 815j; (13) the establishing of paternity; (14) appeals from probate concerning: (A) Adoption or termination of parental rights; (B) appointment and removal of guardians; (C) custody of a minor child; (D) appointment and removal of conservators; (E) orders for custody of any child; and (F) orders of commitment of persons to public and private institutions and to other appropriate facilities as provided by statute; (15) actions related to prenuptial and separation agreements and to matrimonial and civil union decrees of a foreign jurisdiction; (16) dissolution, legal separation or annulment of a civil union performed in a foreign jurisdiction; (17) custody proceedings brought under the provisions of chapter 815p; and (18) all such other matters within the jurisdiction of the Superior Court concerning children or family relations as may be determined by the judges of said court.

(b) As used in this title, "domestic violence" means: (1) A continuous threat of present physical pain or physical injury against a family or household member, as defined in section 46b-38a, as amended by this act; (2) stalking, including but not limited to, stalking as described in section 53a-181d, of such family or household member; (3) a pattern of threatening, including but not limited to, a pattern of threatening as described in section 53a-62, of such family or household member or a third party that intimidates such family or household member; or (4) coercive control of such family or household member, which is a pattern of behavior that in purpose or effect unreasonably interferes with a person's free will and personal liberty. "Coercive control" includes, but is not limited to, unreasonably engaging in any of the following:

(A) Isolating the family or household member from friends, relatives or other sources of support;

(B) Depriving the family or household member of basic necessities;

(C) Controlling, regulating or monitoring the family or household member's movements, communications, daily behavior, finances, economic resources or access to services;

(D) Compelling the family or household member by force, threat or intimidation, including, but not limited to, threats based on actual or suspected immigration status, to (i) engage in conduct from which such family or household member has a right to abstain, or (ii) abstain from conduct that such family or household member has a right to pursue;

(E) Committing or threatening to commit cruelty to animals that intimidates the family or household member; or

(F) Forced sex acts, or threats of a sexual nature, including, but not limited to, threatened acts of sexual conduct, threats based on a person's sexuality or threats to release sexual images.

Sec. 2. Section 46b-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) Any family or household member, as defined in section 46b-38a, as amended by this act, who [has been subjected to a continuous threat of present physical pain or physical injury, stalking or a pattern of threatening, including, but not limited to, a pattern of threatening, as described in section 53a-62, by another family or household member] is the victim of domestic violence, as defined in section 46b-1, as amended by this act, by another family or household member may make an application to the Superior Court for relief under this section. The court shall provide any person who applies for relief under this section with the information set forth in section 46b-15b.

(b) The application form shall allow the applicant, at the applicant's option, to indicate whether the respondent holds a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, a long gun eligibility certificate or an ammunition certificate or possesses one or more firearms or ammunition. The application shall be accompanied by an affidavit made under oath which includes a brief statement of the conditions from which relief is sought. Upon receipt of the application the court shall order that a hearing on the application be held not later than fourteen days from the date of the order except that, if the application indicates that the respondent holds a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, a long gun eligibility certificate or an ammunition certificate or possesses one or more firearms or ammunition, and the court orders an ex parte order, the court shall order that a hearing be held on the application not later than seven days from the date on which the ex parte order is issued. The court, in its discretion, may make such orders as it deems appropriate for the protection of the applicant and such dependent children or other persons as the court sees fit. In making such orders ex parte, the court, in its discretion, may consider relevant court records if the records are available to the public from a clerk of the Superior Court or on the Judicial Branch's Internet web site. In addition, at the time of the hearing, the court, in its discretion, may also consider a report prepared by the family services unit of the Judicial Branch that may include, as available: Any existing or prior orders of protection obtained from the protection order registry; information on any pending criminal case or past criminal case in which the respondent was convicted of a violent crime; any outstanding arrest warrant for the respondent; and the respondent's level of risk based on a risk assessment tool utilized by the Court Support Services Division. The report may also include information pertaining to any pending or disposed family matters case involving the applicant and respondent. Any report provided by the Court Support Services Division to the court shall also be provided to the applicant and respondent. Such orders may include temporary child custody or visitation rights, and such relief may include, but is not limited to, an order enjoining the respondent from (1) imposing any restraint upon the person or liberty of the applicant; (2) threatening, harassing, assaulting, molesting, sexually assaulting or attacking the applicant; or (3) entering the family dwelling or the dwelling of the applicant. Such order may include provisions necessary to protect any animal owned or kept by the applicant including, but not limited to, an order enjoining the respondent from injuring or threatening to injure such animal. If an applicant alleges an immediate and present physical danger to the applicant, the court may issue an ex parte order granting such relief as it deems appropriate. If a postponement of a hearing on the application is requested by either party and granted, the ex parte order shall not be continued except upon agreement of the parties or by order of the court for good cause shown. If a hearing on the application is scheduled or an ex parte order is granted and the court is closed on the scheduled hearing date, the hearing shall be held on the next day the court is open and any such ex parte order shall remain in effect until the date of such hearing. If the applicant is under eighteen years of age, a parent, guardian or responsible adult who brings the application as next friend of the applicant may not speak on the applicant's behalf at such hearing unless there is good cause shown as to why the applicant is unable to speak on his or her own behalf, except that nothing in this subsection shall preclude such parent, guardian or responsible adult from testifying as a witness at such hearing. As used in this subsection, "violent crime" includes: (A) An incident resulting in physical harm, bodily injury or assault; (B) an act of threatened violence that constitutes fear of imminent physical harm, bodily injury or assault, including, but not limited to, stalking or a pattern of threatening; (C) verbal abuse or argument if there is a present danger and

likelihood that physical violence will occur; and (D) cruelty to animals as set forth in section 53-247.

(c) If the court issues an ex parte order pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and service has not been made on the respondent in conformance with subsection (h) of this section, upon request of the applicant, the court shall, based on the information contained in the original application, extend any ex parte order for an additional period not to exceed fourteen days from the originally scheduled hearing date. The clerk shall prepare a new order of hearing and notice containing the new hearing date, which shall be served upon the respondent in accordance with the provisions of subsection (h) of this section.

(d) Any ex parte restraining order entered under subsection (b) of this section in which the applicant and respondent are spouses, or persons who have a dependent child or children in common and who live together, may include, if no order exists, and if necessary to maintain the safety and basic needs of the applicant or the dependent child or children in common of the applicant and respondent, in addition to any orders authorized under subsection (b) of this section, any of the following: (1) An order prohibiting the respondent from (A) taking any action that could result in the termination of any necessary utility services or necessary services related to the family dwelling or the dwelling of the applicant, (B) taking any action that could result in the cancellation, change of coverage or change of beneficiary of any health, automobile or homeowners insurance policy to the detriment of the applicant or the dependent child or children in common of the applicant and respondent, or (C) transferring, encumbering, concealing or disposing of specified property owned or leased by the applicant; or (2) an order providing the applicant with temporary possession of an automobile, checkbook, documentation of health, automobile or homeowners insurance, a document needed for purposes of proving identity, a key or other necessary specified personal effects.

(e) At the hearing on any application under this section, if the court grants relief pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and the applicant and respondent are spouses, or persons who have a dependent child or children in common and who live together, and if necessary to maintain the safety and basic needs of the applicant or the dependent child or children in common of the applicant and respondent, any orders entered by the court may include, in addition to the orders authorized under subsection (b) of this section, any of the following: (1) An order prohibiting the respondent from (A) taking any action that could result in the termination of any necessary utility services or services related to the family dwelling or the dwelling of the applicant, (B) taking any action that could result in the cancellation, change of coverage or change of beneficiary of any health, automobile or homeowners insurance policy to the detriment of the applicant or the dependent child or children in common of the applicant and respondent, or (C) transferring, encumbering, concealing or disposing of specified property owned or leased by the applicant; (2) an order providing the applicant with temporary possession of an automobile, checkbook, documentation of health, automobile or homeowners insurance, a document needed for purposes of proving identity, a key or other necessary specified personal effects; or (3) an order that the respondent: (A) Make rent or mortgage payments on the family dwelling or the dwelling of the applicant and the dependent child or children in common of the applicant and respondent, (B) maintain utility services or other necessary services related to the family dwelling or the dwelling of the applicant and the dependent child or children in common of the applicant and respondent, (C) maintain all existing health, automobile or homeowners insurance coverage without change in coverage or beneficiary designation, or (D) provide financial support for the benefit of any dependent child or children in common of the applicant and the respondent, provided the respondent has a legal duty to support such child or children and the ability to pay. The court shall not enter any order of financial support without sufficient evidence as to the ability to pay, including, but not limited to, financial affidavits. If at the hearing no order is entered under this subsection or subsection (d) of this section, no such order may be entered thereafter pursuant to this section. Any order entered pursuant to this subsection shall not be subject to modification and shall expire one hundred twenty days after the date of issuance or upon issuance of a superseding order, whichever occurs first. Any amounts not paid or collected under this subsection or subsection (d) of this section may be preserved and collectible in an action for dissolution of marriage, custody, paternity or support.

(f) (1) Every order of the court made in accordance with this section shall contain the following language: [(1)] (A) "This order may be extended by the court beyond one year. In accordance with section 53a-107 of the Connecticut general statutes, entering or remaining in a building or any other premises in violation of this order constitutes criminal trespass in the first degree. This is a criminal offense punishable by a term of imprisonment of not more than one year, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars or both."; and [(2)] (B) "In accordance with section 53a-223b of the Connecticut general statutes, any violation of subparagraph (A) or (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-223b constitutes criminal violation of a restraining order which is punishable by a term of imprisonment of not more than five years, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or both. Additionally, any violation of subparagraph (C) or (D) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-223b constitutes criminal violation of a restraining order which is punishable by a term of imprisonment of not more than ten years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or both."

(2) Each applicant who receives an order of the court in accordance with this section shall be given a notice that contains the following language: "If a restraining order has been issued on your behalf or on behalf of your child, you may elect to give testimony or appear in a family court proceeding remotely, pursuant to section 46b-15c. Please notify the court in writing at least two days in advance of a proceeding if you choose to give testimony or appear remotely, and your physical presence in the courthouse will not be required in order to participate in the court proceeding."

(g) No order of the court shall exceed one year, except that an order may be extended by the court upon motion of the applicant for such additional time as the court deems necessary. If the respondent has not appeared upon the initial application, service of a motion to extend an order may be made by first-class mail directed to the respondent at the respondent's last-known address.

(h) (1) The applicant shall cause notice of the hearing pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and a copy of the application and the applicant's affidavit and of any ex parte order issued pursuant to subsection (b) of this section to be served on the respondent not less than three days before the hearing. A proper officer responsible for executing such service shall accept all documents in an electronic format, if presented to such officer in such format. The cost of such service shall be paid for by the Judicial Branch.

(2) When (A) an application indicates that a respondent holds a permit to carry a pistol or revolver, an eligibility certificate for a pistol or revolver, a long gun eligibility certificate or an ammunition certificate or possesses one or more firearms or ammunition, and (B) the court has issued an ex parte order pursuant to this section, the proper officer responsible for executing service shall, whenever possible, provide in-hand service and, prior to serving such order, shall (i) provide notice to the law enforcement agency for the town in which the respondent will be served concerning when and where the service will take place, and (ii) send, or cause to be sent by facsimile or other means, a copy of the application, the applicant's affidavit, the ex parte order and the notice of hearing to such law enforcement agency, and (iii) request that a police officer from the law enforcement agency for the town in which the respondent will be served be present when service is executed by the proper officer. Upon receiving a request from a proper officer under the provisions of this subdivision, the law enforcement agency for the town in which the respondent will be served may designate a police officer to be present when service is executed by the proper officer.

(3) Upon the granting of an ex parte order, the clerk of the court shall provide two copies of the order to the applicant. Upon the granting of an order after notice and hearing, the clerk of the court shall provide two copies of the order to the applicant and a copy to the respondent. Every order of the court made in accordance with this section after notice and hearing shall be accompanied by a notification that is consistent with the full faith and credit provisions set forth in 18 USC 2265(a), as amended from time to time. Immediately after making service on the respondent, the proper officer shall (A) send or cause to be sent, by facsimile or other means, a copy of the application, or the information contained in such application, stating the date and time the respondent was served, to the law enforcement agency or agencies for the town in which the applicant resides, the town in which the applicant is employed and the town in which the respondent resides, and (B) as soon as possible, but not later than two hours after the time that service is executed, input into the Judicial Branch's Internet-based service tracking system the

date, time and method of service. If, prior to the date of the scheduled hearing, service has not been executed, the proper officer shall input into such service tracking system that service was unsuccessful. The clerk of the court shall send, by facsimile or other means, a copy of any ex parte order and of any order after notice and hearing, or the information contained in any such order, to the law enforcement agency or agencies for the town in which the applicant resides, the town in which the applicant is employed and the town in which the respondent resides, within forty-eight hours of the issuance of such order. If the victim, or victim's minor child protected by such order, is enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school, including a technical education and career school, or an institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-55, the clerk of the court shall, upon the request of the victim, send, by facsimile or other means, a copy of such ex parte order or of any order after notice and hearing, or the information contained in any such order, to such school or institution of higher education, the president of any institution of higher education at which the victim, or victim's minor child protected by such order, is enrolled and the special police force established pursuant to section 10a-156b, if any, at the institution of higher education at which the victim, or victim's minor child protected by such order, is enrolled, if the victim provides the clerk with the name and address of such school or institution of higher education.

(i) A caretaker who is providing shelter in his or her residence to a person sixty years or older shall not be enjoined from the full use and enjoyment of his or her home and property. The Superior Court may make any other appropriate order under the provisions of this section.

(j) When a motion for contempt is filed for violation of a restraining order, there shall be an expedited hearing. Such hearing shall be held within five court days of service of the motion on the respondent, provided service on the respondent is made not less than twenty-four hours before the hearing. If the court finds the respondent in contempt for violation of an order, the court may impose such sanctions as the court deems appropriate.

(k) An action under this section shall not preclude the applicant from seeking any other civil or criminal relief.

(l) For purposes of this section, "police officer" means a state police officer or a sworn member of a municipal police department and "law enforcement agency" means the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection or any municipal police department.

Sec. 3. Section 46b-15c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) In any court proceeding in a family relations matter, as defined in section 46b-1, as amended by this act, the court [may, within available resources] shall, upon [motion] the written request of a party or the attorney for any party made not less than two days prior to such proceeding, order that the testimony of a party or a child who is a subject of the proceeding be taken outside the physical presence of any other party if a protective order, restraining order or standing criminal protective order has been issued on behalf of the party or child, and the other party is subject to the protective order, restraining order or standing criminal protective order. Such order may provide for the use of alternative means to obtain the testimony of any party or child, including, but not limited to, the use of a secure video connection for the purpose of conducting hearings by videoconference. Such testimony may be taken in a room other than the courtroom or at another location outside the courthouse or outside the state. The court shall provide for the administration of an oath to such party or child prior to the taking of such testimony in accordance with the rules of the Superior Court.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any party's right to cross-examine a witness whose testimony is taken in a room other than the courtroom pursuant to an order under this section.

(c) An order under this section may remain in effect during the pendency of the proceedings in the family relations matter.

(d) A notice describing the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be (1) posted on the Internet web site of the Judicial Branch, (2) included in any written or electronic form that describes the automatic orders in cases involving a dissolution of marriage or legal separation under section 46b-40, and (3) included in any written or electronic form provided to a person who receives a protective order under section 46b-38c, as amended by this act, a standing criminal

protective order under section 54a-40e, as amended by this act, or a restraining order, under section 46b-15, as amended by this act.

Sec. 4. Subdivision (3) of section 46b-38a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(3) "Family violence crime" means a crime as defined in section 53a-24, other than a delinquent act, as defined in section 46b-120, which, in addition to its other elements, contains as an element thereof an act of family violence to a family or household member. "Family violence crime" includes any violation of section 53a-222, 53a-222a, 53a-223, 53a-223a or 53a-223b when the condition of release or court order is issued for an act of family violence or a family violence crime. "Family violence crime" does not include acts by parents or guardians disciplining minor children unless such acts constitute abuse.

Sec. 5. Subdivision (5) of subsection (g) of section 46b-38b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(5) (A) On and after July 1, [2010] 2021, each law enforcement agency shall designate at least one officer with supervisory duties to expeditiously process, upon request of a victim of family violence or other crime who is applying for U Nonimmigrant Status [(A)] (i) a certification of helpfulness on Form I-918, Supplement B, or any subsequent corresponding form designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security, confirming that the victim of family violence or other crime has been helpful, is being helpful [,] or is likely to be helpful in the investigation or prosecution of the criminal activity, and [(B)] (ii) any subsequent certification required by the victim. As used in this subparagraph, "expeditiously" means not later than sixty days after the date of receipt of the request for certification of helpfulness, or not later than fourteen days after the date of receipt of such request if (I) the victim is in federal immigration removal proceedings or detained, or (II) the victim's child, parents or siblings would become ineligible for an immigration benefit by virtue of the victim or the sibling of such victim attaining the age of eighteen years, or the victim's child attaining the age of twenty-one years.

(B) By signing a certification of helpfulness, the officer or agency is not making a determination of eligibility for U Nonimmigrant Status. The officer or agency is solely providing information required by the United States Department of Homeland Security on such form as is required by said department and certifying that: (i) The requesting individual or his or her family member is a victim of one of the enumerated crimes eligible for U Nonimmigrant Status, (ii) the victim possesses or possessed information regarding that crime, (iii) the victim has been, is being or is likely to be helpful in an investigation of that crime, and (iv) the victim has not failed or refused to provide reasonably requested information or assistance. A current or ongoing investigation, filing of criminal charges, prosecution or conviction is not required for a victim to request and obtain certification under this subdivision.

Sec. 6. Subsection (e) of section 46b-38c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(e) (1) A protective order issued under this section may include provisions necessary to protect the victim from threats, harassment, injury or intimidation by the defendant, including, but not limited to, an order enjoining the defendant from [(1)] (A) imposing any restraint upon the person or liberty of the victim, [(2)] (B) threatening, harassing, assaulting, molesting or sexually assaulting the victim, or [(3)] (C) entering the family dwelling or the dwelling of the victim. A protective order issued under this section may include provisions necessary to protect any animal owned or kept by the victim including, but not limited to, an order enjoining the defendant from injuring or threatening to injure such animal. Such order shall be made a condition of the bail or release of the defendant and shall contain the following notification: "In accordance with section 53a-223 of the Connecticut general statutes, any violation of this order constitutes criminal violation of a protective order which is punishable by a term of imprisonment of not more than ten years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or both. Additionally, in accordance with section 53a-107 of the Connecticut general statutes, entering or remaining in a building or any other premises in violation of this order constitutes criminal trespass in the first degree which is punishable by a term of imprisonment of not more than one year, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars, or both. Violation of this order also violates a condition of your bail or release, and may result in raising the amount of bail or revoking release." Every order of the court made in accordance with this section after notice and hearing shall be accompanied by a notification that is

consistent with the full faith and credit provisions set forth in 18 USC 2265(a), as amended from time to time. The information contained in and concerning the issuance of any protective order issued under this section shall be entered in the registry of protective orders pursuant to section 51-5c.

(2) Each person who receives an order of the court in accordance with this subsection shall be given a notice that contains the following language: "If a protective order has been issued on your behalf or on behalf of your child, you may elect to give testimony or appear in a family court proceeding remotely, pursuant to section 46b-15c. Please notify the court in writing at least two days in advance of a proceeding if you choose to give testimony or appear remotely, and your physical presence in the courthouse will not be required in order to participate in the court proceeding."

Sec. 7. Section 53a-40e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) If any person is convicted of (1) a violation of section 53a-70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019, or subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of section 53-21, section 53a-59, 53a-59a, 53a-60, 53a-60a, 53a-60b, 53a-60c, 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70c, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b, 53a-73a, 53a-181c, 53a-181d, 53a-181e, 53a-182b or 53a-183, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-192a, section 53a-223, 53a-223a or 53a-223b or attempt or conspiracy to violate any of said sections or section 53a-54a, or (2) any crime that the court determines constitutes a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a, as amended by this act, or attempt or conspiracy to commit any such crime, the court may, in addition to imposing the sentence authorized for the crime under section 53a-35a or 53a-36, if the court is of the opinion that the history and character and the nature and circumstances of the criminal conduct of such offender indicate that a standing criminal protective order will best serve the interest of the victim and the public, issue a standing criminal protective order which shall remain in effect for a duration specified by the court until modified or revoked by the court for good cause shown. If any person is convicted of any crime not specified in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection, the court may, for good cause shown, issue a standing criminal protective order pursuant to this subsection.

(b) Such standing criminal protective order may include, but need not be limited to, provisions enjoining the offender from (1) imposing any restraint upon the person or liberty of the victim; (2) threatening, harassing, assaulting, molesting, sexually assaulting or attacking the victim; or (3) entering the family dwelling or the dwelling of the victim. If the victim is enrolled in a public or private elementary or secondary school, including a technical high school, or an institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-55, the clerk of the court shall, upon the request of the victim, send, by facsimile or other means, a copy of such standing criminal protective order, or the information contained in any such order, to such school or institution of higher education, the president of any institution of higher education at which the victim is enrolled and the special police force established pursuant to section 10a-142, if any, at the institution of higher education at which the victim is enrolled, if the victim provides the clerk with the name and address of such school or institution of higher education.

(c) (1) Such standing criminal protective order shall include the following notice: "In accordance with section 53a-223a of the Connecticut general statutes, violation of this order shall be punishable by a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than ten years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or both."

(2) Upon issuance of a standing criminal protective order under subsection (a) of this section, each victim protected by such order shall be given a notice that contains the following language: "If a standing criminal protective order has been issued on your behalf or on behalf of your child, you may elect to give testimony or appear in a family court proceeding remotely, pursuant to section 46b-15c. Please notify the court in writing at least two days in advance of a proceeding if you choose to give testimony or appear remotely, and your physical presence in the courthouse will not be required in order to participate in the court proceeding."

(d) For the purposes of this section and any other provision of the general statutes, "standing criminal protective order" means (1) a standing criminal restraining order issued prior to October 1, 2010, or (2) a standing criminal protective order issued on or after October 1, 2010.

Sec. 8. Subsection (f) of section 46b-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(f) When recommending the entry of any order as provided in subsections (a) and (b) of section 46b-56, as amended by this act, counsel or a guardian ad litem for the minor child shall consider the best interests of the child, and in doing so shall consider, but not be limited to, one or more of the following factors: (1) The physical and emotional safety of the child; (2) the [The] temperament and developmental needs of the child; [(2)] (3) the capacity and the disposition of the parents to understand and meet the needs of the child; [(3)] (4) any relevant and material information obtained from the child, including the informed preferences of the child; [(4)] (5) the wishes of the child's parents as to custody; [(5)] (6) the past and current interaction and relationship of the child with each parent, the child's siblings and any other person who may significantly affect the best interests of the child; [(6)] (7) the willingness and ability of each parent to facilitate and encourage such continuing parent-child relationship between the child and the other parent as is appropriate, including compliance with any court orders; [(7)] (8) any manipulation by or coercive behavior of the parents in an effort to involve the child in the parents' dispute; [(8)] (9) the ability of each parent to be actively involved in the life of the child; [(9)] (10) the child's adjustment to his or her home, school and community environments; [(10)] (11) the length of time that the child has lived in a stable and satisfactory environment and the desirability of maintaining continuity in such environment, provided counsel or a guardian ad litem for the minor child may consider favorably a parent who voluntarily leaves the child's family home pendente lite in order to alleviate stress in the household; [(11)] (12) the stability of the child's existing or proposed residences, or both; [(12)] (13) the mental and physical health of all individuals involved, except that a disability of a proposed custodial parent or other party, in and of itself, shall not be determinative of custody unless the proposed custodial arrangement is not in the best interests of the child; [(13)] (14) the child's cultural background; [(14)] (15) the effect on the child of the actions of an abuser, if any domestic violence, as defined in section 46b-1, as amended by this act, has occurred between the parents or between a parent and another individual or the child; [(15)] (16) whether the child or a sibling of the child has been abused or neglected, as defined respectively in section 46b-120; and [(16)] (17) whether a party satisfactorily completed participation in a parenting education program established pursuant to section 46b-69b. Counsel or a guardian ad litem for the minor child shall not be required to assign any weight to any of the factors considered.

Sec. 9. Section 46b-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) In any controversy before the Superior Court as to the custody or care of minor children, and at any time after the return day of any complaint under section 46b-45, the court may make or modify any proper order regarding the custody, care, education, visitation and support of the children if it has jurisdiction under the provisions of chapter 815p. Subject to the provisions of section 46b-56a, the court may assign parental responsibility for raising the child to the parents jointly, or may award custody to either parent or to a third party, according to its best judgment upon the facts of the case and subject to such conditions and limitations as it deems equitable. The court may also make any order granting the right of visitation of any child to a third party to the action, including, but not limited to, grandparents.

(b) In making or modifying any order as provided in subsection (a) of this section, the rights and responsibilities of both parents shall be considered and the court shall enter orders accordingly that serve the best interests of the child and provide the child with the active and consistent involvement of both parents commensurate with their abilities and interests. Such orders may include, but shall not be limited to: (1) Approval of a parental responsibility plan agreed to by the parents pursuant to section 46b-56a; (2) the award of joint parental responsibility of a minor child to both parents, which shall include (A) provisions for residential arrangements with each parent in accordance with the needs of the child and the parents, and (B) provisions for consultation between the parents and for the making of major decisions regarding the child's health, education and religious upbringing; (3) the award of sole custody to one parent with appropriate parenting time for the noncustodial parent where sole custody is in the best interests of the child; or (4) any other custody arrangements as the court may determine to be in the best interests of the child.

(c) In making or modifying any order as provided in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the court shall consider the best interests of the child, and in doing so, may consider, but shall not be limited to, one or more of the following factors: (1) The physical and emotional safety of the child; (2) [The] the temperament and developmental needs of the child; [(2)] (3) the capacity and the disposition of the parents to understand and meet the needs of the child; [(3)] (4) any relevant and material information obtained from the child, including the informed preferences of the child; [(4)] (5) the wishes of the child's parents as to custody; [(5)] (6) the past and current interaction and relationship of the child with each parent, the child's siblings and any other person who may significantly affect the best interests of the child; [(6)] (7) the willingness and ability of each parent to facilitate and encourage such continuing parent-child relationship between the child and the other parent as is appropriate, including compliance with any court orders; [(7)] (8) any manipulation by or coercive behavior of the parents in an effort to involve the child in the parents' dispute; [(8)] (9) the ability of each parent to be actively involved in the life of the child; [(9)] (10) the child's adjustment to his or her home, school and community environments; [(10)] (11) the length of time that the child has lived in a stable and satisfactory environment and the desirability of maintaining continuity in such environment, provided the court may consider favorably a parent who voluntarily leaves the child's family home pendente lite in order to alleviate stress in the household; [(11)] (12) the stability of the child's existing or proposed residences, or both; [(12)] (13) the mental and physical health of all individuals involved, except that a disability of a proposed custodial parent or other party, in and of itself, shall not be determinative of custody unless the proposed custodial arrangement is not in the best interests of the child; [(13)] (14) the child's cultural background; [(14)] (15) the effect on the child of the actions of an abuser, if any domestic violence, as defined in section 46b-1, as amended by this act, has occurred between the parents or between a parent and another individual or the child; [(15)] (16) whether the child or a sibling of the child has been abused or neglected, as defined respectively in section 46b-120; and [(16)] (17) whether the party satisfactorily completed participation in a parenting education program established pursuant to section 46b-69b. The court is not required to assign any weight to any of the factors that it considers, but shall articulate the basis for its decision.

(d) Upon the issuance of any order assigning custody of the child to the Commissioner of Children and Families, or not later than sixty days after the issuance of such order, the court shall make a determination whether the Department of Children and Families made reasonable efforts to keep the child with his or her parents prior to the issuance of such order and, if such efforts were not made, whether such reasonable efforts were not possible, taking into consideration the best interests of the child, including the child's health and safety.

(e) In determining whether a child is in need of support and, if in need, the respective abilities of the parents to provide support, the court shall take into consideration all the factors enumerated in section 46b-84.

(f) When the court is not sitting, any judge of the court may make any order in the cause which the court might make under this section, including orders of injunction, prior to any action in the cause by the court.

(g) A parent not granted custody of a minor child shall not be denied the right of access to the academic, medical, hospital or other health records of such minor child, unless otherwise ordered by the court for good cause shown.

(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, when a motion for modification of custody or visitation is pending before the court or has been decided by the court and the investigation ordered by the court pursuant to section 46b-6 recommends psychiatric or psychological therapy for a child, and such therapy would, in the court's opinion, be in the best interests of the child and aid the child's response to a modification, the court may order such therapy and reserve judgment on the motion for modification.

(i) As part of a decision concerning custody or visitation, the court may order either parent or both of the parents and any child of such parents to participate in counseling and drug or alcohol screening, provided such participation is in the best interests of the child.

Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) In any family relations matter described in section 46b-1 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, if the court finds that a pattern of frivolous and intentionally fabricated pleadings or motions are filed by one party, the court shall

sanction such party in an appropriate manner so as to allow such matter to proceed without undue delay or obstruction by the party filing such pleadings or motions.

Sec. 11. Section 51-27h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

The Chief Court Administrator shall provide in each court where family matters or family violence matters are heard or where a domestic violence docket, as defined in section 51-181e, is located a secure room for victims of family violence crimes and advocates for victims of family violence crimes which is separate from any public or private area of the court intended to accommodate the respondent or defendant or the respondent's or defendant's family, friends, attorneys or witnesses and separate from the office of the state's attorney, provided that in courthouses constructed prior to July 1, 2021, such a room is available and the use of such room is practical.

Sec. 12. Section 51-27i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Domestic violence agency" means any office, shelter, host home or agency offering assistance to victims of domestic violence through crisis intervention, emergency shelter referral and medical and legal advocacy, and which meets the Department of Social Services' criteria of service provision for such agencies.

(2) "Family violence victim advocate" means a person (A) who is employed by and under the control of a direct service supervisor of a domestic violence agency, (B) who has undergone a minimum of twenty hours of training which shall include, but not be limited to, the dynamics of domestic violence, crisis intervention, communication skills, working with diverse populations, an overview of the state criminal justice and civil family court systems and information about state and community resources for victims of domestic violence, (C) who is certified as a counselor by the domestic violence agency that provided such training, and (D) whose primary purpose is the rendering of advice, counsel and assistance to, and the advocacy of the cause of, victims of domestic violence.

(b) The Chief Court Administrator shall permit one or more family violence victim advocates to provide services to victims of domestic violence in (1) the Family Division of the Superior Court in [one or more judicial districts] each judicial district, and (2) each geographical area court in the state.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes restricting the disclosure of documents, upon request, a family violence victim advocate providing services in the Family Division of the Superior Court or a geographical area court shall be provided with a copy of any police report in the possession of the state's attorney, the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, any municipal police department or any other law enforcement agency that the family violence victim advocate requires to perform the responsibilities and duties set forth in subsection (b) of this section.

Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 17b-112g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall offer immediate diversion assistance designed to prevent certain families who are applying for monthly temporary family assistance from needing such assistance. Diversion assistance shall be offered to families that (1) upon initial assessment are determined eligible for temporary family assistance, (2) demonstrate a short-term need that cannot be met with current or anticipated family resources, and (3) with the provision of a service or short-term benefit, would be prevented from needing monthly temporary family assistance. Within resources available to the Department of Social Services, a person who requests diversion assistance on the basis of being a victim of domestic violence, as defined in section 17b-112a, shall be deemed to satisfy subdivision (2) of this subsection and shall not be subject to the requirements of subdivision (3) of this subsection. In determining whether the family of such a victim of domestic violence satisfies the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection and the appropriate amount of diversion assistance to provide, the commissioner shall not include as a member of the family the spouse, domestic partner or other household member credibly accused of domestic violence by such victim, nor shall the commissioner count the income or assets of such a spouse, domestic partner or other household member. For purposes of this subsection,

allegations of domestic violence may be substantiated by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of section 17b-112a.

Sec. 14. Section 17b-191 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 17b-190, 17b-195 and 17b-196, the Commissioner of Social Services shall operate a state-administered general assistance program in accordance with this section and sections 17b-131, 17b-193, 17b-194, 17b-197 and 17b-198. Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, on and after October 1, 2003, no town shall be reimbursed by the state for any general assistance medical benefits incurred after September 30, 2003, and on and after March 1, 2004, no town shall be reimbursed by the state for any general assistance cash benefits or general assistance program administrative costs incurred after February 29, 2004.

(b) The state-administered general assistance program shall provide cash assistance of (1) two hundred dollars per month for an unemployable person upon determination of such person's unemployability; (2) two hundred dollars per month for a transitional person who is required to pay for shelter; and (3) fifty dollars per month for a transitional person who is not required to pay for shelter. The standard of assistance paid for individuals residing in rated boarding facilities shall remain at the level in effect on August 31, 2003. No person shall be eligible for cash assistance under the program if eligible for cash assistance under any other state or federal cash assistance program. The standards of assistance set forth in this subsection shall be subject to annual increases, as described in subsection (b) of section 17b-104.

(c) To be eligible for cash assistance under the program, a person shall (1) be (A) eighteen years of age or older; (B) a minor found by a court to be emancipated pursuant to section 46b-150; or (C) under eighteen years of age and the commissioner determines good cause for such person's eligibility, and (2) not have assets exceeding two hundred fifty dollars or, if such person is married, such person and his or her spouse shall not have assets exceeding five hundred dollars. In determining eligibility, the commissioner shall not consider as income Aid and Attendance pension benefits granted to a veteran, as defined in section 27-103, or the surviving spouse of such veteran. No person who is a substance abuser and refuses or fails to enter available, appropriate treatment shall be eligible for cash assistance under the program until such person enters treatment. No person whose benefits from the temporary family assistance program have terminated as a result of time-limited benefits or for failure to comply with a program requirement shall be eligible for cash assistance under the program.

(d) Prior to or upon discontinuance of assistance, a person previously determined to be a transitional person may petition the commissioner to review the determination of his or her status. In such review, the commissioner shall consider factors, including, but not limited to: (1) Age; (2) education; (3) vocational training; (4) mental and physical health; and (5) employment history and shall make a determination of such person's ability to obtain gainful employment.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or section 17b-194, a victim of domestic violence, as defined in section 17b-112a, who is not eligible for diversion assistance under the provisions of section 17b-112g, as amended by this act, shall be eligible for a one-time assistance payment under the state-administered general assistance program within resources available to the Department of Social Services. Such payment shall be equivalent to that which such victim would be entitled to receive as diversion assistance if such victim and his or her family, if any, were eligible for diversion assistance. In determining whether and in what amount a victim of domestic violence and his or her family are eligible for a one-time assistance payment pursuant to this subsection, the commissioner shall not include as a member of such victim's family the spouse, domestic partner or other household member credibly accused of domestic violence by such victim, nor shall the commissioner count the income or assets of such a spouse, domestic partner or other household member. For purposes of this subsection, allegations of domestic violence may be substantiated by the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of section 17b-112a, and "family" has the same meaning as used in section 17b-112, except as otherwise provided in this subsection.

Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a grant program to provide individuals who are indigent with access to legal assistance at no cost when making an application for a restraining order under section 46b-15 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. The

grant program shall be administered by the organization that administers the program for the use of interest earned on lawyers' clients' funds accounts pursuant to section 51-81c of the general statutes. Funds appropriated to the Judicial Branch for the purpose of the grant program shall be transferred to the organization administering the program.

(b) Not later than three months after receiving funding in any year from the state, the organization administering the program shall issue a request for proposals from nonprofit entities whose principal purpose is providing legal services at no cost to individuals who are indigent, for the purpose of awarding grants to provide counsel to indigent individuals who express an interest in applying for a restraining order pursuant to section 46b-15 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and, to the extent practicable within the funding awarded, representing such individuals throughout the process of applying for such restraining order, including at prehearing conferences and at the hearing on an application. A nonprofit entity responding to the request for proposals may partner with law schools or other non-profit entities or publicly funded organizations that are not governmental entities, for the provision of services pursuant to a grant. Each response to the request for proposals shall specify the judicial district courthouse, or courthouses, for which services will be provided.

(c) The organization administering the program may only award a grant (1) to provide services in the judicial districts of Fairfield, Hartford, New Haven, Stamford-Norwalk or Waterbury, and (2) in an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars, except that a grant to provide services in the judicial district with the highest average number of applications for restraining orders under section 46b-15 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, over the previous three fiscal years may receive a grant of not more than four hundred thousand dollars. Grants may not be used to provide services to individuals who are not indigent.

(d) The organization administering the program may only award a grant to a nonprofit entity whose principal purpose is providing legal services to individuals who are indigent, if such nonprofit entity demonstrates the ability to:

(1) Verify at the time of meeting with an individual that such potential client is indigent and meets applicable household income eligibility requirements set by the entity;

(2) Arrange for at least one individual who has the relevant training or experience and is authorized to provide legal counsel to eligible indigent individuals who express an interest in applying for a restraining order, to be present in the courthouse or courthouses identified in response to the request for proposals or be available to meet remotely during all business hours;

(3) To the greatest extent practicable within the funding awarded, provide continued representation to eligible indigent individuals throughout the restraining order process, including in court for the hearing on the restraining order, when such individuals request such continued representation after receiving assistance with a restraining order application;

(4) Provide any individual in the courthouse who expresses an interest in applying for a restraining order with all applicable forms that may be necessary to apply for a restraining order; and

(5) Track and report to the organization administering the program on the services provided pursuant to the program, including (A) the procedural outcomes of restraining order applications filed, (B) the number of instances where legal counsel was provided prior to the filing of an application but not during the remainder of the restraining order process, and the reasons limiting the duration of such representation, and (C) information on any other legal representation provided to individuals pursuant to the program on matters that were ancillary to the circumstances that supported the application for a restraining order.

(e) In awarding grants, the organization administering the program shall give preference to nonprofit entities (1) that demonstrate the ability to provide legal representation to clients regarding matters ancillary to the circumstances that supported the application for a restraining order; (2) with experience offering legal representation to individuals during the restraining order process; or (3) that can provide quality remote services should courthouses be closed to the public.

(f) The Chief Court Administrator shall:

(1) Provide each grant recipient with office space, if available, in the judicial district courthouse or courthouses served by such recipient under the grant program to conduct intake interviews and assist clients with applications for restraining orders;

(2) Require court clerks at such courthouses, prior to accepting an application for a restraining order pursuant to section 46b-15 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to (A) inform each individual filing such application, or inquiring about filing such an application, that pro bono legal services are available from the grant recipient for income-eligible individuals and, if office space has been provided to the grant recipient, where the grant recipient is located in the courthouse, and (B) if cards or pamphlets containing information about pro bono legal services have been provided to the courthouse by the grant recipient, provide such a card or pamphlet to the individual; and

(3) If a poster of reasonable size containing information about pro bono legal services has been provided to a courthouse served by a grant recipient, require the display of such poster in a manner that is visible to the public at or near the location where applications for a restraining order are filed in such courthouse.

(g) The Chief Court Administrator shall post on the Internet web site of the Judicial Branch where instructions for filing a restraining order pursuant to section 46b-15 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, are provided, information on the pro bono legal services available from grant recipients for income-eligible individuals at the applicable courthouses.

(h) For each year that funding is provided for the program under this section, the organization administering the program shall either conduct, or partner with an academic institution or other qualified entity for the purpose of conducting, an analysis of the impact of the program, including, but not limited to, (1) the procedural outcomes for applications filed in association with services provided by grant recipients under the program, (2) the types and extent of legal services provided to individuals served pursuant to the program, including on matters ancillary to the restraining order application, and (3) the number of cases where legal services were provided before an application was filed but legal representation did not continue during the restraining order process and the reasons for such limited representations. Not later than July first of the year following any year in which the program received funding, the organization administering the program shall submit a report on the results of such analysis in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary.

(i) Up to five per cent of the total amount received by the organization administering the grant program may be used for the reasonable costs of administering the program, including the completion of the analysis and report required by subsection (h) of this section.

Sec. 16. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 54-64a of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection and subsection (b) of this section, when any arrested person is presented before the Superior Court, said court shall, in bailable offenses, promptly order the release of such person upon the first of the following conditions of release found sufficient to reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court: (A) Upon execution of a written promise to appear without special conditions, (B) upon execution of a written promise to appear with nonfinancial conditions, (C) upon execution of a bond without surety in no greater amount than necessary, (D) upon execution of a bond with surety in no greater amount than necessary, but in no event shall a judge prohibit a bond from being posted by surety. In addition to or in conjunction with any of the conditions enumerated in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision the court may, when it has reason to believe that the person is drug-dependent and where necessary, reasonable and appropriate, order the person to submit to a urinalysis drug test and to participate in a program of periodic drug testing and treatment. The results of any such drug test shall not be admissible in any criminal proceeding concerning such person.

(2) If the arrested person is charged with no offense other than a misdemeanor, the court shall not impose financial conditions of release on the person unless (A) the person is charged with a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a, as amended by this act, or (B) the person requests such financial conditions, or (C) the court makes a finding on the record that there is a likely risk that (i) the arrested person will fail to appear in court, as required, or (ii) the arrested person will obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice, or threaten, injure or intimidate or attempt to threaten, injure or intimidate a prospective witness or juror, or (iii) the arrested person will engage in conduct that threatens the safety of himself or herself or another person. In making a finding described in this subsection, the court may consider past criminal history, including any prior

record of failing to appear as required in court that resulted in any conviction for a violation of section 53a-172 or any conviction during the previous ten years for a violation of section 53a-173 and any other pending criminal cases of the person charged with a misdemeanor.

(3) The court may, in determining what conditions of release will reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court, consider the following factors: (A) The nature and circumstances of the offense, (B) such person's record of previous convictions, (C) such person's past record of appearance in court, (D) such person's family ties, (E) such person's employment record, (F) such person's financial resources, character and mental condition, [and] (G) such person's community ties, and (H) in the case of a violation of 53a-222a when the condition of release was issued for a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a, as amended by this act, the heightened risk posed to victims of family violence by violations of conditions of release.

(b) (1) When any arrested person charged with the commission of a class A felony, a class B felony, except a violation of section 53a-86 or 53a-122, a class C felony, except a violation of section 53a-87, 53a-152 or 53a-153, or a class D felony under sections 53a-60 to 53a-60c, inclusive, section 53a-72a, 53a-95, 53a-103, 53a-103a, 53a-114, 53a-136 or 53a-216, or a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a, as amended by this act, is presented before the Superior Court, said court shall, in bailable offenses, promptly order the release of such person upon the first of the following conditions of release found sufficient to reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered: (A) Upon such person's execution of a written promise to appear without special conditions, (B) upon such person's execution of a written promise to appear with nonfinancial conditions, (C) upon such person's execution of a bond without surety in no greater amount than necessary, (D) upon such person's execution of a bond with surety in no greater amount than necessary, but in no event shall a judge prohibit a bond from being posted by surety. In addition to or in conjunction with any of the conditions enumerated in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision, the court may, when it has reason to believe that the person is drug-dependent and where necessary, reasonable and appropriate, order the person to submit to a urinalysis drug test and to participate in a program of periodic drug testing and treatment. The results of any such drug test shall not be admissible in any criminal proceeding concerning such person.

(2) The court may, in determining what conditions of release will reasonably ensure the appearance of the arrested person in court and that the safety of any other person will not be endangered, consider the following factors: (A) The nature and circumstances of the offense, (B) such person's record of previous convictions, (C) such person's past record of appearance in court after being admitted to bail, (D) such person's family ties, (E) such person's employment record, (F) such person's financial resources, character and mental condition, (G) such person's community ties, (H) the number and seriousness of charges pending against the arrested person, (I) the weight of the evidence against the arrested person, (J) the arrested person's history of violence, (K) whether the arrested person has previously been convicted of similar offenses while released on bond, [and] (L) the likelihood based upon the expressed intention of the arrested person that such person will commit another crime while released, and (M) the heightened risk posed to victims of family violence by violations of conditions of release and court orders of protection.

(3) When imposing conditions of release under this subsection, the court shall state for the record any factors under subdivision (2) of this subsection that it considered and the findings that it made as to the danger, if any, that the arrested person might pose to the safety of any other person upon the arrested person's release that caused the court to impose the specific conditions of release that it imposed.

Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 53a-181j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) A person is guilty of intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the first degree when such person maliciously, and with specific intent to intimidate or harass another person [because of] motivated in whole or in substantial part by the actual or perceived race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression of such other person, causes physical injury to such other person or to a third person.

Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 53a-181k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) A person is guilty of intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the second degree when such person maliciously, and with specific intent to intimidate or harass another person or group of persons [because of] motivated in whole or in substantial part by the actual or perceived race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression of such other person or group of persons, does any of the following: (1) Causes physical contact with such other person or group of persons, (2) damages, destroys or defaces any real or personal property of such other person or group of persons, or (3) threatens, by word or act, to do an act described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection, if there is reasonable cause to believe that an act described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection will occur.

Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 53a-181l of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

(a) A person is guilty of intimidation based on bigotry or bias in the third degree when such person, with specific intent to intimidate or harass another person or group of persons [because of] motivated in whole or in substantial part by the actual or perceived race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression of such other person or persons: (1) Damages, destroys or defaces any real or personal property, or (2) threatens, by word or act, to do an act described in subdivision (1) of this subsection or advocates or urges another person to do an act described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, if there is reasonable cause to believe that an act described in said subdivision will occur.

Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) Upon the request of a tenant, a landlord shall change the locks or permit the tenant to change the locks to a tenant's dwelling unit when: (1) The tenant is named as a protected person in (A) a protective or restraining order issued by a court of this state, including, but not limited to, an order issued pursuant to sections 46b-15, 46b-16a, 46b-38c, 53a-40e and 54-1k of the general statutes, as amended by this act, that is in effect at the time the tenant makes such request of the landlord, or (B) a foreign order of protection that has been registered in this state pursuant to section 46b-15a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, that is in effect at the time the tenant makes such request of the landlord; (2) the protective order, restraining order or foreign order of protection requires the respondent or defendant to (A) stay away from the home of the tenant, or (B) stay a minimum distance away from the tenant; and (3) the tenant provides a copy of such protective order, restraining order or foreign order of protection to the landlord. A landlord who is required to change a tenant's locks or permit the tenant to change a tenant's locks under this subsection shall, not later than six hours after receipt of the request, inform the tenant whether the landlord will change the locks or permit the tenant to change the locks. If the landlord agrees to change the locks, the landlord shall do so not later than forty-eight hours after the date that the tenant makes such request.

(b) If a landlord has informed the tenant that the tenant is responsible for changing the locks, fails to change the locks, or fails to permit a tenant to change the locks within the timeframe prescribed under subsection (a) of this section, the tenant may proceed to change the locks. If a tenant changes the locks, the tenant shall ensure that the locks are changed in a workmanlike manner, utilizing locks of similar or improved quality as compared to the original locks. The landlord may replace a lock installed by or at the behest of a tenant if the locks installed were not of similar or improved quality or were not installed properly. If a tenant changes the locks to his or her dwelling unit under this subsection, the tenant shall provide a key to the new locks to the landlord not later than two business days after the date on which the locks were changed, except when good cause prevents the tenant from providing a key to the landlord within the prescribed time period.

(c) When a landlord changes the locks to a dwelling unit under subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the landlord (1) shall, if using a professional contractor or locksmith, be responsible for payment to such contractor or locksmith, (2) shall, at or prior to the time of changing such locks, provide a key to the new locks to the tenant, and (3) may charge a fee to the tenant not exceeding the actual reasonable cost of changing the locks. If the tenant fails to pay the fee, such cost may be recouped by suit against the tenant or as a deduction from the security deposit when the tenant vacates the dwelling unit, but shall not be the basis for a summary process action under chapter 832 of the general statutes. For purposes of this subsection, "actual reasonable cost" means the cost of the lock mechanism, as well as the fee paid by the landlord for professional contractor or locksmith services.

(d) A landlord may reprogram a digital or electronic lock with a new entry code to comply with the provisions of this section.

(e) If a tenant residing in the dwelling unit is named as the respondent or defendant in an order described in subsection (a) of this section and under such order is required to stay away from the dwelling unit, the landlord shall not provide a key to such tenant for the new locks. Absent a court order permitting a tenant who is the respondent or defendant in such order to return to the dwelling unit to retrieve his or her possessions and personal effects, the landlord has no duty under the rental agreement or by law to allow such tenant access to the dwelling unit once the landlord has been provided with a court order requiring such tenant to stay away from the dwelling unit, and the landlord shall not permit such tenant to access the dwelling unit. Any tenant excluded from the dwelling unit under this section remains liable under the rental agreement with any other tenant of the dwelling unit for rent or damages to the dwelling unit.

(f) A landlord may not require a tenant who is named as a protected person under an order described in subsection (a) of this section to pay additional rent or an additional deposit or fee because of the exclusion of the tenant who is named as the respondent or defendant in such order.

(g) Any landlord or agent of such landlord who denies a tenant named as a respondent or defendant in an order described in subsection (a) of this section access to the dwelling unit pursuant to this section shall be immune from any civil liability arising from such denial, provided the landlord or agent complies with the provisions of this section and any applicable court order.

Sec. 21. Section 47a-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

As used in this chapter and sections 47a-21, as amended by this act, 47a-23 to 47a-23c, inclusive, 47a-26a to 47a-26g, inclusive, 47a-35 to 47a-35b, inclusive, 47a-41a, 47a-43 and 47a-46 and section 20 of this act:

(a) "Action" includes recoupment, counterclaim, set-off, cause of action and any other proceeding in which rights are determined, including an action for possession.

(b) "Building and housing codes" include any law, ordinance or governmental regulation concerning fitness for habitation or the construction, maintenance, operation, occupancy, use or appearance of any premises or dwelling unit.

(c) "Dwelling unit" means any house or building, or portion thereof, which is occupied, is designed to be occupied, or is rented, leased or hired out to be occupied, as a home or residence of one or more persons.

(d) "Landlord" means the owner, lessor or sublessor of the dwelling unit, the building of which it is a part or the premises.

(e) "Owner" means one or more persons, jointly or severally, in whom is vested (1) all or part of the legal title to property, or (2) all or part of the beneficial ownership and a right to present use and enjoyment of the premises and includes a mortgagee in possession.

(f) "Person" means an individual, corporation, limited liability company, the state or any political subdivision thereof, or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, two or more persons having a joint or common interest, and any other legal or commercial entity.

(g) "Premises" means a dwelling unit and the structure of which it is a part and facilities and appurtenances therein and grounds, areas and facilities held out for the use of tenants generally or whose use is promised to the tenant.

(h) "Rent" means all periodic payments to be made to the landlord under the rental agreement.

(i) "Rental agreement" means all agreements, written or oral, and valid rules and regulations adopted under section 47a-9 or subsection (d) of section 21-70 embodying the terms and conditions concerning the use and occupancy of a dwelling unit or premises.

(j) "Roomer" means a person occupying a dwelling unit, which unit does not include a refrigerator, stove, kitchen sink, toilet and shower or bathtub and one or more of these facilities are used in common by other occupants in the structure.

(k) "Single-family residence" means a structure maintained and used as a single dwelling unit. Notwithstanding that a dwelling unit shares one or more walls with another dwelling unit or has a common parking facility, it is a single-family residence if it has direct access to a street or thoroughfare and does not share heating facilities, hot water equipment or any other essential facility or service with any other dwelling unit.

(l) "Tenant" means the lessee, sublessee or person entitled under a rental agreement to occupy a dwelling unit or premises to the exclusion of others or as is otherwise defined by law.

(m) "Tenement house" means any house or building, or portion thereof, which is rented, leased or hired out to be occupied, or is arranged or designed to be occupied, or is occupied, as the home or residence of three or more families, living independently of each other, and doing their cooking upon the premises, and having a common right in the halls, stairways or yards.

Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 47a-21 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Accrued interest" means the interest due on a security deposit as provided in subsection (i) of this section, compounded annually to the extent applicable.

(2) "Commissioner" means the Banking Commissioner.

(3) "Escrow account" means any account at a financial institution which is not subject to execution by the creditors of the escrow agent and includes a clients' funds account.

(4) "Escrow agent" means the person in whose name an escrow account is maintained.

(5) "Financial institution" means any state bank and trust company, national bank, savings bank, federal savings bank, savings and loan association, and federal savings and loan association that is located in this state.

(6) "Forwarding address" means the address to which a security deposit may be mailed for delivery to a former tenant.

(7) "Landlord" means any landlord of residential real property, and includes (A) any receiver; (B) any successor; and (C) any tenant who sublets his premises.

(8) "Receiver" means any person who is appointed or authorized by any state, federal or probate court to receive rents from tenants, and includes trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, conservators, receivers, and receivers of rent.

(9) "Rent receiver" means a receiver who lacks court authorization to return security deposits and to inspect the premises of tenants and former tenants.

(10) "Residential real property" means real property containing one or more residential units, including residential units not owned by the landlord, and containing one or more tenants who paid a security deposit.

(11) "Security deposit" means any advance rental payment, or any installment payment collected pursuant to section 47a-22a, except an advance payment for the first month's rent or a deposit for a key or any special equipment.

(12) "Successor" means any person who succeeds to a landlord's interest whether by purchase, foreclosure or otherwise and includes a receiver.

(13) "Tenant" means a tenant, as defined in section 47a-1, as amended by this act, or a resident, as defined in section 21-64.

(14) "Tenant's obligations" means (A) the amount of any rental or utility payment due the landlord from a tenant; [and] (B) a tenant's obligations under the provisions of section 47a-11; and (C) the actual reasonable cost of changing the locks of the dwelling unit pursuant to section 20 of this act, if the tenant has not paid such cost."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	46b-1
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	46b-15
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	46b-15c
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	46b-38a(3)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	46b-38b(g)(5)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	46b-38c(e)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	53a-40e
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	46b-54(f)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	46b-56
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	51-27h

Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	51-27i
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-112g(a)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	17b-191
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	54-64a(a) and (b)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	53a-181j(a)
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	53a-181k(a)
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	53a-181l(a)
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	47a-1
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	47a-21(a)

Senator Sampson of the 16th offered Senate Amendment Schedule “B” (LCO 8812), moved adoption and requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking were Senators Kasser of the 36th and Formica of the 20th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 5:26 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those voting Yea	12
Those voting Nay	24
Those absent and not voting.....	0

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule “B” (LCO8812) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
N 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4 STEVE CASSANO	N 22 MARILYN MOORE
N 5 DEREK SLAP	N 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
N 6 RICK LOPES	N 24 JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25 BOB DUFF
Y 8 KEVIN D. WITKOS	N 26 WILL HASKELL
N 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	N 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10 GARY WINFIELD	Y 28 TONY HWANG
N 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	N 29 MAE FLEXER
N 12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30 CRAIG MINER
N 13 MARY ABRAMS	Y 31 HENRI MARTIN
N 14 JAMES MARONEY	Y 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
N 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
N 17 JORGE CABRERA	Y 35 DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	N 36 ALEX KASSER

The following is the Amendment.

Strike sections 20 to 22, inclusive, in their entirety and renumber the remaining sections and internal references accordingly.

Remarking was Senator Witkos of the 8th.

Hartley of the 15th in the chair.

Remarking were Senators Formica of the 20th, Duff of the 25th, Kelly of the 21st, and Looney of the 11th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 6:00 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those voting Yea	35
Those voting Nay	1
Those absent and not voting.....	0

On the roll call vote Senate Bill No. 1091 as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 8666) was passed.

The following is the roll call vote:

Y 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	Y 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
Y 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
Y 4 STEVE CASSANO	Y 22 MARILYN MOORE
Y 5 DEREK SLAP	Y 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
Y 6 RICK LOPES	Y 24 JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	Y 25 BOB DUFF
Y 8 KEVIN D. WITKOS	Y 26 WILL HASKELL
Y 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	Y 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
Y 10 GARY WINFIELD	Y 28 TONY HWANG
Y 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	Y 29 MAE FLEXER
Y 12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30 CRAIG MINER
Y 13 MARY ABRAMS	Y 31 HENRI MARTIN
Y 14 JAMES MARONEY	Y 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	Y 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
N 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
Y 17 JORGE CABRERA	Y 35 DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y 36 ALEX KASSER

APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for S.B. No. **1019** (RAISED) (File No. 613) "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."

Senator Winfield of the 10th offered Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 8737) and moved adoption.

Remarking was Senator Kissel of the 7th.

On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.

The following is the Amendment.

In line 141, strike "C."

In line 143, strike "ten" and insert "five" in lieu thereof

In line 153, after "2000;", insert "and"

Strike line 160 in its entirety and insert "to January 1, 2000." in lieu thereof

Strike lines 161 to 167, inclusive, in their entirety

After line 277, insert the following:

"(j) An attorney of any person (1) who is the subject of any immigration matter in which disclosure of such person's criminal history record information may be required under federal law, (2) who has been convicted of an offense in any court of this state, and (3) whose criminal history record information has been erased pursuant to this chapter for such offense, may petition the Superior Court at the location in which such conviction was effected, or the Superior Court at the location having custody of the records of such conviction or if such conviction was in the Court of Common Pleas, Circuit Court, municipal court or by a trial justice court, the Superior Court where venue would exist for criminal prosecution, for such records, and the Superior Court shall direct that all police and court records and records of the state's or prosecuting attorney pertaining to such offense be made available to such person's attorney, to the degree that such information has been retained."

In line 278, strike "(j)" and insert "(k)" in lieu thereof

In line 280, strike "(k)" and insert "(l)" in lieu thereof

Remarking was Senator Kissel of the 7th.

Senator Kissel of the 7th offered Senate Amendment Schedule "B" (LCO 8710), moved adoption and requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking were Senators Winfield of the 10th, Champagne of the 35th, and Sampson of the 16th.

President in the chair.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 7:01 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	14
Those voting Nay	21
Those absent and not voting	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule "B" (LCO 8710) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	Y 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
N 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4 STEVE CASSANO	N 22 MARILYN MOORE
N 5 DEREK SLAP	N 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
N 6 RICK LOPES	N 24 JULIE KUSHNER

Y	7	JOHN A. KISSEL	N	25	BOB DUFF
Y	8	KEVIN D. WITKOS	N	26	WILL HASKELL
	N	9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	N	27	PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
	N	10 GARY WINFIELD	Y	28	TONY HWANG
	N	11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	A	29	MAE FLEXER
	N	12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y	30	CRAIG MINER
	N	13 MARY ABRAMS	Y	31	HENRI MARTIN
	N	14 JAMES MARONEY	Y	32	ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y	15	JOAN V. HARTLEY	N	33	NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y	16	ROB SAMPSON	Y	34	PAUL CICARELLA
	N	17 JORGE CABRERA	Y	35	DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y	18	HEATHER S. SOMERS	N	36	ALEX KASSER

The following is the Amendment.

In line 924, after "days" insert ", except as provided in subsection (d) of this section"

In line 929, after "2021" insert ", except as provided in subsection (d) of this section"

In line 932, after "year," insert "except as provided in subsection (d) of this section,"

After line 938, insert the following:

"(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a misdemeanor conviction for a violation of section 53a-58 of the general statutes or to any term of imprisonment for any such violation."

Senator Kissel of the 7th offered Senate Amendment Schedule "C" (LCO 8722), moved adoption and requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking were Senators Champagne of the 35th, and Winfield of the 10th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 7:10 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	13
Those voting Nay	22
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule "C" (LCO 8722) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N	1	JOHN W. FONFARA	N	19	CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N	2	DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y	20	PAUL M. FORMICA
N	3	SAUD ANWAR	Y	21	KEVIN C. KELLY
N	4	STEVE CASSANO	N	22	MARILYN MOORE
N	5	DEREK SLAP	N	23	DENNIS BRADLEY
N	6	RICK LOPES	N	24	JULIE KUSHNER
Y	7	JOHN A. KISSEL	N	25	BOB DUFF
Y	8	KEVIN D. WITKOS	N	26	WILL HASKELL
	N	9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	N	27	PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
	N	10 GARY WINFIELD	Y	28	TONY HWANG
	N	11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	A	29	MAE FLEXER
	N	12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y	30	CRAIG MINER
	N	13 MARY ABRAMS	Y	31	HENRI MARTIN

N 14 JAMES MARONEY	Y 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
N 17 JORGE CABRERA	Y 35 DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	N 36 ALEX KASSER

The following is the Amendment.

In line 924, after "days" insert ", except as provided in subsection (d) of this section"

In line 929, after "2021" insert ", except as provided in subsection (d) of this section"

In line 932, after "year," insert "except as provided in subsection (d) of this section,"

After line 938, insert the following:

"(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a misdemeanor conviction for a violation of section 53a-64cc of the general statutes or to any term of imprisonment for any such violation."

Senator Kissel of the 7th offered Senate Amendment Schedule "D" (LCO 8747), moved adoption and requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking were Senators Sampson of the 16th, and Winfield of the 10th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 7:27 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	13
Those voting Nay	22
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule "D" (LCO 8747) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
N 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4 STEVE CASSANO	N 22 MARILYN MOORE
N 5 DEREK SLAP	N 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
N 6 RICK LOPES	N 24 JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25 BOB DUFF
Y 8 KEVIN D. WITKOS	N 26 WILL HASKELL
N 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	N 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10 GARY WINFIELD	Y 28 TONY HWANG
N 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	A 29 MAE FLEXER
N 12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30 CRAIG MINER
N 13 MARY ABRAMS	Y 31 HENRI MARTIN
N 14 JAMES MARONEY	Y 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
N 17 JORGE CABRERA	Y 35 DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	N 36 ALEX KASSER

The following is the Amendment.

In line 924, after "days" insert ", except as provided in subsection (d) of this section"
In line 929, after "2021" insert ", except as provided in subsection (d) of this section"
In line 932, after "year," insert "except as provided in subsection (d) of this section,"
After line 938, insert the following:

"(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a misdemeanor conviction for a violation of section 53a-73a of the general statutes or to any term of imprisonment for any such violation."

Senator Kissel of the 7th offered Senate Amendment Schedule "E" (LCO 8776), moved adoption and requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking were Senators Sampson of the 16th and Winfield of the 10th

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 7:39 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	12
Those voting Nay	23
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule "E" (LCO 8776) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
N 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4 STEVE CASSANO	N 22 MARILYN MOORE
N 5 DEREK SLAP	N 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
N 6 RICK LOPES	N 24 JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25 BOB DUFF
Y 8 KEVIN D. WITKOS	N 26 WILL HASKELL
N 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	N 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10 GARY WINFIELD	Y 28 TONY HWANG
N 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	A 29 MAE FLEXER
N 12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30 CRAIG MINER
N 13 MARY ABRAMS	Y 31 HENRI MARTIN
N 14 JAMES MARONEY	Y 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
N 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
N 17 JORGE CABRERA	Y 35 DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	N 36 ALEX KASSER

The following is the Amendment.

Strike subsection (e) of section 3 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:
"(e) (1) Any individual who has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor in any court of this state may, provided at least three years have passed following the completion of any sentence imposed as a result of such individual's most recent conviction for a misdemeanor or felony offense, file a petition with the Superior Court at the location in which the most recent misdemeanor conviction was effected, or with the Superior Court at the location having custody of

the records of such conviction or if such conviction was in the Court of Common Pleas, Circuit Court, municipal court or by a trial justice court, in the Superior Court where venue would exist for criminal prosecution, for an order of erasure, and if such petition is in order, the Superior Court shall issue such order of erasure and direct all police and court records and records of the state's or prosecuting attorney pertaining to each such misdemeanor offense, except for a violation of section 53a-181d, any misdemeanor that is a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a, or that is a nonviolent sexual offense or a sexually violent offense, each as defined in section 54-250, or a violation of section 14-227a, 14-227m or 14-227n, to be erased.

(A) Notice of the erasure shall immediately be sent to all persons, agencies, officials or institutions known to have information pertaining to the criminal history record information. Reasonable efforts shall be made to send notice of the erasure to the individual whose records have been erased not later than thirty calendar days after such erasure;

(B) If an individual has been convicted of an offense in any court in this state and such offense has been decriminalized subsequent to the date of such conviction, such conviction shall not be considered when evaluating such individual's criminal history record information for the purposes of this subsection; and

(C) Erasure under this subsection shall not occur in the case of any individual who has pending charges or an open criminal case in any jurisdiction.

(2) If a person has been convicted of a violation of subsection (c) of section 21a-279 prior to October 1, 2015, such conviction shall not be considered as a most recent offense when evaluating whether a sufficient period of time has elapsed for an offense to qualify for erasure pursuant to this subsection.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall limit any other procedure for erasure of criminal history record information, as defined in section 54-142g, as amended by this act, or prohibit a person from participating in any such procedure, even if such person's criminal history record information has been erased pursuant to this section.

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the Department of Motor Vehicles to erase criminal history record information on an operator's driving record. When applicable, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall make such criminal history record information available through the Commercial Driver's License Information System."

Senator Kissel of the 7th offered Senate Amendment Schedule "F" (LCO 8787), moved adoption and requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking were Senators Sampson of the 16th, Duff of the 25th, and Winfield of the 10th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 7:56 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	13
Those voting Nay	22
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule "F" (LCO 8787) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
N 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4 STEVE CASSANO	N 22 MARILYN MOORE
N 5 DEREK SLAP	N 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
N 6 RICK LOPES	N 24 JULIE KUSHNER

Y	7	JOHN A. KISSEL	N	25	BOB DUFF	
Y	8	KEVIN D. WITKOS	N	26	WILL HASKELL	
	N	9	MATTHEW L. LESSER	N	27	PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
	N	10	GARY WINFIELD	Y	28	TONY HWANG
	N	11	MARTIN M. LOONEY	A	29	MAE FLEXER
	N	12	CHRISTINE COHEN	Y	30	CRAIG MINER
	N	13	MARY ABRAMS	Y	31	HENRI MARTIN
	N	14	JAMES MARONEY	Y	32	ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y	15	JOAN V. HARTLEY	N	33	NORMAN NEEDLEMAN	
Y	16	ROB SAMPSON	Y	34	PAUL CICARELLA	
	N	17	JORGE CABRERA	Y	35	DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y	18	HEATHER S. SOMERS	N	36	ALEX KASSER	

The following is the Amendment.

Strike subsection (e) of section 3 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"(e) (1) Any individual who has ever been convicted of a misdemeanor in any court of this state may, provided at least three years have passed following the completion of any sentence imposed as a result of such individual's most recent conviction for a misdemeanor or felony offense, file a petition with the Superior Court at the location in which the most recent misdemeanor conviction was effected, or with the Superior Court at the location having custody of the records of such conviction or if such conviction was in the Court of Common Pleas, Circuit Court, municipal court or by a trial justice court, in the Superior Court where venue would exist for criminal prosecution, for an order of erasure, and if such petition is in order, the Superior Court shall issue such order of erasure and direct all police and court records and records of the state's or prosecuting attorney pertaining to each such misdemeanor offense, except for a violation of section 53a-61a, any misdemeanor that is a family violence crime, as defined in section 46b-38a, or that is a nonviolent sexual offense or a sexually violent offense, each as defined in section 54-250, or a violation of section 14-227a, 14-227m or 14-227n, to be erased.

(A) Notice of the erasure shall immediately be sent to all persons, agencies, officials or institutions known to have information pertaining to the criminal history record information. Reasonable efforts shall be made to send notice of the erasure to the individual whose records have been erased not later than thirty calendar days after such erasure;

(B) If an individual has been convicted of an offense in any court in this state and such offense has been decriminalized subsequent to the date of such conviction, such conviction shall not be considered when evaluating such individual's criminal history record information for the purposes of this subsection; and

(C) Erasure under this subsection shall not occur in the case of any individual who has pending charges or an open criminal case in any jurisdiction.

(2) If a person has been convicted of a violation of subsection (c) of section 21a-279 prior to October 1, 2015, such conviction shall not be considered as a most recent offense when evaluating whether a sufficient period of time has elapsed for an offense to qualify for erasure pursuant to this subsection.

(3) Nothing in this subsection shall limit any other procedure for erasure of criminal history record information, as defined in section 54-142g, as amended by this act, or prohibit a person from participating in any such procedure, even if such person's criminal history record information has been erased pursuant to this section.

(4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the Department of Motor Vehicles to erase criminal history record information on an operator's driving record. When applicable, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall make such criminal history record information available through the Commercial Driver's License Information System."

Remarking were Senators Kissel of the 7th, Haskell of the 26th, Sampson of the 16th, Winfield of the 10th, Osten of the 19th, Cicarella of the 34th, Champagne of the 35th, Formica of the 20th, Duff of the 25th, Kelly of the 21st, and Looney of the 11th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 9:49 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	23
Those voting Nay	12
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Bill No. 1019 as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 8637) was Passed.

The following is the roll call vote:

Y 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	Y 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	N 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
Y 3 SAUD ANWAR	N 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
Y 4 STEVE CASSANO	Y 22 MARILYN MOORE
Y 5 DEREK SLAP	Y 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
Y 6 RICK LOPES	Y 24 JULIE KUSHNER
N 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	Y 25 BOB DUFF
N 8 KEVIN D. WITKOS	Y 26 WILL HASKELL
Y 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	Y 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
Y 10 GARY WINFIELD	N 28 TONY HWANG
Y 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	A 29 MAE FLEXER
Y 12 CHRISTINE COHEN	N 30 CRAIG MINER
Y 13 MARY ABRAMS	N 31 HENRI MARTIN
Y 14 JAMES MARONEY	N 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	Y 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
N 16 ROB SAMPSON	N 34 PAUL CICARELLA
Y 17 JORGE CABRERA	N 35 DAN CHAMPAGNE
N 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y 36 ALEX KASSER

JUDICIARY. Substitute for S.B. No. **668** (COMM) (File No. 398) "AN ACT CONCERNING A FAIR WORK WEEK SCHEDULE."

Senator Kushner of the 24th explained the bill and moved passage.

Senator Kushner of the 24th offered Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 8661) and moved adoption.

Remarking were Senators Sampson of the 16th, and Formica of the 20th.

Senator Duff of the 25th requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 10:33 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	28
Those voting Nay	7
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule “A” (LCO 8661) was Adopted.

The following is the roll call vote:

Y 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	Y 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	N 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
Y 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
Y 4 STEVE CASSANO	Y 22 MARILYN MOORE
Y 5 DEREK SLAP	Y 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
Y 6 RICK LOPES	Y 24 JULIE KUSHNER
N 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	Y 25 BOB DUFF
Y 8 KEVIN D. WITKOS	Y 26 WILL HASKELL
Y 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	Y 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
Y 10 GARY WINFIELD	N 28 TONY HWANG
Y 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	A 29 MAE FLEXER
Y 12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30 CRAIG MINER
Y 13 MARY ABRAMS	N 31 HENRI MARTIN
Y 14 JAMES MARONEY	N 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
Y 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	Y 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
Y 17 JORGE CABRERA	N 35 DAN CHAMPAGNE
N 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	Y 36 ALEX KASSER

The following is the Amendment.

In line 35, after ";" insert "or"

In line 45, strike "or"

Strike lines 46 to 58, inclusive, in their entirety, and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(2) "Employer" means (A) an employer, as defined in section 31-71a of the general statutes, that employs not less than five hundred employees globally and, for an employer that is a restaurant where food is prepared, served and consumed on the premises, such employer has not less than thirty restaurant locations globally, or (B) a franchisee, as defined in section 42-133e of the general statutes, if the global network of franchises employs not less than five hundred employees in the aggregate;"

In line 124, strike "fourteen" and insert in lieu thereof "seven"

In line 131, strike "fourteen" and insert in lieu thereof "seven"

Remarking was Senator Somers of the 18th.

Senator Somers of the 18th offered Senate Amendment Schedule “B” (LCO 8739) and moved adoption.

Remarking were Senator Sampson of the 16th, Formica of the 20th, and Kushner of the 24th.

Senator Formica of the 20th requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 10:48 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	35
Necessary for Adoption	18
Those voting Yea	12
Those voting Nay	23
Those absent and not voting.....	1

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule “B” (LCO 8739) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1 JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19 CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2 DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y 20 PAUL M. FORMICA
N 3 SAUD ANWAR	Y 21 KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4 STEVE CASSANO	N 22 MARILYN MOORE
N 5 DEREK SLAP	N 23 DENNIS BRADLEY
N 6 RICK LOPES	N 24 JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7 JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25 BOB DUFF
Y 8 KEVIN D. WITKOS	N 26 WILL HASKELL
N 9 MATTHEW L. LESSER	N 27 PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10 GARY WINFIELD	Y 28 TONY HWANG
N 11 MARTIN M. LOONEY	A 29 MAE FLEXER
N 12 CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30 CRAIG MINER
N 13 MARY ABRAMS	Y 31 HENRI MARTIN
N 14 JAMES MARONEY	Y 32 ERIC C. BERTHEL
N 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16 ROB SAMPSON	Y 34 PAUL CICARELLA
N 17 JORGE CABRERA	Y 35 DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS	N 36 ALEX KASSER

Remarking were Senator Sampson of the 16th, Somers of the 18th, Cabrera of the 17th Champagne of the 35th, and Formica of the 20th.

Senator Formica of the 20th offered Senate Amendment Schedule “C” (LCO 8752) and moved adoption.

Remarking was Kushner of the 24th.

Senator Formica of the 20th requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 11:22 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those voting Yea	12
Those voting Nay	24
Those absent and not voting.....	0

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule “C” (LCO 8752) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1	JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19	CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2	DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y 20	PAUL M. FORMICA
N 3	SAUD ANWAR	Y 21	KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4	STEVE CASSANO	N 22	MARILYN MOORE
N 5	DEREK SLAP	N 23	DENNIS BRADLEY
N 6	RICK LOPES	N 24	JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7	JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25	BOB DUFF
Y 8	KEVIN D. WITKOS	N 26	WILL HASKELL
N 9	MATTHEW L. LESSER	N 27	PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10	GARY WINFIELD	Y 28	TONY HWANG
N 11	MARTIN M. LOONEY	N 29	MAE FLEXER
N 12	CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30	CRAIG MINER
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N 15	JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33	NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
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N 17	JORGE CABRERA	Y 35	DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 18	HEATHER S. SOMERS	N 36	ALEX KASSER

The following is the Amendment.

Strike subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 1 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply if the employee's scheduled work hours are changed due to: (A) The employee's written request, including, but not limited to, a request to use sick leave, vacation leave or other leave pursuant to employer policy; (B) a mutually agreed-upon shift trade or coverage arrangement between employees, subject to an existing employer policy regarding such shift trade or coverage arrangement; (C) the inability of the employer's operations to begin or continue due to (i) the failure of a public utility or the shutdown of public transportation, (ii) fire, flood or other natural disaster, or (iii) an emergency declaration issued by the President of the United States or the Governor of this state; or (D) a change in the employer's needs caused by the weather or any other condition out of the employer's control that would result in the reduction of business volume, including, but not limited to, a reduction in sales."

Senator Formica of the 20th offered Senate Amendment Schedule "D" (LCO 8775), moved adoption and requested that the vote be taken by roll call.

Remarking was Senator Kushner of the 24th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 11:30 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those voting Yea	12
Those voting Nay	24
Those absent and not voting.....	0

On the roll call vote Senate Amendment Schedule "D" (LCO 8775) was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

N 1	JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19	CATHERINE A. OSTEN
N 2	DOUGLAS MCCRORY	Y 20	PAUL M. FORMICA
N 3	SAUD ANWAR	Y 21	KEVIN C. KELLY
N 4	STEVE CASSANO	N 22	MARILYN MOORE
N 5	DEREK SLAP	N 23	DENNIS BRADLEY
N 6	RICK LOPES	N 24	JULIE KUSHNER
Y 7	JOHN A. KISSEL	N 25	BOB DUFF
Y 8	KEVIN D. WITKOS	N 26	WILL HASKELL
N 9	MATTHEW L. LESSER	N 27	PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
N 10	GARY WINFIELD	Y 28	TONY HWANG
N 11	MARTIN M. LOONEY	N 29	MAE FLEXER
N 12	CHRISTINE COHEN	Y 30	CRAIG MINER
N 13	MARY ABRAMS	Y 31	HENRI MARTIN
N 14	JAMES MARONEY	Y 32	ERIC C. BERTHEL
N 15	JOAN V. HARTLEY	N 33	NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
Y 16	ROB SAMPSON	Y 34	PAUL CICARELLA
N 17	JORGE CABRERA	Y 35	DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 18	HEATHER S. SOMERS	N 36	ALEX KASSER

Remarking were Senators Kushner of the 24th, Formica of the 20th, Duff of the 25th, and Looney of the 11th.

The chair ordered the vote be taken by roll call.

The following is the result of the vote at 11:55 p.m.:

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those voting Yea	20
Those voting Nay	16
Those absent and not voting.....	0

On the roll call vote Senate Bill No. 668 as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 8661) was passed.

The following is the roll call vote:

Y 1	JOHN W. FONFARA	N 19	CATHERINE A. OSTEN
Y 2	DOUGLAS MCCRORY	N 20	PAUL M. FORMICA
Y 3	SAUD ANWAR	N 21	KEVIN C. KELLY
Y 4	STEVE CASSANO	Y 22	MARILYN MOORE
Y 5	DEREK SLAP	Y 23	DENNIS BRADLEY
Y 6	RICK LOPES	Y 24	JULIE KUSHNER
N 7	JOHN A. KISSEL	Y 25	BOB DUFF
N 8	KEVIN D. WITKOS	Y 26	WILL HASKELL
Y 9	MATTHEW L. LESSER	Y 27	PATRICIA BILLIE MILLER
Y 10	GARY WINFIELD	N 28	TONY HWANG
Y 11	MARTIN M. LOONEY	Y 29	MAE FLEXER
Y 12	CHRISTINE COHEN	N 30	CRAIG MINER
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N 15 JOAN V. HARTLEY
N 16 ROB SAMPSON
Y 17 JORGE CABRERA
N 18 HEATHER S. SOMERS

N 33 NORMAN NEEDLEMAN
N 34 PAUL CICARELLA
N 35 DAN CHAMPAGNE
Y 36 ALEX KASSER

**BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR
MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

On the motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the following matters were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

S.B. No. **356** AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROFIT GRANT PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

S.B. No. **1059** AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE CORRECTION OMBUDS, THE USE OF ISOLATED CONFINEMENT, SECLUSION AND RESTRAINTS, SOCIAL CONTACTS FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS AND TRAINING AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS FOR CORRECTION OFFICERS.

**SENATE AGENDA NO. 2
COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY
THE GOVERNOR**

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, read by the Clerk:

May 18, 2021

RE: Declaration of Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergencies

Dear Secretary Merrill and Clerks of the General Assembly:

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

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

On January 26, 2021, again in anticipation of the expiration of those states of emergency and in recognition of the continued threats and challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, including the need to pursue a vigorous vaccination campaign and continue to provide health care

and economic relief the Connecticut's citizens, I again renewed the emergency declarations and declared new public health and civil preparedness emergencies until April 20, 2021.

In March 2021 the General Assembly passed, and I signed into law, Special Act 21-2, which ratified my previous declarations and explicitly authorized me to renew such declarations through May 20, 2021 and exercise all authorities granted by Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes. As a result, after consultation with legislative leaders, I renewed such declarations through May 20, 2021, extended many of the COVID-19 Orders through that date, and allowed to expire many more COVID-19 Orders that were no longer required to respond to the pandemic, so that only approximately 28 percent of all executive orders issued during this emergency remain in effect. In addition, I have worked with the General Assembly to codify certain measures that provided additional public health resources, such as a 2-year expansion of access to telehealth services, and business flexibility, such as a year-long extension of measures to allow expanded outdoor dining with expedited approvals.

Connecticut continues to make considerable progress in responding to COVID-19 and mitigating its devastating public health and economic effects. The steady reduction in positive COVID-19 tests and hospitalizations has been accompanied by steady progress in vaccination, with nearly 60 percent of the population, including more than 92 percent of residents older than 65, having received at least one vaccine dose. In recognition of that progress, I have announced that tomorrow, all remaining business restrictions will be lifted, those who are vaccinated need not wear masks except in certain high-risk or high-density indoor settings, and in the coming weeks, many state employees will return to state offices after having worked remotely. The gradual and safe return to normal operations in many aspects of public and private life will make it possible to end many statutory or regulatory modifications that have provided the necessary flexibility and speed to ensure the health and safety of our citizens and business continuity during these challenging times. As a result, tomorrow, I will be allowing to expire or setting expiration dates on many additional COVID-19 Orders.

Still, COVID-19 remains a global threat, capable of spreading quickly among the significant portion of the population who remain unvaccinated or who, because of certain underlying conditions, cannot derive robust protection from vaccination. An effective mass vaccination program and an adequate response to the continued public health threats and economic impacts of the pandemic require that I retain the flexibility and resources that the declared states of emergency provide.

The General Assembly has thus passed and I have signed into law House Bill 6686 and House Bill 5653, which authorize my renewal of the declarations through July 20 and establish additional oversight for any continued renewal after that date.

Therefore, for the same reasons I declared emergencies on March 10 and declared new and renewed emergencies on September 1, January 26, and April 19 pursuant to Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the General Statutes, I am renewing the existing public health emergency and civil preparedness emergencies throughout the state.

In addition, I will continue to manage several public health and civil preparedness risks. Among many other things, I will need to continue to administer our mass vaccination program, respond to the potential threat posed by new and more infectious COVID-19 variants, such as one recently identified in connection with the outbreak in India, and manage the safe and orderly resumption of more business and government activity, while continuing to administer state and federal relief connected to the state of emergency. As I did in September, January, and April, out of an abundance of caution and to eliminate any confusion about the extent of my emergency powers to address the many risks and concerns that will arise in the coming months and did not constitute clear justifications for the original emergencies I declared in March of 2020 and again in September 2020, January 2021, and April 2021, and pursuant to Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the

Connecticut General Statutes, I hereby declare that new states of public health and civil preparedness emergency exist throughout the State.

These new and renewed states of emergency shall run concurrently and remain in effect through July 20, 2021, unless earlier terminated by me. The Department of Public Health, along with municipal and district health departments, as well as multiple other state agencies in supporting roles, are responding to these renewed public health and civil preparedness emergencies. As I did at the time I declared and renewed the public health and civil preparedness emergencies noted above, on March 10, 2020, September 1, 2020, January 26, 2021, and April 19, 2021, and in accordance with Section 19a-131a (f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I hereby authorize and direct the Commissioner of Public Health to delegate the powers regarding isolation or quarantine to municipal and district directors of public health, while concurrently retaining such authority.

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

I am filing this declaration with you under my hand and seal on this 18th day of May, 2021.

Ned Lamont
Governor

SENATOR(S) ABSENT

The following Senator(s) may have missed some votes due to the following:
Bradley of the 23rd for legislative business
Flexer of the 29th for legislative business

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Senator Duff of the 25th, the Senate at 11:57 p.m. adjourned subject to the call of the chair.