

**HOUSE
List of Bills**

H.B. No. 5464 (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR PROVIDERS OF CLINICAL NURSING EXPERIENCES', to provide a tax credit to preceptors who provide clinical nursing experiences to nursing students earning a bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree from an institution of higher education in the state.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 5544 (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEE WAIVERS FOR VETERANS ATTENDING PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to provide student fee waivers at public institutions of higher education for veterans who performed service in a time of war and are enrolled at such institution.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 5614 (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON THE DISPARATE IMPACT OF COVID-19', to establish a commission to analyze the disparate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on different racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups in the state.

REF. COMMERCE

H.B. No. 5698 (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES DATA', to require local and regional boards of education, the Department of Education and the Office of Early Childhood to collect and report data concerning adverse childhood experiences suffered by children.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 5895 (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE REDUCTION OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT', to establish a task force to study the amount of student loan debt of students and graduates in the state.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 5901 (COMM) **HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE STUDENT DEBT INFORMATION'**, to require institutions of higher education to provide information to each student concerning his or her total amount of student debt.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 6048 (COMM) **PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF GREYHOUND RACING IN THE STATE'**, to prohibit greyhound racing in the state.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

H.B. No. 6228 (COMM) **HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FROM INQUIRING ABOUT A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY DURING THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AND ESTABLISHING A PRISON EDUCATION PROGRAM OFFICE'**, to prohibit institutions of higher education from inquiring about a prospective student's criminal history during the admissions process and to establish a Prison Education Program Office to facilitate prison education programs at correctional facilities.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 6229 (COMM) **HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF FOOD-INSECURE STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION'**, to require public institutions of higher education to assess and address food insecurity among students and to increase access to the supplemental nutrition assistance program by eligible students at institutions of higher education.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 6493 (RAISED) **BANKING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM'**, to establish an emergency mortgage assistance loan program.

REF. BANKING

H.B. No. 6494 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND AFFORDABILITY INCENTIVE ZONES', to (1) require the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to establish certain guidelines under the down payment assistance program, (2) allow the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to establish affordability incentive zones under the down payment assistance program, and (3) clarify that loans issued under the down payment assistance program may include the reasonable closing costs of the purchase of a dwelling.

REF. BANKING

H.B. No. 6495 (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITY AND FAIR LENDING', to (1) prohibit certain financial institutions from engaging in certain discriminatory conduct, (2) require the Banking Commissioner to implement fair lending examination procedures, and (3) require certain banks to take reasonable measures to make certain residential loan products available to certain areas.

REF. BANKING

H.B. No. 6496 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN SOIL-RELATED INITIATIVES', to authorize the use of certain sites for soil material deposits, encourage healthy soils and expedite certain dredging requirements for marina basin applications.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 6497 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STORMWATER AUTHORITIES', to allow any municipality to establish a stormwater authority.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 6498 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SITING OF CERTAIN SOLAR FACILITIES ON FARMLANDS AND CORE FORESTS', to provide for increased review of proposals to site solar facilities on certain farmlands and land that is core forest.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 6499 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RADIATION SECURITY', to provide the state, through the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, with authorization to seek greater oversight and responsibility from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for certain radiation security concerning radioisotopes, uranium and thorium and quantities of special nuclear materials.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

[H.B. No. 6500](#) (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTAL REVISIONS TO THE STATE'S HEMP PROGRAM STATUTE', to make additional revisions to the state's hemp program statute, as required by the federal government.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

[H.B. No. 6501](#) (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STREAMLINING OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION', to make minor and technical revisions to various programmatic statutes of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in an effort to streamline aspects of such programs.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

[H.B. No. 6502](#) (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN POLYSTYRENE PRODUCTS, THE AVAILABILITY OF SINGLE-USE STRAWS, THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN BALLOONS AND THE COMPOSTABLE NATURE OF SINGLE-USE PRODUCE BAGS', to phase out the use of certain polystyrene trays and food containers, prohibit the automatic distribution of single-use plastic straws at certain eating establishments, prohibit the intentional release of certain helium balloons and examine the compostable nature of certain single-use produce bags. .

REF. ENVIRONMENT

[H.B. No. 6503](#) (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SITING OF ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITIES ON FARMS', to encourage the timely siting and applicable permitting of anaerobic digesters on farms while establishing workable feed stock requirements for such facilities.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

[H.B. No. 6504](#) (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL WELFARE', to make various revisions to animal-related statutes concerning domestic and companion animals and rabies quarantine periods.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

[H.B. No. 6505](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS', to: (1) Make various changes to statutes that facilitate the continuation of ongoing court processes without requiring a person to appear in court; (2) update terminology relating to "juvenile residential centers"; (3) update provisions relating to the adoption of judicial rules; (4) make changes to statutes affecting the taking of oaths and the ability of a person to designate others to act on his or her behalf; (5) improve efficiencies with respect to various court processes; and (6) make conforming and technical changes to various statutes.

REF. JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 6506 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCEDURES OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER', to revise procedures of the Office of the Claims Commissioner, including authorizing claimants to file a certificate of merit for claims seeking permission to sue the state, allowing the Office of the Claims Commissioner to grant permission to sue the state without a hearing under certain circumstances and providing that certain claims that have not been disposed of within a specified time be deemed to have been granted permission to sue the state.

REF. JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 6507 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MATERNAL CHOICE IN THE EVENT OF STILLBIRTH AND THE REMOVAL OF DELIVERED PLACENTAS FROM HOSPITALS', to require hospitals to (1) inform mothers of stillborn fetuses of the right to arrange for burial or cremation of such fetuses, and (2) permit the removal of a delivered placenta from the hospital.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 6508 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE LEARNING ATTENDANCE', to allow a local or regional board of education, with the approval of the Commissioner of Education, to provide instruction to high school students through a virtual platform and to prohibit such boards from deeming a student who attends school on a virtual platform as absent.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 6509 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS', to require the Department of Public Health to establish school-based mental health clinics for the purpose of expanding access to mental, emotional and behavioral health services for students.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 6510 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS', to require (1) the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council to develop a document describing the resources available to children with psychiatric disabilities and behavioral health disorders, and (2) hospital emergency departments to provide such document to parents and guardians of certain children upon discharge from such departments.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 6511 (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR YOUTH SPORTS COACHES, TRAINERS AND INSTRUCTORS', to require youth sports coaches, instructors and athletic trainers who are eighteen years of age or older to submit to a comprehensive background check.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

H.B. No. 6512 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTIONS FOR SPORTS WAGERING', to provide certain protections to consumers who engage in sports wagering, if such wagering is authorized.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY