

**HOUSE
List of Bills**

H.B. No. 5467 (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A "FEE-FREE DAY" AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to require the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut to establish an annual "Fee-Free Day".

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 5468 (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COLLEGE CREDITS AWARDED FOR MILITARY TRAINING', to require the governing board of each institution of higher education to review and update its policy concerning credits awarded for a student's military training every five years.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 5481 (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR WOMEN AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES', to provide access to capital for women and minority-owned businesses.

REF. COMMERCE

H.B. No. 5540 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE', to (1) eliminate the presumption that the Secretary of the State's declaratory rulings, opinions, instructions and orders correctly interpret and effectuate the administration of elections and primaries, (2) require that any such declaratory ruling, opinion, instruction or order be submitted for review and approval by the legislative branch, and (3) eliminate the ability of the Secretary to apply to the Judicial Branch for enforcement of certain orders issued by the Secretary.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 5653 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT AMENDING THE CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY STATUTES', to update our civil preparedness and public health emergency statutes and executive order emergency powers to reflect emerging threats, and to retain a legislative role in defining the duration of such powers.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 5655 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VACANCIES IN CONSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICES', to align for all constitutional executive branch offices the manner in which any vacancy therein is filled.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 5656 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING PIZZA AS THE STATE FOOD', to recognize the contribution of pizza to the state's cuisine and economy by designating it as the state food.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 5677 (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY VIOLENCE PREVENTION SERVICES UNDER MEDICAID', to make community violence prevention services provided by a qualified violence prevention professional a covered service under the Medicaid program, and to provide for training and certification of qualified violence prevention professionals.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 6193 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT SUBJECTING CERTAIN NONSTATE ENTITIES THAT SERVE A GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND THE CODES OF ETHICS', to subject certain nonstate entities that serve a governmental function to the Freedom of Information Act and the codes of ethics.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6194 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND OVERSIGHT OF QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACTS', to create transparency in the awarding of quasi-public agency contracts by requiring them to be subject to competitive bidding and subject to oversight by the State Contracting Standards Board.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6203 (COMM) **GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS.** 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN RECORDS CONCERNING NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to facilitate the repatriation of Native American remains and artifacts by enabling state institutions to keep confidential any records provided as evidence that ancestral remains or artifacts were affiliated with a particular tribe.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6211 (COMM) **GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS.** 'AN ACT CONCERNING GENDER AND RACIAL DIVERSITY ON CERTAIN STATE APPOINTIVE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS AND AN ONLINE SYSTEM FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT', to (1) achieve gender and racial diversity on certain state appointive boards, commissions, committees and councils that reflects the population of the state, and (2) create an online system for consideration of appointments within the Legislative Department.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6263 (COMM) **HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT.** 'AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to exempt records provided to and documents prepared by a public institution of higher education concerning the concentration of pyrrhotite in concrete foundations in residential buildings.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

H.B. No. 6325 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE, ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND ELECTION AUDITS', to (1) require the Secretary of the State to report on certain election laws modified or suspended for any primary or election held in 2020 or 2021, (2) require any declaratory ruling, instruction, opinion or order of the Secretary to be adopted as a regulation and submitted to the Legislative Regulation Review Committee, (3) prohibit the unsolicited mailing of absentee ballots by certain election officials, (4) provide state-wide consistency regarding pre-election day processing of absentee ballots whenever authorized and prohibit registrars of voters from contacting voters for the purpose of curing unsigned absentee ballots, (5) require the Secretary to establish a pilot program from the verification of signatures on returned absentee ballot envelopes, (6) require that absentee ballot applications contain a statement regarding penalties for noncompliance with certain provisions, (7) establish a task force to study the feasibility of single-envelope returns of absentee ballots, (8) establish a working group to examine risk-limiting audits of election results, and (9) change the deadline by which minor parties need to file their rules with the Secretary prior to nominating candidates for office.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6649 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION', to make technical changes to provisions concerning government administration.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6650 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS OF TOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS', to provide an additional circumstance under which a no-contest election of town committee members may occur.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6651 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT RESPONDING TO ISSUES RELATED TO COVID-19 AND GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION', to extend the duration of various provisions of executive orders concerning Freedom of Information requirements for meetings and appeals, regulatory requirements, municipal nominations and notaries.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6652 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS', to designate various days, weeks and months and rename the Columbus Day holiday.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6653 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTHY HOMES', to establish a pilot program to annually provide not less than five hundred residential dwellings with (1) energy efficiency retrofits, and (2) residential improvements that reduce health and safety hazards found in such residential dwellings.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 6654 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILD TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX', to establish a child tax credit against the personal income tax.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

H.B. No. 6655 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL TAXATION AND INCENTIVIZING REGIONALIZATION', to limit property tax increases, authorize municipalities to impose local taxes and incentivize municipal regionalization of services.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

H.B. No. 6656 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONFIRMING AND ADOPTING VOLUMES 1 TO 13, INCLUSIVE, OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, REVISED TO JANUARY 1, 2021', to adopt and confirm the general statutes, revised to January 1, 2021.

REF. JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 6657 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING', to (1) adjust the membership in the Trafficking in Persons Council, (2) allow certain testimony in the case of a delinquency proceeding to be compelled, (3) establish an affirmative defense for trafficking in persons in the case of a victim of trafficking, (4) redefine "sex trafficking", (5) modify the elements of the crimes of patronizing a prostitute and commercial sexual abuse of a minor, (6) change the required frequency of a refresher course in human trafficking awareness for certain professions, and (7) extend vacatur relief to a person who committed certain crimes if a conviction is based on participation in the crime by the convicted person due to such person being a victim of trafficking.

REF. JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 6658 (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MINOR AND TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE TAX AND RELATED STATUTES', to make minor and technical changes to the tax and related statutes.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING