

**SENATE
List of Bills**

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

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

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

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

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

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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

REF. EDUCATION

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

REF. EDUCATION

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

REF. EDUCATION

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

REF. EDUCATION

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

REF. EDUCATION

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

REF. ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 1038 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BROWNFIELD REMEDIATION', to (1) allow short-term lessees of eligible brownfields to apply to the abandoned brownfield cleanup and the brownfield remediation and revitalization programs, (2) allow the Commissioner of Environmental Protection specific authority to issue compliance orders to participants in brownfield programs, (3) establish audit deadlines for the abandoned brownfield cleanup program, and (4) establish a brownfield tax credit program.

REF. COMMERCE

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

REF. COMMERCE

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

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

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

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

S.B. No. 1045 (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STEP THERAPY, ADVERSE DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEWS, AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN, STEPCHILDREN AND OTHER DEPENDENT CHILDREN', to: (1) Allow a child, stepchild or other dependent child to retain health insurance coverage under a parent's individual or group health insurance policy until the policy anniversary date after the date on which the child, stepchild or other dependent child attains the age of twenty-six; (2) prohibit certain health carriers from requiring the use of step therapy for drugs prescribed to treat behavioral health conditions or chronic, disabling or life-threatening conditions or diseases; (3) redefine "clinical peer" for the purposes of adverse determination and utilization reviews; (4) require health carriers to bear the burden of proving that certain health care services under adverse determination or utilization review are not medically necessary; and (5) require health carriers to provide certain clinical peers with the authority to reverse initial adverse determinations.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

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

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING