



JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Friday, March 1, 2024

The Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(A).

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated March 1, 2024, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The following communications were received from His Excellency, the Governor, read by the Clerk and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you NICOLE ANKER of South Glastonbury, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Hillary B. Strackbein, who elected senior judge status.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you TAMAR R. BIRCKHEAD of Hartford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Harry Calmar, who passed away.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you CORRINE A. BONI-VENDOLA of Wallingford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Bruce P. Hudock, who elected senior judge status and since turned 70.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you KRISTIN A. CONNORS of Newtown, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Donna Nelson Heller, who elected senior judge status.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you STEVEN R. DEMBO of Bloomfield, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Hope C. Seeley, who was elevated to the Appellate Court.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you CODY N. GUARNIERI of South Windsor, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Suzanne Caron, who elected senior judge status.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you CHRISTINE JEAN-LOUIS of Wallingford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Sheila A. Huddleston, who elected senior judge status.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you DEVANT J. JOINER of Middletown, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Peter Emmett Wiese, who resigned.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you CRISTINA M. LOPEZ of Wethersfield, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Barry K. Stevens, who elected senior judge status and since turned 70.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you SARA NADIM of Unionville, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Alice A. Bruno, who retired.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you MATTHEW NECCI of Glastonbury, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Kathleen E. McNamara, who elected senior judge status.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you SUSAN E. NUGENT of Hamden, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Kevin A. Randolph, who elected senior judge status.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you JOHN P. REGAN of Old Greenwich, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Barbara Brazzel-Massaró, who reached the age of 70.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you MARIA C. RODRIGUEZ of West Hartford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable John F. Kavanewsky, Jr., who elected senior judge status and has since turned 70.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you ADAM R. SCHIBLEY of Windsor, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable James W. Abrams, who elected senior judge status.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you PEDRO E. SEGARRA of Hartford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Patrick L. Carroll III, who elected senior judge status and since turned 70.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you ERIC P. SMITH of Litchfield, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Gary J. White, who reached the age of seventy.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you ALAYNA M. STONE of New Haven, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Robert E. Young, who elected senior judge status.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you MELISSA L. STREETO of Wethersfield, to be a Judge of the Superior

Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Thomas G. Moukawsher, who resigned.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you NICOLE J. TUNG of Cheshire, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Jack W. Fischer, who elected senior judge status and who has since retired.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you MATTHEW T. WAX-KRELL of West Hartford, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Matthew E. Auger, who passed away.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Article Twenty-Fifth of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State and Sections 51-44a(h) and 51-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor to nominate for appointment by you COLLEEN ZINGARO of Newtown, to be a Judge of the Superior Court, to serve for a term of eight years from the date of confirmation by you in succession to the Honorable Sybil V. Richards, who retired.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont

Governor

March 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Section 46b-231(f) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I have the honor and privilege to nominate for appointment by you JESSICA W. SIMPSON of Windsor, to be a Family Support Magistrate, in succession to the Honorable Michael C. Daly, to serve for a term of five years beginning from the date of confirmation by you.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor

**COMMUNICATION FROM
THE SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER**

The following communication was received from the Senate Republican Leader, read and referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

February 29, 2024

To the Honorable General Assembly:

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 2-89 it is our pleasure to nominate and with your advice and consent, appoint Mr. Craig Miner, of Litchfield, Connecticut, to be an **AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS** to serve a term beginning February 2, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

Sincerely,

Senator Stephen Harding
Senate Republican Leader

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), the first reading of the following bills and resolutions was waived, the list of bills and resolutions as prepared by the Clerks was accepted, and the bills and resolutions referred to the Committees as indicated thereon in concurrence:

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. **349** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DYSLEXIA SCREENING OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED', to ensure individuals who are incarcerated are screened for dyslexia.

S.B. No. **350** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF BODY SCANNING MACHINES IN THE PUBLIC ENTRANCE AREAS OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES', to require the Commissioner of Correction to report to the General Assembly on the use of body scanning machines in the public entrance areas of correctional facilities.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

S.B. No. **351** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT', to increase the recording fee that funds the Community Investment Account by five dollars.

S.B. No. **352** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO VIEW A BALLOT DURING RECANVASS PROCEDURES', to impose a fine of five hundred dollars for a moderator's or recanvass official's interference with a party representative's right to view a ballot during a recanvass.

S.B. No. **353** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION RELATED TO THE MAINTENANCE OF ELEVATORS', to require the State Building Inspector to create and maintain an online database of information related to the maintenance of elevators in this state.

S.B. No. **354** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RULES OF MINOR POLITICAL PARTIES', to provide that minor political parties are required, and not merely allowed, to abide by their party rules in making nominations for public office and selecting town committee members or convention delegates.

S.B. No. **355** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION FOR REVISIONS TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to make revisions to the Freedom of Information Act recommended by the Freedom of Information Commission, including concerning the application of the definition of "governmental function", which statutory provisions require training by the commission, the education records exemption, the definition of "hand-held scanner", electronic notice of special meetings and appeals for denial of access to certain public records.

S.B. No. **356** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS', to remove a prohibition on the compensation of members of boards of education.

JUDICIARY

S.J. No. **192** (COMM) JUDICIARY. 'RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER'S COMPENSATION AWARD TO TERRANCE POLICE WITH RESPECT TO HIS CLAIM AGAINST THE STATE FOR WRONGFUL INCARCERATION'

ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

H.B. No. **5406** (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY TRANSMISSION AND GRID ENHANCING TECHNOLOGIES', to create a task force to study transmission and grid enhancing technologies.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. **5407** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT DEFINING "DEPENDENT CHILD" FOR PURPOSES OF THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CONCERNING THE EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION OVER

NONRESIDENTS BY THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS', to define "dependent child" for purposes of the State Code of Ethics for public officials and clarify the ability of the Office of State Ethics to exercise personal jurisdiction over nonresidents.

H.B. No. **5408** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF PRINT AND DIGITAL ADVERTISING BY THE STATE', to require executive branch state agencies to purchase a certain percentage of procured print or digital advertising from in-state commercial or nonprofit news publishers.

H.B. No. **5409** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND WEEKS', to designate various days and weeks and revise existing designations.

H.B. No. **5410** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING INFORMATION CONCERNING CERTAIN VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (1) records of an investigation or complaint of alleged sexual harassment or an alleged discriminatory practice or the name of a person providing information concerning such allegations, and (2) records contained within the registry of residents with cognitive challenges created by law enforcement for purposes of assisting in the recovery of missing or wandering persons.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. **5411** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUESTS FOR HEALTH RECORDS AND THE FEES CHARGED FOR ACCESS TO SUCH RECORDS', to establish time and cost parameters relating to requests for health records.

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.J. No. **216** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF SIXTEEN TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION AS ELECTORS AND TO BE SO ADMITTED UPON ATTAINING THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN'

H.J. No. **217** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES PERMITTING CONGRESS TO REGULATE CHILD LABOR'