



## **JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE**

**Monday, April 27, 2026**

The House of Representatives was called to order at 11:00 o'clock a.m., Speaker Matthew Ritter in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Reverend Dr. William A. Evertsberg of Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Ancient Wisdom and Source of all that is - first a word of thanks for choosing precisely us for this lofty and rewarding - if sometimes challenging work. You and the good people of Connecticut have selected just us to think up what makes a great place to live. We are awed and humbled - and grateful - for entrusting us with this work. Now a request, send Your presence on every one of us - to give us articulate speech, listening ears, compassionate hearts, keen eyes to see the pressing need in every corner of our State - and an eager yearning for justice on behalf of all our constituents. Great One - thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks - for every good thing. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Jacobson of the 148th District.

### **FAVORABLE REPORT OF HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following House Resolution was received from the House committee indicated, the resolution read the second time and tabled for the Calendar and printing:

**APPROPRIATIONS. H.R. No. 12 (File No. 719) RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES BARGAINING AGENT COALITION (SEBAC).**

### **BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR FAVORABLE REPORT OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE HOUSE BILL PASSED**

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

**EDUCATION. Substitute for H.B. No. 5035 (COMM) (File No. 402) AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BAN CELLULAR PHONES IN THE CLASSROOM.**

The bill was explained by Representative Leeper of the 132nd who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4684) and moved its adoption.

**On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

**The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4684):**

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

"Section 1. Section 10-233j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2027*):

(a) No student in a public school in the state shall possess or use a remotely activated paging device unless such student obtains the written permission of the school principal for such possession and use. The principal shall grant such permission only if the student or his parent or guardian establishes to the satisfaction of the principal that a reasonable basis exists for the possession and use of the device.

(b) A local or regional board of education may restrict the student possession or use of cellular mobile telephones in the schools under its jurisdiction. In determining whether to restrict such possession or use, the local or regional board of education shall consider the special needs of parents and students.]

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Wireless communication device" means any portable wireless device that has the capability to provide voice, messaging or other data communication between two or more parties, including, but not limited to, a (A) cellular mobile telephone, (B) tablet computer, (C) computer or laptop computer, (D) gaming device, or (E) smart watch;

(2) "Personal wireless communication device" means a wireless communication device that is owned by or otherwise under the control of a student or parent or guardian of a student and has not been issued to such student or another student by the local or regional board of education;

(3) "Access" means holding, viewing, wearing or otherwise using a wireless communication device for the purpose of communication, accessing the Internet, gaming or any other function commonly associated with a wireless communication device;

(4) "Student" means a child enrolled in (A) a preschool program operated by a local or regional board of education, or (B) grade kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, in a public school in this state; and

(5) "Social media" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-231c.

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no student shall be permitted to access or use such student's personal wireless communication device on school grounds during the regular school day. All such personal wireless communication devices shall be powered off and stored in a manner prescribed by the policy adopted by the local or regional board of education pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

(2) A student may access and use a personal wireless communication device on school grounds during the regular school day if (A) such use or access is required under such student's individualized education program, in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 and sections 10-76a to 10-76ooo, inclusive, or is necessary to implement the provisions of an accommodations plan for such student pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended from time to time, for such student, (B) a licensed physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse determines that such use or access is necessary for the health and well-being of such student, or (C) such use or access is limited to a computer, laptop computer or tablet computer for instructional purposes only and authorized under the policy adopted by the local or regional board of education pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

(c) No student may access any social media platforms through the use of the Internet provided by the school during the school day, except such access to a social media platform may be permitted when such access is for instructional purposes.

(d) Each local and regional board of education shall adopt, and update as necessary, a policy restricting the student access or use of personal wireless communication devices during the regular school day. A board shall consider the unique needs of teachers, administrators, parents and guardians and students in the school district. Such policy shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) a prohibition on the access or use of personal wireless communication devices by students on school grounds during the regular school day, (2) provisions permitting the student access or use of

personal wireless communication devices during the regular school day in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, (3) provisions regarding the storage of personal wireless communication devices during the regular school day, including, but not limited to, in a student's locker or in a specified location, (4) a system of enforcement and discipline for violating the provisions of this section or such policy, and (5) procedures for communicating between boards of education and parents and guardians of students in the event of an emergency that occurs during the regular school day.

(e) Each local and regional board of education shall annually notify the parents and guardians of students regarding the policy adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of this section and include such policy in the student handbooks for the school district.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) No local or regional board of education may use social media as the exclusive means of directly communicating with, or otherwise providing notice or information to, students and the parents and guardians of students enrolled in a school under the jurisdiction of the board. As used in this section, "social media" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-231c of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

|           |                     |             |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------|
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2027</i> | 10-233j     |
| Sec. 2    | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | New section |

### DEPUTY SPEAKER GRESKO IN THE CHAIR

The bill was discussed by Representative Zupkus of the 89th.

The bill was further discussed by Representative Mastrofrancesco of the 80th who offered House Amendment Schedule "B" (LCO 4832) moved its adoption and further moved that when the vote be taken it be taken by roll call.

The amendment was discussed by Representatives Leeper of the 132nd, Zupkus of the 89th, Candelora of the 86th, Dauphinais of the 44th, Nuccio of the 53rd, Bolinsky of the 106th and O'Dea of the 125th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 12:18 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

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| Total Number Voting .....         | 147 |
| Necessary for Adoption .....      | 74  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 24  |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 123 |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 4   |

### On a roll call vote the amendment was rejected.

The following is the roll call vote:

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|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| X ALLIE-BRENNAN  | N HUGHES        | N TURCO      | Y O'DEA             |
| N ARZENO         | N JACOBSON      | N WALKER     | Y PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| N BAKER          | N JOHNSON, D.   | N WELANDER   | Y PISCOPO           |
| N BARRY          | N JOHNSON, S.   | N WILSON     | Y PIZZUTO           |
| N BELTON         | N KAVROS DEGRAW | N WINTER     | Y POLLETTA          |
| N BERGER-GIRVALO | N KEITT         | X WOOD       | Y REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| N BIGGINS        | N KHAN          |              | N ROMANO            |
| N BLUMENTHAL     | N LAMARK MUIR   |              | Y RUTIGLIANO        |
| N BOYD           | N LEEPER        | Y ACKERT     | Y SCOTT             |
| N BROWN, K.      | N LEMAR         | Y ANDERSON   | N STEWART           |
| N BROWN, M.      | N LUXENBERG     | N ANISKOVICH | N VAIL              |

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|---|---------------|---|----------------|---|-----------------|---|----------------|
| N | BUMGARDNER    | N | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY        | Y | VEACH          |
| N | CHAFEE        | N | MCCARTHY VAHEY | N | BRONKO          | Y | WEIR           |
| N | COLLINS MAIN  | N | MC GEE         | N | BUCHSBAUM       | N | YACCARINO      |
| N | COMEY         | N | MENAPACE       | N | BUCKBEE         | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI    |
| N | CONCEPCION    | N | MESKERS        | N | CALLAHAN        | N | ZULLO          |
| N | CONSTANTINE   | N | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V.   | Y | ZUPKUS         |
| N | DATHAN        | N | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO          |   |                |
| N | DEFRONZO      | N | OSBORNE        | N | CARNEY          |   |                |
| N | DELANY        | N | PARIS          | N | CARPINO         |   |                |
| N | DEMICO        | N | PARKER         | Y | CASE            | N | RITTER         |
| N | DIGIOVANCARLO | N | PEMBERTON      | N | COURPAS         |   |                |
| N | DILLON        | N | POULOS         | Y | DAUPHINAIS      |   |                |
| N | DOUCETTE      | N | QUINN          | N | DECAPRIO        | N | CANDELARIA, J. |
| N | EXUM          | N | RADER          | N | DELNICKI        | N | GODFREY        |
| N | FARRAR        | N | ROBERTS        | N | DUBITSKY        | N | HALL, J.       |
| N | FAZZINO       | N | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | N | REYES          |
| N | FELIPE        | N | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO        | N | ROSARIO        |
| N | FORTIER       | N | SANCHEZ, E.    | N | HAINES          | N | SANTIAGO       |
| N | FOSTER        | N | SANCHEZ, I.    | N | HALL, C.        |   |                |
| N | GAIEWSKI      | N | SANCHEZ, J.    | N | HOWARD          | N | BUTLER         |
| N | GARIBAY       | N | SANTANELLA     | Y | HOXHA           | N | GONZALEZ       |
| N | GAUTHIER      | N | SANTOS         | Y | JENSEN          | N | MUSHINSKY      |
| N | GEE           | N | SHAKE          | N | KENNEDY         | N | PAOLILLO       |
| N | GENGA         | N | SHANNON        | N | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |                |
| N | GILCHREST     | N | SIMMS          | N | LANOUE          | N | ELLIOTT        |
| N | GUCKER        | N | SMITH          | N | MARRA           | X | GIBSON         |
| N | HADDAD        | N | STAFSTROM      | Y | MASTROFRANCESCO | N | GRESKO         |
| N | HEFFERNAN     | N | STEINBERG      | N | MCGORTY, B.     | N | LINEHAN        |
| N | HORN          | N | SWEET          | Y | NUCCIO          | N | NOLAN          |

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

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(b) A local or regional board of education may restrict the student possession or use of cellular mobile telephones in the schools under its jurisdiction. In determining whether to restrict such possession or use, the local or regional board of education shall consider the special needs of parents and students.]

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(5) "Social media" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-231c.

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no student, teacher or administrator shall be permitted to access or use such student's, teacher's or administrator's personal wireless communication device on school grounds during the regular school day. All such personal wireless communication devices shall be powered off and stored in a manner prescribed by the policy adopted by the local or regional board of education pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2027</i> | 10-233j     |
| Sec. 2    | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | New section |

The bill was further discussed by Representatives Linehan of the 103rd, Ackert of the 8th, Reddington-Hughes of the 66th, Romano of the 113th, Howard of the 43rd, Comey of the 102nd, Scott of the 112th, Courpas of the 149th, Buchsbaum of the 69th, Dauphinais of the 44th, Carpino of the 32nd, Nuccio of the 53rd, Buckbee of the 67th, Kennedy of the 119th, Marra of the 141st, Rutigliano of the 123rd, Rader of the 98th, O'Dea of the 125th, Hall of the 59th, Candelaria of the 95th, Hoxha of the 78th, Meskers of the 150th, Delnicki of the 14th, Nolan of the 39th and Dubitsky of the 47th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 2:44 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

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| Total Number Voting .....         | 148 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 75  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 117 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 31  |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 3   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5035 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

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| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO           | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER          | N | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER        | N | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON          | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER          | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | X | WOOD            | N | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |                 | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |                 | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| N | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT          | N | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | N | ANDERSON        | Y | STEWART           |
| N | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | N | ANISKOVICH      | N | VAIL              |
| Y | BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | N | BOLINSKY        | N | VEACH             |
| Y | CHAFEE         | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO          | N | WEIR              |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN   | Y | MCGEE          | N | BUCHSBAUM       | N | YACCARINO         |
| Y | COMEY          | Y | MENAPACE       | N | BUCKBEE         | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI       |
| Y | CONCEPCION     | Y | MESKERS        | N | CALLAHAN        | N | ZULLO             |
| Y | CONSTANTINE    | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V.   | N | ZUPKUS            |
| Y | DATHAN         | Y | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO          |   |                   |
| Y | DEFRONZO       | Y | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY          |   |                   |
| Y | DELANY         | Y | PARIS          | N | CARPINO         |   |                   |
| Y | DEMICO         | Y | PARKER         | N | CASE            | Y | RITTER            |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO  | Y | PEMBERTON      | N | COURPAS         |   |                   |
| Y | DILLON         | Y | POULOS         | N | DAUPHINAIS      |   |                   |
| Y | DOUCETTE       | Y | QUINN          | N | DECAPRIO        | Y | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| Y | EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI        | Y | GODFREY           |
| Y | FARRAR         | Y | ROBERTS        | N | DUBITSKY        | Y | HALL, J.          |
| Y | FAZZINO        | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES             |
| Y | FELIPE         | Y | ROJAS          | N | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO           |
| Y | FORTIER        | Y | SANCHEZ, E.    | N | HAINES          | Y | SANTIAGO          |
| Y | FOSTER         | Y | SANCHEZ, I.    | Y | HALL, C.        |   |                   |
| Y | GAIEWSKI       | Y | SANCHEZ, J.    | N | HOWARD          | Y | BUTLER            |
| Y | GARIBAY        | Y | SANTANELLA     | Y | HOXHA           | Y | GONZALEZ          |
| Y | GAUTHIER       | Y | SANTOS         | Y | JENSEN          | Y | MUSHINSKY         |
| Y | GEE            | Y | SHAKE          | N | KENNEDY         | Y | PAOLILLO          |
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| Y | GILCHREST      | Y | SIMMS          | Y | LANOUE          | Y | ELLIOTT           |
| Y | GUCKER         | Y | SMITH          | Y | MARRA           | X | GIBSON            |
| Y | HADDAD         | Y | STAFSTROM      | N | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y | GRESKO            |
| Y | HEFFERNAN      | Y | STEINBERG      | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | N | LINEHAN           |
| Y | HORN           | Y | SWEET          | Y | NUCCIO          | Y | NOLAN             |

**BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR  
MATTER RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE  
HOUSE BILL PASSED**

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

**PUBLIC HEALTH. H.B. No. 5142 (RAISED) (File No. 84) AN ACT CONCERNING THE  
USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR VIRTUAL VISITATION AND MONITORING IN  
NURSING HOMES AND RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES.**

The bill was explained by Representative Garibay of the 60th who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4331) and moved its adoption.

The amendment was discussed by Representative Bolinsky of the 106th.

**On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

**The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4331):**

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

"Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Resident" means a resident of a residential care home;

(2) "Resident representative" means (A) a court-appointed conservator of the person or guardian, (B) a health care representative appointed pursuant to section 19a-575a of the general statutes, or (C) if there is no court-appointed conservator of the person or guardian, or health care representative, a person who is (i) designated in a written document signed by the resident and included in the resident's records on file with the residential care home, or (ii) if there is no such written document, a person who is a legally liable relative or other responsible party, provided such person is not an employer or contractor of the residential care home;

(3) "Residential care home" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-490 of the general statutes;

(4) "Technology" means a device capable of remote audio or video communications that may include recording capabilities; and

(5) "Virtual monitoring" means remote monitoring of a resident by a third party via technology owned and operated by the resident in the resident's room or living quarters.

(b) (1) A resident shall have the right to use technology of the resident's choice that facilitates virtual monitoring, provided:

(A) The purchase, activation, installation, maintenance, repair, operation, deactivation and removal of such technology is at the expense of the resident;

(B) The technology and any recordings and images obtained therefrom are used by the resident and any person communicating with the resident or monitoring the resident in a manner that does not violate any individual's right to privacy under state or federal law and in accordance with the provisions of this section;

(C) A clear and conspicuous notice is placed on the door of the resident's room or living unit indicating that technology enabling virtual monitoring and intended for such use may be in use;

(D) In cases where the resident intends to use technology for virtual monitoring in shared living situations, the resident or resident representative provides advance notice to a roommate or the roommate's representative specifying the type of technology, the proposed location of the device, its intended use, intended hours of operation and whether the device is capable of recording audio or video or being activated remotely;

(E) The resident or resident representative (i) obtains the written consent of all roommates or resident representatives of all roommates for the use of the technology for virtual monitoring, and (ii) if any roommate withdraws consent, ceases using the technology for virtual monitoring until consent is obtained; and

(F) The resident or resident representative files a signed, written notice with the residential care home and a copy of any written consent of any roommate not less than seven days before installing or using such technology for virtual monitoring that (i) identifies the type of technology, its intended use, intended hours of operation and location of such technology in the room or living quarters, (ii) states whether the technology is capable of recording audio or video or being activated or controlled remotely, (iii) acknowledges that the resident is responsible for the purchase, activation, installation, maintenance, repair, operation, deactivation and removal of such technology, and (iv) includes a waiver of all civil, criminal and administrative liability for the residential care home in accordance with subsection (e) of this section.

(2) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to cellular mobile telephones used primarily for telephonic communication or tablets not used for virtual monitoring. If a roommate withdraws consent for the use of technology for virtual monitoring, a resident or resident representative shall inform the residential care home, in writing, not later than seven days after the roommate withdraws consent.

(c) A residential care home may establish policies and procedures on the use of technology for virtual monitoring addressing (1) except for cellular mobile telephones used primarily for telephonic communication or tablets not used for virtual monitoring, placement of any technology device in a conspicuously visible, stationary location in the resident's room or living quarters, (2) restrictions on use of the technology to record video or audio outside the resident's room or living quarters or in any shared common space, (3) compliance with applicable federal, state and local life safety and fire protection requirements, (4) limitations on use of technology for virtual monitoring when such use will interfere with resident care or privacy unless the resident, a roommate of the resident, or his or her resident representative, consents to such use, (5) the ability to limit use of technology in the event of a disruption to the residential care home's Internet service, and (6) actions that the residential care home may take for failure to comply with applicable federal, state and local laws or residential care home policy in the use of technology and the process by which a resident may appeal such actions.

(d) The Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman may provide standard forms on its Internet web site for (1) notice by a resident to a residential care home of the resident's plan to install and use technology of his or her choice for virtual monitoring; (2) consent forms for any roommate of a resident who wishes to use technology for virtual monitoring that may capture audio or video of the roommate; and (3) forms for a resident or resident representative to notify the residential care home that a roommate has withdrawn consent for use of technology for virtual monitoring. The Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman shall develop such standard forms in consultation with residential care home representatives and the Department of Public Health.

(e) A residential care home shall be immune from any civil, criminal or administrative liability for any (1) violation of privacy rights of any individual under state law caused by a resident's use of technology in accordance with the provisions of this section; (2) damage to the resident's technology, including, but not limited to, malfunction, not caused intentionally or negligently by the residential care home; and (3) instance when audio or video produced by the resident's technology is inadvertently or intentionally disclosed to, intercepted or used by an unauthorized third party, provided the residential care home does not intentionally cause such audio or video to be disclosed to, intercepted or used by an unauthorized third party.

(f) The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to implement the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 19a-550b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(d) A nursing home facility shall be immune from any civil, criminal or administrative liability for any (1) violation of privacy rights of any individual under state [or federal] law caused by a resident's use of technology in accordance with the provisions of this section; (2) damage to the resident's technology, including, but not limited to, malfunction, not caused [by the negligence of] intentionally or negligently by the nursing home facility; and (3) instance when audio or video produced by the resident's technology is inadvertently or intentionally disclosed to, intercepted or used by an unauthorized third party, provided the nursing home facility does not intentionally cause such audio or video to be disclosed to, intercepted or used by an unauthorized third party."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2    | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 19a-550b(d) |

The bill was discussed by Representative Bolinsky of the 106th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 2:59 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

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| Total Number Voting .....         | 150 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 76  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 150 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 0   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 1   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5142 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

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| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO           | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER          | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER        | Y | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON          | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER          | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD            | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |                 | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |                 | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT          | Y | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | Y | ANDERSON        | Y | STEWART           |
| Y | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVICH      | Y | VAIL              |
| Y | BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY        | Y | VEACH             |
| Y | CHAFEE         | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO          | Y | WEIR              |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN   | Y | MC GEE         | Y | BUCHSBAUM       | Y | YACCARINO         |
| Y | COMEY          | Y | MENAPACE       | Y | BUCKBEE         | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI       |
| Y | CONCEPCION     | Y | MESKERS        | Y | CALLAHAN        | Y | ZULLO             |
| Y | CONSTANTINE    | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V.   | Y | ZUPKUS            |
| Y | DATHAN         | Y | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO          |   |                   |
| Y | DEFRONZO       | Y | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY          |   |                   |
| Y | DELANY         | Y | PARIS          | Y | CARPINO         |   |                   |
| Y | DEMICO         | Y | PARKER         | Y | CASE            | Y | RITTER            |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO  | Y | PEMBERTON      | Y | COURPAS         |   |                   |
| Y | DILLON         | Y | POULOS         | Y | DAUPHINAIS      |   |                   |
| Y | DOUCETTE       | Y | QUINN          | Y | DECAPRIO        | Y | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| Y | EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI        | Y | GODFREY           |
| Y | FARRAR         | Y | ROBERTS        | Y | DUBITSKY        | Y | HALL, J.          |
| Y | FAZZINO        | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES             |
| Y | FELIPE         | Y | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO           |
| Y | FORTIER        | Y | SANCHEZ, E.    | Y | HAINES          | Y | SANTIAGO          |
| Y | FOSTER         | Y | SANCHEZ, I.    | Y | HALL, C.        |   |                   |
| Y | GAIEWSKI       | Y | SANCHEZ, J.    | Y | HOWARD          | Y | BUTLER            |
| Y | GARIBAY        | Y | SANTANELLA     | Y | HOXHA           | Y | GONZALEZ          |
| Y | GAUTHIER       | Y | SANTOS         | Y | JENSEN          | Y | MUSHINSKY         |
| Y | GEE            | Y | SHAKE          | Y | KENNEDY         | Y | PAOLILLO          |
| Y | GENGA          | Y | SHANNON        | Y | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |                   |
| Y | GILCHREST      | Y | SIMMS          | Y | LANOUE          | Y | ELLIOTT           |

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| Y | GUCKER    | Y | SMITH     | Y | MARRA           | Y | GIBSON  |
| Y | HADDAD    | Y | STAFSTROM | Y | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y | GRESKO  |
| Y | HEFFERNAN | Y | STEINBERG | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | Y | LINEHAN |
| Y | HORN      | Y | SWEET     | Y | NUCCIO          | Y | NOLAN   |

**RECESS**

On motion of Representative Rojas of the 9th District, the House recessed at 3:07 o'clock p.m., to reconvene at the Call of the Chair.

**AFTER RECESS**

The House reconvened at 4:21 o'clock p.m., Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore Godfrey in the Chair.

**BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR  
MATTERS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEES  
HOUSE BILLS PASSED**

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

**APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for H.B. No. 5323 (RAISED) (File No. 380) AN ACT  
CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES.**

The bill was explained by Representative Brown of the 56th who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4856) and moved its adoption.

The amendment was discussed by Representative Zupkus of the 89th.

**On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

**The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4856):**

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

"Section 1. Section 10-244a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2013, and each school year thereafter, no municipality or local or regional board of education may employ or enter into an agreement, as described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 53a-217b, with any person, other than a sworn member of an organized local police department or a retired [police] officer as provided in subsection (b) of this section, to provide security services in a public school if such person will possess a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3, while in the performance of his or her duties.

(b) A municipality or a local or regional board of education may employ or enter into an agreement with a retired [police] officer to provide security services in a public school if such retired [police] officer is a (1) qualified retired law enforcement officer, as defined in 18 USC 926C, as amended from time to time, or (2) parole officer who meets the qualifications specified for a qualified retired law enforcement officer under 18 USC 926C, as applicable to a parole officer. Such retired [police] officer shall receive annual training pursuant to section 7-294x and shall successfully complete annual firearms training provided by a certified firearms instructor that meets or exceeds the standards of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council or 18 USC 926C, as amended from time to time. Such retired [police] officer shall not be subject to the licensing requirements of part II of chapter 534.

(c) For the purposes of subsection (b) of this section, ["retired police officer"] (1) "retired officer" means [(1)] (A) a sworn member of an organized local police department who was certified

by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, [and] retired or separated in good standing from such department [or] and is not prohibited from being hired by a law enforcement unit pursuant to section 7-291c, (B) a sworn member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection who retired or separated in good standing from said division [, (2)] and is not prohibited from being hired by a law enforcement unit pursuant to section 7-291c, (C) a sworn federal law enforcement agent who retired or separated in good standing from such federal law enforcement service, is not prohibited from being hired by a law enforcement unit pursuant to section 7-291c and [who] meets or exceeds the standards of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council for certification in this state, [or (3)] (D) a sworn officer of an organized police department in another state who was certified under standards that meet or exceed the standards of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council for certification in this state, [and who] retired or separated in good standing from such department and is not prohibited from being hired by a law enforcement unit pursuant to section 7-291c, or (E) a parole officer who retired or separated in good standing from the Department of Correction, and (2) "good standing" means the status of a police officer whose employment in a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a, or a parole officer whose employment with the Department of Correction, was not terminated as a result of disciplinary action or during a period when such police officer or parole officer was under investigation or disciplinary action was pending.

Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The Connecticut Advisory Council for School Administrator Professional Standards, established pursuant to section 10-144e of the general statutes, in consultation with the Connecticut Association of Schools, shall establish a pilot program for a new school administrator mentorship program. Such pilot program shall include, but need not be limited to, supports, training and professional development for new school administrators. Not later than July 1, 2027, the council shall report the plan for implementation of the pilot program to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

(b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2027, the Connecticut Advisory Council for School Administrator Professional Standards shall implement the pilot program in school districts identified in the plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Not later than January 1, 2029, the council shall report on the results of the pilot program, 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 education. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, recommendations for improvement to and requirements for the further implementation of the pilot program.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) Not later than July 1, 2027, no local or regional board of education shall require students in grades nine to twelve, inclusive, who participate in any interscholastic athletics to meet or exceed academic eligibility standards that are higher than the academic eligibility standards established by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference.

Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, establish a grant program for the provision of a therapeutic arts program in public schools for the school year commencing July 1, 2027, and each school year thereafter. Such grant shall be in an amount determined by the Commissioner of Education and available to any local or regional board of education or regional educational service center interested in providing a therapeutic arts program, but the department shall prioritize boards of education or regional educational service centers serving school districts with a high rate of exclusionary discipline, lack of access to behavioral health services and supports and an existing social-emotional learning program. Not later than January 1, 2027, the department shall post in a conspicuous location on its Internet web site information about the grant program, including, but not limited to, eligibility criteria, application forms and the amount of grant funds available to applicants.

(b) Not later than July 1 2028, and annually thereafter, the Department of Education 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 education. Such report shall include the number of grants awarded and recipients of such grants.

Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-264l of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Education may authorize, for a period not to exceed two years, the temporary placement of students enrolled in the Bridgeport Military Academy in available

classroom space at the Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet Campus for the purpose of facilitating construction of a permanent facility for the Bridgeport Military Academy.

(b) The temporary placement of students authorized under this section shall be limited to the grades and programs of the Bridgeport Military Academy approved by the Department of Education and shall not be deemed to alter the interdistrict magnet school status of the Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet Campus or the eligibility of Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet Campus for operating grant funding under section 10-264i of the general statutes.

(c) The Department of Education shall assign a separate facility code to the Bridgeport Military Academy during such temporary placement and shall continue to maintain separate enrollment, performance and accountability metrics for both the Bridgeport Military Academy and the Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet Campus.

(d) The Department of Education shall establish guidelines to ensure that such temporary placement of students does not result in the commingling of students in core academic courses or programs, except as expressly approved by the Commissioner of Education for purposes consistent with each school's educational program.

(e) Upon completion of the new permanent facility, the Bridgeport Military Academy shall vacate the temporary location and temporary placement of students at the Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict Magnet Campus and resume operations in the new permanent facility.

Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) Section 51 of public act 24-41 shall take effect July 1, 2027.

Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section, "broad assessment" means an assessment that measures what students should have learned during a semester or during a school year. "Broad assessment" does not include the state-wide mastery examinations under section 10-14n of the general statutes or any other student assessments required by state or federal law.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Education shall establish, within available appropriations, an incentive program for school districts that (1) reduces or limits the amount of time students spend on taking broad assessments during the school year, (2) integrates state-provided interim and formative assessment tools into the local curriculum in a manner that supports ongoing instructional improvement, and (3) increases teacher competency in the formative assessment process. The incentive program may include public recognition, financial awards and enhanced autonomy or operational flexibility for school districts.

Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) Not later than June 1, 2027, the Department of Education shall develop and provide guidance to local and regional boards of education on effective strategies for reducing the amount of discretionary local student assessments. Such guidance may include the elimination of the fall and spring administration of broad assessments, as defined in section 7 of this act, or substituting, where appropriate, certain end-of-unit classroom summative assessments with state-provided interim and formative assessment tools.

Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education may, after consultation with the working group established pursuant to section 28 of public act 24-45, submit a request to the United States Secretary of Education to amend the state's approved plan submitted pursuant to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 USC 6301, et seq., as amended from time to time, and reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act, P.L. 114-95. Such request may include a waiver from federal accountability requirements under said act that allows the Department of Education to modify the state's high school accountability model by reducing the weight assigned to the academic achievement indicator and increasing the weight for other relevant indicators, such as college and career-oriented measures.

Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Education shall redesign Connecticut's high school mathematics pathways to prepare students for relevant postsecondary careers. Such mathematics pathways shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) science, technology, engineering and mathematics, (2) data science and statistics, (3) quantitative reasoning, and (4) workforce and applied mathematics. The commissioner may consult with relevant stakeholders to implement the provisions of this subsection.

(b) The commissioner, in consultation with the Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board established pursuant to section 10-150b of the general statutes, shall develop guidelines for the role of mathematics specialists in supporting mathematics interventions in schools.

(c) Not later than January 1, 2027, the commissioner shall (1) develop a list of professional development providers to support the implementation of high-quality mathematics instruction, and (2) explore the feasibility of launching MathConn, a professional learning series for educators. The commissioner may consult with relevant stakeholders to implement the provisions of this subsection.

Sec. 11. Section 10-222c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(a) No local or regional board of education, governing council of a state or local charter school, interdistrict magnet school operator or supervisory agent of a nonpublic school shall offer employment to an applicant for a position, including any position which is contracted for, if such applicant would have direct student contact, prior to such board, council, operator or supervisory agent:

(1) Requiring of such applicant:

(A) To list the name, address and telephone number of each current or former employer of the applicant, if such current or former employer was a local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent or if such employment otherwise caused the applicant to have contact with children;

(B) A written authorization that (i) consents to and authorizes disclosure by the employers listed under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision of the information requested under subdivision (2) of this subsection and the release of related records by such employers, (ii) consents to and authorizes disclosure by the Department of Education of the information requested under subdivision (3) of this subsection and the release of related records by the department, and (iii) releases those employers and the department from liability that may arise from such disclosure or release of records pursuant to subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection; and

(C) A written statement of whether the applicant (i) has been or is the subject of an abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct investigation, or any investigation involving the injury or risk of injury to, or impairing the morals of, a minor under section 53-21, by any employer, state agency or municipal police department, [unless the investigation resulted in a finding that all allegations were unsubstantiated,] (ii) has ever been disciplined or asked to resign from employment or resigned from or otherwise separated from any employment while an allegation of abuse or neglect was pending or under investigation by the Department of Children and Families or such employer, state agency or municipal police department, or an allegation of sexual misconduct was pending or under investigation by such employer, state agency or municipal police department, or an allegation involving the injury or risk of injury to, or impairing the morals of, a minor under section 53-21, was pending or under investigation, or due to an allegation substantiated pursuant to section 17a-101g of abuse or neglect, or of sexual misconduct or a conviction for abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct, or (iii) has ever had a professional or occupational license or certificate suspended or revoked or has ever surrendered such a license or certificate while an allegation of abuse or neglect was pending or under investigation by the department or an investigation of sexual misconduct was pending or under investigation, or an allegation involving the injury or risk of injury to, or impairing the morals of, a minor under section 53-21, was pending or under investigation, or due to an allegation substantiated by the department of abuse or neglect or of sexual misconduct or a conviction for abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct;

(2) Conducting a review of the employment history of the applicant by contacting those employers listed by the applicant under subdivision (1) of this subsection. Such review shall be conducted using a form developed by the Department of Education in accordance with section 3 of public act 16-67 that shall request (A) the dates of employment of the applicant, and (B) a statement as to whether the employer has knowledge that the applicant (i) was or is the subject of an allegation of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct for which there is an investigation pending with any employer, state agency or municipal police department or which has been substantiated, unless such substantiation has been reversed as a result of an appeal conducted pursuant to section 17a-101k; (ii) was disciplined or asked to resign from employment or resigned from or otherwise separated from any employment while an allegation of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct was or is pending or under investigation, or due to a substantiation of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct, unless such substantiation has been reversed as a result of an appeal conducted pursuant to section 17a-101k; or (iii) has ever had a professional or occupational license, certificate, authorization or

permit suspended or revoked or has ever surrendered such a license, certificate, authorization or permit while an allegation of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct was pending or under investigation, or due to a substantiation of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct, unless such substantiation has been reversed as a result of an appeal conducted pursuant to section 17a-101k. Such review may be conducted telephonically or through written communication. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (g) of section 31-51i, not later than five business days after any such current or former employer of the applicant receives a request for such information, such employer shall respond with and is authorized to disclose such information. A local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent may request more information concerning any response made by a current or former employer, and, notwithstanding the provisions of said subsection (g), such employer shall respond not later than five business days after receiving such request; and

(3) Requesting information from the Department of Education concerning (A) the eligibility status for employment of any applicant for a position requiring a certificate, authorization or permit issued pursuant to chapter 166, (B) whether the department has knowledge that an investigation is pending or a finding has been substantiated by the Department of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-101g of abuse or neglect or of sexual misconduct against the applicant and any information concerning such [a] investigation or finding, and (C) whether the department has received notification that the applicant has been convicted of a crime or of criminal charges pending against the applicant and any information concerning such charges.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (g) of section 31-51i, any local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent that receives information that an applicant for a position with or an employee of the board is under investigation or has been disciplined for a finding of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct shall notify the Department of Education of such information.

(c) No local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent shall employ an applicant for a position involving direct student contact who does not comply with the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section.

(d) A local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent may employ or contract with an applicant on a temporary basis for a period not to exceed ninety days, pending the review of information received under this section by such board, council, operator or supervisory agent, provided:

(1) The applicant complied with subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section;

(2) The board, council, operator or supervisory agent has no knowledge of information pertaining to the applicant that would disqualify the applicant from employment with the board, council, operator or supervisory agent; and

(3) The applicant affirms that the applicant is not disqualified from employment with such board, council, operator or supervisory agent.

(e) No local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent shall enter into a collective bargaining agreement, an employment contract, an agreement for resignation or termination, a severance agreement or any other contract or agreement or take any action that:

(1) Has the effect of suppressing or requiring the nondisclosure of information relating to [an] a pending investigation of a report of suspected abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct by a current or former employee;

(2) Affects the ability of the local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent to report suspected abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct to appropriate authorities; or

(3) Requires the local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent to expunge information about an allegation or a finding of suspected abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct from any documents maintained by the board, unless after investigation such allegation is [dismissed or] found to be false.

(f) No local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent shall offer employment to a person as a substitute teacher, unless such person and such board, council, operator or supervisory agent comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section. The board, council, operator or supervisory agent shall determine which such persons are employable as substitute teachers and maintain a list of such persons. No board, council, operator or supervisory agent shall

hire any person as a substitute teacher who is not on such list. Such person shall remain on such list as long as such person is continuously employed by the board, council, operator or supervisory agent as a substitute teacher, as described in subsection (c) of section 10-221d, provided the board, council, operator or supervisory agent does not have any knowledge of a reason that such person should be removed from such list.

(g) In the case of an applicant who is a contractor, the contractor shall require any employee with such contractor who would be in a position involving direct student contact to supply to such contractor all information required of an applicant under subparagraphs (A) and (C) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section and a written authorization under subparagraph (B) of said subdivision. Such contractor shall contact any current or former employer of such employee that was a local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent or if such employment caused the employee to have contact with children, and request, either telephonically or through written communication, any information concerning whether there is a pending or open investigation or was a finding of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct against such employee. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (g) of section 31-51i, such employer shall report to the contractor any such investigation or finding, either telephonically or through written communication. If the contractor receives any information indicating such [a] investigation or finding or otherwise has knowledge of such [a] investigation or finding, the contractor shall, notwithstanding the provisions of said subsection (g), immediately forward such information to any local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent with which the contractor is under contract, either telephonically or through written communication. Any local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent that receives such information shall determine whether such employee may work in a position involving direct student contact at any school under the jurisdiction or control of such board, council, operator or supervisory agent. No determination by a local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent that any such employee shall not work under any such contract in any such position shall constitute a breach of such contract.

(h) Any applicant who knowingly provides false information or knowingly fails to disclose information required in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to discipline by the employing local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent that may include (1) denial of employment, or (2) termination of the contract of a certified employee, in accordance with the provisions of section 10-151.

(i) Any employer who provides information in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section or subsection (g) of this section and the Department of Education for the provision of information requested in accordance with subdivision (3) of said subsection (a) shall be immune from criminal and civil liability, provided the employer or department did not knowingly supply false information.

(j) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-151c and subsection (g) of section 31-51i, a local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent shall provide upon request by any other local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent for the purposes of an inquiry pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section or subsection (g) of this section or to the Commissioner of Education pursuant to subsection (b) of this section any information that the board, council, operator or supervisory agent has concerning [a] an investigation or finding of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct by a subject of any such inquiry.

(k) For purposes of this section and section 10-221d, as amended by this act, (1) "sexual misconduct" means any verbal, nonverbal, written or electronic communication, or any other act directed toward or with a student that is designed to establish a sexual relationship with the student, including a sexual invitation, dating or soliciting a date, engaging in sexual dialog, making sexually suggestive comments, self-disclosure or physical exposure of a sexual or erotic nature and any other sexual, indecent or erotic contact with a student; (2) "abuse or neglect" means abuse or neglect as described in section 46b-120, and includes any violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a; and (3) "former employer" means any local or regional board of education, governing council of a state or local charter school or interdistrict magnet school operator, person, firm, business, educational institution, nonprofit agency, corporation, limited liability company, the state, any political subdivision of the state, any governmental agency, or any other entity that such applicant was employed by during any of the previous twenty years prior to applying for a position

with a local or regional board of education, governing council of a state or local charter school or interdistrict magnet school operator.

(l) Prior to offering employment to an applicant, a local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent shall make a documented good faith effort to contact each current and any former employer that was a local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent or if such employment otherwise caused the applicant to have contact with children of the applicant in order to obtain information and recommendations which may be relevant to the applicant's fitness for employment, including whether there is a pending investigation of the applicant for allegations of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct, provided such effort shall not be construed to require more than three telephonic requests made on three separate days.

(m) No local or regional board of education, council, operator or supervisory agent shall offer employment to any applicant who had any previous employment contract terminated by a board, council, operator or supervisory agent or who resigned from such employment, if such [person] applicant (1) has been convicted of a violation of section 17a-101o, [when] or (2) has had an allegation of abuse or neglect or sexual [assault has been] misconduct substantiated.

Sec. 12. Subsection (f) of section 10-221d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (g) of section 31-51i, and to the extent permissible under state and federal laws regarding the dissemination of criminal history records, the State Board of Education shall, upon request of an eligible school operator, make available to such eligible school operator requesting information concerning an applicant for a position with such eligible school operator (1) any information concerning the applicant's eligibility for employment in a position with such eligible school operator requiring a certificate, authorization or permit issued pursuant to chapter 166, (2) whether the department has knowledge that the applicant has been disciplined for a finding of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct, as defined in section 10-222c, as amended by this act, and any information concerning such a finding, [and] (3) whether the department has received notification that the applicant has been convicted of a crime or of criminal charges pending against the applicant and any information concerning such charges, and (4) whether the department has been notified pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-222c, as amended by this act, that the applicant is under investigation or has been disciplined for a finding of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct by a former employer, as defined in section 10-222c, as amended by this act, unless the investigation resulted in a finding that all allegations were false. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to cause the state board to investigate any such request or disseminate the results of any national criminal history records check.

Sec. 13. Subsection (f) of section 10-232a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (g) of section 31-51i, and to the extent permissible under state and federal laws regarding the dissemination of criminal history records, the State Board of Education shall, upon request of a nongovernmental school operator, make available to such nongovernmental school operator requesting information concerning an applicant for a position with such nongovernmental school operator, (1) any information concerning the applicant's eligibility for employment in a position with such nongovernmental school operator requiring a certificate, authorization or permit issued pursuant to chapter 166, (2) whether the department has knowledge that the applicant has been disciplined for a finding of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct, as defined in section 10-222c, as amended by this act, and any information concerning such a finding, [and] (3) whether the department has received notification that the applicant has been convicted of a crime or of criminal charges pending against the applicant and any information concerning such charges, and (4) whether the department has been notified pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-222c, as amended by this act, that the applicant is under investigation or has been disciplined for a finding of abuse or neglect or sexual misconduct by a former employer, as defined in section 10-222c, as amended by this act, unless the investigation resulted in a finding that all allegations were false. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to cause the state board to investigate any such request or disseminate the results of any national criminal history records check."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

|           |                     |             |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------|
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | 10-244a     |
| Sec. 2    | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | New section |
| Sec. 3    | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | New section |
| Sec. 4    | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | New section |
| Sec. 5    | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 6    | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 7    | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | New section |
| Sec. 8    | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | New section |
| Sec. 9    | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 10   | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
| Sec. 11   | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | 10-222c     |
| Sec. 12   | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | 10-221d(f)  |
| Sec. 13   | <i>July 1, 2026</i> | 10-232a(f)  |

The bill was discussed by Representatives Zupkus of the 89th and Marra of the 141st.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 4:47 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Total Number Voting .....         | 150 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 76  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 150 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 0   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 1   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5323 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

|   |                |   |                |   |               |   |                   |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|---------------|---|-------------------|
| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO         | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER        | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER      | Y | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON        | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER        | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD          | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |               | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |               | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT        | Y | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | Y | ANDERSON      | Y | STEWART           |
| Y | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVICH    | Y | VAIL              |
| Y | BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY      | Y | VEACH             |
| Y | CHAFEE         | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO        | Y | WEIR              |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN   | Y | MCGEE          | Y | BUCHSBAUM     | Y | YACCARINO         |
| Y | COMEY          | Y | MENAPACE       | Y | BUCKBEE       | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI       |
| Y | CONCEPCION     | Y | MESKERS        | Y | CALLAHAN      | Y | ZULLO             |
| Y | CONSTANTINE    | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V. | Y | ZUPKUS            |
| Y | DATHAN         | Y | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO        |   |                   |
| Y | DEFRONZO       | Y | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY        |   |                   |
| Y | DELANY         | Y | PARIS          | Y | CARPINO       |   |                   |
| Y | DEMICO         | Y | PARKER         | Y | CASE          | Y | RITTER            |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO  | Y | PEMBERTON      | Y | COURPAS       |   |                   |
| Y | DILLON         | Y | POULOS         | Y | DAUPHINAIS    |   |                   |
| Y | DOUCETTE       | Y | QUINN          | Y | DECAPRIO      | Y | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| Y | EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI      | Y | GODFREY           |
| Y | FARRAR         | Y | ROBERTS        | Y | DUBITSKY      | Y | HALL, J.          |

|   |           |   |             |   |                 |   |           |
|---|-----------|---|-------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------|
| Y | FAZZINO   | Y | ROCHELLE    | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES     |
| Y | FELIPE    | Y | ROJAS       | Y | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO   |
| Y | FORTIER   | Y | SANCHEZ, E. | Y | HAINES          | Y | SANTIAGO  |
| Y | FOSTER    | Y | SANCHEZ, I. | Y | HALL, C.        |   |           |
| Y | GAIEWSKI  | Y | SANCHEZ, J. | Y | HOWARD          | Y | BUTLER    |
| Y | GARIBAY   | Y | SANTANELLA  | Y | HOXHA           | Y | GONZALEZ  |
| Y | GAUTHIER  | Y | SANTOS      | Y | JENSEN          | Y | MUSHINSKY |
| Y | GEE       | Y | SHAKE       | Y | KENNEDY         | Y | PAOLILLO  |
| Y | GENGA     | Y | SHANNON     | Y | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |           |
| Y | GILCHREST | Y | SIMMS       | Y | LANOUE          | Y | ELLIOTT   |
| Y | GUCKER    | Y | SMITH       | Y | MARRA           | Y | GIBSON    |
| Y | HADDAD    | Y | STAFSTROM   | Y | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y | GRESKO    |
| Y | HEFFERNAN | Y | STEINBERG   | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | Y | LINEHAN   |
| Y | HORN      | Y | SWEET       | Y | NUCCIO          | Y | NOLAN     |

#### DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE SANTIAGO IN THE CHAIR

#### APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for H.B. No. 5143 (RAISED) (File No. 85) AN ACT REQUIRING TRAINING FOR HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCY EMPLOYEES.

The bill was explained by Representative Garibay of the 60th who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4566) and moved its adoption.

The amendment was discussed by Representatives Bolinsky of the 106th, Ackert of the 8th, Mastrofrancesco of the 80th, Hughes of the 135th, Dauphinais of the 44th and Pizzuto of the 71st.

#### On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

#### The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4566):

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

"Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) (1) On and after January 1, 2027, each homemaker-companion agency, as defined in section 20-670 of the general statutes, shall provide not less than eight paid hours of:

(A) Initial training to each new employee not later than ninety days after a new employee's start of employment, which shall include, but need not be limited to, programs relating to the topics described in subdivisions (2), (3) and (4) of subsection (b) of this section and, if the new employee will provide services to persons with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, subdivision (6) of subsection (b) of this section; and

(B) Annual continuing education to each employee, which shall be comprised of programs on the list of approved homemaker-companion agency employee training programs developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

(2) If an employee of a homemaker-companion agency has received initial training in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this subsection while employed by a different homemaker-companion agency within the three years preceding the employee's date of hire, such training shall satisfy the initial training requirements of said subparagraph, provided the employee furnishes proof of such initial training by providing the form described in subsection (c) of this section. A homemaker-companion agency shall retain a copy of such form in the employee's personnel file as proof of compliance with the initial training requirements.

(3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to (A) a nurse's aide, registered pursuant to chapter 378a of the general statutes, (B) a home health aide, (C) a personal care attendant, as defined in section 17b-706 of the general statutes, or (D) any employee of a homemaker-companion agency who does not provide homemaker services or companion services, as such terms are defined in section 20-670 of the general statutes. For the purposes of this subdivision, "home health aide"

means a person who provides home health aide services, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, as an employee of a home health aide agency, as defined in said section.

(b) Not later than October 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with the Commissioners of Public Health, Social Services, Developmental Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services, shall develop a list of approved homemaker-companion agency employee training programs appropriate for use by homemaker-companion agencies when providing mandatory employee training pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section. The list of approved homemaker-companion agency employee training programs shall be limited to programs concerning (1) communication, (2) maintenance of a clean and safe environment, including, but not limited to, best practices relating to dressing, bathing and toileting assistance, (3) identification and reporting of abuse and neglect, (4) identification and reporting of changes in a homemaker-companion agency client's condition and service needs, (5) differentiation between medical and nonmedical care, (6) providing nonmedical services to a person with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, and (7) any other topic deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with the Commissioners of Public Health, Social Services, Developmental Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall publish the list of approved homemaker-companion agency employee training programs on the Department of Consumer Protection's Internet web site. Each homemaker-companion agency shall ensure that each employee completes every program on such list at least once every two calendar years.

(c) Upon completion of any employee training conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, each homemaker-companion agency and employee shall complete a form, in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, attesting that the employee completed such training. Such form shall include (1) the names of the homemaker-companion agency and employee, (2) the training programs completed by the employee and the date or dates of their completion, and (3) the signatures of a representative of the homemaker-companion agency and the employee.

(d) Each registry, as defined in section 20-670 of the general statutes, shall ensure that each individual such registry supplies or refers to or places with a consumer for the purpose of enabling such individual to provide to the consumer companion services or homemaker services, as such terms are defined in section 20-670 of the general statutes, complies with the training requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this section before supplying or referring such individual to or placing such individual with a consumer.

(e) Not later than January 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, each homemaker-companion agency shall submit to the Department of Consumer Protection, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, an attestation in which such homemaker-companion agency agrees to adhere to the training requirements described in this section. Each homemaker-companion agency shall maintain a list of training programs used by such homemaker-companion agency, including content summaries of such programs, and a paper or electronic copy of all forms relating to current employees submitted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 20-677 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

(g) (1) A homemaker-companion agency may include in its business name and advertising the term "care" if such term is used in reference to such agency's provision of homemaker services, provided, on and after October 1, 2023, any such advertising [(1)] (A) shall prominently and clearly display in plain font with distinctly contrasting colors at the top of such advertising, including, but not limited to, each page of the agency's Internet web site, social media posts, print media and audio-visual advertisements, the clear and conspicuous words: "(Insert name of homemaker-companion agency) solely provides nonmedical care.", or, if such advertising is an audio advertisement, such words shall be audibly conveyed at the same speed and manner as the rest of such audio advertisement, and [(2)] (B) shall not include any words that indicate or suggest that such agency provides any services beyond the scope of services authorized under this chapter, including, but not limited to, words relating to medical or health care licensure or services.

(2) A homemaker-companion agency may include in its advertising (A) words that accurately describe, as determined by the commissioner, that such agency has employees who are trained to provide homemaker services to individuals experiencing memory difficulties, provided the agency

details the type of training and number of hours each employee was trained to provide such services, or (B) a statement that such agency complies with all state training requirements relating to homemaker-companion agencies, which may include references to specific homemaker-companion agency employee training program topics as described in subsection (b) of section 1 of this act. A violation of the provisions of this subsection shall constitute untruthful or misleading advertising for the purposes of subsection (a) of section 20-675."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

|           |                        |             |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 2    | <i>January 1, 2027</i> | 20-677(g)   |

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 5:29 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Total Number Voting .....         | 150 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 76  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 149 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 1   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 1   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5143 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

|   |                |   |                |   |               |   |                   |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|---------------|---|-------------------|
| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO         | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER        | N | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER      | Y | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON        | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER        | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD          | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |               | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |               | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT        | Y | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | Y | ANDERSON      | Y | STEWART           |
| Y | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVIK     | Y | VAIL              |
| Y | BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY      | Y | VEACH             |
| Y | CHAFEE         | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO        | Y | WEIR              |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN   | Y | MC GEE         | Y | BUCHSBAUM     | Y | YACCARINO         |
| Y | COMEY          | Y | MENAPACE       | Y | BUCKBEE       | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI       |
| Y | CONCEPCION     | Y | MESKERS        | Y | CALLAHAN      | Y | ZULLO             |
| Y | CONSTANTINE    | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V. | Y | ZUPKUS            |
| Y | DATHAN         | Y | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO        |   |                   |
| Y | DEFRONZO       | Y | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY        |   |                   |
| Y | DELANY         | Y | PARIS          | Y | CARPINO       |   |                   |
| Y | DEMICCO        | Y | PARKER         | Y | CASE          | Y | RITTER            |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO  | Y | PEMBERTON      | Y | COURPAS       |   |                   |
| Y | DILLON         | Y | POULOS         | Y | DAUPHINAIS    |   |                   |
| Y | DOUCETTE       | Y | QUINN          | Y | DECAPRIO      | Y | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| Y | EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI      | Y | GODFREY           |
| Y | FARRAR         | Y | ROBERTS        | Y | DUBITSKY      | Y | HALL, J.          |
| Y | FAZZINO        | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN      | Y | REYES             |
| Y | FELIPE         | Y | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO      | Y | ROSARIO           |
| Y | FORTIER        | Y | SANCHEZ, E.    | Y | HAINES        | Y | SANTIAGO          |
| Y | FOSTER         | Y | SANCHEZ, I.    | Y | HALL, C.      |   |                   |
| Y | GAIEWSKI       | Y | SANCHEZ, J.    | Y | HOWARD        | Y | BUTLER            |
| Y | GARIBAY        | Y | SANTANELLA     | Y | HOXHA         | Y | GONZALEZ          |

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| Y | GAUTHIER  | Y | SANTOS    | Y | JENSEN          | Y | MUSHINSKY |
| Y | GEE       | Y | SHAKE     | Y | KENNEDY         | Y | PAOLILLO  |
| Y | GENGA     | Y | SHANNON   | Y | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |           |
| Y | GILCHREST | Y | SIMMS     | Y | LANOUE          | Y | ELLIOTT   |
| Y | GUCKER    | Y | SMITH     | Y | MARRA           | Y | GIBSON    |
| Y | HADDAD    | Y | STAFSTROM | Y | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y | GRESKO    |
| Y | HEFFERNAN | Y | STEINBERG | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | Y | LINEHAN   |
| Y | HORN      | Y | SWEET     | Y | NUCCIO          | Y | NOLAN     |

**BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR  
FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES  
HOUSE BILLS PASSED**

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

**ENVIRONMENT. H.B. No. 5155 (RAISED) (File No. 36) AN ACT CONCERNING PESTICIDE REPORTING MODERNIZATION.**

The bill was explained by Representative Parker of the 101st who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4266) and moved its adoption.

The amendment was discussed by Representative Callahan of the 108th.

**On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

**The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4266):**

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

"Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working group within the legislative branch to examine the creation of a searchable database that is capable of receiving, organizing and storing data associated with the sales and use of pesticides that the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may require or request pursuant to chapter 441 of the general statutes. In undertaking such examination, such working group shall review the searchable pesticide databases of not less than two other states, including, but not limited to: (1) Reviewing the costs of creating, licensing and maintaining such databases and the costs associated with complying with the use of such databases for any applicator, farmer, retailer or other person who reports any such sales or use information, and (2) learning the parameters, uses, outcomes and end users of such databases, including, but not limited to, any security or proprietary information issues related to the use of such databases.

(b) Not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section, the cochairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment shall jointly select two cochairpersons of such working group who shall, not later than thirty days after such appointment, select the membership of such working group, which shall include: (1) A representative of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, (2) a representative of the Department of Agriculture, (3) a representative of a national trade association that represents manufacturers, retailers or formulators of consumer, industrial and institutional products used for pest control management, (4) the director of the Sea Grant Program at The University of Connecticut, or the director's designee, (5) a representative of licensed commercial pesticide applicators, (6) a representative of the Connecticut Farm Bureau, (7) a representative of an advocacy group that represents invertebrate conservation, (8) a representative of a watershed group that advocates for pesticide reform, (9) a representative of an organization that advocates for bird conservation, (10) a representative of the nursery association, (11) a representative of organic farmers, and (12) a representative of the Connecticut association of golf course superintendents.

(c) The cochairpersons of such working group shall convene the working group not later than thirty days after the appointment of such membership pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

(d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment shall serve as administrative staff to the working group.

(e) Not later than January 15, 2027, such working group shall submit a report on its examination, findings and recommendations, including, but not limited to, any legislative proposals, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 15, 2027, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

|           |                     |             |
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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------|

The bill was discussed by Representative Callahan of the 108th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 5:41 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Total Number Voting .....         | 149 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 75  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 149 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 0   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 2   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5155 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

|   |                |   |                |   |               |   |                   |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|---------------|---|-------------------|
| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO         | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER        | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER      | Y | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON        | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER        | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD          | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |               | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |               | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT        | Y | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | Y | ANDERSON      | Y | STEWART           |
| Y | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVICH    | Y | VAIL              |
| Y | BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY      | Y | VEACH             |
| Y | CHAFEE         | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO        | Y | WEIR              |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN   | Y | MCGEE          | Y | BUCHSBAUM     | Y | YACCARINO         |
| Y | COMEY          | Y | MENAPACE       | Y | BUCKBEE       | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI       |
| Y | CONCEPCION     | Y | MESKERS        | Y | CALLAHAN      | Y | ZULLO             |
| Y | CONSTANTINE    | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V. | Y | ZUPKUS            |
| Y | DATHAN         | Y | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO        |   |                   |
| Y | DEFRONZO       | Y | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY        |   |                   |
| Y | DELANY         | Y | PARIS          | Y | CARPINO       |   |                   |
| Y | DEMICO         | Y | PARKER         | Y | CASE          | Y | RITTER            |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO  | Y | PEMBERTON      | Y | COURPAS       |   |                   |
| Y | DILLON         | Y | POULOS         | Y | DAUPHINAIS    |   |                   |
| Y | DOUCETTE       | Y | QUINN          | Y | DECAPRIO      | Y | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| Y | EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI      | Y | GODFREY           |

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|---|-----------|---|-------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------|
| Y | FARRAR    | Y | ROBERTS     | Y | DUBITSKY        | Y | HALL, J.  |
| Y | FAZZINO   | Y | ROCHELLE    | X | FISHBEIN        | X | REYES     |
| Y | FELIPE    | Y | ROJAS       | Y | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO   |
| Y | FORTIER   | Y | SANCHEZ, E. | Y | HAINES          | Y | SANTIAGO  |
| Y | FOSTER    | Y | SANCHEZ, I. | Y | HALL, C.        |   |           |
| Y | GAIEWSKI  | Y | SANCHEZ, J. | Y | HOWARD          | Y | BUTLER    |
| Y | GARIBAY   | Y | SANTANELLA  | Y | HOXHA           | Y | GONZALEZ  |
| Y | GAUTHIER  | Y | SANTOS      | Y | JENSEN          | Y | MUSHINSKY |
| Y | GEE       | Y | SHAKE       | Y | KENNEDY         | Y | PAOLILLO  |
| Y | GENGA     | Y | SHANNON     | Y | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |           |
| Y | GILCHREST | Y | SIMMS       | Y | LANOUE          | Y | ELLIOTT   |
| Y | GUCKER    | Y | SMITH       | Y | MARRA           | Y | GIBSON    |
| Y | HADDAD    | Y | STAFSTROM   | Y | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y | GRESKO    |
| Y | HEFFERNAN | Y | STEINBERG   | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | Y | LINEHAN   |
| Y | HORN      | Y | SWEET       | Y | NUCCIO          | Y | NOLAN     |

**ENVIRONMENT. H.B. No. 5525 (RAISED) (File No. 437) AN ACT CONCERNING A RAPID RESPONSE PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.**

The bill was explained by Representative Parker of the 101st who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4498) and moved its adoption.

The amendment was discussed by Representative Callahan of the 108th.

**On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

**The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4498):**

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

"Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) (1) For the purposes of this section, "rapid response" means a systematic effort to eradicate, contain or control hydrilla or other aquatic invasive plant species introduced into an ecosystem while the infestation of such ecosystem remains localized and includes actions that address novel introductions into a waterbody.

(2) The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Office of Aquatic Invasive Species shall set criteria for newly discovered aquatic invasive species and hydrilla populations discovered within the most recent three-year period, including satellite populations of such hydrilla populations to qualify for rapid response pursuant to this section and shall publish and maintain a page on such agency's Internet web site that lists such eligible species. Such office shall notify the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection when any new species is added to such list.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 22a-339i of the general statutes, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall expedite any permitting associated with rapid response actions for the aquatic invasive species specified in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, to enable the timely containment of such species and reduce the risk of further spread within and between waterbodies, provided such priority expediting shall be given to permits for the containment of hydrilla.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 22-79a of the general statutes, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Office of Aquatic Invasive Species shall identify new introductions of aquatic invasive plant species to the state and may coordinate and conduct rapid response efforts to any such new population in any waterbody in the state.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (h) of section 22a-66a of the general statutes, any rapid response herbicide treatment undertaken pursuant to the provisions of this section shall not require the provision of two individual notices to each owner of waterfront property on a privately owned lake or pond. One such notice by telephone, personal notification or by leaving a conspicuous notice on an entry door of the home located on such property shall be made not less than twenty-four hours prior to such treatment.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection and subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of this section, any rapid response actions for newly introduced aquatic invasive plant species shall be timed in accordance with the best available science to occur prior to or during key reproductive periods to minimize establishment and secondary spread of such aquatic invasive plant species.

(e) (1) The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Office of Aquatic Invasive Species shall assist rapid response efforts related to newly discovered hydrilla and newly introduced aquatic invasive species identified in state waterbodies by mapping the extent and location of such populations and documenting the presence and locations of relevant threatened and endangered species within a scientifically determined radius, as established in consultation with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Natural Diversity Data Base program, while determining the sensitivity of such species to proposed herbicide treatments and other containment or eradication methods.

(2) The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Office of Aquatic Invasive Species, in consultation with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall develop a state rapid response protocol for hydrilla. Such protocol shall clearly define the roles, responsibilities and response actions for the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Office of Aquatic Invasive Species and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Additionally, such protocol shall establish a coordinated framework for interagency response that identifies lead and supporting functions throughout the response process and that outlines next steps to contain or eradicate new hydrilla populations. Such steps may include public education and outreach, containment strategies, treatment methods and associated timelines and any additional actions deemed necessary by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Office of Aquatic Invasive Species. Such protocol may serve as a template for responding to future introductions of new aquatic invasive species. Under any such protocol, (A) the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall issue expedited permits for rapid responses, and (B) the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Office of Aquatic Invasive Species shall be authorized to coordinate or conduct treatment within the same season, in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section, once such expedited permitting occurs. The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Office of Aquatic Invasive Species shall monitor progress and track outcomes of such rapid response protocol to a specific population and waterbody.

(3) The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Office of Aquatic Invasive Species, in consultation with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall develop a state-wide aquatic invasive species management plan for public reference and may consult other entities, including, but not limited to, the Invasive Plants Council, established pursuant to section 22a-381 of the general statutes through a public comment period.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Department of Public Health shall coordinate with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to provide conditions for permits to conduct treatment of an aquatic invasive species within a public water supply watershed or within two hundred feet of a public water supply well."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

|           |                        |             |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | New section |
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The bill was discussed by Representatives Callahan of the 108th, LaMark Muir of the 36th, Ackert of the 8th and Haines of the 34th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 5:59 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Total Number Voting .....         | 150 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 76  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 150 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 0   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 1   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5525 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

|   |                |   |                |   |                 |   |                   |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO           | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER          | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER        | Y | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON          | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER          | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD            | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |                 | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |                 | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT          | Y | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | Y | ANDERSON        | Y | STEWART           |
| Y | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVICH      | Y | VAIL              |
| Y | BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY        | Y | VEACH             |
| Y | CHAFEE         | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO          | Y | WEIR              |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN   | Y | MCGEE          | Y | BUCHSBAUM       | Y | YACCARINO         |
| Y | COMEY          | Y | MENAPACE       | Y | BUCKBEE         | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI       |
| Y | CONCEPCION     | Y | MESKERS        | Y | CALLAHAN        | Y | ZULLO             |
| Y | CONSTANTINE    | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V.   | Y | ZUPKUS            |
| Y | DATHAN         | Y | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO          |   |                   |
| Y | DEFRONZO       | Y | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY          |   |                   |
| Y | DELANY         | Y | PARIS          | Y | CARPINO         |   |                   |
| Y | DEMICCO        | Y | PARKER         | Y | CASE            | Y | RITTER            |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO  | Y | PEMBERTON      | Y | COURPAS         |   |                   |
| Y | DILLON         | Y | POULOS         | Y | DAUPHINAIS      |   |                   |
| Y | DOUCETTE       | Y | QUINN          | Y | DECAPRIO        | Y | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| Y | EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI        | Y | GODFREY           |
| Y | FARRAR         | Y | ROBERTS        | Y | DUBITSKY        | Y | HALL, J.          |
| Y | FAZZINO        | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES             |
| Y | FELIPE         | Y | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO           |
| Y | FORTIER        | Y | SANCHEZ, E.    | Y | HAINES          | Y | SANTIAGO          |
| Y | FOSTER         | Y | SANCHEZ, I.    | Y | HALL, C.        |   |                   |
| Y | GAIEWSKI       | Y | SANCHEZ, J.    | Y | HOWARD          | Y | BUTLER            |
| Y | GARIBAY        | Y | SANTANELLA     | Y | HOXHA           | Y | GONZALEZ          |
| Y | GAUTHIER       | Y | SANTOS         | Y | JENSEN          | Y | MUSHINSKY         |
| Y | GEE            | Y | SHAKE          | Y | KENNEDY         | Y | PAOLILLO          |
| Y | GENGA          | Y | SHANNON        | Y | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |                   |
| Y | GILCHREST      | Y | SIMMS          | Y | LANOUE          | Y | ELLIOTT           |
| Y | GUCKER         | Y | SMITH          | Y | MARRA           | Y | GIBSON            |
| Y | HADDAD         | Y | STAFSTROM      | Y | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y | GRESKO            |
| Y | HEFFERNAN      | Y | STEINBERG      | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | Y | LINEHAN           |
| Y | HORN           | Y | SWEET          | Y | NUCCIO          | Y | NOLAN             |

**COMMERCE. Substitute for H.B. No. 5243 (RAISED) (File No. 314) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM PLAN FOR THE GREATER MYSTIC AREA.**

The bill was explained by Representative Meskers of the 150th who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4426) and moved its adoption.

The amendment was discussed by Representative Aniskovich of the 35th.

**On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

**The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4426):**

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

"Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working group to develop a plan relating to economic development and tourism in the greater Mystic area. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of (1) the potential federal, state or other sources of funding for the restoration of any breakwater located in Stonington Harbor, (2) transportation options to ease traffic congestion and alleviate parking pressure, and (3) potential easements and infrastructure improvements to enhance accessibility and coastal resiliency. For the purposes of this subsection, "the greater Mystic area" means the towns of Groton and Stonington.

(b) The working group shall consist of the following members: (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, or their designees; (2) the state representatives and state senators of the General Assembly representing the town of Groton, or their designees; (3) the state representatives and state senators of the General Assembly representing the town of Stonington, or their designees; (4) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's designee; (6) the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee; (7) the Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner's designee; (8) the chief elected official of Groton, or the official's designee; (9) the chief elected official of Stonington, or the official's designee; (10) a representative of a regional economic development organization; (11) a representative of a chamber of commerce; (12) a representative of the Bureau of Aquaculture of the Department of Agriculture; and (13) any individuals the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce deem relevant and necessary to carry out the duties of the working group, including, but not limited to, a representative of the local traffic authority of the town of Groton and a representative of the local traffic authority of the town of Stonington.

(c) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

(d) Not later than February 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 1, 2027, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

|           |                     |             |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------|
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------|

The bill was discussed by Representative Aniskovich of the 35th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 6:12 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Total Number Voting .....         | 149 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 75  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 149 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 0   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 2   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5243 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

|   |                |   |                |   |                 |   |                   |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO           | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER          | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER        | Y | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON          | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER          | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD            | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |                 | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |                 | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT          | Y | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | Y | ANDERSON        | Y | STEWART           |
| Y | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVICH      | Y | VAIL              |
| Y | BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY        | Y | VEACH             |
| Y | CHAFEE         | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO          | Y | WEIR              |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN   | Y | MC GEE         | Y | BUCHSBAUM       | Y | YACCARINO         |
| Y | COMEY          | Y | MENAPACE       | Y | BUCKBEE         | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI       |
| Y | CONCEPCION     | Y | MESKERS        | Y | CALLAHAN        | Y | ZULLO             |
| Y | CONSTANTINE    | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V.   | Y | ZUPKUS            |
| Y | DATHAN         | Y | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO          |   |                   |
| Y | DEFRONZO       | Y | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY          |   |                   |
| Y | DELANY         | Y | PARIS          | Y | CARPINO         |   |                   |
| Y | DEMICO         | Y | PARKER         | Y | CASE            | Y | RITTER            |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO  | Y | PEMBERTON      | Y | COURPAS         |   |                   |
| Y | DILLON         | Y | POULOS         | Y | DAUPHINAIS      |   |                   |
| Y | DOUCETTE       | Y | QUINN          | Y | DECAPRIO        | Y | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| Y | EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI        | Y | GODFREY           |
| Y | FARRAR         | Y | ROBERTS        | Y | DUBITSKY        | Y | HALL, J.          |
| Y | FAZZINO        | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES             |
| Y | FELIPE         | Y | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO           |
| Y | FORTIER        | Y | SANCHEZ, E.    | Y | HAINES          | Y | SANTIAGO          |
| Y | FOSTER         | Y | SANCHEZ, I.    | Y | HALL, C.        |   |                   |
| Y | GAIEWSKI       | Y | SANCHEZ, J.    | Y | HOWARD          | Y | BUTLER            |
| Y | GARIBAY        | Y | SANTANELLA     | Y | HOXHA           | Y | GONZALEZ          |
| Y | GAUTHIER       | Y | SANTOS         | Y | JENSEN          | Y | MUSHINSKY         |
| Y | GEE            | Y | SHAKE          | Y | KENNEDY         | Y | PAOLILLO          |
| Y | GENGA          | Y | SHANNON        | Y | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |                   |
| X | GILCHREST      | Y | SIMMS          | Y | LANOUE          | Y | ELLIOTT           |
| Y | GUCKER         | Y | SMITH          | Y | MARRA           | Y | GIBSON            |
| Y | HADDAD         | Y | STAFSTROM      | Y | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y | GRESKO            |
| Y | HEFFERNAN      | Y | STEINBERG      | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | Y | LINEHAN           |
| Y | HORN           | Y | SWEET          | Y | NUCCIO          | Y | NOLAN             |

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. Substitute for H.B. No. 5288 (RAISED) (File No. 162) AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY CONNECTIONS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.**

The bill was explained by Representative Kavros DeGraw of the 17th.

The bill was discussed by Representatives Haines of the 34th, Mastrofrancesco of the 80th, O'Dea of the 125th, Ackert of the 8th and Reddington-Hughes of the 66th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 6:32 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| Total Number Voting .....   | 148 |
| Necessary for Passage ..... | 75  |
| Those voting Yea .....      | 135 |
| Those voting Nay .....      | 13  |

Those absent and not voting ..... 3

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5288 was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

|   |                |   |                |   |                 |   |                   |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO           | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER          | N | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER        | N | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON          | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER          | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD            | N | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |                 | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |                 | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT          | Y | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | N | ANDERSON        | Y | STEWART           |
| Y | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVICH      | N | VAIL              |
| Y | BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY        | N | VEACH             |
| Y | CHAFEE         | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO          | N | WEIR              |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN   | Y | MCGEE          | Y | BUCHSBAUM       | Y | YACCARINO         |
| Y | COMEY          | Y | MENAPACE       | N | BUCKBEE         | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI       |
| Y | CONCEPCION     | Y | MESKERS        | Y | CALLAHAN        | Y | ZULLO             |
| Y | CONSTANTINE    | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V.   | N | ZUPKUS            |
| Y | DATHAN         | Y | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO          |   |                   |
| Y | DEFRONZO       | Y | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY          |   |                   |
| Y | DELANY         | Y | PARIS          | N | CARPINO         |   |                   |
| Y | DEMICCO        | Y | PARKER         | Y | CASE            | Y | RITTER            |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO  | Y | PEMBERTON      | Y | COURPAS         |   |                   |
| Y | DILLON         | Y | POULOS         | N | DAUPHINAIS      |   |                   |
| Y | DOUCETTE       | Y | QUINN          | N | DECAPRIO        | Y | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| Y | EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI        | Y | GODFREY           |
| Y | FARRAR         | Y | ROBERTS        | Y | DUBITSKY        | Y | HALL, J.          |
| Y | FAZZINO        | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES             |
| Y | FELIPE         | Y | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO           |
| Y | FORTIER        | Y | SANCHEZ, E.    | Y | HAINES          | Y | SANTIAGO          |
| Y | FOSTER         | Y | SANCHEZ, I.    | Y | HALL, C.        |   |                   |
| Y | GAIEWSKI       | Y | SANCHEZ, J.    | Y | HOWARD          | Y | BUTLER            |
| Y | GARIBAY        | Y | SANTANELLA     | Y | HOXHA           | Y | GONZALEZ          |
| Y | GAUTHIER       | Y | SANTOS         | Y | JENSEN          | Y | MUSHINSKY         |
| Y | GEE            | Y | SHAKE          | Y | KENNEDY         | Y | PAOLILLO          |
| Y | GENGA          | Y | SHANNON        | Y | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |                   |
| X | GILCHREST      | Y | SIMMS          | Y | LANOUE          | X | ELLIOTT           |
| Y | GUCKER         | Y | SMITH          | Y | MARRA           | Y | GIBSON            |
| Y | HADDAD         | Y | STAFSTROM      | N | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y | GRESKO            |
| Y | HEFFERNAN      | Y | STEINBERG      | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | Y | LINEHAN           |
| Y | HORN           | Y | SWEET          | Y | NUCCIO          | Y | NOLAN             |

**SUSPENSION OF THE RULES  
MATTER RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE  
HOUSE BILL PASSED**

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

**APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for H.B. No. 5508 (RAISED) (File No. 275) AN ACT  
CONCERNING HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION.**

Representative Rojas of the 9th District moved for suspension of the rules for immediate consideration.

**On a voice vote the motion carried.**

The bill was explained by Representative Chafee of the 33rd who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4687) and moved its adoption.

The amendment was discussed by Representative Haines of the 34th.

**On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

**The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4687):**

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

"Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to study issues relating to municipal historic district commissions. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of (1) the feasibility of (A) exempting property owned by municipalities from the provisions of part I of chapter 97a of the general statutes, (B) establishing a nonbinding process for the historic district commission review of proposed erections or alterations of municipally owned buildings and structures located within historic districts, (C) establishing a (i) state-wide board to which appeals from decisions of historic district commissions may be taken in lieu of appeals to the Superior Court, and (ii) process for the taking of such appeals, and (D) requiring historic district commissions to contemporaneously broadcast hearings conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of section 7-147e of the general statutes on a public Internet web site, and (2) any other issues deemed relevant by the chairs of the task force.

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

(1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

(2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

(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;

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

(7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, or the commissioner's designee.

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

(d) 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.

(e) 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.

(f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

(g) Not later than January 1, 2027, 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 planning and development, 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, 2027, whichever is later.

Sec. 2. Section 10-416c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2027, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2028*):

(a) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates another meaning:

(1) "Officer" means the State Historic Preservation Officer designated pursuant to 36 CFR 61.2;

(2) "Certified historic structure" means any property that: (A) Is listed individually on the National or State Register of Historic Places, or (B) is located in a district listed on the National or State Register of Historic Places and has been certified by the officer as contributing to the historic character of such district;

(3) "Certified rehabilitation" means any rehabilitation of a certified historic structure for (A) residential use of five units or more, (B) residential use of not less than two and not more than four units, where such units produce income, (C) mixed residential and nonresidential uses, or [(C)] (D) nonresidential use consistent with the historic character of such property or the district in which such property is located, as determined by regulations adopted by the Department of Economic and Community Development;

(4) "Owner" means any person, firm, limited liability company, nonprofit or for-profit corporation or other business entity or municipality that possesses title to an historic structure and that undertakes the rehabilitation of such structure;

(5) "Placed in service" means the completion of substantial rehabilitation work that would allow for occupancy of the entire building or an identifiable portion of the building;

(6) "Qualified rehabilitation expenditures" means any costs incurred for the physical construction involved in the rehabilitation of a certified historic structure, excluding: (A) The owner's personal labor, (B) the cost of a new addition, except as required to comply with any provision of the State Building Code or the Fire Safety Code, and (C) any nonconstruction cost such as architectural fees, legal fees and financing fees;

(7) "Rehabilitation plan" means any narrative, construction plans and specifications for the proposed rehabilitation of a certified historic structure in sufficient detail for evaluation of compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, as established in 36 CFR 67;

(8) "Substantial rehabilitation" or "substantially rehabilitate" means the qualified rehabilitation expenditures of a certified historic structure that exceed twenty-five per cent of the assessed value of such structure;

(9) "Affordable housing" has the same meaning as provided in section 8-39a; and

(10) "Project" means an undertaking involving rehabilitation work to a certified historic structure and any attached or adjacent new construction, associated demolition or improvements on the site that may affect the historic character or significance of the certified historic structure.

(b) (1) The Department of Economic and Community Development shall administer a system of tax credit vouchers within the resources, requirements and purposes of this section for owners rehabilitating certified historic structures.

(2) The credit authorized by this section shall be available in the tax year in which the substantially rehabilitated certified historic structure is placed in service. In the case of projects completed in phases, the tax credit shall be prorated to the substantially rehabilitated identifiable portion of the building placed in service. If the tax credit is more than the amount owed by the taxpayer for the year in which the substantially rehabilitated certified historic structure is placed in service, the amount that is more than the taxpayer's tax liability may be carried forward and credited against the taxes imposed for the succeeding five years or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs first.

(3) In the case of projects completed in phases, the Department of Economic and Community Development may issue vouchers for the substantially rehabilitated identifiable portion of the building placed in service.

(4) If a credit is allowed under this section for rehabilitation of a certified historic structure with multiple owners, such credit shall be passed through to such owners, or persons designated as partners or members of such owners, pro rata or pursuant to an agreement among such owners, or persons designated as partners or members of such owners, documenting an alternative distribution method without regard to other tax or economic attributes of such owners.

(5) Any owner entitled to a credit under this section may sell, assign, or otherwise transfer such credit, in whole or in part, to one or more persons, as defined in section 12-1, provided any credit, after issuance, may be sold, assigned or otherwise transferred, in whole or in part, not more than

three times. Such person shall be entitled to offset the tax imposed under chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or 212 as if such transferee had incurred the qualified rehabilitation expenditure.

(6) If a credit under this section is sold, assigned or otherwise transferred, whether by the owner or any subsequent transferee, the transferor and transferee shall jointly submit written notification of such transfer to the Department of Economic and Community Development not later than thirty days after such transfer. The notification after each transfer shall include the credit voucher number, the date of transfer, the amount of such credit transferred, the tax credit balance before and after the transfer, the tax identification numbers for both the transferor and the transferee, and any other information required by the department. Failure to comply with this subsection shall result in a disallowance of the tax credit until there is full compliance on the part of the transferor and the transferee, and for a second or third transfer, on the part of all subsequent transferors and transferees.

(7) The Department of Economic and Community Development shall provide a list to the Commissioner of Revenue Services, on an annual basis, detailing the credits that have been approved for the most recent fiscal year and all sales, assignments and transfers thereof that were made under this section for said year.

(c) The Department of Economic and Community Development may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of this section. Such regulations shall include provisions for: (1) The filing of applications, (2) the rating criteria for evaluating applications, and (3) the timely approval of applications by the department. The rating criteria for evaluating applications shall give priority to applications of owners rehabilitating certified historic structures located in federally designated opportunity zones.

(d) For the purpose of seeking a tax credit pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, prior to beginning any rehabilitation work on a certified historic structure, the owner shall submit to the officer (1) (A) a rehabilitation plan for a determination of whether such rehabilitation work meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, as established in 36 CFR 67, and (B) if such rehabilitation work is planned to be undertaken in phases, a complete description of each such phase, with anticipated schedules for completion; (2) an estimate of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures; and (3) for projects pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision [(3)] (1) of subsection (e) of this section, (A) the number of units of affordable housing to be created, (B) the proposed rents or sale prices of such units, and (C) the median income for the municipality where the project is located. For projects under subparagraph (C) of subdivision [(3)] (1) of subsection (e) of this section, the owner shall submit a copy of data required under subdivision (3) of this subsection to the Department of Housing.

(e) [If] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, if the officer certifies that the rehabilitation plan conforms to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, as established in 36 CFR 67, the Department of Economic and Community Development shall reserve for the benefit of the owner an allocation for a tax credit equivalent to [(1)] (A) twenty-five per cent of the projected qualified rehabilitation expenditures, [(2)] (B) thirty per cent of the projected qualified rehabilitation expenditures if the certified historic structure is located in a federally designated opportunity zone, or [(3)] (C) thirty per cent of the projected qualified rehabilitation expenditures if [(A)] (i) at least twenty per cent of the units are rental units and qualify as affordable housing, or [(B)] (ii) at least ten per cent of the units are individual homeownership units and qualify as affordable housing. No tax credit shall be allocated for the purposes of subparagraph (C) of this subdivision [(3) of this subsection] unless an applicant received a certificate from the Commissioner of Housing pursuant to section 8-37/// confirming that the project complies with the definition of affordable housing under section 8-39a.

(2) The owner of any certified historic structure intended for residential use and having not less than two and not more than four units, where such units produce income, shall not receive a reservation for a tax credit pursuant to this subsection if such owner's projected qualified rehabilitation expenditures are less than fifteen thousand dollars.

(f) Following the completion of rehabilitation of a certified historic structure in its entirety or in phases to an identifiable portion of the building, any owner who seeks a tax credit pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall notify the officer that such rehabilitation is complete. Such owner shall provide the officer with documentation of work performed on the certified historic structure and shall submit certification of the costs incurred in rehabilitating the certified historic structure. The officer shall review such rehabilitation and verify its compliance with the rehabilitation plan.

Following such verification, the Department of Economic and Community Development shall issue a tax credit voucher to such owner or to the taxpayer named by such owner as contributing to the rehabilitation. The tax credit voucher shall be in an amount equivalent to the lesser of the tax credit reserved upon certification of the rehabilitation plan under the provisions of subsection (e) of this section or (1) twenty-five per cent of the actual qualified rehabilitation expenditures, (2) thirty per cent of the projected qualified rehabilitation expenditures if the certified historic structure is located in a federally designated opportunity zone, or [(2)] (3) for projects including affordable housing pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision [(3)] (1) of subsection (e) of this section, thirty per cent of the actual qualified rehabilitation expenditures. In order to obtain a credit against any state tax due that is specified in subsection (g) of this section, the holder of the tax credit voucher shall file the voucher with the holder's state tax return.

(g) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall grant a tax credit to a taxpayer holding the tax credit voucher issued in accordance with subsections (b) to (i), inclusive, of this section against any tax due under chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or 212 in the amount specified in the tax credit voucher. Such taxpayer shall submit the voucher and the corresponding tax return to the Department of Revenue Services.

(h) The Department of Economic and Community Development may charge any owner seeking a tax credit pursuant to subsection (b) of this section an application fee in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars to (1) cover the cost of administering the program established pursuant to this section, and (2) fund programs that advance historic preservation in the state.

(i) The aggregate amount of all tax credits that may be reserved by the Department of Economic and Community Development upon certification of rehabilitation plans pursuant to subsections (b) to (h), inclusive, of this section shall not exceed thirty-one million seven hundred thousand dollars in any fiscal year. No project may receive tax credits in an amount exceeding four million five hundred thousand dollars.

(j) On or before October 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, the Department of Economic and Community Development shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, the total amount of tax credits reserved for the previous fiscal year pursuant to subsections (b) to (i), inclusive, of this section, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and finance, revenue and bonding. Each such report shall include the following information for each project for which a tax credit has been reserved: (1) The total project costs, (2) the value of the tax credit reservation pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of this section, (3) a statement whether the reservation is for mixed-use and if so, the proportion of the project that is not residential, and (4) the number of residential units to be created, and, for reservations pursuant to subparagraph (C) of subdivision [(3)] (1) of subsection (e) of this section, the value of the reservation and percentage of residential units that will qualify as affordable housing.

Sec. 3. Subsection (i) of section 2-150 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(i) The commission shall have the following powers and duties: To (1) issue reports and recommendations to all three branches of government concerning historical questions of memorialization and commemoration related to Connecticut and United States history, either upon the request of any executive, legislative or judicial department, board, commission or other agency of the state or upon its own initiative, including, but not limited to, developing the process required under subsection (j) of this section; (2) obtain from any executive, legislative or judicial department, board, commission or other agency of the state such assistance and data as necessary and available to carry out the purposes of this section; (3) collaborate with the State Commission on Capitol Preservation and Restoration on matters concerning the State Capitol building and grounds; (4) accept any gift, donation or bequest for the purpose of performing the duties described in this section; and [(4)] (5) perform such other acts as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the duties described in this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

|           |                                                                                             |             |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i>                                                                         | New section |
| Sec. 2    | <i>July 1, 2027, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2028</i> | 10-416c     |

Sec. 3

October 1, 2026

2-150(i)

The bill was discussed by Representatives Haines of the 34th, Wood of the 29th, Yaccarino of the 87th, O'Dea of the 125th, Comey of the 102nd and Courpas of the 149th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 6:59 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

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| Total Number Voting .....         | 148 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 75  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 105 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 43  |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 3   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5508 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

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| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO           | N | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER          | N | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER        | N | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON          | N | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER          | N | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD            | N | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |                 | N | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |                 | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | N | ACKERT          | N | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | N | ANDERSON        | N | STEWART           |
| Y | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | N | ANISKOVICH      | N | VAIL              |
| Y | BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | N | BOLINSKY        | N | VEACH             |
| Y | CHAFEE         | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | N | BRONKO          | N | WEIR              |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN   | Y | MCGEE          | N | BUCHSBAUM       | Y | YACCARINO         |
| Y | COMEY          | Y | MENAPACE       | N | BUCKBEE         | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI       |
| Y | CONCEPCION     | Y | MESKERS        | N | CALLAHAN        | N | ZULLO             |
| Y | CONSTANTINE    | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | N | CANDELORA, V.   | N | ZUPKUS            |
| Y | DATHAN         | Y | NAPOLI         | N | CANINO          |   |                   |
| Y | DEFRONZO       | Y | OSBORNE        | N | CARNEY          |   |                   |
| Y | DELANY         | Y | PARIS          | N | CARPINO         |   |                   |
| Y | DEMICO         | Y | PARKER         | N | CASE            | Y | RITTER            |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO  | Y | PEMBERTON      | N | COURPAS         |   |                   |
| Y | DILLON         | Y | POULOS         | N | DAUPHINAIS      |   |                   |
| Y | DOUCETTE       | Y | QUINN          | N | DECAPRIO        | Y | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| Y | EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI        | Y | GODFREY           |
| Y | FARRAR         | Y | ROBERTS        | N | DUBITSKY        | Y | HALL, J.          |
| Y | FAZZINO        | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES             |
| Y | FELIPE         | Y | ROJAS          | N | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO           |
| Y | FORTIER        | Y | SANCHEZ, E.    | N | HAINES          | Y | SANTIAGO          |
| Y | FOSTER         | Y | SANCHEZ, I.    | N | HALL, C.        |   |                   |
| Y | GAIEWSKI       | Y | SANCHEZ, J.    | Y | HOWARD          | Y | BUTLER            |
| Y | GARIBAY        | Y | SANTANELLA     | Y | HOXHA           | Y | GONZALEZ          |
| Y | GAUTHIER       | Y | SANTOS         | N | JENSEN          | Y | MUSHINSKY         |
| Y | GEE            | Y | SHAKE          | N | KENNEDY         | Y | PAOLILLO          |
| Y | GENGA          | Y | SHANNON        | N | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |                   |
| X | GILCHREST      | Y | SIMMS          | N | LANOUE          | X | ELLIOTT           |
| Y | GUCKER         | N | SMITH          | N | MARRA           | Y | GIBSON            |
| Y | HADDAD         | Y | STAFSTROM      | N | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y | GRESKO            |

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| Y | HEFFERNAN | Y | STEINBERG | N | MCGORTY, B. | Y | LINEHAN |
| Y | HORN      | Y | SWEET     | N | NUCCIO      | Y | NOLAN   |

# ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER SIMMS IN THE CHAIR

## BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR MATTERS RETURNED FROM COMMITTEES HOUSE BILLS PASSED

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

### JUDICIARY. Substitute for H.B. No. 5375 (RAISED) (File Nos. 243 and 683) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE WORKING GROUPS.

The bill was explained by Representative Wood of the 29th who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4411) and moved its adoption.

The amendment was discussed by Representative Pavalock-D'Amato of the 77th.

#### On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

#### The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4411):

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

"Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Insurance Commissioner shall, within available appropriations:

(1) Study the feasibility of (A) allowing more than one nonprofit entity to pool such nonprofit entities' liability insurance policies, (B) establishing a captive insurance company, risk management agency or a program to insure the risk of such pool, and (C) establishing any other insurance program that may address the needs of nonprofit entities that contract with the state.

(2) Develop a proposed plan to establish a captive insurance company, risk management agency or a program to insure the risk of nonprofit entities who pool such liability insurance policies. Such proposed plan shall assess the appropriate structure of such company, agency or program to ensure its financial and operational viability, including, but not limited to, (A) a process for collecting relevant data from nonprofit entities participating in such pool, (B) an actuarial analysis of any risks to be underwritten by such company, agency or program, (C) a plan design, and (D) any other factors as deemed appropriate by the commissioner.

(3) Develop a financial analysis of such company, agency or program described in subdivision (2) of this subsection, that includes, but is not limited to, (A) an estimate of the initial investment required to ensure such company, agency or program (i) meets any applicable statutory operating ratios set forth in title 38a of the general statutes, and (ii) is fully operational as a licensed insurer or reinsurer in this state, and (B) estimates of future premium costs for nonprofit entities participating in such pool.

(b) Not later than November 1, 2026, the Insurance Commissioner 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 insurance, finance, revenue and bonding, appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and human services on the findings of such study, proposed plan and financial analysis, including any recommendations for legislative action required for the establishment of such company, agency or program, and an assessment of any such funding needed for implementation of, and future investment in, any such company, agency or program.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2028*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Health benefit plan" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-1080 of the general statutes.

(2) "Health carrier" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-1080 of the general statutes.

(3) "Pharmacist" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-479aaa of the general statutes.

(4) "Pharmacy benefits manager" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-479aaa of the general statutes.

(5) "Covered clinical service" means any service or procedure that (A) is within the scope of the pharmacist's license under chapter 400j of the general statutes, and (B) is a covered service under the terms of the health benefit plan when performed by any other licensed health care provider.

(b) Each health carrier, or third-party administrator or pharmacy benefits manager, as applicable, that provides, administers or manages benefits under a health benefit plan in this state shall ensure that reimbursement processes and provider networks are inclusive of pharmacists for the purpose of reimbursing covered clinical services.

(c) No health carrier, third-party administrator or pharmacy benefits manager shall deny reimbursement for a clinical service solely on the basis that such clinical service:

(1) Is provided by a pharmacist in accordance with such pharmacist's scope of practice and license pursuant to chapter 400j of the general statutes; and

(2) Would otherwise be eligible for reimbursement if provided by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

(1) Require coverage of any service not otherwise covered under the health benefit plan; or

(2) Prevent a health carrier, third-party administrator or pharmacy benefits manager from establishing reasonable participation, credentialing or contracting standards.

(e) The Insurance Commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section." This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

|           |                        |             |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 2    | <i>January 1, 2028</i> | New section |

The bill was discussed by Representative Pavalock-D'Amato of the 77th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 7:17 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

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| Total Number Voting .....         | 149 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 75  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 149 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 0   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 2   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5375 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

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| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES        | Y | TURCO    | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON      | Y | WALKER   | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.   | Y | WELANDER | Y | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.   | Y | WILSON   | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW | Y | WINTER   | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT         | Y | WOOD     | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN          |   |          | Y | ROMANO            |

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| Y | BLUMENTHAL    | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   | Y               | RUTIGLIANO |                |
| Y | BOYD          | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT          | Y          | SCOTT          |
| Y | BROWN, K.     | Y | LEMAR          | Y | ANDERSON        | Y          | STEWART        |
| Y | BROWN, M.     | Y | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVICH      | Y          | VAIL           |
| Y | BUMGARDNER    | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY        | Y          | VEACH          |
| Y | CHAFEE        | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO          | Y          | WEIR           |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN  | Y | MCGEE          | Y | BUCHSBAUM       | Y          | YACCARINO      |
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| Y | CONCEPCION    | Y | MESKERS        | Y | CALLAHAN        | Y          | ZULLO          |
| Y | CONSTANTINE   | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V.   | Y          | ZUPKUS         |
| Y | DATHAN        | Y | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO          |            |                |
| Y | DEFRONZO      | Y | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY          |            |                |
| Y | DELANY        | Y | PARIS          | Y | CARPINO         |            |                |
| Y | DEMICCO       | Y | PARKER         | Y | CASE            | Y          | RITTER         |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO | Y | PEMBERTON      | Y | COURPAS         |            |                |
| Y | DILLON        | Y | POULOS         | Y | DAUPHINAIS      |            |                |
| Y | DOUCETTE      | Y | QUINN          | Y | DECAPRIO        | Y          | CANDELARIA, J. |
| Y | EXUM          | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI        | Y          | GODFREY        |
| Y | FARRAR        | Y | ROBERTS        | Y | DUBITSKY        | Y          | HALL, J.       |
| Y | FAZZINO       | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y          | REYES          |
| Y | FELIPE        | Y | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO        | Y          | ROSARIO        |
| Y | FORTIER       | Y | SANCHEZ, E.    | Y | HAINES          | Y          | SANTIAGO       |
| Y | FOSTER        | Y | SANCHEZ, I.    | Y | HALL, C.        |            |                |
| Y | GAIEWSKI      | Y | SANCHEZ, J.    | Y | HOWARD          | Y          | BUTLER         |
| Y | GARIBAY       | Y | SANTANELLA     | Y | HOXHA           | Y          | GONZALEZ       |
| Y | GAUTHIER      | Y | SANTOS         | Y | JENSEN          | Y          | MUSHINSKY      |
| Y | GEE           | Y | SHAKE          | Y | KENNEDY         | Y          | PAOLILLO       |
| Y | GENGA         | Y | SHANNON        | Y | KLARIDES-DITRIA |            |                |
| Y | GILCHREST     | Y | SIMMS          | Y | LANOUE          | X          | ELLIOTT        |
| Y | GUCKER        | Y | SMITH          | Y | MARRA           | Y          | GIBSON         |
| Y | HADDAD        | Y | STAFSTROM      | Y | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y          | GRESKO         |
| Y | HEFFERNAN     | Y | STEINBERG      | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | Y          | LINEHAN        |
| Y | HORN          | Y | SWEET          | Y | NUCCIO          | Y          | NOLAN          |

**APPROPRIATIONS. Substitute for H.B. No. 5522 (RAISED) (File No. 397) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEWAGE RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT AND REQUIRING A REPORT CONCERNING WELL CONTAMINATION PROTOCOLS.**

The bill was explained by Representative Bumgardner of the 41st.

The bill was discussed by Representatives Callahan of the 108th, Foster of the 57th, Nuccio of the 53rd and Piscopo of the 76th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 7:31 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

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| Total Number Voting .....         | 149 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 75  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 144 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 5   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 2   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5522 was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

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| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN | Y | HUGHES | Y | TURCO | Y | O'DEA |
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| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER          | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER        | N | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON          | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER          | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD            | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |                 | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |                 | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT          | Y | SCOTT             |
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| Y | FAZZINO        | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES             |
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**BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR**  
**FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES**  
**HOUSE BILLS PASSED**

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

**ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. H.B. No. 5247 (RAISED) (File No. 377) AN ACT CONCERNING A TEST BED TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM AND THE JOBSCT TAX REBATE PROGRAM.**

The bill was explained by Representative Steinberg of the 136th who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4405) and moved its adoption.

The amendment was discussed by Representative Marra of the 141st and Mastrofrancesco of the 80th.

**On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

**The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4405):**

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

"Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) (1) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Governor may direct the Commissioner of Administrative Services to establish and administer, within available appropriations and in consultation with Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, an online portal for the purpose of facilitating programs to pilot test technologies, products or processes in any agency of the state to determine whether any such technology, product or process may reduce operational costs in any state agency. Such portal shall be made available on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services.

(2) If, in the exercise of the commissioner's powers and duties pursuant to this section, the commissioner, in consultation with Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated finds that (A) the use of a certain technology, product or process would promote operational cost reduction, and (B) the use of such technology, product or process would be feasible in the operations of a state agency and would not have any detrimental effect on such operations, the commissioner shall recommend that such agency undertake a pilot test during which such agency shall use such technology, product or process in the operations of such agency on a temporary basis. The purpose of such pilot test shall be to validate the effectiveness of such technology, product or process in reducing operational costs.

(3) The commissioner shall not recommend a pilot test program by a state agency for any such technology, product or process pursuant to this section unless the business that manufactures or markets the technology, product or process demonstrates that (A) the use of such technology, product or process by such agency will not adversely affect safety, (B) the technology, product or process is presently available for commercial sale and distribution or has potential for commercialization not later than two years following the completion of such pilot test by such agency pursuant to this section, (C) such technology, product or process was not developed by a business that is eligible to participate in such pilot test established pursuant to section 32-39e of the general statutes, (D) such business maintains documentation concerning any patent for such technology, product or process and any related intellectual property, and (E) such business is certified as a small contractor or a minority business enterprise by the Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to section 4a-60g of the general statutes.

(4) The commissioner shall evaluate the effectiveness of any pilot test conducted pursuant to this section. Not later than October 1, 2030, the commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, concerning the findings of such evaluations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and technology.

(b) (1) The commissioner of each state agency may administer a program for pilot testing technologies, products or processes that promote operational cost reduction. The purpose of any such pilot test program shall be to validate the effectiveness of any such technology, product or process in reducing operational costs.

(2) (A) A person who seeks to participate in such a program shall submit an application to the Commissioner of Administrative Services through the online portal administered by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The commissioner shall prescribe the form and manner of such application. An applicant shall include in each application an assessment of the potential viability of a pilot test program for such technology, product or process at such agency. Such assessment shall be conducted by an independent consulting firm or a market research firm that specializes in market research for similar technologies, products or processes described in such application. Such independent consulting firm or market research firm shall be classified as a provider of services under the Department of Administrative Services industry code of 6000 for research and development services or the North American Industry Classification System code of 541910 for marketing research and public opinion polling.

(B) Any applicant selected to participate in a pilot test program pursuant to this section shall only participate in one such program for one state agency.

(c) Not later than ninety days after receipt of an application pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation with

Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, shall evaluate any technology, product or process that is the subject of such application and make a recommendation pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section if such recommendation is deemed warranted by the commissioner.

(d) If the Commissioner of Administrative Services recommends that a state agency undertake a pilot test program pursuant to this section, such agency, notwithstanding the requirements of chapter 58 of the general statutes, may accept delivery of such technology, product or process and undertake such pilot test program during which such agency shall use such technology, product or process in the operations of such agency on a temporary basis. The commissioner of the state agency testing such technology, product or process shall determine the duration of such pilot test program, provided such duration shall be not less than thirty days and not more than sixty days.

(e) Any costs associated with the acquisition and use of such technology, product or process by a state agency for a pilot test program pursuant to this section shall be paid by the applicant. The acquisition of any technology, product or process for a pilot test program pursuant to this section shall not be deemed to be a purchase under the provisions of state procurement law. The applicant shall maintain records related to any such pilot test program, as required by the Commissioner of Administrative Services. Any proprietary information derived from such pilot test program shall be exempt from the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210 of the general statutes.

(f) If the commissioner of the state agency that tested such technology, product or process determines that the pilot test program sufficiently demonstrates that the technology, product or process promotes operational cost reduction, the commissioner of such agency may request that the Commissioner of Administrative Services (1) procure such technology for use by any state agency, and (2) make such procurement pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4a-58 of the general statutes. If the Commissioner of Administrative Services grants a request to procure such technology for any state agency, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall make information regarding such procurement available to all state agencies on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services.

(g) The commissioner of a state agency may identify a technology, product or process that meets the criteria described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section and that has been tested by a municipality and demonstrated to promote operational cost reduction. Such commissioner may file a request to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for a recommendation to test such technology, product or process in the state agency through the online portal administered by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Not later than thirty days after receipt of such request, the Commissioner of Administrative Services, in consultation with Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, shall evaluate the technology, product or process and make a recommendation pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section. If the Commissioner of Administrative Services recommends such technology, product or process, such agency shall undertake a pilot test program in accordance with the provisions of subsections (d) to (f), inclusive, of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | New section |
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The bill was discussed by Representatives Mastrofrancesco of the 80th, Demicco of the 21st, Yaccarino of the 87th, Buckbee of the 67th, Wood of the 29th, Ackert of the 8th and Godfrey of the 110th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 8:06 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

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| Total Number Voting .....         | 148 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 75  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 147 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 1   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 3   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5247 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

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| X | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO           | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER          | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER        | Y | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON          | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER          | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD            | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |                 | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |                 | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT          | Y | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | Y | ANDERSON        | Y | STEWART           |
| Y | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVICH      | Y | VAIL              |
| Y | BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY        | Y | VEACH             |
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| Y | CONSTANTINE    | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V.   | Y | ZUPKUS            |
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| Y | DOUCETTE       | Y | QUINN          | Y | DECAPRIO        | Y | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| Y | EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI        | N | GODFREY           |
| Y | FARRAR         | Y | ROBERTS        | Y | DUBITSKY        | Y | HALL, J.          |
| Y | FAZZINO        | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES             |
| Y | FELIPE         | Y | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO           |
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| Y | HEFFERNAN      | Y | STEINBERG      | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | Y | LINEHAN           |
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**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. H.B. No. 5501 (RAISED) (File No. 273) AN ACT EXPANDING PERMISSIBLE USES FOR TOWN AID ROAD GRANT FUNDS.**

The bill was explained by Representative Chafee of the 33rd.

The bill was discussed by Representative Haines of the 34th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 8:11 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

Total Number Voting..... 148

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 75  |
| Those voting Yea.....             | 148 |
| Those voting Nay.....             | 0   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 3   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5501 was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

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| X ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO           | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER          | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER        | Y | PISCOPO           |
| Y BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON          | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER          | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD            | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |                 | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |                 | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT          | Y | SCOTT             |
| Y BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | Y | ANDERSON        | Y | STEWART           |
| Y BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVICH      | Y | VAIL              |
| Y BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY        | Y | VEACH             |
| Y CHAFFEE        | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO          | Y | WEIR              |
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| Y DILLON         | Y | POULOS         | Y | DAUPHINAIS      |   |                   |
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| Y EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI        | Y | GODFREY           |
| Y FARRAR         | Y | ROBERTS        | Y | DUBITSKY        | Y | HALL, J.          |
| Y FAZZINO        | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES             |
| Y FELIPE         | Y | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO           |
| Y FORTIER        | Y | SANCHEZ, E.    | Y | HAINES          | Y | SANTIAGO          |
| Y FOSTER         | Y | SANCHEZ, I.    | Y | HALL, C.        |   |                   |
| Y GAIIEWSKI      | Y | SANCHEZ, J.    | Y | HOWARD          | Y | BUTLER            |
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**DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE SANTIAGO IN THE CHAIR**

**BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR  
FAVORABLE REPORT OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE  
HOUSE BILL PASSED TEMPORARILY**

**TRANSPORTATION. Substitute for H.B. No. 5464 (RAISED) (File No. 418) AN ACT  
IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF**

# TRANSPORTATION AND ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO OPERATE AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SAFETY DEVICES ON LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAYS.

The bill was explained by Representative Berger-Girvalo of the of the 111th who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4662) and moved its adoption.

The amendment was discussed by Representative Kennedy of the 119th.

**On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

## The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4662):

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

"Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 4a-67d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(d) [(1)] On and after January 1, 2030, at least thirty per cent of all buses purchased or leased by the state shall be zero-emission buses.

[(2) On and after January 1, 2024, the state shall cease to procure, purchase or lease any diesel-fueled transit bus.]

Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 4b-13a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) No person shall park a vehicle in a parking space equipped with a state agency electric vehicle charging station unless such person is charging a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or battery electric vehicle, except such person may park a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle or battery electric vehicle in such a parking space without charging such vehicle at the discretion of the state agency that designated the state agency electric vehicle charging station as available for public use.

Sec. 3. Section 4b-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) As used in this section, (1) "electric vehicle charging station" has the same meaning as provided in section 16-19f, (2) "level two electric vehicle charging station" means an electric vehicle charging station that supplies two hundred eight to two hundred forty volt alternating current, [and] (3) "direct current fast charging station" means an electric vehicle charging station that utilizes direct current electricity providing forty kilowatts or greater, and (4) "electric vehicle capable parking space" means a parking space that has equipment installed during construction to support future implementation of charging, including, but not limited to, the raceways and electrical panel space necessary for the installation of an electric vehicle charging station.

(b) On and after [January 1, 2023] July 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall require each new [construction of a] state facility [, the total project costs of which exceed] that will include public parking spaces and is projected to cost more than one hundred thousand dollars [,] to be [installed with level two electric vehicle charging stations in] constructed such that at least [twenty] eight per cent of the designated parking spaces for cars [or light duty trucks] at such new state facility are electric vehicle capable parking spaces.

(c) Not later than January 1, 2029, and every three years thereafter, the Commissioners of Administrative Services, Transportation and Energy and Environmental Protection shall jointly submit recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, regarding the electric vehicle capable parking space requirements established in subsection (b) of this section to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration, transportation and the environment. Such recommendations shall propose an appropriate requirement for future electric vehicle charging infrastructure at new state facilities. In proposing such appropriate requirement, the commissioners shall consider: (1) The current public prevalence of electric vehicles and the market conditions for purchasing such vehicles; (2) the expected future growth in electric vehicle ownership by state employees and the public; (3) the current and future utilization of electric vehicle charging spaces at state facilities; (4) similar requirements for new construction in neighboring states and in nationally recognized model building

codes; and (5) the state goals for the reduction of pollution from the transportation sector, including, but not limited to, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

[(c)] (d) On and after January 1, 2023, a municipality shall require each new construction of a commercial building or multiunit residential building with thirty or more designated parking spaces for cars or light duty trucks to include electric vehicle charging infrastructure that is capable of supporting level two electric vehicle charging stations or direct current fast charging stations in at least ten per cent of such parking spaces. A municipality may, through its legislative body, require any such commercial building or multiunit residential building to include such electric vehicle charging infrastructure in more than ten per cent of such parking spaces.

Sec. 4. Section 2 of public act 25-90 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, unless otherwise required by federal law, the provisions of this section shall govern the issuance of any state approval for district improvements concerning the Port Eastside Infrastructure Improvement District established pursuant to section 1 of [this act] public act 25-90. If the district enters into a written agreement with any public entity for work to be performed in connection with the district improvements, including, but not limited to, obtaining a permit, license or governmental approval, acquiring real property or construction of sewer, water, steam or other utility connections, any administrative action taken by such public entity in connection with such work shall be governed by the provisions of this section unless otherwise required by federal law or any other agreement to which such public entity is bound.

(b) Any approval for district improvements shall be issued by the commissioner with jurisdiction over such approval, or such other state official as such commissioner shall designate, and no other agency, commission, council, committee, panel or other body other than such commissioner, unless specifically designated by such commissioner, shall have jurisdiction over any such approval. No notice of a tentative or final determination regarding any such approval and no notice of any such approval shall be required except as provided in this section.

(c) Any application for an approval for district improvements required by any applicable provision of the general statutes shall be submitted to the commissioner having jurisdiction as provided in this subsection. The commissioner shall, to the extent practicable in the discretion of the commissioner, adopt a master process to consider multiple licenses, permits, approvals and administrative actions pursuant to this section. Unless denied by the commissioner, any license or permit shall be issued, approval shall be granted as requested and administrative action shall be taken not later than ten business days after the date of submission of any such application unless a hearing is required to be held concerning such application. Such application shall be deemed granted as requested on the eleventh business day after a hearing is held on such application unless the commissioner has denied such application or approved such application with conditions. Any requirement for a permit or inspection by the State Building Inspector or State Fire Marshal shall be satisfied if the district obtains a certification from an engineer or other appropriate professional duly certified or licensed in the state certifying that the work in connection with the district improvements, to the extent such work is subject to approval by the State Building Inspector or State Fire Marshal, is in compliance with the State Building Code or fire code and safety regulations, as applicable.

(d) Any hearing regarding all or part of the district improvements shall be conducted by the commissioner. Notice of any such hearing shall be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the town of East Hartford not more than ten and not less than five days before such hearing.

(e) Any application, documentation or other records (1) submitted to a commissioner, and (2) pertaining to an application for an approval for district improvements, together with all records of the proceedings of the commissioner relating to any such application, shall be a public record and shall be made, maintained and disclosed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 14 of the general statutes.

(f) In rendering a decision on any application for an approval for district improvements, a commissioner shall weigh all competent material and substantial evidence presented by the applicant and the public. The commissioner shall issue written findings and determinations upon which any such decision is based. Such findings and determinations shall consist of evidence

presented, including such information as the commissioner deems appropriate, provided such information, to the extent applicable, relates to any major adverse health or environmental impact of the overall district improvements. The commissioner may reverse or modify any order or action at any time upon the commissioner's own motion. The procedure for such reversal or modification shall be the same as the procedure for the original proceeding.

(g) Any administrative action taken by any commissioner in connection with the district improvements may be appealed by a party aggrieved by such action to the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford in accordance with the provisions of section 4-183 of the general statutes. Such appeal shall be brought not more than ten days after the date the commissioner mails to the parties to the proceeding a notice of such order, decision or action by certified mail, return receipt requested. The appellant shall serve a copy of the appeal on each party listed in the final order, decision or action at the address shown in such decision. Failure to make such service within the ten days on parties other than the commissioner who rendered the final order, decision or action may not, in the discretion of the court, deprive the court of jurisdiction over the appeal. Not later than ten days following the service of such appeal, or within such further time as may be allowed by the court, the commissioner who rendered such decision shall cause any portion of the record that had not been transcribed to be transcribed and shall cause the original or a certified copy of the entire record of the proceeding appealed from to be transmitted to the reviewing court. The record shall include the commissioner's findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated. If more than one commissioner has jurisdiction over the matter, such commissioners shall issue joint findings of fact and conclusions of law. The appeal shall state the reasons upon which such appeal is predicated and, notwithstanding any provisions of the general statutes, shall not stay the development of the improvements. The commissioner who rendered the decision shall appear as the respondent. Appeals to the superior court shall be privileged matters and shall be heard as soon after the return date as practicable. The court shall render its decision not later than twenty-one days after the date that the entire record with the transcript is filed with the court by the commissioner who rendered the decision.

(h) (1) In an appeal pursuant to subsection (g) of this section, the court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the commissioner as to the weight of the evidence presented on a question of fact. The court shall affirm the decision of the commissioner unless the court finds that substantial rights of the party appealing the decision have been materially prejudiced because the administrative findings, inferences, conclusions or decisions of the commissioner are: (A) In violation of constitutional or statutory provisions, (B) in excess of the statutory authority of the commissioner, (C) made upon unlawful procedure, (D) affected by an error of law, (E) clearly erroneous in view of the reliable, probative and substantial evidence on the whole record, or (F) arbitrary, capricious or characterized by abuse of discretion or clearly unwarranted exercise of discretion.

(2) If the court finds material prejudice, it may sustain the appeal, and upon sustaining an appeal may render a judgment that modifies the decision of the commissioner, orders particular action of the commissioner or orders the commissioner to take such action as may be necessary to effect a particular action. The commissioner may issue a permit consistent with such judgment. An applicant may file an amended application, and the commissioner may consider such amended application for an approval for district improvements following such court action.

[(i) Except as provided in this section, the district improvements shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 14-311 to 14-314d, inclusive, of the general statutes.]

Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) As used in this section and sections 6 to 10, inclusive, of this act:

(1) "Department" means the Department of Transportation;

(2) "Personally identifiable information" means information created or maintained by the department, a municipality or a vendor that identifies or describes an owner and includes, but need not be limited to, the owner's address, telephone number, number plate, photograph, bank account information, credit card number, debit card number or the date, time, location or direction of travel on a highway;

(3) "Vendor" means a person selected by the department (A) to provide services to the department described in sections 6 to 10, inclusive, of this act; (B) who operates, maintains, leases or licenses a dynamic part-time lane control system; or (C) who is authorized to review and assemble the recorded images captured by the dynamic part-time lane control system;

(4) "Dynamic part-time lane control system" means a device having one or more motor vehicle sensors connected to a camera system capable of producing recorded images that indicate the date, time and location of the image of each motor vehicle allegedly operating in violation of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act;

(5) "Dynamic part-time lane control system operator" means a person who is trained and certified to operate a dynamic part-time lane control system;

(6) "Dynamic part-time lane" means any lane or shoulder of a highway temporarily designated for a specific use by the Office of the State Traffic Administration to control and manage traffic;

(7) "Authorized emergency vehicle", "driver", "highway", "number plate" and "owner" have the same meanings as provided in section 14-1 of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

(8) "Official traffic control devices" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-297 of the general statutes; and

(9) "High occupancy vehicle lane" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-238b of the general statutes.

(b) The Office of the State Traffic Administration may designate any lane or shoulder of a highway as a dynamic part-time lane to be used (1) as a high occupancy vehicle lane, (2) as a dedicated lane for bus rapid transit or other motor or service bus usage, (3) as a dedicated lane for authorized emergency vehicles responding to an emergency call, (4) to redirect an opposing lane of a highway into a one-way lane, or (5) as is necessary to maintain the function of the state's highway system. The office may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this subsection.

(c) The Department of Transportation may establish a program to operate dynamic part-time lane control systems within a dynamic part-time lane designated pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. A dynamic part-time lane control system shall be used in a manner to only record images of motor vehicles that are allegedly operating in violation of the provisions of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act. Any recorded images collected as part of a dynamic part-time lane control system shall not be used for any surveillance purposes.

(d) A dynamic part-time lane control system may be used provided (1) such system is operated by a dynamic part-time lane control system operator, (2) if, in accordance with the manual of uniform traffic control devices as approved and revised by the Office of the State Traffic Administration, at least two conspicuous road signs are placed at a reasonable distance in advance of a dynamic part-time lane, (3) the first road sign described in subdivision (2) of this subsection indicates the reason said office designated such lane as a dynamic part-time lane, (4) the second road sign described in subdivision (2) of this subsection indicates that the dynamic part-time lane control system is operational or is not operational, (5) an appropriate sign is conspicuously placed at the end of a highway dynamic part-time lane with a dynamic part-time lane control system that is operational, and (6) a notice identifying the location of a dynamic part-time lane control system is available on the Internet web site of the department.

(e) The Department of Transportation may (1) enter into agreements with vendors for the design, operation or maintenance, or any combination thereof, of dynamic part-time lane control systems, and (2) retain and employ consultants and assistants on a contract or other basis for rendering legal, financial, professional, technical or other assistance and advice necessary for the design, operation and maintenance of dynamic part-time lane control systems. If a vendor provides, deploys or operates a dynamic part-time lane control system, the vendor's fee may not be contingent on the number of violations issued or fines paid pursuant to the provisions of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act.

(f) The Commissioner of Transportation may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section and sections 6 to 10, inclusive, of this act and establish standards and procedures for dynamic part-time lanes and dynamic part-time lane control systems.

Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) (1) When a dynamic part-time lane is used as a high occupancy vehicle lane pursuant to section 5 of this act, no person may operate a motor vehicle in such dynamic part-time lane unless such person is (A) traveling with one or more passengers in such person's motor vehicle, or (B) operating a blood transport vehicle in accordance with the provisions of section 14-238b of the general statutes.

(2) When a dynamic part-time lane is used as a dedicated lane for bus rapid transit service or other motor or service bus usage pursuant to section 5 of this act, no person (A) may operate a motor vehicle in such dynamic part-time lane unless such person is operating such vehicle in accordance with the provisions of subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of subsection (a) of section 14-296bb of the general statutes, or (B) may stop or park in such dynamic part-time lane unless such person is obeying the direction indicated by an official traffic control device or the direction of a law enforcement officer.

(3) When a dynamic part-time lane is used as a dedicated lane for an authorized emergency vehicle responding to an emergency pursuant to section 5 of this act, no person may operate a motor vehicle in such dynamic part-time lane unless such person is (A) operating an authorized emergency vehicle responding to an emergency call, or (B) obeying the direction of a law enforcement officer.

(4) When a dynamic part-time lane is used as a dedicated lane to redirect an opposing lane of a highway into a one-way lane or to maintain the function of the state's highway system pursuant to section 5 of this act, no person may operate a motor vehicle in such dynamic part-time lane unless such person is obeying the direction indicated by an official traffic control device or the direction of a law enforcement officer.

(b) The owner of a motor vehicle identified by a dynamic part-time lane control system as violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall, (1) for a first violation, be fined seventy-five dollars, and (2) for a second or subsequent violation that occurs within one year of the date of such owner's most recent violation, be fined not more than two hundred dollars. Any subsequent violation occurring more than one year after such owner's most recent violation shall be considered a first violation.

(c) The owner shall be liable for any fine imposed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a law enforcement officer at the time of the violation. In the case of a motor vehicle that is leased for more than thirty days and identified by a dynamic part-time lane control system as violating the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the lessee shall be considered the owner of such motor vehicle for the purposes of this section and section 7 and subsection (b) of section 8 of this act.

(d) All amounts received from fines imposed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be deposited into the Special Transportation Fund, established pursuant to section 13b-68 of the general statutes and maintained pursuant to article thirty-second of the amendments to the Constitution of the state. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any amounts received from fines imposed pursuant to an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act.

Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) (1) Whenever a dynamic part-time lane control system detects and produces recorded images of a motor vehicle allegedly committing a violation of section 6 of this act, a sworn member or authorized member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall review the recorded images provided by such system. Whenever a dynamic part-time lane control system detects and produces recorded images of a motor vehicle allegedly committing a violation of an ordinance adopted by a municipality under section 10 of this act, a sworn member or employee of the municipality's police department or an employee of the municipality designated by the traffic authority of such municipality shall review the recorded images provided by such system.

(2) If, after the review conducted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, such member or employee determines that there are reasonable grounds to believe that a violation has occurred, such member or employee may issue a notice of violation for the alleged violation. Such notice of violation shall be sworn or affirmed by such member or employee and shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained in the notice. Such notice of violation shall include written verification that the dynamic part-time lane control system was operating correctly at the time of the alleged violation and specify the date of the most recent inspection that confirms the dynamic part-time lane control system to be operating properly.

(3) A dynamic part-time lane control system operator shall complete training offered by the manufacturer of such system, or the manufacturer's representative, including training on any devices critical to the operation of such system or the procedures for setting up, testing and operating such system. Upon completion of the training, the manufacturer or manufacturer's representative shall issue a signed certificate to the dynamic part-time lane control system operator. Such signed certificate shall be admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for an alleged violation of section

6 of this act or in any hearing conducted pursuant to section 7-152c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, as applicable.

(4) A dynamic part-time lane control system operator shall complete and sign a daily log for a dynamic part-time lane control system. Such daily log shall (A) state the date, time and location of such system's set-up, (B) state that the dynamic part-time lane control system operator successfully performed, and the dynamic part-time lane control system passed, the testing specified by the manufacturer of the dynamic part-time lane control system, (C) be kept on file at the principal office of the operator, and (D) be admitted in any court proceeding for an alleged violation of section 6 of this act or in any hearing conducted pursuant to section 7-152c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, as applicable.

(b) A dynamic part-time lane control system shall undergo an annual calibration check performed at a calibration laboratory. The calibration laboratory shall issue a signed certificate of calibration after the annual calibration check. Such signed certificate of calibration shall be kept on file and admitted as evidence in any court proceeding for an alleged violation of section 6 of this act or in any hearing conducted pursuant to section 7-152c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, as applicable.

(c) The notice of violation for the alleged violation of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) a copy of the recorded image showing the vehicle with its number plate visible, (2) the registration number and state of issuance of the vehicle registration, (3) verification that the dynamic part-time lane control system was operating correctly at the time of the alleged violation and the date of the most recent calibration check, and (4) the date, time and location of the alleged violation.

(d) In the case of an alleged violation of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act involving a motor vehicle registered in the state, the notice of violation shall be mailed not later than thirty days after the commission of the alleged violation or after the identity of the owner is ascertained, whichever is later, to the address of the owner that is in the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(e) In the case of an alleged violation of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act involving a motor vehicle registered in another jurisdiction, the notice of the violation shall be mailed not later than thirty days after the identity of the owner is ascertained to the address of the owner that is in the records of the official in the other jurisdiction issuing such registration.

(f) A notice of violation shall be invalid unless mailed to an owner not later than ninety days after the alleged violation of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act.

(g) The notice of violation shall be sent by first class mail. A manual or automatic record of mailing prepared by the dynamic part-time lane control system operator in the ordinary course of business shall be prima facie evidence of mailing and shall be admissible in any court proceeding as to the facts contained in the notice.

(h) A violation of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act shall not (1) be included in any driver control record maintained pursuant to section 14-111l of the general statutes, (2) be subject to merit rating for insurance purposes, or (3) authorize the imposition of surcharge points in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

(i) The following defenses shall be available to the owner of a motor vehicle identified by a dynamic part-time lane control system as allegedly violating section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act: (1) The violation took place during a period of time in which the motor vehicle had been reported as being stolen to a law enforcement unit, as defined in section 7-294a of the general statutes, and had not been recovered prior to the time of the violation, and (2) the dynamic part-time lane control system used to determine the violation was not in compliance with the provisions of this section relating to tests for accuracy, certification or calibration.

(j) An owner who receives a notice of violation of section 6 of this act pursuant to the provisions of this section shall follow the procedures set forth in section 51-164n of the general statutes, as amended by this act. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to an owner who is alleged to have violated an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act.

Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide the Department of Transportation and any vendor with information regarding the owner of a motor

vehicle identified by a part-time lane control system as allegedly violating the provisions of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act. Such information shall include, but need not be limited to, the make and number plate of such motor vehicle and the name and address of the owner of such motor vehicle.

(b) If an owner fails to (1) pay the fine imposed for a violation or conviction of section 6 of this act, (2) submit a plea of not guilty by the answer date, or (3) appear for any scheduled court appearance at the time and place assigned, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may refuse to register or suspend the registration of the motor vehicle operated at the time of such violation.

Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) No personally identifiable information shall be sold or disclosed by the department, a municipality or a vendor to any person or entity except where the disclosure is made in connection with the charging, collection and enforcement of the fines imposed pursuant to section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act.

(b) No personally identifiable information shall be stored or retained by the department, a municipality or a vendor unless such information is necessary for the collection and enforcement of the fines imposed pursuant to section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act.

(c) The department, a municipality or a vendor shall destroy personally identifiable information and other data that specifically identifies a motor vehicle and relates to a violation of section 6 of this act or an ordinance adopted under section 10 of this act not later than thirty days after any fine is imposed or the resolution of a trial or hearing conducted for the alleged commission of such violation, whichever is later, except the department, a municipality or a vendor may retain a portion of personally identifiable information for the limited purpose of determining whether a person committed a second or subsequent violation of said section or such ordinance. The department, municipality or vendor shall destroy any retained portion of personally identifiable information not later than one year after the date of such person's most recent violation.

(d) Personally identifiable information shall not be deemed a public record, for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes.

Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2027*) (a) Any municipality operating a bus in a dynamic part-time lane may participate in the program to operate dynamic part-time control systems established pursuant to section 6 of this act, provided such municipality (1) adopts an ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this section, and (2) enters into an agreement with the Department of Transportation concerning the design, installation, operation and maintenance of such dynamic part-time lane control systems.

(b) Any ordinance adopted under this section shall specify the following: (1) That an owner of a motor vehicle commits a violation of the ordinance if the person operating such motor vehicle does so in violation of subsection (a) of section 6 of this act and such operation is detected by a dynamic part-time lane control system operated by the Department of Transportation on behalf of the municipality; (2) a fine, if any, to be imposed against the owner of a motor vehicle committing a violation of such ordinance, provided the amount of such fine is not more than seventy-five dollars for a first violation and not more than two hundred dollars for a second or subsequent violation that occurs within one year of the date of such owner's most recent violation; (3) the payment of any such fine may be made by electronic means; and (4) the defenses available to the owner of a motor vehicle allegedly committing a violation of such ordinance, which shall include, but need not be limited to, the defenses listed in subsection (i) of section 7 of this act. Any subsequent violation occurring more than one year after such owner's most recent violation shall be considered a first violation.

(c) Any municipality that adopts an ordinance under this section shall also adopt a citation hearing procedure pursuant to section 7-152c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, with regard to alleged violations of such ordinance.

(d) Any funds received by the municipality from fines imposed pursuant to an ordinance adopted under this section shall be deposited into the general fund of the municipality or in any special fund designated by the municipality.

(e) No person shall be subject to the fine in subsection (b) of section 6 of this act and a fine for the violation of an ordinance adopted under this section because of the same offense.

Sec. 11. Subsection (c) of section 7-152c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

(c) Any such municipality, at any time within twelve months from the expiration of the final period for the uncontested payment of fines, penalties, costs or fees for any citation issued under any ordinance adopted pursuant to section 7-148, 14-279c, 14-307c, 14-307j or 22a-226d or section 10 of this act, for an alleged violation thereof, shall send notice to the person cited. Such notice shall inform the person cited: (1) Of the allegations against such person and the amount of the fines, penalties, costs or fees due; (2) that such person may contest such person's liability before a citation hearing officer by delivering in person or by mail written notice within ten days of the date thereof; (3) that if such person does not demand such a hearing, an assessment and judgment shall be entered against such person; and (4) that such judgment may issue without further notice. For purposes of this section, notice shall be presumed to have been properly sent if such notice was mailed to such person's last-known address on file with the tax collector. If the person to whom such notice is issued is a registrant, the municipality may deliver such notice in accordance with section 7-148ii, provided nothing in this section shall preclude a municipality from providing notice in another manner permitted by applicable law.

Sec. 12. Section 3-6a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) Whenever an emergency situation exists because of extreme weather conditions or other acts of nature, other than as is provided in section 28-9, requiring the restriction of movement of persons and vehicles upon the streets and highways of the state, the Governor may issue an order pursuant to section 3-1 designating the persons and vehicles which shall be permitted to move and the routes which they shall follow.

(b) [Violation of an order issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be an infraction.] Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars.

Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 51-164n of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any person who is alleged to have committed (1) a violation under the provisions of section 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 2-71h, 3-6a, as amended by this act, 4b-13, 7-13, 7-14, 7-35 or 7-41, subsection (c) of section 7-66, section 7-83, 7-147h, 7-148, 7-283, 7-325, 7-393, 8-12, 8-25, 8-27, 9-63, 9-322, 9-350, 10-185, 10-193, 10-197, 10-198, 10-230, 10-251, 10-254, 10a-35, 12-52, 12-54, 12-129b or 12-170aa, subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 12-286, section 12-286a, 12-292, 12-314b or 12-326g, subdivision (4) of section 12-408, subdivision (3), (5) or (6) of section 12-411, section 12-435c, 12-476a, 12-476b, 12-476c, 12-487, 13a-26b, 13a-71, 13a-107, 13a-113, 13a-114, 13a-115, 13a-117b, 13a-123, 13a-124, 13a-139, 13a-140, 13a-143b, 13a-253, 13a-263 or 13b-39f, subsection (f) of section 13b-42, section 13b-90 or 13b-100, subsection (a) of section 13b-108, section 13b-221 or 13b-292, subsection (a) or (b) of section 13b-324, section 13b-336, 13b-337, 13b-338, 13b-410a, 13b-410b or 13b-410c, subsection (a), (b) or (c) of section 13b-412, section 13b-414 or 14-4, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-12, subsection (d) of section 14-12, subsection (f) of section 14-12a, subsection (a) of section 14-15a, section 14-16c, 14-20a or 14-27a, subsection (f) of section 14-34a, subsection (d) of section 14-35, section 14-43, 14-44j, 14-49, 14-50a, 14-58 or 14-62a, subsection (b) of section 14-66, section 14-66a or 14-67a, subsection (g) of section 14-80, as amended by this act, subsection (f) or (i) of section 14-80h, section 14-97a or 14-98, subsection (a), (b) or (d) of section 14-100a, section 14-100b, 14-103a, 14-106a, 14-106c, 14-145a, 14-146, 14-152, 14-153, 14-161 or 14-163b, subsection (f) of section 14-164i, section 14-213b or 14-219, subdivision (1) of section 14-223a, subsection (d) of section 14-224, section 14-240 or 14-250, subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 14-251, section 14-253a, 14-261a, 14-262, 14-264, 14-266, 14-267a, 14-269, 14-270, 14-272b, 14-274, 14-275 or 14-275a, subsection (c) of section 14-275c, section 14-276, subsection (a) or (b) of section 14-277, section 14-278, 14-279 or 14-280, subsection (b), (e) or (h) of section 14-283, section 14-283d, 14-283e, 14-283f, 14-283g, 14-289l, 14-291, 14-293b, 14-296aa, as amended by this act, 14-298a, 14-300, 14-300d, 14-300f, 14-319, 14-320, 14-321, 14-325a, 14-326, 14-330 or 14-332a, subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of section 14-386a, section 15-15e, 15-25 or 15-33, subdivision (1) of section 15-97, subsection (a) of section 15-115, section 16-15, 16-16, 16-44, 16-256e, 16-278 or 16a-15, subsection (a) of section 16a-21, section 16a-22, subsection (a) or (b) of section 16a-22h, section 16a-106, 17a-24, 17a-145, 17a-149 or 17a-152, subsection (b) of section 17a-227, section 17a-465, subsection (c) of section 17a-488, section 17b-124, 17b-131, 17b-137,

19a-33, 19a-39 or 19a-87, subsection (b) of section 19a-87a, section 19a-91, 19a-102a, 19a-102b, 19a-105, 19a-107, 19a-113, 19a-215, 19a-216a, 19a-219, 19a-222, 19a-224, 19a-286, 19a-287, 19a-297, 19a-301, 19a-309, 19a-335, 19a-336, 19a-338, 19a-339, 19a-340, 19a-425, 19a-442, 19a-502, 19a-565, 20-7a, 20-14, 20-153a, 20-158, 20-231, 20-233, 20-249, 20-257, 20-265, 20-324e, 20-329c or 20-329g, subsection (b) of section 20-334, section 20-341l, 20-366, 20-482, 20-597, 20-608, 20-610, 20-623, 21-1, 21-38, 21-39, 21-43, 21-47, 21-48 or 21-63, subsection (d) of section 21-71, section 21-76a or 21-100, subsection (c) of section 21a-2, subdivision (1) of section 21a-19, section 21a-20 or 21a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 21a-25, section 21a-26, subsection (a) of section 21a-37, section 21a-46, 21a-61, 21a-63, 21a-70b or 21a-77, subsection (b) or (c) of section 21a-79, section 21a-85 or 21a-154, subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 21a-159, section 21a-278b, subsection (c), (d) or (e) of section 21a-279a, section 21a-415a, 21a-421eee, 21a-421fff or 21a-421hhh, subsection (a) of section 21a-430, section 22-12b, 22-13, 22-14, 22-15, 22-16, 22-26g, 22-30, 22-34, 22-35, 22-36, 22-38, 22-39, 22-39f, 22-49, 22-54, 22-61j or 22-61l, subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of section 22-61l, subsection (f) of section 22-61m, subdivision (1) of subsection (f) of section 22-61m, section 22-84, 22-89, 22-90, 22-96, 22-98, 22-99, 22-100 or 22-111o, subsection (d) of section 22-118l, section 22-167, subsection (c) of section 22-277, section 22-278, 22-279, 22-280a, 22-318a, 22-320h, 22-324a or 22-326, subsection (b), subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (e) or subsection (g) of section 22-344, subsection (a) or (b) of section 22-344b, subsection (d) of section 22-344d, section 22-344f, 22-350a, 22-354, 22-359, 22-366, 22-391, 22-413, 22-414, 22-415, 22-415c, 22a-66a or 22a-246, subsection (a) of section 22a-250, section 22a-256g, subsection (e) of section 22a-256h, section 22a-363 or 22a-381d, subsections (c) and (d) of section 22a-381e, section 22a-449, 22a-450, 22a-461, 23-4b, 23-38, 23-45, 23-46 or 23-61b, subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 23-65, section 25-37 or 25-40, subsection (a) of section 25-43, section 25-43d, 25-135, 26-18, 26-19, 26-21, 26-31, 26-40, 26-40a, 26-42, 26-43, 26-49, 26-54, 26-55, 26-56, 26-58 or 26-59, subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 26-61, section 26-64, subdivision (1) of section 26-76, section 26-79, 26-87, 26-89, 26-91, 26-94, 26-97, 26-98, 26-104, 26-105, 26-107, 26-114a, 26-117, subsection (b) of section 26-127, 26-128, 26-128a, 26-131, 26-132, 26-138, 26-139 or 26-141, subdivision (1) of section 26-186, section 26-207, 26-215, 26-217 or 26-224a, subdivision (1) of section 26-226, section 26-227, 26-230, 26-231, 26-232, 26-244, 26-257a, 26-260, 26-276, 26-280, 26-284, 26-285, 26-286, 26-287, 26-288, 26-290, 26-291a, 26-292, 26-294, 27-107, 28-13, 29-6a, 29-16, 29-17, 29-25, 29-143o, 29-143z or 29-156a, subsection (b), (d), (e), (g) or (h) of section 29-161q, section 29-161y or 29-161z, subdivision (1) of section 29-198, section 29-210, 29-243 or 29-277, subsection (c) of section 29-291c, section 29-316 or 29-318, subsection (b) of section 29-335a, section 29-381, 30-19f, 30-48a or 30-86a, subsection (b) of section 30-89, subsection (c) or (d) of section 30-117, section 31-3, 31-10, 31-11, 31-12, 31-13, 31-14, 31-15, 31-16, 31-18, 31-23, 31-24, 31-25, 31-32, 31-36, 31-47 or 31-48, subsection (b) of section 31-48b, section 31-51, 31-51g, 31-52, 31-52a, 31-53 or 31-54, subsection (a) or (c) of section 31-69, section 31-70, 31-74, 31-75, 31-76, 31-76a, 31-89b or 31-134, subsection (i) of section 31-273, section 31-288, 31-348, 33-624, 33-1017, 34-13d or 34-412, subdivision (1) of section 35-20, subsection (a) of section 36a-57, subsection (b) of section 36a-665, section 36a-699, 36a-739, 36a-787, 38a-2 or 38a-140, subsection (a) or (b) of section 38a-278, section 38a-479qq, 38a-479rr, 38a-506, 38a-548, 38a-626, 38a-680, 38a-713, 38a-733, 38a-764, 38a-786, 38a-828, 38a-829, 38a-885, 42-133hh, 42-470 or 42-480, subsection (a) or (c) of section 43-16q, section 45a-283, 45a-450, 45a-634 or 45a-658, subdivision (13) or (14) of section 46a-54, section 46a-59, 46a-81b, 46b-22, 46b-24, 46b-34, 46b-38d, 47-34a, 47-47 or 47-53, subsection (i) of section 47a-21, subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 47a-21, section 49-2a, 49-8a, 49-16, 52-143 or 52-289, subsection (j) of section 52-362, section 53-133, 53-199, 53-212a, 53-249a, 53-252, 53-264, 53-280, 53-290a, 53-302a, 53-303e, 53-311a, 53-314, 53-321, 53-322, 53-323 or 53-331, subsection (b) of section 53-343a, section 53-344, subsection (b) or (c) of section 53-344b, subsection (b) of section 53-345a, section 53-377, 53-422 or 53-450, [or] subsection (i) of section 54-36a or section 6 of this act, or (2) a violation under the provisions of chapter 268, or (3) a violation of any regulation adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 12-484, 12-487 or 13b-410, or (4) a violation of any ordinance, regulation or bylaw of any town, city or borough, except violations of building codes, the health code or an ordinance described in subdivision (5) of this subsection, for which the penalty exceeds ninety dollars but does not exceed two hundred fifty dollars, unless such town, city or borough has established a payment and hearing procedure for such

violation pursuant to section 7-152c, as amended by this act, or (5) a violation of any ordinance adopted by a town, city or borough pursuant to section 14-224a, 14-390 or 14-390m for which the penalty does not exceed two thousand dollars, unless such town, city or borough has established a payment and hearing procedure for such violation pursuant to section 7-152c, as amended by this act, shall follow the procedures set forth in this section.

Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) A portion of Connecticut Route 163 between the intersection of Connecticut Route 32 traveling in a northwesterly direction to the intersection of Connecticut Route 82 in the town of Montville shall be designated as the "Kevin Ryan Memorial Highway".

Sec. 15. Section 13b-46 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) The executive director may approve airports, heliports, vertiports, restricted landing areas and other air navigation facilities. Any municipality or person acquiring property for the purpose of constructing or establishing an airport, heliport, vertiport or restricted landing area shall, prior to such acquisition, apply to the executive director for a certificate of approval of the site selected and the general purpose or purposes for which the property is to be acquired, to ensure that the property and its use shall conform to minimum standards of safety and shall serve the public interest. Any proposed airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility at which more than thirty-six landings and takeoffs are expected to be made by aircraft in any year shall be approved by the executive director before it shall be licensed to be used or operated. The executive director shall make no charge for approval certificates of proposed property acquisition for airport, heliport, vertiport or restricted landing area purposes.

(b) The executive director may (1) license [airports, heliports, vertiports, restricted landing areas and other air navigation facilities] any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area and other air navigation facility at which more than thirty-six landings and takeoffs are expected to be made by aircraft in any year, and (2) renew such licenses. When a certificate of approval of an airport, heliport, vertiport, [or] restricted landing area or other air navigation facility has been issued by the executive director, the executive director may grant a license for operation and use. On and after [July 1, 1995] October 1, 2026, the executive director shall charge a fee of [one hundred fifty] three hundred dollars for each license or renewal thereof. Each such license shall be effective for a period of three years from the date of issuance. Each licensee shall certify, on a form provided by the executive director, that the licensed facility shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations during the license period. Municipalities shall be exempt from the payment of any license fee in connection with airports owned or operated by such municipalities.

(c) The executive director may (1) register any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility at which thirty-six or fewer landings and takeoffs are expected to be made by aircraft in any year, and (2) renew such registrations. On and after October 1, 2026, the executive director shall charge a fee of one hundred dollars for each registration or renewal thereof. Each such registration shall be effective for a period of three years from the date of issuance. Each registrant shall certify, on a form provided by the executive director, (A) that the registered facility shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations during the registration period, and (B) that there will be thirty-six or fewer landings and takeoffs by aircraft at such facility in any year during the registration period. Any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility at which thirty-six or fewer landings and takeoffs are expected to be made by aircraft in any year shall be registered with the executive director pursuant to this subsection before it is to be used or operated. Municipalities shall be exempt from the payment of any registration fee in connection with airports owned or operated by such municipalities.

[(c)] (d) No municipality or officer or employee thereof and no person shall operate an airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility for which approval has not been granted, and a license has not been issued, by the executive director in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section or registration has not been issued by the executive director in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any airport, heliport, vertiport, restricted landing area or other air navigation facility owned by the federal government within this state. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

[(d)] (e) Any heliport in operation prior to October 1, 1985, shall be deemed licensed for operation and use and the executive director shall issue an original license for any such heliport upon the written request of the person who controls and operates such heliport. Such heliports shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter concerning the renewal or revocation of licenses, inspection and review of air navigation facilities and any other provision of this chapter except those concerning the initial approval or licensing of such facilities. Such heliports shall be subject to any rule or procedure adopted by the authority in accordance with the provisions of this chapter except those concerning the initial approval or licensing of any air navigation facility.

Sec. 16. Section 13b-31h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) The Department of Transportation shall develop, and thereafter revise as necessary, guidelines governing tree and vegetation management, removal and replacement along state highways for use by its employees and contractors when undertaking maintenance and construction projects. The goal of the guidelines shall be to ensure the impacts of maintenance and construction projects on the environment, landscape and noise pollution are balanced or outweighed by measures taken to avoid and minimize the impacts.

(b) Such guidelines shall include, but need not be limited to, provisions addressing (1) the safety of the traveling public; (2) general roadside vegetation management activities performed by the department, including, but not limited to, mowing, herbicide application, grassing, replanting with native species whenever practicable, limb management, tree removal and debris removal; (3) beautification, enhancements and the effect on scenic roads designated pursuant to section 13b-31c; (4) visibility enhancement; and (5) the environmental impact of such work, including (A) preventing invasive tree, brush or plant species' growth and impact, (B) storm water run-off, (C) erosion, (D) replanting of vegetation species to expand and improve pollinator habitats, as described in section 22-90b, and (E) reduced mowing. Such guidelines shall apply to construction projects financed, in whole or in part, with federal funds to the extent such guidelines do not conflict with federal laws and regulations.

(c) Such guidelines shall not apply to the removal of any trees or vegetation necessary to maintain public safety or that is performed because of a weather-related civil preparedness emergency declared pursuant to section 28-9.

(d) [On or before January 1, 2024] Not later than February 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Transportation shall consider the results of the study and recommendations conducted pursuant to section 63 of public act 24-151, as amended by this act, by the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at The University of Connecticut concerning the carbon sequestration by trees and other vegetation along highways and other areas in the state, and determine the need, if any, for revisions to the guidelines adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. If the commissioner determines a revision to such guidelines is not warranted, the commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and the environment explaining the reasons for such determination. If the commissioner revises such guidelines in response to the results of such study, the commissioner shall submit such revised guidelines to [the] such joint standing committees, [of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and the environment,] in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. [The] Such joint standing committees [shall] may hold a joint public hearing on such revised guidelines and the commissioner shall present such revised guidelines at the public hearing, if any.

Sec. 17. Section 63 of public act 24-151 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(a) The Department of Transportation shall provide a grant from available resources to the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at The University of Connecticut for the purpose of studying the carbon sequestration by trees and other vegetation along highways and other areas in the state.

(b) The Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at The University of Connecticut shall (1) submit an interim report, not later than January 1, 2025, and a final report, not later than [July 1, 2025] October 1, 2026, concerning the [department's findings] results of such study and any recommendations to the Department of Transportation and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and

the environment, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, and (2) present either or both such reports at [a] any hearing held jointly by said joint standing committees.

Sec. 18. Section 13b-116 of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivisions (8) to (11), inclusive, as follows (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

(NEW) (8) "Telemetric monitoring" means the continuous, automated collection and evaluation of operational and system performance data that is generated by a digital network during a prearranged ride.

(NEW) (9) "Safety anomaly" means an unexpected or irregular event detected through a digital network that deviates from performance baselines established by a transportation network company that may indicate a potential risk to the safety of a rider or driver, including, but not limited to, high-force decelerations or structural vibrations consistent with a motor vehicle accident, significant departures from the path of the prearranged ride or prolonged periods of inactivity on the digital network.

(NEW) (10) "Sexual assault" has the same meaning as provided in section 10a-55m.

(NEW) (11) "Service animal" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-345.

Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 13b-118 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

(a) (1) A transportation network company shall provide for real-time messaging between the company and the transportation network company driver through the company's digital network when the driver is using the digital network. Such messaging shall be available in both English and Spanish.

(2) After a potential transportation network company rider submits a request for a prearranged ride, the transportation network company shall display to the rider through its digital network: [a] (A) A picture of the transportation network company driver and the license plate number of the transportation network company vehicle that will be used to provide the prearranged ride before the rider enters such vehicle, and (B) a notification identifying any safety features available through the digital network that may be used during a prearranged ride. Each transportation network company shall, at a minimum, provide the following safety features: (i) A location sharing feature that allows a rider to share information about a prearranged ride with a third party, (ii) an emergency assistance interface or other means to contact a public safety answering point, as defined in section 28-25, during a prearranged ride, (iii) an optional audio recording feature that may be utilized during a prearranged ride, provided such feature includes notice to the driver and is implemented in compliance with applicable state and federal laws governing the recording of communications, and (iv) the availability of support and resources twenty-four hours a day to manage any incidents, accidents or emergencies that occur during a prearranged ride.

(3) On each offer for a prearranged ride presented to a transportation network company driver, the transportation network company shall demarcate on any such offer whether the potential transportation network company rider requesting such prearranged ride, or the third party requesting a prearranged ride on behalf of a potential rider, has been verified by the company. The company shall designate an individual as verified if the company has authenticated the individual's identity through the submission of a valid photograph, the comparison of the individual's account information with records maintained by another party or any other method that reasonably enables the company to confirm the identity of the individual. A driver's decision to decline an offer for a prearranged ride where the potential rider or requesting third party is not designated as verified shall not, by itself, constitute grounds for suspension, deactivation or other disciplinary action against the driver by the company.

[(3)] (4) A transportation network company driver shall display on a transportation network company vehicle a removable decal at all times when the driver is connected to a digital network or is engaged in the provision of a prearranged ride. Such decal shall be: (A) Issued by the transportation network company; (B) sufficiently large so as to be readable during daylight hours at a distance of at least fifty feet; (C) reflective, illuminated or otherwise visible in darkness; and (D) displayed on the passenger side of the transportation network company vehicle if such decal is illuminated.

(5) A transportation network company shall, through its digital network, (A) implement and maintain a telemetric monitoring system capable of providing an emergency assistance interface with the opportunity to contact a public safety answering point, and (B) permit a third party pursuant

to an agreement with such company to receive, review and respond in real time to verified safety requests generated by the digital network relating to a safety anomaly occurring during a prearranged ride.

Sec. 20. Subsection (c) of section 13b-118 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(c) (1) A transportation network company shall adopt, maintain and enforce a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of the age, color, creed, destination, intellectual or physical disability, national origin, race, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity with respect to transportation network company riders, potential transportation network company riders and transportation network company drivers. A transportation network company shall notify all drivers who use the company's digital network of such policy.

(2) No transportation network company may take or threaten to take any retaliatory action, including suspending or banning access to its digital network, against a transportation network company driver solely because such driver filed a complaint with such company.

(3) A transportation network company shall adopt, maintain and enforce a service animal nondiscrimination policy. Such policy, at a minimum, shall: (A) Prohibit any transportation network company driver using the company's digital network from canceling or refusing to provide a prearranged ride to a potential rider on the basis that the rider is accompanied by a service animal, regardless of any allergy, fear or religious or cultural objection to such service animal, (B) require the company to display, through its digital network, an option to a potential rider to (i) disclose before a prearranged ride that such potential rider is accompanied by a service animal, and (ii) report any instance in which a driver cancels or refuses to provide a prearranged ride to such potential rider in violation of applicable laws relating to the accommodation of service animals and the company's service animal nondiscrimination policy, (C) require the company, through its digital network, to notify any driver who attempts to cancel or refuse to provide a prearranged ride to a potential rider who has disclosed that such potential rider is accompanied by a service animal that any such cancellation or refusal may (i) violate applicable laws relating to the accommodation of service animals and the company's service animal nondiscrimination policy, and (ii) result in a permanent ban from accessing the company's digital network, (D) require the company to investigate and respond to each reported instance of a driver canceling or refusing a prearranged ride on the basis that the rider is accompanied by a service animal and to maintain records of such reports and the company's investigation and response for a period of not less than three years from the date of the reported cancellation or refusal, (E) require the company to permanently ban a driver from accessing the company's digital network if a driver violates the company's service animal nondiscrimination policy, and (F) require the company, through its digital network, to provide periodic reminders to drivers with an active account on such digital network of the rights of riders with disabilities and the applicability of laws relating to the accommodation of service animals.

Sec. 21. Section 13b-119 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

(a) Prior to permitting an individual to act as a transportation network company driver on its digital network, the transportation network company shall:

(1) Require the individual to submit an application to the company that includes information regarding the individual's name, address, date of birth, motor vehicle operator's license number and motor vehicle registration;

(2) (A) Conduct, or have a consumer reporting agency regulated under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act conduct, a driving record check and a local, state and national criminal history records check, including a search of state and national sexual offender registry databases provided such databases are accessible to the public, or (B) arrange for the fingerprinting of the individual to be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records check and to the State Police Bureau of Identification for a state criminal history records check conducted in accordance with section 29-17a;

(3) Disclose to such individual, electronically or in writing, (A) the insurance coverage, including the types of coverage and any coverage limits, that the company provides while a transportation network company driver is connected to the company's digital network or is engaged in the provision of a prearranged ride, and (B) that a transportation network company driver's personal automobile insurance policy might not provide coverage while such driver is connected to

the company's digital network, available to receive a request for a prearranged ride or engaged in the provision of a prearranged ride; and

(4) Inform such individual, electronically or in writing, (A) that such individual may enroll in the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program pursuant to section 31-49m and obtain information about such program from the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority established in section 31-49f, (B) of the requirements to become qualified to provide prearranged rides that originate in a neighboring state, and (C) of the transportation network company's deactivation process for transportation network company drivers. For the purposes of this subdivision, "deactivation process" means procedures a transportation network company undertakes to materially restrict a transportation network company driver's access to the digital network, including blocking access to the digital network, suspending a driver from the digital network or changing a driver's status on the digital network from eligible to provide prearranged rides to ineligible to provide prearranged rides.

(b) (1) A transportation network company shall conduct, or have a consumer reporting agency regulated under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act conduct, a local, state and national criminal history records check, including a search of state and national sexual offender registry databases, or arrange for the fingerprinting of the individual to be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records check and to the State Police Bureau of Identification for a state criminal history records check conducted in accordance with section 29-17a, at least once every [three years] year after permitting an individual to act as a transportation network company driver.

(2) A transportation network company shall provide, and require each transportation network company driver to complete, an annual training concerning sexual assault prevention and driver education. Such training shall include information regarding the prevention, identification and reporting of sexual assault and instruction regarding appropriate interactions with transportation network company riders.

(c) (1) No transportation network company shall permit an individual to act as a transportation network company driver on its digital network if such individual: (A) Has, during the three years prior to the date of such individual's application to be a transportation network company driver, (i) committed more than three moving violations, as defined in section 14-111g, (ii) committed one serious traffic violation, as defined in section 14-1, as amended by this act, or (iii) had his or her motor vehicle operator's license suspended pursuant to section 14-227b; (B) has been convicted, within seven years prior to the date of such individual's application, of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, fraud, sexual offenses, use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony, acts of violence or acts of terror; (C) is included in the state sexual offenders registry or the United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Website; (D) does not possess a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license or a motor vehicle operator's license issued by a reciprocal state; (E) does not possess proof of registration for each motor vehicle such individual proposes to use as a transportation network company vehicle; [or] (F) is not at least nineteen years of age; or (G) fails to submit to a periodic identity verification when requested by the transportation network company through its digital network when such driver is connected to and active on the digital network. For the purposes of this subsection, "reciprocal state" means a state that permits transportation network company drivers who possess a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license to provide a prearranged ride that originates in such state.

(2) An individual who is permitted to act as a transportation network company driver shall report to the transportation network company not later than twenty-four hours after the occurrence of any of the following: (A) The commission of a fourth moving violation, as defined in section 14-111g, during the past three years; (B) the commission of one serious traffic violation, as defined in section 14-1, as amended by this act; (C) the suspension of his or her motor vehicle operator's license pursuant to section 14-227b; (D) the conviction of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, fraud, sexual offenses, use of a motor vehicle to commit a felony, acts of violence or acts of terror; (E) inclusion in the state sexual offenders registry or the United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Website; (F) failure to possess an operator's license; or (G) failure to possess proof of registration for a transportation network company vehicle. Each transportation network company that receives a report pursuant to this subdivision or becomes aware of such occurrence shall prohibit the individual from acting as a transportation network company driver on

the company's digital network until the individual meets the qualifications of this section to be a transportation network company driver.

(3) Not later than five days after a transportation network company permanently completes an investigation and, as a result of such investigation, permanently bans a transportation network company driver's access to the company's digital network due to a sexual assault or assault resulting in another person's death that was connected to the driver's use of such digital network, such transportation network company shall notify, or cause to be notified, each registered transportation network company in the state of such ban and the driver's first and last name, date of birth and motor vehicle operator's license number.

(d) (1) A transportation network company shall adopt a policy that a transportation network company driver shall not use or be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while the driver is connected to the company's digital network or engaged in the provision of a prearranged ride. The company shall provide notice of such policy on its Internet web site, and include procedures for a transportation network company rider to report a complaint about a driver whom the rider reasonably suspects was using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol while engaged in the provision of a prearranged ride.

(2) Upon the company's receipt of a complaint by a rider alleging a violation of such policy, the company shall suspend the driver's access to the company's digital network as soon as possible and conduct an investigation into the reported incident. The suspension shall last until completion of the investigation. If the investigation confirms the driver used or was under the influence of drugs or alcohol while engaged in the provision of a prearranged ride or while connected to the company's digital network, the company shall ban the driver's access to the digital network on a permanent basis.

(3) The company shall maintain all records related to the enforcement of such policy for a period of not less than three years from the date that a complaint by a rider is received by the company.

(e) A transportation network company shall adopt a policy that prohibits a transportation network company driver from providing a prearranged ride when such driver's ability to operate a transportation network company motor vehicle is impaired by illness, fatigue or any other condition that would likely preclude safe operation of such vehicle.

(f) A transportation network company driver shall: (1) Comply with all applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination against transportation network company riders or potential transportation network company riders on the basis of age, color, creed, destination, intellectual or physical disability, national origin, race, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity; (2) comply with all applicable laws relating to the accommodation of service animals and accommodate service animals without imposing additional charges for such accommodation; (3) comply with the policies adopted by the transportation network company pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 13b-118, as amended by this act, and subsections (d) and (e) of this section; (4) not impose additional charges for providing prearranged rides to persons with physical disabilities because of such disabilities; and (5) not solicit or accept a request for transportation unless the request is accepted through the transportation network company's digital network. [For the purposes of this subsection, "service animal" has the same meaning as provided in section 22-345.]

(g) (1) Any person who holds himself or herself out to be a transportation network company driver who is not permitted by a transportation network company to use its digital network shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

(2) The state shall remit to a municipality fifty per cent of the fine amount received for a violation of subdivision (1) of this subsection with respect to each summons issued by such municipality. Each clerk of the Superior Court or the Chief Court Administrator, or any other official of the Superior Court designated by the Chief Court Administrator, shall, on or before the thirtieth day of January, April, July and October in each year, certify to the Comptroller the amount due for the previous quarter under this subsection to each municipality served by the office of the clerk or official.

(h) (1) A transportation network company vehicle shall (A) have four doors; (B) not be older than twelve model years old; and (C) be designed to transport no more than eight passengers, including the driver.

(2) Before any motor vehicle is used by a transportation network company driver as a transportation network company vehicle, and every two years thereafter, the driver shall certify to

the transportation network company that the following equipment is in good working order: (A) Foot brakes; (B) emergency brakes; (C) steering mechanism; (D) windshield; (E) rear window and other glass; (F) windshield wipers; (G) headlights; (H) tail lights; (I) turn indicator lights; (J) brake lights; (K) front seat adjustment mechanism; (L) doors; (M) horn; (N) speedometer; (O) bumpers; (P) muffler and exhaust system; (Q) condition of tires, including tread depth; (R) interior and exterior rearview mirrors; and (S) seat safety belts and air bags for driver and passengers. The transportation network company shall maintain such certification for not less than three years.

Sec. 22. Subsection (e) of section 13b-117 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2027*):

(e) Not later than [January 1, 2026] February 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, each transportation network company registered in the state shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Transportation, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner. Each such report shall use aggregate data from the preceding year and include the following information: (1) The average fare collected from transportation network company riders, (2) the total time transportation network company drivers spent providing prearranged rides, and (3) the total compensation paid to transportation network company drivers for the provision of prearranged rides.

Sec. 23. Section 13b-23c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

The Commissioner of Transportation shall establish a matching grant program for the purpose of assisting municipalities to modernize existing traffic signal equipment and operations to (1) make such equipment and operations capable of utilizing transit signal priority and responsive to congestion, and [to] (2) reduce idling. Applications shall be submitted annually to the commissioner at such times and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes. The commissioner shall develop the eligibility criteria for participation in the program and determine the amount a municipality shall be required to provide to match any such grant. The commissioner shall give preference to applications [submitted by two or more municipalities and establish incentives for projects undertaken by two or more municipalities] involving projects located in heavily congested areas.

Sec. 24. Subsection (g) of section 21 of public act 20-1, as amended by section 344 of public act 22-118 and section 74 of public act 23-205, is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(g) For the Department of Transportation: For construction, repair or maintenance of highways, roads, bridges, noise barriers or bus and rail facilities and equipment, not exceeding \$130,000,000, provided not more than \$75,000,000 shall be used for a matching grant program established pursuant to section 13b-23c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to assist municipalities to modernize existing traffic signal equipment and operations.

Sec. 25. Section 22a-201d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(a) As used in this section, (1) "zero-emission school bus" has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC 16091(a)(8), as amended from time to time, (2) "alternative fuel school bus" means a school bus that reduces emissions and is operated entirely or in part using liquefied natural gas, compressed natural gas, hydrogen, propane or biofuels, [and (3) "environmental justice community" has the same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of section 22a-20a] (3) "distressed municipality" means a municipality that is a distressed municipality under the provisions of subsection (b) of section 32-9p on July 1, 2026, (4) "carrier" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-212, and (5) "biodiesel" has the same meaning as provided in section 32-324.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, [(1) on and after January 1, 2035, one hundred per cent of the school buses that provide transportation for all school districts in the state shall be zero-emission school buses or alternative fuel school buses, and (2)] on and after January 1, 2040, [one hundred] ninety per cent of the school buses that provide transportation for [all school districts] each school district in the state shall be zero-emission school buses.

(2) Not later than July 1, 2035, each municipality that is not a distressed municipality shall submit a plan and schedule to the commissioner that outlines how such municipality will achieve compliance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(c) (1) On and after [January 1, 2030, one hundred] July 1, 2035, fifty per cent of the school buses that provide transportation for [school districts entirely within an environmental justice community as of July 1, 2022, or in an area that encompasses at least one environmental justice

community as of July 1, 2022,] each school district in a distressed municipality shall be zero-emission school buses.

(2) Not later than July 1, 2029, each distressed municipality shall submit a plan and schedule to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection that outlines how such distressed municipality will achieve compliance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(d) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Connecticut Green Bank, shall establish and administer a grant program for the purpose of providing [matching] a portion of the funds necessary for municipalities, school districts and school bus operators [to submit federal grant applications in order] to maximize federal, state or other sources of funding or financing for the purchase or lease of zero-emission school buses and electric vehicle charging or fueling infrastructure. Applications for such grants shall be filed with the commissioner at such time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes. The commissioner shall give preference to applications concerning the purchase or lease of a zero-emission school bus that will be operated [primarily in an environmental justice community. The commissioner shall determine the amount a municipality, school district or school bus operator shall be required to provide to match such grant] in a distressed municipality.

(e) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall, within available funds and appropriations, provide administrative and technical assistance to municipalities, school districts and school bus operators that are transitioning to the use of zero-emission school buses, applying for federal grants for such buses and installing electric vehicle charging and fueling infrastructure.

Sec. 26. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) The executive director of the Connecticut Port Authority, or the executive director's designee, shall convene a working group to study and make recommendations regarding (1) potential state policies and incentives to encourage the utilization of freight rail and sea lanes and ports for the transportation of goods within the state, including, but not limited to, construction materials, metals and industrial materials, agricultural and food products and municipal solid waste, as defined in section 22a-207 of the general statutes, (2) opportunities to expand freight rail and port infrastructure within the state, and (3) the environmental, economic and transportation impacts of increasing the utilization of freight rail and sea lanes and ports.

(b) The working group shall consist of the Commissioners of Transportation, Energy and Environmental Protection and Economic and Community Development, or the commissioners' respective designees, and any other member invited to participate by the executive director of the Connecticut Port Authority, including, but not limited to, representatives of organizations representing the interests of manufacturers in the state, representatives of freight rail carriers, collectors of solid waste and recyclable items and any other member as deemed necessary by the executive director of the Connecticut Port Authority. The executive director shall serve as chairperson of the working group and shall schedule the first meeting of the working group not later than September 1, 2026.

(c) Not later than January 1, 2027, the executive director of the Connecticut Port Authority shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the results of such study and any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation. The working group shall terminate on the date that the executive director submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later.

Sec. 27. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Removal" means the clearing of an encampment, or a portion thereof, by the Department of Transportation or an agent or contractor of the department and includes, but is not limited to, requiring persons to vacate the property and collecting, relocating, discarding or disposing of any structures or materials used for habitation and personal property;

(2) "Encampment" means any outdoor location where one or more persons sleep or reside using tents, tarps, bedding or other temporary shelter or structures for the purposes of habitation. "Encampment" does not include a campground or other location that is designated or authorized for recreational camping by a federal, state or municipal agency or by a private property owner and where camping occurs;

(3) "State highway right-of-way" means land owned or controlled by the Department of Transportation for highway purposes, including the traveled way, shoulders, medians, slopes, drainage areas and areas beneath or adjacent to bridges and overpasses. "State highway right-of-

way" does not include any land owned or controlled by the department improved with a safety rest area, service plaza, bus shelter or commuter parking facility pursuant to section 13b-29 of the general statutes; and

(4) "Personal property" means an item that can reasonably be identified as belonging to a person, has apparent value or utility and is not hazardous.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, prior to the removal of an encampment located upon any state highway right-of-way, the Department of Transportation shall provide at least fourteen days' written notice that specifies the date and time such removal will take place and that no person or personal property is permitted to remain on the state highway right-of-way after such date. The department shall, at a minimum, post any such notice at the apparent place of ingress and egress to the encampment and at any apparent common area of the encampment. Such notice shall be printed in English and Spanish. When posting such notice, the department may provide oral or written notice to any person present at the encampment.

(c) The notice required by subsection (b) of this section shall not be required if the Commissioner of Transportation determines the removal of an encampment is necessary to respond to any transportation operations or infrastructure emergency or a public safety emergency. The commissioner shall document, in writing, the reasons for such determination.

Sec. 28. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, "removal", "encampment" and "personal property" have the same meanings as provided in section 27 of this act.

(b) The Commissioners of Transportation and Mental Health and Addiction Services shall jointly study and make recommendations regarding best practices and standards to adhere to when responding to, managing or removing an encampment upon any state highway right-of-way.

(c) Such study shall, at a minimum, identify: (1) Best practices from other states or municipalities regarding (A) the provision of advance notices concerning the removal of an encampment to a person residing at such encampment, including methods and reasonable timeframes for providing such notices and the frequency of such notices, and (B) the treatment of personal property during a removal of an encampment, (2) procedures for outreach and engagement by trained personnel that ensure respect for the personal dignity and property of persons at such encampments, (3) appropriate state and local agencies to offer immediate assistance and support to such persons for emergency shelters, transitional housing or permanent housing, social services or other interventions prior to and during the removal of an encampment, (4) guidance, training or technical assistance that could be provided to state and local agencies and municipalities regarding humane and effective practices for responding to, managing and removing such encampments, and (5) ways to ensure coordination with the municipality where the encampment is located, community-based organizations serving persons experiencing homelessness, local housing authorities, other local service providers and the local law enforcement agency, as appropriate, prior to the removal of an encampment.

(d) Not later than January 15, 2027, the Commissioners of Transportation and Mental Health and Addiction Services shall jointly submit, in accordance with provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the results of such study and any recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation.

Sec. 29. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 15-13 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(c) Each pilot shall, upon the granting of a license, [pay a fee of thirty dollars to said authority and shall] give a bond of one thousand dollars to the Treasurer and the Treasurer's successors in office, with surety, to the acceptance of the authority, conditioned for the faithful performance of [his or her] such pilot's duties as a pilot, upon which bond suit may be brought in the name of said Treasurer for the benefit of any person who may suffer loss or damage, by reason of the ignorance, neglect or misconduct of such pilot in the discharge of such pilot's duties. [The authority shall increase such fee by fifty per cent July 1, 1985, by an additional fifty per cent effective July 1, 1989, by an additional twenty-five per cent effective July 1, 1991, and by an additional twenty-five per cent effective July 1, 1993.]

(d) Each license shall expire on the last day of December following its issuance and may be renewed upon application, [and payment of the fee required by subsection (c) of this section,] renewal of the bond required under subsection (c) of this section and proof of current federal licensure as required in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 30. Subsection (d) of section 13b-59 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(d) "License, permit and fee revenues" means (1) all fees and other charges required by, or levied pursuant to sections 12-487, 13b-80 and 13b-97, subsection (b) of section 14-12, sections 14-16a, 14-21c, 14-44h and 14-44i, subsection (v) of section 14-49, subsections (b) and (f) of section 14-50, subdivisions (7) to (9), inclusive, of subsection (a) of section 14-50a, sections 14-52, 14-58, 14-67l and 14-69, subsection (e) of section 14-73, sections 14-96q and 14-103a, subsection (a) of section 14-164a, subsection (a) of section 14-192, subsection (d) of section 14-270, sections 14-319 and 14-320 and sections 13b-410a to 13b-410c, inclusive; (2) all aeronautics, waterways, and other fees and charges required by, or levied pursuant to sections 13a-80 and 13a-80a [,] and subsection (b) of section 13b-42; [and subsections (c) and (d) of section 15-13;] and (3) all motor vehicle related fines, penalties or other charges, as defined in subsection (g) of this section;

Sec. 31. Section 14-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) Each motor vehicle and the devices on such vehicle shall be operated, equipped, constructed and adjusted to prevent unnecessary or unusual noise.

(b) (1) Each motor vehicle operated by an internal combustion engine shall be equipped, except as hereinafter provided, with a muffler or mufflers designed to prevent excessive, unusual or unnecessary exhaust noise. The muffler or mufflers shall be maintained by the owner in good working order and shall be in use whenever the motor vehicle is operated.

(2) No person, including a motor vehicle dealer or repairer or a motorcycle dealer, shall install, and no person shall use, on a motor vehicle, a muffler or mufflers lacking interior baffle plates or other effective muffling devices, a gutted muffler, a muffler cutout or a straight exhaust except when the motor vehicle is operated in a race, contest or demonstration of speed or skill as a public exhibition pursuant to subsection (a) of section 14-164a, or any mechanical device which will amplify the noise emitted by the vehicle.

(3) No person, including a motor vehicle dealer or repairer or a motorcycle dealer, shall remove all or part of any muffler on a motor vehicle except to repair or replace the muffler or part for the more effective prevention of noise.

(4) No person shall use on the exhaust system or tail pipe of a motor vehicle any extension or device which will cause excessive or unusual noise.

(c) The engine of every motor vehicle shall be equipped and adjusted to prevent excessive fumes or exhaust smoke.

(d) All pipes carrying exhaust gases from the motor shall be constructed of, and maintained with, leak-proof metal. Exhaust pipes shall be directed from the muffler or mufflers toward the rear of the vehicle and shall be approximately parallel with the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and approximately parallel to the surface of the roadway, or shall be directed from the muffler upward to a location above the cab or body of the vehicle so that fumes, gases and smoke are directed away from the occupants of the vehicle. Exhaust pipes on a passenger vehicle shall extend to the extreme rear end of the vehicle's body, not including the bumper and its attachments to the body, or shall be attached to the vehicle in such a way that the exhaust pipes direct the exhaust gases to either side of the vehicle ensuring that fresh ambient air is located under the vehicle at all times. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish safety standards for passenger vehicles equipped with exhaust pipes located in front of the rear axle.

(e) Every motor vehicle shall, when operated on a highway, be equipped with a horn in good working order and capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than two hundred feet, but no horn or other warning device shall emit an unreasonably loud or harsh sound or a whistle.

(f) (1) No vehicle shall be equipped with, nor shall any person use on a vehicle, any siren, whistle or bell as a warning signal device, except as otherwise permitted by this section.

(2) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with a theft alarm signal device which is so arranged that it cannot be used by the driver as an ordinary warning signal.

(3) Any authorized emergency vehicle may be equipped with a siren, whistle or bell, capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than five hundred feet and of a type approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Such signal shall not be used unless

the vehicle is operated in response to an emergency call or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, in which event the driver of the vehicle shall sound the signal when reasonably necessary to warn pedestrians and other drivers of the approach of the vehicle.

(g) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be fined one [hundred fifty] thousand dollars for each offense.

Sec. 32. Section 14-296aa of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) For purposes of this section: [ , the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Mobile telephone" means a cellular, analog, wireless or digital telephone capable of sending or receiving telephone communications without an access line for service.

(2) "Using" or "use" means holding a hand-held mobile telephone to, or in the immediate proximity of, the user's ear.

(3) "Hand-held mobile telephone" means a mobile telephone with which a user engages in a call using at least one hand.

(4) "Hands-free accessory" means an attachment, add-on, built-in feature, or addition to a mobile telephone, whether or not permanently installed in a motor vehicle, that, when used, allows the vehicle operator to maintain both hands on the steering wheel.

(5) "Hands-free mobile telephone" means a hand-held mobile telephone that has an internal feature or function, or that is equipped with an attachment or addition, whether or not permanently part of such hand-held mobile telephone, by which a user engages in a call without the use of either hand, whether or not the use of either hand is necessary to activate, deactivate or initiate a function of such telephone.

(6) "Engage in a call" means talking into or listening on a hand-held mobile telephone, but does not include holding a hand-held mobile telephone to activate, deactivate or initiate a function of such telephone.

(7) "Immediate proximity" means the distance that permits the operator of a hand-held mobile telephone to hear telecommunications transmitted over such hand-held mobile telephone, but does not require physical contact with such operator's ear.]

(1) "Hands-free mode" means the operation of a mobile electronic device by which a user engages in a voice communication or receives audio without touching or holding such device, except to activate, deactivate or initiate with a single touch or swipe of the user's hand.

[(8)] (2) "Mobile electronic device" means any hand-held or other portable electronic equipment capable of providing data communication between two or more persons, including, but not limited to, a mobile telephone, a text messaging device, a paging device, a personal digital assistant, a laptop computer, equipment that is capable of playing a video game or a digital video disk, [or] equipment on which digital photographs are taken or transmitted, equipment to display a video or moving image or any combination thereof. [ , but] "Mobile electronic device" does not include any audio equipment or any equipment installed in a motor vehicle for the purpose of providing navigation, emergency assistance to the operator of such motor vehicle or video entertainment to the passengers in the rear seats of such motor vehicle.

[(9)] (3) "Operating a motor vehicle" means operating a motor vehicle on any highway, [as defined in section 14-1,] including being temporarily stationary due to traffic, road conditions or a traffic control sign or signal, but not including being parked on the side or shoulder of any highway where such vehicle is safely able to remain stationary.

(4) "Highway", "commercial motor vehicle" and "authorized emergency vehicle" have the same meanings as provided in section 14-1, as amended by this act.

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and subsections (c) and (d) of this section, no person shall operate a motor vehicle upon a highway [ , as defined in section 14-1, while using a hand-held mobile telephone to engage in a call or while using] while (A) holding or supporting a mobile electronic device [ . An operator of a motor vehicle who types, sends or reads a text message with a hand-held mobile telephone or mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle shall be in violation of this section, except that if] with any part of such person's body; (B) using a mobile electronic device, unless such device is being used in a hands-free mode; (C) reading, viewing or typing a text message or other nonvoice message or communication on a mobile electronic device; or (D) a video or moving image on a mobile electronic device or an installed screen or other device of a similar nature is visible to such person while seated in the normal

operating position, unless such video or moving image is (i) a map generated by a navigation system or application on such device or screen and such device or screen is mounted on or affixed to the motor vehicle's windshield, dashboard or center console in a manner that does not impede the operation of the motor vehicle, or (ii) used to assist such person while backing or parking, to enhance or supplement such person's view of the roadway or to assist such person in object detection. If such operator is driving a commercial motor vehicle, [as defined in section 14-1,] such operator shall be charged with a violation of subsection (e) of this section.

[(2) An operator of a motor vehicle who holds a hand-held mobile telephone to, or in the immediate proximity of, his or her ear while operating a motor vehicle is presumed to be engaging in a call within the meaning of this section. The presumption established by this subdivision is rebuttable by evidence tending to show that the operator was not engaged in a call.]

[(3)] (2) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed as authorizing the seizure or forfeiture of [a hand-held mobile telephone or] a mobile electronic device, unless otherwise provided by law.

[(4) Subdivision] (3) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to: (A) [The use of a hand-held mobile telephone] Holding or using a mobile electronic device for the sole purpose of communicating with any of the following regarding an emergency situation: An emergency response operator; a hospital, physician's office or health clinic; an ambulance company; a fire department; or a police department, [or] (B) any of the following persons while in the performance of their official duties and within the scope of their employment: A peace officer, as defined in subdivision (9) of section 53a-3, a firefighter or an operator of an ambulance or authorized emergency vehicle [, as defined in section 14-1,] or a member of the armed forces of the United States, as defined in section 27-103, while operating a military vehicle, or (C) [the use of] using a hand-held radio by a person with an amateur radio station license issued by the Federal Communications Commission in emergency situations for emergency purposes only. [, or (D) the use of a hands-free mobile telephone.]

(c) No [person shall use a hand-held mobile telephone or other electronic device, including those with hands-free accessories, or a mobile electronic device, while operating] school bus operator shall operate a school bus that is carrying passengers [, except that this subsection shall not apply when such person: (1) Places an emergency call to school officials; (2)] while using a mobile electronic device, including when such device is in hands-free mode, unless such school bus operator: (1) Holds or uses a hand-held mobile telephone as [provided in] permitted under subparagraph (A) of subdivision [(4)] (3) of subsection (b) of this section; [(3)] (2) uses a [hand-held mobile telephone or] mobile electronic device in a manner similar to a two-way radio to allow real-time communication with a school official, an emergency response operator, a hospital, physician's office or health clinic, an ambulance company, a fire department or a police department; or [(4)] (3) uses a mobile electronic device with a video display, provided such device (A) is used as a global positioning system or to provide navigation, (B) is securely attached inside the school bus near such [person] operator, and (C) has been approved for such use by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(d) No person under eighteen years of age shall [use any hand-held mobile telephone, including one with a hands-free accessory, or] operate a motor vehicle upon a highway while using a mobile electronic device, [while operating a motor vehicle on a public highway] including when such device is in hands-free mode, except as [provided in] permitted under subparagraph (A) of subdivision [(4)] (3) of subsection (b) of this section.

(e) No person shall [use a hand-held mobile telephone or other electronic device or type, read or send text or a text message with or from a mobile telephone or mobile electronic device while operating a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, except for the purpose of communicating with any of the following regarding an emergency situation: An emergency response operator; a hospital; physician's office or health clinic; an ambulance company; a fire department or a police department] operate a commercial motor vehicle in violation of the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, except as permitted under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section.

(f) Except as provided in subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of this section, no person shall (1) engage in any activity not related to the actual operation of a motor vehicle in a manner that

interferes with the safe operation of such vehicle on any highway, [as defined in section 14-1] or (2) fail to maintain a proper lookout while operating a motor vehicle.

(g) Any law enforcement officer who issues a summons for a violation of this section shall record on such summons the specific nature of any distracted driving behavior observed by such officer.

(h) Any person who violates this section shall be fined two hundred dollars for a first violation, three hundred seventy-five dollars for a second violation and six hundred twenty-five dollars for a third or subsequent violation.

(i) An operator of a motor vehicle who commits a moving violation, as defined in subsection (a) of section 14-111g, while engaged in any activity prohibited by this section shall be fined in accordance with subsection (h) of this section, in addition to any penalty or fine imposed for the moving violation.

(j) The state shall remit to a municipality twenty-five per cent of the fine amount received for a violation of this section with respect to each summons issued by such municipality. Each clerk of the Superior Court or the Chief Court Administrator, or any other official of the Superior Court designated by the Chief Court Administrator, shall, on or before the thirtieth day of January, April, July and October in each year, certify to the Comptroller the amount due for the previous quarter under this subsection to each municipality served by the office of the clerk or official.

(k) A record of any violation of this section shall appear on the driving history record or motor vehicle record, as defined in section 14-10, of any person who commits such violation, and the record of such violation shall be available to any motor vehicle insurer in accordance with the provisions of section 14-10.

Sec. 33. Subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(3) Before granting a license to any applicant who has not previously held a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license, or whose Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license expired more than two years prior to the application date, the commissioner shall require the applicant to demonstrate personally to the commissioner, a deputy, a motor vehicle inspector or an agent of the commissioner, in such manner as the commissioner directs, that the applicant is a proper person to operate motor vehicles of the class for which such applicant has applied, has sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of the motor vehicles to ensure their safe operation by him or her and has satisfactory knowledge of the laws concerning motor vehicles and the rules of the road. The knowledge test of an applicant for a class D motor vehicle operator's license shall include a question concerning highway work zone safety and the responsibilities of an operator of a motor vehicle under section 14-212d. Each such knowledge test shall include not less than one question concerning distracted driving, the use of mobile [telephones and] electronic devices by motor vehicle operators or the responsibilities of motor vehicle operators under section 14-296aa, as amended by this act. If any such applicant has held a license from a state, territory or possession of the United States where a similar examination is required, the commissioner may waive part or all of the examination. If any such applicant is (A) a veteran who applies not later than two years after the date of discharge from the military and who, prior to such discharge, held a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such applicant has applied, or (B) a member of the armed forces or the National Guard who currently holds a military operator's license for motor vehicles of the same class as that for which such applicant has applied, the commissioner shall waive all of the examination, except in the case of a commercial motor vehicle license, the commissioner shall waive the driving skills test for such applicant and may, in such commissioner's discretion, waive the knowledge test for such application, provided such applicant meets the conditions set forth in 49 CFR 383.77, as amended from time to time. For the purposes of this subsection, "veteran" and "armed forces" have the same meanings as provided in section 27-103. When the commissioner is satisfied as to the ability and competency of any applicant, the commissioner may issue to such applicant a license, either unlimited or containing such limitations as the commissioner deems advisable, and specifying the class of motor vehicles which the licensee is eligible to operate.

Sec. 34. Subdivision (88) of section 14-1 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(88) "Serious traffic violation" means a conviction of any of the following offenses: (A) Excessive speeding, involving a single offense in which the speed is fifteen miles per hour or more

above the posted speed limit, in violation of section 14-218a or 14-219; (B) reckless driving in violation of section 14-222; (C) following too closely in violation of section 14-240 or 14-240a; (D) improper or erratic lane changes, in violation of section 14-236; (E) using a [hand-held mobile telephone or other electronic device or typing, reading or sending text or a text message with or from a mobile telephone or] mobile electronic device in violation of subsection (e) of section 14-296aa, as amended by this act, while operating a commercial motor vehicle; (F) driving a commercial motor vehicle without a valid commercial driver's license in violation of section 14-36a or 14-44a; (G) failure to carry a commercial driver's license in violation of section 14-44a; (H) failure to have the proper class of license or endorsement, or violation of a license restriction in violation of section 14-44a; or (I) a violation of any provision of chapter 248, by an operator who holds a commercial driver's license or learner's permit that results in the death of another person;

Sec. 35. Subdivision (15) of subsection (a) of section 42-110x of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(15) "Video game console" (A) means any computing device, including, but not limited to, any console machine, handheld console device or similar device or system, that is primarily used by consumers to play video games, (B) includes, but is not limited to, the components and peripherals of any computing device described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (C) does not include any (i) general or all-purpose computing device, (ii) desktop, laptop or tablet computer, or (iii) [hand-held] mobile telephone, ], as defined in section 14-296aa.]

Sec. 36. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to study and make recommendations regarding parking access challenges faced by home health agencies, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, while delivering services in residential settings. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) an assessment of parking restrictions, time limits, permit requirements and enforcement practices affecting home health agencies, (2) an analysis of geographic areas in the state where parking limitations most significantly impact the delivery of home health care services, and (3) a review of parking accommodation programs in other jurisdictions, including temporary permits and designated home health agency parking and enforcement exemptions.

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

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom is an employee of a home health agency and one of whom has expertise in municipal parking policy or enforcement;

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom is a member of a local traffic authority of a municipality with a population of one hundred thousand or more, as determined by the most recent decennial census, and one of whom has expertise in municipal planning, transportation or urban policy;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who is a representative of a home health care agency, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a member of a municipal parking authority;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who is a representative of an association representing the interests of home health agencies;

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a representative of a state-wide organization representing the interests of municipalities; and

(7) Two persons appointed by the Governor, one of whom is a representative of an organization that advocates on behalf of patients receiving home health care services and one of whom is a representative of a labor organization representing home health agency workers.

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

(d) 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.

(e) 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.

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

(g) Not later than January 1, 2027, 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 transportation, 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, 2027, whichever is later.

Sec. 37. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes of supporting the administration of section 22a-201d of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall establish a working group to evaluate and make recommendations regarding the increased use of alternative fuels and technologies, including, but not limited to, biodiesel, propane and electric school buses, for use in school bus fleets in the state.

(b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee, shall convene and serve as chairperson of the working group. The working group shall include the following members: (1) The Commissioners of Public Health, Education and Transportation, or the commissioners' respective designees; (2) the chief executive officer of the Connecticut Green Bank, or the chief executive officer's designee, (3) one representative of a school transportation provider operating in the state; (4) one representative of a municipality or local or regional board of education; (5) one representative of the alternative fuels industry; (6) one representative of an environmental organization with expertise in air quality; (7) one representative of a state-wide or regional coalition with expertise in clean transportation and alternative fuel deployment; and (8) such other individuals as the commissioner deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the working group.

(c) The working group shall:

(1) Review the use of alternative fuels and technologies, including, but not limited to, biodiesel, propane and electric school buses, in school bus fleets in the state and other jurisdictions. Such review shall include identifying relevant case studies and best practices;

(2) Evaluate the technical, operational, environmental and economic considerations associated with the expanded use of alternative fuels and technologies in school bus fleets, including, but not limited to: (A) Emissions performance, including impacts on criteria air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions; (B) fuel availability and supply constraints; (C) costs and potential cost savings, including lifecycle costs; (D) operational performance, including performance in cold weather conditions; (E) impacts on engine durability and maintenance; (F) manufacturer warranty considerations; (G) fuel procurement and contracting practices for school districts and school transportation providers; and (H) a comparative assessment of such alternative fuels and technologies, including, but not limited to, renewable diesel and zero-emission school buses, as defined in subsection (a) of section 22a-201d of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

(3) Identify pathways and barriers to the adoption of alternative fuels and technologies in school bus fleets, including infrastructure, contractual, regulatory and economic considerations;

(4) Develop recommendations to support the increased use of biodiesel where appropriate, including potential incentive structures, funding mechanisms and procurement strategies; and

(5) Evaluate the role of alternative fuels as a transitional strategy toward the deployment of zero-emission school buses, including impacts on the state's greenhouse reduction goals established in section 22a-200a of the general statutes.

(d) Not later than February 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a report, 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 the environment, energy and technology and transportation. Such report shall include the findings and recommendations of the working group, including any recommendations for regulatory or legislative action.

(e) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall provide administrative staff support to the working group.

(f) The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits the report required under subsection (d) of this section, or February 1, 2027, whichever is later.

Sec. 38. Section 38 of public act 25-65 is repealed. (*Effective from passage*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

|           |                        |                     |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i>    | 4a-67d(d)           |
| Sec. 2    | <i>from passage</i>    | 4b-13a(c)           |
| Sec. 3    | <i>from passage</i>    | 4b-77               |
| Sec. 4    | <i>from passage</i>    | PA 25-90, Sec. 2    |
| Sec. 5    | <i>January 1, 2027</i> | New section         |
| Sec. 6    | <i>January 1, 2027</i> | New section         |
| Sec. 7    | <i>January 1, 2027</i> | New section         |
| Sec. 8    | <i>January 1, 2027</i> | New section         |
| Sec. 9    | <i>January 1, 2027</i> | New section         |
| Sec. 10   | <i>January 1, 2027</i> | New section         |
| Sec. 11   | <i>January 1, 2027</i> | 7-152c(c)           |
| Sec. 12   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 3-6a                |
| Sec. 13   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 51-164n(b)          |
| Sec. 14   | <i>from passage</i>    | New section         |
| Sec. 15   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 13b-46              |
| Sec. 16   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 13b-31h             |
| Sec. 17   | <i>July 1, 2026</i>    | PA 24-151, Sec. 63  |
| Sec. 18   | <i>January 1, 2027</i> | 13b-116(8) to (11)  |
| Sec. 19   | <i>January 1, 2027</i> | 13b-118(a)          |
| Sec. 20   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 13b-118(c)          |
| Sec. 21   | <i>January 1, 2027</i> | 13b-119             |
| Sec. 22   | <i>January 1, 2027</i> | 13b-117(e)          |
| Sec. 23   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 13b-23c             |
| Sec. 24   | <i>July 1, 2026</i>    | PA 20-1, Sec. 21(g) |
| Sec. 25   | <i>July 1, 2026</i>    | 22a-201d            |
| Sec. 26   | <i>July 1, 2026</i>    | New section         |
| Sec. 27   | <i>from passage</i>    | New section         |
| Sec. 28   | <i>from passage</i>    | New section         |
| Sec. 29   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 15-13(c) and (d)    |
| Sec. 30   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 13b-59(d)           |
| Sec. 31   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 14-80               |
| Sec. 32   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 14-296aa            |
| Sec. 33   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 14-36(e)(3)         |
| Sec. 34   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 14-1(88)            |
| Sec. 35   | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 42-110x(a)(15)      |
| Sec. 36   | <i>from passage</i>    | New section         |
| Sec. 37   | <i>from passage</i>    | New section         |
| Sec. 38   | <i>from passage</i>    | Repealer section    |

The bill was discussed by Representatives Kennedy of the 119th, Anderson of the 62nd, Carney of the 23rd, O'Dea of the 125th and Gresko of the 121st.

#### **ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE PAOLILLO IN THE CHAIR**

The bill was further discussed by Representative Howard of the 43rd raised a Point of Order.

#### **SPEAKER RITTER IN THE CHAIR**

Representative Howard of the 43rd then withdrew the Point of Order.

The bill was further discussed by Representative Dubitsky of the 47th.

#### **ASSISTANT DEPUTY SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE PAOLILLO IN THE CHAIR**

The bill was further discussed by Representative Marra of the 141st.

Representative Rojas of the 9th District moved to pass over the matter temporarily.

**On a voice vote the motion carried and House Bill No. 5464 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed temporarily.**

**BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR  
FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES  
HOUSE BILLS PASSED**

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

**BANKING. H.B. No. 5208 (RAISED) (File No. 90) AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY CONCERNING FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE STATE.**

The bill was explained by Representative Santos of the 109th who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4520) and moved its adoption.

The amendment was discussed by Representatives Delnicki of the 14th and Hoxha of the 78th.

**On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

**The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4520):**

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

"Section 1. Section 36a-44a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Data security incident" means any unauthorized access to or unauthorized acquisition, destruction or corruption of electronic files, media, databases or computerized data containing (A) personal information of an individual, or (B) supervisory, financial, operational or business information of any (i) licensee under this title, (ii) Connecticut bank, or (iii) Connecticut credit union;

(2) "Financial institution" has the same meaning as provided in Section 509 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Modernization Act of 1999, 15 USC 6809, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, as said act and such regulations may be amended from time to time; and

(3) "Personal information" has the same meaning as provided in section 36a-701b.

(b) Each financial institution that is a bank, a Connecticut credit union, a federal credit union, an out-of-state bank that maintains a branch in this state, an out-of-state trust company or out-of-state credit union that maintains an office in this state [,] or a licensee under this title, [or any] and each person subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner under title 36b, shall (1) adopt, in writing, a program that sets forth standards for developing, implementing and maintaining reasonable data security safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality and integrity of customer information and that is consistent with applicable federal regulations, and (2) comply with all provisions of Subtitle A of Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Modernization Act of 1999, 15 USC 6801 et seq., and the regulations promulgated thereunder that apply to such financial institution [, except to] or person, including, but not limited to, the applicable provisions of 12 CFR Part 364, Appendix B, 12 CFR Part 748, Appendix A and 16 CFR Part 314, as said act and such regulations may be amended from time to time. To the extent that this [section] subsection is inconsistent with the provisions of sections 36a-41 to 36a-44, inclusive, [in which case] the provisions that afford the customer greater protection shall control. [For purposes of this section, "financial institution" has the meaning given to that term in Section 509 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Modernization Act of 1999, 15 USC 6809, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.]

(c) Each licensee under this title, Connecticut bank and Connecticut credit union shall file an initial notification with the Department of Banking, in a form and manner prescribed by the Banking

Commissioner, not later than three business days after such licensee, Connecticut bank or Connecticut credit union knows, or has reason to know, of the occurrence of any data security incident that may (1) materially impact its ability to operate in a safe and sound manner or comply with applicable laws and regulations, (2) cause significant disruption in customer services, or (3) involve any unauthorized access to the personal information of any individual. The Banking Commissioner may request additional information regarding any such occurrence subsequent to the filing of such initial notification.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Banking shall conduct a study concerning payroll processing methods employed by financial institutions and the time required for payroll checks to clear. Not later than January 1, 2027, the Department of Banking shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to banking, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to banking shall convene a working group to study consumer fraud and protections against such fraud.

(b) The working group shall include, but need not be limited to, the following members:

(1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to banking, or their designees;

(2) The Banking Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

(3) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the commissioner's designee;

(4) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's designee;

(5) An elder law attorney who represents senior citizens in the state;

(6) A representative of an association that represents financial institutions in the state;

(7) A representative of an organization that represents credit unions in the state;

(8) A representative of an organization that represents consumers in the state;

(9) A representative of an organization that represents senior citizens in the state;

(10) Three members of an association that represents financial institutions in the state, who shall be appointed by such association;

(11) Three members of an organization that represents credit unions in the state, who shall be appointed by such organization; and

(12) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's designee.

(c) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to banking shall:

(1) Appoint the members described in subdivisions (5) to (9), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section;

(2) Select the association and organization described in subdivisions (10) and (11) of subsection (b) of this section, respectively, for the purpose of making the appointments described in said subdivisions; and

(3) 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) The members of the working group shall select two cochairpersons from among the members of the working group.

(e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to banking shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

(f) Not later than January 1, 2027, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to banking, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later.

Sec. 4. Section 49-7b of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

(a) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Mortgage loan" means any loan, including an open-end line of credit as defined in section 36a-760 or a home equity loan, that is (A) secured by a mortgage on one-to-four family residential real property located in this state, and (B) (i) in the amount of less than one million dollars, or (ii) primarily for personal, family or household use; and

(2) "Home equity loan" means a closed-end extension of credit, other than an open-end line of credit, (A) that is (i) secured by a mortgage on a one-to-four family residential real property located in this state that is the borrower's primary residence, (ii) made on the basis of the borrower's equity in such property, and (iii) not made to finance the acquisition of such property, and (B) under which the full principal amount is advanced at consummation and repaid over a specified term.

[(a) Not later than ten days prior to the date of the closing in a mortgage loan transaction, each] (b) Each creditor, as defined in section 49-6a, shall notify the mortgage loan applicant, in writing, that: (1) Standard homeowners insurance policies do not cover flood damage and related losses; (2) flood damage to property may occur regardless of whether the real property is located in a designated flood zone; and (3) the applicant may wish to consult a licensed insurance producer or surplus lines broker concerning the availability and benefits of obtaining flood insurance.

[(b)] (c) The notice required by subsection [(a)] (b) of this section shall be (1) written in plain language, [and] (2) signed and dated by the mortgage loan applicant to acknowledge receipt of such notice, and (3) provided to the mortgage loan applicant not later than (A) the date of closing if the mortgage loan is an open-end line of credit or home equity loan, or (B) ten days prior to the date of closing if the mortgage loan is not an open-end line of credit or home equity loan. Each creditor shall keep and maintain a copy of such notice with the mortgage loan applicant's mortgage records."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

|           |                        |             |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 36a-44a     |
| Sec. 2    | <i>from passage</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 3    | <i>from passage</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 4    | <i>July 1, 2026</i>    | 49-7b       |

The bill was discussed by Representatives Delnicki of the 14th, O'Dea of the 125th and Buckbee of the 67th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 11:07 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Total Number Voting .....         | 148 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 75  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 144 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 4   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 3   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5208 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

|   |                |   |               |   |            |   |                   |
|---|----------------|---|---------------|---|------------|---|-------------------|
| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES        | Y | TURCO      | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON      | Y | WALKER     | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.   | Y | WELANDER   | Y | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.   | Y | WILSON     | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW | Y | WINTER     | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT         | Y | WOOD       | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| X | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN          |   |            | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR   |   |            | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER        | Y | ACKERT     | Y | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR         | Y | ANDERSON   | Y | STEWART           |
| Y | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG     | Y | ANISKOVICH | N | VAIL              |

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| Y | BUMGARDNER    | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY        | Y | VEACH          |
| Y | CHAFEE        | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO          | Y | WEIR           |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN  | Y | MC GEE         | Y | BUCHSBAUM       | Y | YACCARINO      |
| Y | COMEY         | Y | MENAPACE       | N | BUCKBEE         | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI    |
| Y | CONCEPCION    | Y | MESKERS        | Y | CALLAHAN        | Y | ZULLO          |
| Y | CONSTANTINE   | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V.   | Y | ZUPKUS         |
| Y | DATHAN        | Y | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO          |   |                |
| Y | DEFRONZO      | Y | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY          |   |                |
| Y | DELANY        | Y | PARIS          | Y | CARPINO         |   |                |
| Y | DEMICO        | Y | PARKER         | Y | CASE            | Y | RITTER         |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO | Y | PEMBERTON      | Y | COURPAS         |   |                |
| Y | DILLON        | Y | POULOS         | N | DAUPHINAIS      |   |                |
| Y | DOUCETTE      | Y | QUINN          | Y | DECAPRIO        | Y | CANDELARIA, J. |
| Y | EXUM          | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI        | Y | GODFREY        |
| Y | FARRAR        | Y | ROBERTS        | N | DUBITSKY        |   | X HALL, J.     |
| Y | FAZZINO       | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES          |
| Y | FELIPE        | Y | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO        |
| Y | FORTIER       | Y | SANCHEZ, E.    | Y | HAINES          | Y | SANTIAGO       |
| Y | FOSTER        | Y | SANCHEZ, I.    | Y | HALL, C.        |   |                |
| Y | GAIEWSKI      | Y | SANCHEZ, J.    | Y | HOWARD          | Y | BUTLER         |
| Y | GARIBAY       | Y | SANTANELLA     | Y | HOXHA           | Y | GONZALEZ       |
| Y | GAUTHIER      | Y | SANTOS         | Y | JENSEN          | Y | MUSHINSKY      |
| Y | GEE           | Y | SHAKE          | Y | KENNEDY         | Y | PAOLILLO       |
| Y | GENGA         | Y | SHANNON        | Y | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |                |
| Y | GILCHREST     | Y | SIMMS          | Y | LANOUE          | Y | ELLIOTT        |
| Y | GUCKER        | Y | SMITH          | Y | MARRA           | Y | GIBSON         |
| Y | HADDAD        | Y | STAFSTROM      | Y | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y | GRESKO         |
| Y | HEFFERNAN     | Y | STEINBERG      | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | Y | LINEHAN        |
| Y | HORN          | Y | SWEET          | Y | NUCCIO          | Y | NOLAN          |

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. H.B. No. 5532 (RAISED)  
(File No. 547) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE  
OF STATE ETHICS FOR REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS AND  
INCREASING VARIOUS MONETARY THRESHOLDS IN SAID CODES.**

The bill was explained by Representative Blumenthal of the 147th who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4951) and moved its adoption.

The amendment was discussed by Representative Mastrofrancesco of the 80th.

**On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

**The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4951):**

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

"Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 1-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(d) The board shall elect a chairperson who shall, except as provided in subsection (b) of section 1-82 and subsection (b) of section 1-93, preside at meetings of the board and a vice-chairperson to preside in the absence of the chairperson. [Six] Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum. Except as provided in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 1-81, subsections (a) and (b) of section 1-82, subsection (b) of section 1-88, subsection (e) of section 1-92, subsections (a) and (b) of section 1-93 and subsection (b) of section 1-99, a majority vote of the members shall be required for action of the board. The chairperson or any three members may call a meeting.

Sec. 2. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 1-83 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) (1) All state-wide elected officers, members of the General Assembly, department heads and their deputies, members or directors of each quasi-public agency, members of the Investment Advisory Council and such other members of the Executive Department and such employees of quasi-public agencies as the Governor shall require, shall file electronically with the Office of State Ethics using the software created by the office, under penalty of false statement, a statement of financial interests for the preceding calendar year on or before the May first next in any year in which they hold such an office or position. If, in any year, May first falls on a weekend or legal holiday, such statement shall be filed not later than the next business day. Any such individual who leaves his or her office or position shall file electronically a statement of financial interests covering that portion of the year during which such individual held his or her office or position. The Office of State Ethics shall notify such individuals of the requirements of this subsection not later than sixty days after their departure from such office or position. Such individuals shall file such statement electronically not later than sixty days after receipt of the notification.

(2) Each state agency, department, board and commission shall develop and implement, in cooperation with the Office of State Ethics, an ethics statement as it relates to the mission of the agency, department, board or commission. The executive head of each such agency, department, board or commission shall be directly responsible for the development and enforcement of such ethics statement and shall file a copy of such ethics statement with the Office of State Ethics.

(b) (1) The statement of financial interests, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall include the following information for the preceding calendar year in regard to the individual required to file the statement and the individual's spouse and dependent children residing in the individual's household: (A) The names of all businesses with which associated; (B) all sources of income, including the name of each employer, with a description of the type of income received, in excess of one thousand dollars, without specifying amounts of income; (C) the name of securities in excess of five thousand dollars at fair market value owned by such individual, spouse or dependent children or held in the name of a corporation, partnership or trust for the benefit of such individual, spouse or dependent children; (D) the existence of any known blind trust and the names of the trustees; (E) all real property and its location, whether owned by such individual, spouse or dependent children or held in the name of a corporation, partnership or trust for the benefit of such individual, spouse or dependent children; (F) the names and addresses of creditors to whom the individual, the individual's spouse or dependent children, individually, owed debts of more than ten thousand dollars; (G) any leases or contracts with the state or a quasi-public agency held or entered into by the individual or a business with which he or she was associated; and (H) the name of any of the following that is a partner or owner of, or has a similar business affiliation with, the business included under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision: (i) Any lobbyist, (ii) any person the individual filing the statement knows or has reason to know is doing business with or seeking to do business with the state or is engaged in activities that are directly regulated by the department or agency in which the individual is employed, or (iii) any business with which such lobbyist or person is associated.

(2) In the case of securities in excess of five thousand dollars at fair market value held within (A) a retirement savings plan, as described in Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time, (B) a tax-sheltered annuity retirement plan, as described in Section 403 of said Internal Revenue Code, (C) a payroll deduction individual retirement account plan, as described in Section 408 or 408A of said Internal Revenue Code, [(C)] (D) a governmental deferred compensation plan, as described in Section 457 of said Internal Revenue Code, or [(D)] (E) an education savings plan, as described in Section 529 of said Internal Revenue Code, the names of such securities shall not be required to be disclosed in any statement of financial interests and only the name of such retirement savings plan, tax-sheltered annuity retirement plan, individual retirement account plan, deferred compensation plan or education savings plan holding such securities shall be required.

Sec. 3. Subsections (a) to (o), inclusive, of section 1-84 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) No public official or state employee shall, while serving as such, have any financial interest in, or engage in, any business, employment, transaction or professional activity, which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of [his] such official's or employee's duties or

employment in the public interest and of [his] such official's or employee's responsibilities as prescribed in the laws of this state, as defined in section 1-85.

(b) No public official or state employee shall accept other employment which will either impair [his] such official's or employee's independence of judgment as to [his] such official's or employee's official duties or employment or require [him, or induce him] or induce such official or employee, to disclose confidential information acquired by [him] such official or employee in the course of and by reason of [his] such official's or employee's official duties.

(c) No public official or state employee shall wilfully and knowingly disclose, for financial gain, to any other person, confidential information acquired by [him] such official or employee in the course of and by reason of [his] such official's or employee's official duties or employment and no public official or state employee shall use [his] such official's or employee's public office or position or any confidential information received through [his] such official's or employee's holding such public office or position to obtain financial gain for [himself, his] such official or employee, such official's or employee's spouse, child, child's spouse, parent, brother or sister or a business with which he is associated.

(d) No public official or state employee or employee of such public official or state employee shall agree to accept, or be a member or employee of a partnership, association, professional corporation or sole proprietorship which partnership, association, professional corporation or sole proprietorship agrees to accept any employment, fee or other thing of value, or portion thereof, for appearing, agreeing to appear, or taking any other action on behalf of another person before the Department of Banking, the Office of the Claims Commissioner, the Health Systems Planning Unit of the Office of Health Strategy, the Insurance Department, the Department of Consumer Protection, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the State Insurance and Risk Management Board, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, the Connecticut Siting Council or the Connecticut Real Estate Commission; provided this shall not prohibit any such person from making inquiry for information on behalf of another before any of said commissions or commissioners if no fee or reward is given or promised in consequence thereof. For the purpose of this subsection, partnerships, associations, professional corporations or sole proprietorships refer only to such partnerships, associations, professional corporations or sole proprietorships which have been formed to carry on the business or profession directly relating to the employment, appearing, agreeing to appear or taking of action provided for in this subsection. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit any employment, appearing, agreeing to appear or taking action before any municipal board, commission or council. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as applying (1) to the actions of any teaching or research professional employee of a public institution of higher education if such actions are not in violation of any other provision of this chapter, (2) to the actions of any other professional employee of a public institution of higher education if such actions are not compensated and are not in violation of any other provision of this chapter, (3) to any member of a board or commission who receives no compensation other than per diem payments or reimbursement for actual or necessary expenses, or both, incurred in the performance of the member's duties, or (4) to any member or director of a quasi-public agency. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection to the contrary, a legislator, an officer of the General Assembly or part-time legislative employee may be or become a member or employee of a firm, partnership, association or professional corporation which represents clients for compensation before agencies listed in this subsection, provided the legislator, officer of the General Assembly or part-time legislative employee shall take no part in any matter involving the agency listed in this subsection and shall not receive compensation from any such matter. Receipt of a previously established salary, not based on the current or anticipated business of the firm, partnership, association or professional corporation involving the agencies listed in this subsection, shall be permitted.

(e) No legislative commissioner or [his] the legislative commissioner's partners, employees or associates shall represent any person subject to the provisions of part II concerning the promotion of or opposition to legislation before the General Assembly, or accept any employment which includes an agreement or understanding to influence, or which is inconsistent with, the performance of [his] the legislative commissioner's official duties.

(f) No person shall offer or give to a public official or state employee or candidate for public office or [his] such official's or employee's spouse, [his] parent, brother, sister or child or the spouse

of such child or a business with which he is associated, anything of value, including, but not limited to, a gift, loan, political contribution, reward or promise of future employment based on any understanding that the vote, official action or judgment of the public official, state employee or candidate for public office would be or had been influenced thereby.

(g) No public official or state employee or candidate for public office shall solicit or accept anything of value, including but not limited to, a gift, loan, political contribution, reward or promise of future employment based on any understanding that the vote, official action or judgment of the public official or state employee or candidate for public office would be or had been influenced thereby.

(h) Nothing in subsection (f) or (g) of this section shall be construed (1) to apply to any promise made in violation of subdivision (6) of section 9-622, or (2) to permit any activity otherwise prohibited in section 53a-147 or 53a-148.

(i) (1) No public official or state employee or member of the official's or employee's immediate family or a business with which he or she is associated shall enter into any contract with the state, valued at [one] two hundred fifty dollars or more, unless (A) such contract is awarded through an open and public process that includes, at a minimum, (i) pre-award public disclosure of all offers to enter into such contract, and (ii) post-award public disclosure of such contract, or (B) such contract is a contract (i) of employment as a state employee, (ii) with the Technical Education and Career System for students enrolled in a school in the system to perform services in conjunction with vocational, technical, technological or postsecondary education and training any such student is receiving at a school in the system, subject to the review process under subdivision (2) of this subsection, (iii) with a public institution of higher education to support a collaboration with such institution to develop and commercialize any invention or discovery, (iv) pursuant to a court appointment, or (v) with the office of the Attorney General to be retained as an expert witness for, or in anticipation of, litigation or an administrative proceeding, provided the office of the Attorney General files with the Office of State Ethics, in a form and manner prescribed by the Office of State Ethics and not later than thirty days after the expert witness is disclosed, or required to be disclosed, to the opposing party or parties, either directly or through the court of competent jurisdiction or administrative agency, or resolution of the litigation or administrative proceeding for which the expert witness was retained, whichever occurs first, a statement disclosing (I) the name of the expert witness, (II) the qualifications of the expert witness, (III) the scope of the services provided by the expert witness, (IV) the date of execution of such contract, (V) the beginning and ending dates of the term of such contract, and (VI) the value of such contract, if known by the office of the Attorney General. In no event shall an executive head of an agency, as defined in section 4-166, including a commissioner of a department, or an executive head of a quasi-public agency, or the executive head's immediate family or a business with which he is associated enter into any contract with that agency or quasi-public agency. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as applying to any public official who is appointed as a member of the executive branch or as a member or director of a quasi-public agency and who receives no compensation other than per diem payments or reimbursement for actual or necessary expenses, or both, incurred in the performance of the public official's duties unless such public official has authority or control over the subject matter of the contract. Any contract made in violation of this subsection shall be voidable by a court of competent jurisdiction if the suit is commenced not later than one hundred eighty days after the making of the contract. For purposes of this subdivision, "expert witness" means any individual who is qualified to provide testimony on any scientific, technical or other specialized matter by virtue of his or her knowledge, skill, experience, training or education, and is retained to provide his or her testimony on such matter, including, but not limited to, in the form of an expert opinion.

(2) The superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System shall establish an open and transparent process to review any contract entered into under subparagraph (B)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(j) No public official, state employee or candidate for public office, or a member of any such person's staff or immediate family shall knowingly accept any gift, as defined in subdivision (5) of section 1-79, as amended by this act, from a person known to be a registrant or anyone known to be acting on behalf of a registrant.

(k) No public official, spouse of the Governor or state employee shall accept a fee or honorarium for an article, appearance or speech, or for participation at an event, in the public official's, spouse's

or state employee's official capacity, provided a public official, Governor's spouse or state employee may receive payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses for any such activity in his or her official capacity. If a public official, Governor's spouse or state employee receives such a payment or reimbursement for lodging or out-of-state travel, or both, the public official, Governor's spouse or state employee shall, not later than thirty days thereafter, file a report of the payment or reimbursement with the Office of State Ethics, unless the payment or reimbursement is provided by the federal government or another state government. If a public official, Governor's spouse or state employee does not file such report within such period, either intentionally or due to gross negligence on the public official's, Governor's spouse's or state employee's part, the public official, Governor's spouse or state employee shall return the payment or reimbursement. If any failure to file such report is not intentional or due to gross negligence on the part of the public official, Governor's spouse or state employee, the public official, Governor's spouse or state employee shall not be subject to any penalty under this chapter. When a public official, Governor's spouse or state employee attends an event in this state in the public official's, Governor's spouse's or state employee's official capacity and as a principal speaker at such event and receives admission to or food or beverage at such event from the sponsor of the event, such admission or food or beverage shall not be considered a gift and no report shall be required from such public official, spouse or state employee or from the sponsor of the event.

(l) No public official or state employee, or any person acting on behalf of a public official or state employee, shall wilfully and knowingly interfere with, influence, direct or solicit existing or new lobbying contracts, agreements or business relationships for or on behalf of any person.

(m) No public official or state employee shall knowingly accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, as defined in subdivision (5) of section 1-79, as amended by this act, from any person the public official or state employee knows or has reason to know: (1) Is doing business with or seeking to do business with the department or agency in which the public official or state employee is employed; (2) is engaged in activities which are directly regulated by such department or agency; or (3) is prequalified under section 4a-100. No person shall knowingly give, directly or indirectly, any gift or gifts in violation of this provision. For the purposes of this subsection, the exclusion to the term "gift" in subparagraph (L) of subdivision (5) of section 1-79, as amended by this act, for a gift for the celebration of a major life event shall not apply. Any person prohibited from making a gift under this subsection shall report to the Office of State Ethics any solicitation of a gift from such person by a state employee or public official.

(n) (1) As used in this subsection, (A) "investment services" means investment legal services, investment banking services, investment advisory services, underwriting services, financial advisory services or brokerage firm services, and (B) "principal of an investment services firm" means (i) an individual who is a director of or has an ownership interest in an investment services firm, except for an individual who owns less than five per cent of the shares of an investment services firm which is a publicly traded corporation, (ii) an individual who is employed by an investment services firm as president, treasurer, or executive or senior vice president, (iii) an employee of such an investment services firm who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to any investment services, (iv) the spouse or dependent child of an individual described in this subparagraph, or (v) a political committee established by or on behalf of an individual described in this subparagraph.

(2) The State Treasurer shall not pay any compensation, expenses or fees or issue any contract to any firm which provides investment services when (A) a political committee, as defined in section 9-601, established by such firm, or (B) a principal of the investment services firm has made a contribution, as defined in section 9-601a, to, or solicited contributions on behalf of, any exploratory committee or candidate committee, as defined in section 9-601, established by the State Treasurer as a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall not pay any compensation, expenses or fees or issue any contract to such firms or principals during the term of office as State Treasurer, including, for an incumbent State Treasurer seeking reelection, any remainder of the current term of office.

(o) If (1) any person (A) is doing business with or seeking to do business with the department or agency in which a public official or state employee is employed, or (B) is engaged in activities which are directly regulated by such department or agency, and (2) such person or a representative of such person gives to such public official or state employee anything having a value of more than

[ten] twenty dollars, such person or representative shall, not later than ten days thereafter, give such recipient and the executive head of the recipient's department or agency a written report stating the name of the donor, a description of the item or items given, the value of such items and the cumulative value of all items given to such recipient during that calendar year. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a political contribution otherwise reported as required by law.

Sec. 4. Subdivision (5) of section 1-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(5) "Gift" means anything of value, which is directly and personally received, unless consideration of equal or greater value is given in return. "Gift" does not include:

(A) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) or (10) of subsection (b) of section 9-601a;

(B) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if provided to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any candidate or candidates for public office or the position of convention delegate or town committee member or any referendum question;

(C) A commercially reasonable loan made on terms not more favorable than loans made in the ordinary course of business;

(D) A gift received from (i) an individual's spouse, fiancé or fiancée, (ii) the parent, grandparent, brother or sister of such spouse or such individual, or (iii) the child of such individual or the spouse of such child;

(E) Goods or services (i) that are provided to a state agency or quasi-public agency (I) for use on state or quasi-public agency property, or (II) that support an event or the participation by a public official or state employee at an event, and (ii) that facilitate state or quasi-public agency action or functions. As used in this subparagraph, "state property" means property owned by the state or a quasi-public agency or property leased to a state agency or quasi-public agency;

(F) A certificate, plaque or other ceremonial award costing less than [one] two hundred fifty dollars;

(G) A rebate, discount or promotional item available to the general public;

(H) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state action or functions;

(I) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred dollars in the aggregate per recipient in a calendar year, and consumed on an occasion or occasions at which the person paying, directly or indirectly, for the food or beverage, or [his] such person's representative, is in attendance;

(J) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative reception to which all members of the General Assembly are invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also been hosted by the business organization which such lobbyist owns or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-hundred-dollar limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the reception;

(K) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to which all members of the General Assembly from a region of the state are invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also been hosted by the business organization which such lobbyist owns or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-hundred-dollar limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the reception. As used in this subparagraph, "region of the state" means the established geographic service area of the organization hosting the reception;

(L) A gift, including, but not limited to, food or beverage or both, provided by an individual for the celebration of a major life event, provided any such gift provided by an individual who is not a member of the family of the recipient does not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars in value;

(M) Gifts costing less than ~~[one]~~ two hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars in the aggregate or food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a meeting or conference of an interstate legislative association, by a person who is not a registrant or is not doing business with the state of Connecticut;

(N) Admission to a charitable or civic event, including food and beverage provided at such event, but excluding lodging or travel expenses, at which a public official or state employee participates in his or her official capacity, provided such admission is provided by the primary sponsoring entity;

(O) Anything of value provided by an employer of (i) a public official, (ii) a state employee, or (iii) a spouse of a public official or state employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar circumstances;

(P) Anything having a value of not more than ~~[ten]~~ twenty dollars, provided the aggregate value of all things provided by a donor to a recipient under this subdivision in any calendar year does not exceed ~~[fifty]~~ one hundred dollars;

(Q) Training that is provided by a vendor for a product purchased by a state or quasi-public agency that is offered to all customers of such vendor;

(R) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits customarily provided by a prospective employer, when provided to a student at a public institution of higher education whose employment is derived from such student's status as a student at such institution, in connection with bona fide employment discussions;

(S) Expenses of a public official, paid by the party committee of which party such official is a member, for the purpose of accomplishing the lawful purposes of the committee. As used in this subparagraph, "party committee" has the same meaning as provided in subdivision (2) of section 9-601 and "lawful purposes of the committee" has the same meaning as provided in subsection (g) of section 9-607; or]

(T) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits customarily provided in the course of employment, when provided to a public member of the Investment Advisory Council established under section 3-13b; or

(U) Admission to an intercollegiate sporting event in the state hosted by a constituent unit, as defined in section 10a-1, at the invitation of the constituent unit, when provided to a public official or state employee and not more than one guest of such public official or state employee not more than once per calendar year.

Sec. 5. Subdivision (6) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(6) "Expenditure" means any advance, conveyance, deposit, distribution, transfer of funds, loan, payment, unless expressly excluded; any payments for telephone, mailing, postage, printing and other clerical or office services and materials; any paid communications, costing ~~[fifty]~~ one hundred dollars or more in any calendar year, disseminated by means of any printing, broadcasting or other medium, provided such communications refer to pending administrative or legislative action; any contract, agreement, promise or other obligation; any solicitation or solicitations, costing ~~[fifty]~~ one hundred dollars or more in the aggregate for any calendar year, of other persons to communicate with a public official or state employee for the purpose of influencing any legislative or administrative act and any pledge, subscription of money or anything of value. "Expenditure" does not include (A) the payment of a registrant's fee pursuant to section 1-95, (B) any expenditure made by any club, committee, partnership, organization, business, union, association or corporation for the purpose of publishing a newsletter or other release intended primarily for its members, shareholders or employees, whether in written or electronic form or made orally during a regularly noticed meeting, (C) any expenditure made by any club, committee, partnership, organization, business, union, association or corporation for the purpose of transporting its members, shareholders or employees to or from a specific site, where such members, shareholders or employees received no other compensation or reimbursement for lobbying from such club, committee, partnership, organization, business, union, association or corporation, or (D) contributions, membership dues or other fees paid to associations, nonstock corporations or tax-exempt organizations under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time. [amended.]

Sec. 6. Subdivision (7) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(7) "Gift" means anything of value, which is directly and personally received, unless consideration of equal or greater value is given in return. "Gift" does not include:

(A) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or a donation or payment described in subdivision (9) or (10) of subsection (b) of section 9-601a;

(B) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if provided to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any candidate or candidates for public office or the position of convention delegate or town committee member or any referendum question;

(C) A commercially reasonable loan made on terms not more favorable than loans made in the ordinary course of business;

(D) A gift received from (i) the individual's spouse, fiancé or fiancée, (ii) the parent, grandparent, brother or sister of such spouse or such individual, or (iii) the child of such individual or the spouse of such child;

(E) Goods or services (i) that are provided to a state agency or quasi-public agency (I) for use on state or quasi-public agency property, or (II) that support an event or the participation by a public official or state employee at an event, and (ii) that facilitate state or quasi-public agency action or functions. As used in this subparagraph, "state property" means property owned by the state or a quasi-public agency or property leased to a state or quasi-public agency;

(F) A certificate, plaque or other ceremonial award costing less than [one] two hundred fifty dollars;

(G) A rebate, discount or promotional item available to the general public;

(H) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state action or functions;

(I) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred dollars in the aggregate per recipient in a calendar year, and consumed on an occasion or occasions at which the person paying, directly or indirectly, for the food or beverage, or [his] such person's representative, is in attendance;

(J) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative reception to which all members of the General Assembly are invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also been hosted by the business organization which [he] such lobbyist owns or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-hundred-dollar limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the reception;

(K) Food or beverage or both, costing less than [fifty] one hundred dollars per person and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to which all members of the General Assembly from a region of the state are invited and which is hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist or business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also been hosted by the business organization which [he] such lobbyist owns or is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the calculation for the purposes of such [fifty-dollar] one-hundred-dollar limit, the donor shall divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the number of persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the reception. As used in this subparagraph, "region of the state" means the established geographic service area of the organization hosting the reception;

(L) A gift, including, but not limited to, food or beverage or both, provided by an individual for the celebration of a major life event, provided any such gift provided by an individual who is not a member of the family of the recipient does not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars in value;

(M) Gifts costing less than [one] two hundred fifty dollars in the aggregate or food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a meeting or conference of an interstate legislative association, by a person who is not a registrant or is not doing business with the state of Connecticut;

(N) Admission to a charitable or civic event, including food and beverage provided at such event, but excluding lodging or travel expenses, at which a public official or state employee participates in his or her official capacity, provided such admission is provided by the primary sponsoring entity;

(O) Anything of value provided by an employer of (i) a public official, (ii) a state employee, or (iii) a spouse of a public official or state employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar circumstances;

(P) Anything having a value of not more than [ten] twenty dollars, provided the aggregate value of all things provided by a donor to a recipient under this subdivision in any calendar year does not exceed [fifty] one hundred dollars; or

(Q) Training that is provided by a vendor for a product purchased by a state or quasi-public agency that is offered to all customers of such vendor.

Sec. 7. Subdivision (12) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(12) "Lobbyist" means a person who in lobbying and in furtherance of lobbying makes or agrees to make expenditures, or receives or agrees to receive compensation, reimbursement, or both, and such compensation, reimbursement or expenditures are three thousand dollars or more in any calendar year or the combined amount thereof is three thousand dollars or more in any such calendar year. "Lobbyist" does not include:

(A) A public official, employee of a branch of state government or a subdivision thereof, including an official or employee of a quasi-public agency, or elected or appointed official of a municipality or his or her designee other than an independent contractor, who is acting within the scope of his or her authority or employment;

(B) A publisher, owner or an employee of the press, radio or television while disseminating news or editorial comment to the general public in the ordinary course of business;

(C) An individual representing himself or herself or another person before the legislature or a state agency other than for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action;

(D) Any individual or employee who receives no compensation or reimbursement specifically for lobbying and who limits his activities solely to formal appearances to give testimony before public sessions of committees of the General Assembly or public hearings of state agencies and who, if he or she testifies, registers his or her appearance in the records of such committees or agencies;

(E) A member of an advisory board acting within the scope of his or her appointment;

(F) A senator or representative in Congress acting within the scope of his or her office;

(G) Any person who receives no compensation or reimbursement specifically for lobbying and who spends no more than five hours in furtherance of lobbying unless such person (i) exclusive of salary, receives compensation or makes expenditures, or both, of three thousand dollars or more in any calendar year for lobbying or the combined amount thereof is three thousand dollars or more in any such calendar year, or (ii) expends [fifty] one hundred dollars or more for the benefit of a public official in the legislative or executive branch, a member of his or her staff or immediate family;

(H) A communicator lobbyist who receives or agrees to receive compensation, reimbursement, or both, the aggregate amount of which is less than three thousand dollars from each client in any calendar year.

Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) Each client lobbyist registrant shall file with the Office of State Ethics between the first and tenth day of April, July and January a financial report, signed under penalty of false statement. The April and July reports shall cover its lobbying activities during the previous calendar quarter and the January report shall cover its lobbying activities during the previous two calendar quarters. In addition to such reports, each client lobbyist registrant which attempts to influence legislative action shall file, under penalty of false statement, interim monthly reports of its lobbying activities for each month the General Assembly is in regular session, except that no monthly report shall be required for any month in which it neither expends nor agrees to expend [one] two hundred fifty dollars or more in furtherance of lobbying. Such interim monthly reports shall be filed with the Office of State Ethics no later than the tenth day of the month following the last day of the month reported. If the client lobbyist registrant is not an individual, an authorized officer or agent of the client lobbyist registrant shall sign the form. A communicator lobbyist for a municipality or any subdivision of a municipality shall file the reports described in this subsection utilizing the client lobbyist reporting schedule.

Sec. 9. Subsection (e) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(e) Each client lobbyist registrant financial report shall be on a form prescribed by the board and shall state expenditures made and the fundamental terms of contracts, agreements or promises to pay compensation or reimbursement or to make expenditures in furtherance of lobbying. Any such fundamental terms shall be reported once in the monthly, quarterly or post-termination report next following the entering into of such contract. Such financial report shall include an itemized statement of each expenditure of [ten] twenty dollars or more per person for each occasion made by the reporting registrant or a group of registrants which includes the reporting registrant for the benefit of a public official in the legislative or executive branch, a member of his staff or immediate family, itemized by date, beneficiary, amount and circumstances of the transaction. The requirement of an itemized statement shall not apply to an expenditure made by a reporting registrant or a group of registrants which includes the reporting registrant for (1) the benefit of the members of the General Assembly at an event that is a reception to which all such members are invited or all members of a region of the state, as such term is used in subparagraph (K) of subdivision (7) of section 1-91, as amended by this act, are invited, unless the expenditure is [thirty] sixty dollars or more per person, or (2) benefits personally and directly received by a public official or state employee at a charitable or civic event at which the public official or state employee participates in his official capacity, unless the expenditure is [thirty] sixty dollars or more per person, per event. If the compensation is required to be reported for an individual whose lobbying is incidental to his or her regular employment, it shall be sufficient to report a prorated amount based on the value of the time devoted to lobbying. On the first financial report following registration each client lobbyist registrant shall include any expenditures incident to lobbying activities that were received or expended prior to registration and not previously reported to the Office of State Ethics.

Sec. 10. Subsection (g) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(g) Each former registrant shall (1) report receipts or expenditures incident to lobbying activities during [his] such registrant's period of registration which are received or expended following termination of registration and (2) report each expenditure of [ten] twenty dollars or more per person for each occasion made by [him] such registrant for the benefit of a public official or a member of such official's immediate family or staff which occurs within six months after termination of registration.

Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 1-96a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) Each registrant shall obtain and preserve all accounts, bills, receipts and other documents necessary to substantiate the financial reports required by section 1-96, as amended by this act, for a period of three years from the date of the filing of the report referring to such financial matters, provided this section shall apply to each expenditure for the benefit of a public official of [ten] twenty dollars or more and all other expenditures of [fifty] one hundred dollars or more.

Sec. 12. Section 1-96e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

Each registrant who pays or reimburses a public official or state employee [ten] twenty dollars or more for necessary expenses, as defined in section 1-79, as amended by this act, shall, within forty-five days of such payment or reimbursement, file a statement with the Office of State Ethics indicating the name of such individual and the amount of the expenses."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i>    | 1-80(d)         |
| Sec. 2    | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 1-83(a) and (b) |
| Sec. 3    | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 1-84(a) to (o)  |
| Sec. 4    | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 1-79(5)         |
| Sec. 5    | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 1-91(6)         |
| Sec. 6    | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 1-91(7)         |
| Sec. 7    | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 1-91(12)        |
| Sec. 8    | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 1-96(a)         |
| Sec. 9    | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 1-96(e)         |

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| Sec. 10 | October 1, 2026 | 1-96(g)  |
| Sec. 11 | October 1, 2026 | 1-96a(a) |
| Sec. 12 | October 1, 2026 | 1-96e    |

The bill was discussed by Representative Mastrofrancesco of the 80th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 11:14 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Total Number Voting .....         | 149 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 75  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 149 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 0   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 2   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5532 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

|   |                |   |                |   |                 |   |                   |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO           | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | Y | WALKER          | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER        | Y | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON          | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER          | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD            | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |                 | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |                 | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT          | Y | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | Y | ANDERSON        | Y | STEWART           |
| Y | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVICH      | Y | VAIL              |
| Y | BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY        | Y | VEACH             |
| Y | CHAFEE         | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO          | Y | WEIR              |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN   | Y | MC GEE         | Y | BUCHSBAUM       | Y | YACCARINO         |
| Y | COMEY          | Y | MENAPACE       | Y | BUCKBEE         | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI       |
| Y | CONCEPCION     | Y | MESKERS        | Y | CALLAHAN        | Y | ZULLO             |
| Y | CONSTANTINE    | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V.   | Y | ZUPKUS            |
| Y | DATHAN         | Y | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO          |   |                   |
| Y | DEFRONZO       | Y | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY          |   |                   |
| Y | DELANY         | Y | PARIS          | Y | CARPINO         |   |                   |
| Y | DEMICO         | Y | PARKER         | Y | CASE            | Y | RITTER            |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO  | Y | PEMBERTON      | Y | COURPAS         |   |                   |
| Y | DILLON         | Y | POULOS         | Y | DAUPHINAIS      |   |                   |
| Y | DOUCETTE       | Y | QUINN          | Y | DECAPRIO        | Y | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| Y | EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI        | Y | GODFREY           |
| Y | FARRAR         | Y | ROBERTS        | Y | DUBITSKY        | X | HALL, J.          |
| Y | FAZZINO        | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES             |
| Y | FELIPE         | Y | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO           |
| Y | FORTIER        | Y | SANCHEZ, E.    | Y | HAINES          | Y | SANTIAGO          |
| Y | FOSTER         | Y | SANCHEZ, I.    | Y | HALL, C.        |   |                   |
| Y | GAIEWSKI       | Y | SANCHEZ, J.    | Y | HOWARD          | Y | BUTLER            |
| Y | GARIBAY        | Y | SANTANELLA     | Y | HOXHA           | Y | GONZALEZ          |
| Y | GAUTHIER       | Y | SANTOS         | Y | JENSEN          | Y | MUSHINSKY         |
| Y | GEE            | Y | SHAKE          | Y | KENNEDY         | Y | PAOLILLO          |
| Y | GENGA          | Y | SHANNON        | Y | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |                   |
| Y | GILCHREST      | Y | SIMMS          | Y | LANOUE          | Y | ELLIOTT           |
| Y | GUCKER         | Y | SMITH          | Y | MARRA           | Y | GIBSON            |

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|---|-----------|---|-----------|---|-----------------|---|---------|
| Y | HADDAD    | Y | STAFSTROM | Y | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y | GRESKO  |
| Y | HEFFERNAN | Y | STEINBERG | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | Y | LINEHAN |
| Y | HORN      | Y | SWEET     | Y | NUCCIO          | Y | NOLAN   |

**SPEAKER RITTER IN THE CHAIR**

**BUSINESS ON THE CALENDAR  
MATTER RETURNED FROM COMMITTEE  
HOUSE BILL PASSED**

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

**JUDICIARY. Substitute for H.B. No. 5211 (RAISED) (File No. 134) AN ACT  
CONCERNING COMMERCIAL FINANCING.**

The bill was explained by Representative Jacobson of the 148th who offered House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4149) and moved its adoption.

**On a voice vote the amendment was adopted.**

The Speaker ruled the amendment was technical.

**The following is House Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 4149):**

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

"Section 1. Section 36a-861 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2027*):

As used in this section and sections 36a-862 to 36a-872, inclusive:

(1) "Commercial financing" means any extension of sales-based financing by a provider, [in an amount not exceeding two hundred fifty thousand dollars,] the proceeds of which the recipient does not intend to use primarily for personal, family or household purposes;

(2) "Commercial financing broker" means a person, other than a financier, who, for compensation or the expectation of compensation, offers, or offers to obtain, commercial financing for a recipient from a provider that is not exempt;

(3) "Finance charge" means the cost of financing expressed as a dollar amount, including (A) any charge payable directly or indirectly by the recipient and imposed directly or indirectly by the provider as an incident to, or a condition of, the extension of financing, and (B) all charges that would be included under the definition of "finance charge" in 12 CFR 1026.4, as amended from time to time, as if the transaction were subject to said section;

(4) "Financier" means a person who provides, or will provide, commercial financing to a recipient;

(5) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust or unincorporated organization, including, but not limited to, a sole proprietorship;

(6) "Provider" means a person who extends a specific offer of commercial financing to a recipient and includes, unless otherwise exempt under this section, a commercial financing broker, but does not include any (A) bank, out-of-state bank, bank holding company, Connecticut credit union, federal credit union, out-of-state credit union or any subsidiary or affiliate of the foregoing, as those terms are defined in section 36a-2, (B) person acting in such person's capacity as a technology services provider to an entity exempt under this section for use as part of the exempt entity's commercial financing program, provided such person has no interest, arrangement or agreement to purchase any interest in the commercial financing extended by the exempt entity in connection with such program, (C) lender regulated under the federal Farm Credit Act, 12 USC 2001 et seq., as amended from time to time, (D) person or provider who extends or brokers a commercial financing transaction secured by real property, (E) person or provider who extends or brokers a lease, as defined in section 42a-2A-102, (F) person or provider who extends or brokers a

purchase-money obligation, as defined in section 42a-9-103a, (G) person or provider who extends not more than five commercial financing transactions in this state in a twelve-month period, (H) person or provider who extends or brokers a commercial financing transaction entered into pursuant to a commercial financing agreement or commercial open-end credit plan of at least fifty thousand dollars, in which the recipient is (i) a dealer, as defined in section 14-1, or an affiliate of such a dealer, or (ii) a motor vehicle rental company, or an affiliate of such a company, or (I) person or provider who extends or brokers a commercial financing transaction in connection with the sale of products or services that such person or provider manufactures, licenses or distributes, or whose parent company, subsidiary or affiliate manufactures, licenses or distributes;

(7) "Recipient" means a person, or the authorized representative of a person, who applies for commercial financing and is made a specific offer of commercial financing by a provider, but does not include a person acting as a commercial financing broker;

(8) "Sales-based financing" means a transaction that is repaid by the recipient to the provider over time (A) as a percentage of sales or revenue, in which the payment amount may increase or decrease according to the volume of sales made or revenue received by the recipient, or (B) according to a fixed payment mechanism that provides for a reconciliation process that adjusts the payment to an amount that is a percentage of sales or revenue; and

(9) "Specific offer" means the specific terms of commercial financing, including, but not limited to, a price or amount, that is quoted to a recipient based on information obtained from or about the recipient, which, if accepted by the recipient, would be binding on the provider, subject to any specific requirements stated in such terms.

Sec. 2. Section 36a-863 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2027*):

A provider shall provide to a recipient, when the provider extends a specific offer for sales-based financing, the following disclosures in a format prescribed by the Banking Commissioner:

(1) The total amount of the commercial financing.  
 (2) The disbursement amount, which is the amount paid to the recipient or on the recipient's behalf, excluding any finance charges that are deducted or withheld at disbursement.

(3) The finance charge.

(4) The estimated annual percentage rate, using the words "annual percentage rate" or the abbreviation "APR", expressed as a yearly rate, inclusive of any fees and finance charges, and determined in accordance with 12 CFR 1026.22, as amended from time to time, based on the estimated term of repayment and the projected periodic payment amounts. The estimated term of repayment and the projected periodic payment amounts shall be calculated based on a projection of the volume of the recipient's sales or revenue. The projected volume of such sales or revenue may be calculated using the safe harbor method, as described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or the underwriting method, as described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision. The provider shall use either such safe harbor method or such underwriting method to determine the estimated annual percentage rate in all instances of sales-based financing offered by the provider.

(A) A provider using the safe harbor method shall use an average of the recipient's volume of sales or revenue during a time period fixed by the provider. Such fixed time period shall (i) have occurred during the twelve months immediately preceding the specific offer, (ii) be at least three and not more than twelve consecutive months in length, and (iii) be used by the provider for all disclosure purposes for all sales-based financing products offered by the provider.

(B) A provider using the underwriting method shall use the projected volume of sales or revenue on which the provider relied in the underwriting of the specific offer. A provider using the underwriting method shall, not later than October 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, report data to the commissioner disclosing the estimated annual percentage rates the provider disclosed to recipients and the actual retrospective annual percentage rates of completed transactions. The report shall contain such information as the commissioner may prescribe as necessary or appropriate for the purpose of determining whether the deviation between the estimated annual percentage rates and the actual retrospective annual percentage rates of completed transactions was reasonable. The commissioner shall establish the method of reporting and may, upon a finding by the commissioner that the use of projected sales or revenue volume by the provider has resulted in an unacceptable deviation between the disclosed and actual annual percentage rates, require the provider to use the safe harbor method. The commissioner may consider unusual and extraordinary circumstances

impacting the provider's deviation between estimated and actual annual percentage rates in making such finding.

(C) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to impose liability on a provider as a result of the actual annual percentage rate charged by the provider differing from the estimated annual percentage rate disclosed by the provider in accordance with this subdivision.

[(4)] (5) The total repayment amount, which is the disbursement amount plus the finance charge.

[(5)] (6) The estimated time period required for the periodic payments to equal the total repayment amount.

[(6)] (7) The payment amounts as follows:

(A) For payment amounts that are fixed, the payment amounts and frequency; or

(B) For payment amounts that are variable, a payment schedule or a description of the method used to calculate the amounts and frequency of payments, and the amount of the average projected payments per month.

[(7)] (8) A description of all other potential fees and charges not included in the finance charge, including, but not limited to, draw fees, late payment fees and returned payment fees.

[(8)] (9) (A) Any finance charge the recipient will be required to pay if the recipient elects to pay off or refinance the commercial financing prior to full repayment, other than interest accrued since the recipient's last payment, and the percentage of any unpaid portion of such finance charge and the maximum dollar amount of such finance charge the recipient will be required to pay; and

(B) Any additional fees, not already included in the finance charge, the recipient will be required to pay if the recipient elects to pay off or refinance the commercial financing prior to full repayment.

[(9)] (10) A description of collateral requirements or security interests, if any.

[(10)] (11) Whether, in connection with the specific offer of sales-based financing, the provider will pay compensation directly to a commercial financing broker out of the financed amount and, if so, the amount of such compensation.

Sec. 3. Section 36a-868 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(a) No commercial financing contract entered into on or after July 1, 2024, and before October 1, 2026, shall contain any provision waiving a recipient's right to notice, judicial hearing or prior court order under chapter 903a in connection with the provider obtaining any prejudgment remedy, including, but not limited to, attachment, execution, garnishment or replevin upon commencing any litigation against the recipient. Any such provision in a commercial financing contract [entered into on or after July 1, 2024,] shall be unenforceable.

(b) No commercial financing contract entered into on or after October 1, 2026, shall contain any (1) provision waiving a recipient's right to notice, judicial hearing or prior court order under chapter 903a in connection with the provider obtaining any prejudgment remedy; or (2) nondisclosure provision requiring a recipient to maintain the confidentiality of the commercial financing contract or its terms. Any provision prohibited by this subsection that is included in a commercial financing contract shall be void."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

|           |                        |         |
|-----------|------------------------|---------|
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2027</i>    | 36a-861 |
| Sec. 2    | <i>July 1, 2027</i>    | 36a-863 |
| Sec. 3    | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 36a-868 |

The bill was discussed by Representative Hoxha of the 78th who offered House Amendment Schedule "B" (LCO 4850) moved its adoption and further moved that when the vote be taken it be taken by roll call.

The amendment was discussed by Representative Jacobson of the 148th.

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 11:36 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Total Number Voting .....         | 147 |
| Necessary for Adoption .....      | 74  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 31  |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 116 |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 4   |

**On a roll call vote the amendment was rejected.**

The following is the roll call vote:

|   |                |   |                |   |                 |   |                   |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| N | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | N | HUGHES         | N | TURCO           | N | O'DEA             |
| N | ARZENO         | N | JACOBSON       | X | WALKER          | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| N | BAKER          | N | JOHNSON, D.    | N | WELANDER        | Y | PISCOPO           |
| N | BARRY          | N | JOHNSON, S.    | N | WILSON          | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| N | BELTON         | N | KAVROS DEGRAW  | N | WINTER          | N | POLLETTA          |
| N | BERGER-GIRVALO | N | KEITT          | N | WOOD            | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| N | BIGGINS        | N | KHAN           |   |                 | N | ROMANO            |
| N | BLUMENTHAL     | N | LAMARK MUIR    |   |                 | N | RUTIGLIANO        |
| N | BOYD           | N | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT          | N | SCOTT             |
| N | BROWN, K.      | N | LEMAR          | Y | ANDERSON        | N | STEWART           |
| N | BROWN, M.      | N | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVICH      | N | VAIL              |
| N | BUMGARDNER     | N | MARTINEZ, R.   | N | BOLINSKY        | Y | VEACH             |
| N | CHAFEE         | N | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO          | Y | WEIR              |
| N | COLLINS MAIN   | N | MC GEE         | N | BUCHSBAUM       | N | YACCARINO         |
| N | COMEY          | N | MENAPACE       | N | BUCKBEE         | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI       |
| N | CONCEPCION     | N | MESKERS        | Y | CALLAHAN        | N | ZULLO             |
| N | CONSTANTINE    | N | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V.   | Y | ZUPKUS            |
| N | DATHAN         | N | NAPOLI         | Y | CANINO          |   |                   |
| N | DEFRONZO       | N | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY          |   |                   |
| N | DELANY         | N | PARIS          | Y | CARPINO         |   |                   |
| N | DEMICCO        | N | PARKER         | Y | CASE            | N | RITTER            |
| N | DIGIOVANCARLO  | N | PEMBERTON      | Y | COURPAS         |   |                   |
| N | DILLON         | N | POULOS         | Y | DAUPHINAIS      |   |                   |
| N | DOUCETTE       | N | QUINN          | N | DECAPRIO        | N | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| X | EXUM           | N | RADER          | N | DELNICKI        | N | GODFREY           |
| N | FARRAR         | N | ROBERTS        | Y | DUBITSKY        | N | HALL, J.          |
| N | FAZZINO        | N | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | N | REYES             |
| N | FELIPE         | N | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO        | N | ROSARIO           |
| N | FORTIER        | N | SANCHEZ, E.    | Y | HAINES          | N | SANTIAGO          |
| N | FOSTER         | N | SANCHEZ, I.    | N | HALL, C.        |   |                   |
| N | GAIEWSKI       | N | SANCHEZ, J.    | N | HOWARD          | N | BUTLER            |
| N | GARIBAY        | N | SANTANELLA     | Y | HOXHA           | N | GONZALEZ          |
| N | GAUTHIER       | N | SANTOS         | Y | JENSEN          | X | MUSHINSKY         |
| N | GEE            | N | SHAKE          | Y | KENNEDY         | N | PAOLILLO          |
| N | GENGA          | N | SHANNON        | Y | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |                   |
| N | GILCHREST      | N | SIMMS          | Y | LANOUE          | N | ELLIOTT           |
| N | GUCKER         | N | SMITH          | Y | MARRA           | N | GIBSON            |
| N | HADDAD         | N | STAFSTROM      | Y | MASTROFRANCESCO | N | GRESKO            |
| N | HEFFERNAN      | N | STEINBERG      | N | MCGORTY, B.     | N | LINEHAN           |
| N | HORN           | N | SWEET          | Y | NUCCIO          | N | NOLAN             |

**The following is House Amendment Schedule "B" (LCO 4850):**

Strike section 2 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections and internal references accordingly

The Speaker ordered the vote be taken by roll call at 11:39 p.m.

The following is the result of the vote:

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Total Number Voting .....         | 148 |
| Necessary for Passage .....       | 75  |
| Those voting Yea .....            | 143 |
| Those voting Nay .....            | 5   |
| Those absent and not voting ..... | 3   |

**On a roll call vote House Bill No. 5211 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A" was passed.**

The following is the roll call vote:

|   |                |   |                |   |                 |   |                   |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| Y | ALLIE-BRENNAN  | Y | HUGHES         | Y | TURCO           | Y | O'DEA             |
| Y | ARZENO         | Y | JACOBSON       | X | WALKER          | Y | PAVALOCK-D'AMATO  |
| Y | BAKER          | Y | JOHNSON, D.    | Y | WELANDER        | Y | PISCOPO           |
| Y | BARRY          | Y | JOHNSON, S.    | Y | WILSON          | Y | PIZZUTO           |
| Y | BELTON         | Y | KAVROS DEGRAW  | Y | WINTER          | Y | POLLETTA          |
| Y | BERGER-GIRVALO | Y | KEITT          | Y | WOOD            | Y | REDDINGTON-HUGHES |
| Y | BIGGINS        | Y | KHAN           |   |                 | Y | ROMANO            |
| Y | BLUMENTHAL     | Y | LAMARK MUIR    |   |                 | Y | RUTIGLIANO        |
| Y | BOYD           | Y | LEEPER         | Y | ACKERT          | Y | SCOTT             |
| Y | BROWN, K.      | Y | LEMAR          | Y | ANDERSON        | Y | STEWART           |
| Y | BROWN, M.      | Y | LUXENBERG      | Y | ANISKOVICH      | Y | VAIL              |
| Y | BUMGARDNER     | Y | MARTINEZ, R.   | Y | BOLINSKY        | Y | VEACH             |
| Y | CHAFEE         | Y | MCCARTHY VAHEY | Y | BRONKO          | Y | WEIR              |
| Y | COLLINS MAIN   | Y | MC GEE         | Y | BUCHSBAUM       | Y | YACCARINO         |
| Y | COMEY          | Y | MENAPACE       | Y | BUCKBEE         | Y | ZAWISTOWSKI       |
| Y | CONCEPCION     | Y | MESKERS        | Y | CALLAHAN        | Y | ZULLO             |
| Y | CONSTANTINE    | Y | MORRIN BELLO   | Y | CANDELORA, V.   | Y | ZUPKUS            |
| Y | DATHAN         | Y | NAPOLI         | N | CANINO          |   |                   |
| Y | DEFRONZO       | Y | OSBORNE        | Y | CARNEY          |   |                   |
| Y | DELANY         | Y | PARIS          | Y | CARPINO         |   |                   |
| Y | DEMICO         | Y | PARKER         | N | CASE            | Y | RITTER            |
| Y | DIGIOVANCARLO  | Y | PEMBERTON      | Y | COURPAS         |   |                   |
| Y | DILLON         | Y | POULOS         | N | DAUPHINAIS      |   |                   |
| Y | DOUCETTE       | Y | QUINN          | Y | DECAPRIO        | Y | CANDELARIA, J.    |
| X | EXUM           | Y | RADER          | Y | DELNICKI        | Y | GODFREY           |
| Y | FARRAR         | Y | ROBERTS        | Y | DUBITSKY        | Y | HALL, J.          |
| Y | FAZZINO        | Y | ROCHELLE       | X | FISHBEIN        | Y | REYES             |
| Y | FELIPE         | Y | ROJAS          | Y | FONCELLO        | Y | ROSARIO           |
| Y | FORTIER        | Y | SANCHEZ, E.    | Y | HAINES          | Y | SANTIAGO          |
| Y | FOSTER         | Y | SANCHEZ, I.    | Y | HALL, C.        |   |                   |
| Y | GAIEWSKI       | Y | SANCHEZ, J.    | Y | HOWARD          | Y | BUTLER            |
| Y | GARIBAY        | Y | SANTANELLA     | N | HOXHA           | Y | GONZALEZ          |
| Y | GAUTHIER       | Y | SANTOS         | Y | JENSEN          | Y | MUSHINSKY         |
| Y | GEE            | Y | SHAKE          | Y | KENNEDY         | Y | PAOLILLO          |
| Y | GENGA          | Y | SHANNON        | Y | KLARIDES-DITRIA |   |                   |
| Y | GILCHREST      | Y | SIMMS          | Y | LANOUE          | Y | ELLIOTT           |
| Y | GUCKER         | Y | SMITH          | Y | MARRA           | Y | GIBSON            |
| Y | HADDAD         | Y | STAFSTROM      | N | MASTROFRANCESCO | Y | GRESKO            |
| Y | HEFFERNAN      | Y | STEINBERG      | Y | MCGORTY, B.     | Y | LINEHAN           |
| Y | HORN           | Y | SWEET          | Y | NUCCIO          | Y | NOLAN             |

#### IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE

On motion of Representative Rojas of the 9th District, all matters requiring further action by the Senate were transmitted to the Senate.

**REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT**

The following Representatives were absent today or may have missed some votes due to the following:

Representative Allie-Brennan of the 2nd District - legislative business  
Representative Biggins of the 11th District - legislative business  
Representative Elliott of the 88th District - personal business  
Representative Exum of the 19th District - personal business  
Representative Fishbein of the 90th District - business in the district  
Representative Gibson of the 15th District - legislative business  
Representative Gilchrest of the 18th District - legislative business  
Representative Hall of the 7th District - legislative business  
Representative Mushinsky of the 85th District - personal business  
Representative Reyes of the 75th District - legislative business  
Representative Walker of the 93rd District - personal business  
Representative Wood of the 29th District - legislative business

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Representative Rojas of the 9th District, the House adjourned at 11:40 o'clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.

**BILL SIGNED IN THE ORIGINAL BY HIS EXCELLENCY,  
THE GOVERNOR**

The following bill was signed, IN THE ORIGINAL, by His Excellency, the Governor, on the date indicated:

**April 27, 2026**

**Substitute for H.B. No. 5044 (COMM) (File No. 405) AN ACT ESTABLISHING CONNECTICUT VACCINE STANDARDS. (As amended by House Amendment Schedules "A" and "B").**