

APPENDIX L. Budget and Finance Related Legislation

Public Act	Title/Description
Adult Cannabis Use	
PA 21-2 JSS (SB 1201)	<p data-bbox="378 333 1468 394">AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE AND EQUITABLE REGULATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS.</p> <p data-bbox="378 396 1468 556">The act establishes the following taxes on the sale of cannabis: (1) a state cannabis tax on the sale of cannabis based upon the amount of THC per milligram of certain products and (2) a 3% municipal cannabis tax for municipalities. The 6.35% general sales tax rate also applies. The act also establishes various licenses and fees pertaining to the regulation of the cannabis industry.</p> <p data-bbox="378 594 1468 720">The revenues from these taxes and fees are to be deposited into the General Fund and new non-appropriated account and funds established under the act: the Cannabis Regulatory and Investment Account, the Social Equity and Innovation Fund, and the Prevention and Recovery Services Fund.</p> <p data-bbox="378 758 1468 852">The act authorizes up to \$50 million in state general obligation bonds for the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Social Equity Council to use for specified financial assistance and workforce training programs.</p>
Bond Bill/School Construction	
PA 21-111 (HB 6690)	<p data-bbox="378 938 1468 1098">AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES, ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2030 BOARD, AUTHORIZING STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND MAKING REVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT STATUTES.</p> <p data-bbox="378 1100 1468 1226">The act approves new bond authorizations for FY 22 and FY 23, along with certain authorizations through FY 34. It also approves state grant commitments for local and regional school construction projects and establishes the Community Investment Fund 2030 and the Connecticut Baby Bond Trust programs.</p>
Bottle Bill Expansion	
PA 21-58 (SB 1037)	<p data-bbox="378 1312 1468 1350">AN ACT CONCERNING SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.</p> <p data-bbox="378 1352 1468 1457">The act revamps the state's beverage container redemption law by, among other things, expanding the list of beverages subject to the law's requirements and increasing (beginning January 1, 2024) the deposit amount from five cents to ten cents.</p> <p data-bbox="378 1495 1468 1612">The net General Fund revenue impact of these changes is positive until FY 26, when the remittance to the General Fund is scheduled to be reduced to 45% permanently. The net General Fund impact of PA 21-58 in FY 26 and beyond is estimated to be a \$13 million revenue loss.</p>

Budget Implementer Act	
PA 21-2 JSS (SB 1202)	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.</p> <p>The act includes language necessary to implement the policies assumed in the state Biennial Budget Act, as well as various other provisions.</p>

Budget Act	
SA 21-15 (HB 6689)	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, 2023, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND MAKING DEFICIENCY AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, 2021.</p> <p>The act includes 1) appropriations in nine funds totaling \$22.7 billion in FY 22 and \$23.6 billion in FY 23, 2) FY 21 deficiency appropriations that increase net expenditures in FY 21 by \$7.6 million, 3) allocates federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding of \$1,271.4 million in FY 22, \$1,010.4 million in FY 23 and \$49.9 million in FY 24.</p>

Casino and Lottery Gaming Expansion	
PA 21-23 (HB 6451)	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION, LICENSING AND REGULATION OF ONLINE CASINO GAMING, RETAIL AND ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING, FANTASY CONTESTS, KENO AND ONLINE SALE OF LOTTERY TICKETS.</p> <p>The act establishes new frameworks for legalizing and regulating (1) in-person and online sports wagering, (2) online casino gaming, (3) in-person and online keno, (4) online lottery draw games other than keno, and (5) fantasy contests.</p> <p>The act generally authorizes the tribes and the Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC) to operate these games subject to specific requirements, including limiting the authorizations to an initial 10-year period with an option for a five-year renewal. It requires (1) monthly payments from the tribes and CLC to the General Fund ranging from 13.75% to 20% of gross revenues from sports wagering, online casino gaming, and fantasy contests and (2) new annual payments of \$500,000 from each tribe and \$1 million from CLC towards certain problem gambling accounts or programs.</p>

Highway User Fee	
PA 21-177 (HB 6688)	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING A HIGHWAY USE FEE</p> <p>The act imposes a mileage-based tax, beginning January 1, 2023, on most trucks weighing 26,000 pounds or more. The act, which generally exempts dairy trucks, is estimated to result in an STF revenue gain of \$45 million in FY 23, and \$90 million once fully annualized in FY 24 and beyond.</p>

Increased State Board of Mediation and Arbitration (SBMA) Member Compensation	
PA 21-98 (SB 904)	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION AND INCREASING THE COMPENSATION FOR STATE BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION MEMBERS.</p> <p>Section 2 increases: 1) from \$150 to \$325 the compensation that SBMA members receive for each extra day of presiding over a proceeding that lasts for more than one day, and 2) from \$150 to \$200 the compensation the board members receive upon concluding an executive panel session. This results in an annual cost of \$32,325 to the Department of Labor; funding for this expense is included in the FY 22 and FY 23 Budget.</p>

Tiered PILOT	
PA 21-3 (HB 6516)	<p>AN ACT MITIGATING ADVERSE TAX CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM EMPLOYEES WORKING REMOTELY DURING COVID-19, AND CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF LIENS ON THE PROPERTY OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFICIARIES AND A THREE-TIERED GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES PROGRAM.</p> <p>The act establishes a new method of proportionately distributing the State Property PILOT and College & Hospital PILOT grants that shifts funding towards municipalities with low property wealth. The bill specifies that, if appropriations are insufficient to fully fund the PILOT grants, then municipalities must receive a certain percentage of their fully funded amounts, based on a tiered reimbursement system that sets higher reimbursement rates for lower property wealth towns.</p> <p>The budget provides an additional \$146 million in PILOT funding for this purpose.</p>