

# PRELIMINARY FISCAL NOTES

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Below are preliminary fiscal impacts for the bills on today's agenda. These estimates were prepared under a short time frame and could be revised after further analysis. For bills on the agenda with proposed substitutes, the fiscal impact is based on the substitute language.

## II. COMMITTEE BILLS FOR REVIEW

1. **sHB 5042 - An Act Concerning the Regenerative Medicine Research Fund** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 399.
2. **sHB 5353 - An Act Concerning Mortgage Servicers, Connecticut Financial Institutions, Consumer Credit Licenses, the Foreclosure Mediation Program and Minor Revisions to the Banking Statutes** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 363.
3. **HB 5488 - An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage for Probate Court Personnel** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 498.
4. **sHB 5490 - An Act Concerning Financial Literacy**

The bill results in no fiscal impact as the effected agencies have sufficient expertise to develop a financial literacy education plan.

5. **sHB 5521 - An Act Concerning the Storage and Administration of Epinephrine at Public Schools** - refer to fiscal note on file 473.
6. **sHB 5580 - An Act Concerning the Pesticide Advisory Council, the Recommendations of the Emergency Medical Services Primary Service Area Task Force and the Elimination of a Municipal Mandate**

The bill allows municipalities to post notices of public hearings regarding the sale, lease, or transfer of real property on their Internet web site, rather than a newspaper. This results in a savings that will vary based on how many such hearings each municipality has, and the cost of posting such notices. For example, Fairfield spent approximately \$20,000 on posting legal notices in FY 13, whereas Stamford spends approximately \$50,000 to \$55,000 per year on notices and advertising. However, it is not known how much of the cost to either town was due to the posting of public hearings regarding the sale, lease, or transfer of real property specifically. There is no fiscal impact to DEEP to review pesticides for safety and effectiveness on an ongoing basis. There are approximately 1,100 applications for the registration of new pesticides annually.

7. **HB 5257 - An Act Concerning Hospital Employees and Hospital Conversions** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 86.

8. **HB 5229 - An Act Concerning the Expansion of a Small House Nursing Home Pilot Program** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 138.

9. **sSB 10 - An Act Concerning Copayments for Breast Ultrasound Screenings** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 7.

**10. sSB 26 - An Act Expanding Opportunities for Early Childhood Education**

The bill changes the school readiness full-day full-year rate from \$8,661 to \$8,670 to conform to the funding provided sHB 5030, the revised FY 15 budget, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee. The revised budget includes: (1) \$2.2 million for existing full-day full year school readiness seats at the new \$8,670 rate and (2) \$5.3 million for 612 new full-day full-year seats at \$8,670.

11. **sSB 56 - An Act Concerning Severe Mental or Emotional Impairment and Workers' Compensation Coverage** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 49.

12. **sSB 62 - An Act Concerning the Retention of Promotional Exam Results** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 51.

13. **SB 132 - An Act Concerning Funding for the Consortium of Connecticut Art Museums** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 372.

14. **sSB 174 - An Act Concerning Fairness in Medicaid Eligibility Determinations for Home-Care Clients** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 373.

15. **sSB 224 - An Act Concerning Recommendations of the School Nurse Advisory Council** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 421.

**16. sSB 244 - An Act Increasing Home Care Provider Rates**

The bill requires the Department of Social Services to increase the fee schedule for the Connecticut Home Care (CHC) program by 1%, effective July 1, 2014. Based on total projected program expenditures of \$325 million in FY 15, a 1% rate increase would cost an additional \$3,250,000 in FY 15. sHB 5030 (AA Making Adjustments to State Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015) contained total funding of \$3,250,000 for a 1% rate increase.

17. **sSB 246 - An Act Concerning the Protection of State and Municipal Essential Records and the Preservation of Electronic Records** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 376.

18. **sSB 322 - An Act Connecting the Public to Behavioral Health Care Services** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 382.
19. **sSB 410 - An Act Concerning Administrative Hearings Conducted by the Department of Social Services** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 388.
20. **SB 421 - An Act Concerning Certain Bidding Preferences in State and Municipal Contracting** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 389.
21. **sSB 451 - An Act Concerning Government Administration and State Contracting** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 487.
22. **sSB 476 - An Act Concerning Full-Day Kindergarten Programs for Alliance Districts, Bilingual Education Program Requirements and a Summer Learning Program Grant**  
  
The bill allows alliance districts to use alliance funding for full day kindergarten. This does not impact the total amount of alliance district funding and does not result in a cost to local or regional boards of education, or the state department of education.
23. **SB 55 - An Act Concerning Complaints that Allege Misconduct by Law Enforcement Agency Personnel** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 105.
24. **SB 175 - An Act Concerning a Study of Emergency Power Needs in Public Housing for the Elderly** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 74.
25. **SB 177 - An Act Concerning a Community Spouse's Allowable Assets** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 123.
26. **sSB 24 - An Act Concerning the Governor's Recommendations Regarding Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Youth Smoking Prevention** - refer to fiscal note on file copy 165.