

# Department of Administrative Services

## 2023 Legislative Report

This report summarizes the legislation passed during the 2023 Legislative Session that relates to DAS and its Divisions. Acts that apply to specific DAS business units are summarized in their respective sections.

The information contained in this report includes summaries of the respective legislation. The summaries below are not the actual laws passed by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. For the actual laws, please consult the Public Acts themselves. Please note that reading a Public Act, language that is [bracketed] means that it has been deleted and language that is underlined means that it is new.

Every attempt has been made to include the summaries in the most appropriate division sections, however there are many acts that have broad implications for many divisions, and directors should review all new legislation to determine its impact on their divisions and make any plans necessary to implement and ensure compliance with new statutory mandates. Please be sure to pay special attention to effective dates.

### **Navigating this document:**

Please note that:

- Headings in the Table of Contents are “clickable” and will take you to the relevant section within the report,
- Each Public Act number listed herein contains a hyperlink to the full text of the Public Act on the Connecticut General Assembly website; and
- There is a separate section of this report that details Public Acts by effective date.

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## Section 1 – Budget Implementor Bills

[Public Act No. 23-1](#) – AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES AND A CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AVIATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING, CERTAIN BOTTLE DEPOSITS, CERTAIN STATE POSITIONS AND THE POSTING OF STATE JOB OPENINGS AND BOND COVENANT RESTRICTIONS AND THE BUDGET RESERVE FUND (“E-Cert Bill”).

*This bill was processed through Emergency Certification, otherwise known as the E-Cert Bill at the beginning of session. The bill was immediately transmitted to the Governor and signed on February 14, 2023.*

### **Section 12** LIMIT ON EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS *Effective from passage*

The bill prohibits the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner and OPM secretary from approving more than two executive assistants for each deputy (presumably, deputy department head) for any department that has at least two deputies. By law, unchanged by the bill, executive assistants to department heads are exempt from the state classified service (i.e., not subject to various civil service procedures and requirements).

### **Section 13** STATE EMPLOYEE CANDIDATE LISTS FOR THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE *Effective from passage*

The law generally requires the DAS commissioner to hold civil service exams to establish candidate lists of people qualified for positions in the state employee classified service.

Regardless of this or any other state statutes, the bill allows the commissioner to place people on a candidate list for the various classified service position classes if she finds that posting job openings is warranted to provide regular, updated candidate pools for specific examined and non-examined positions.

[Public Act 23-204](#) – AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET (“Implementor Bill”).

The Implementor Bill contains several provisions that relate to multiple DAS business units, which are summarized below.

DAS - GENERAL FUND	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Personal Services	88,346,043	89,255,808
Other Expenses	28,856,256	28,856,256
Loss Control Risk Management	88,003	88,003
Employees' Review Board	17,611	17,611
Surety Bonds for State Officials and Employees	71,225	125,184

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Refunds of Collections	20,381	20,381
Rents and Moving	5,610,985	4,610,985
Worker's Compensation Administrator	5,000,000	5,000,000
State Insurance and Risk Management Operations	16,226,971	17,831,771
IT Services	54,954,786	56,891,618
Firefighters Fund	400,000	400,000
AGENCY TOTAL	199,592,261	203,097,617
<b>DAS - SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND</b>	<b>FY 2023-2024</b>	<b>FY 2024-2025</b>
Personal Services	3,042,478	3,090,648
State Insurance and Risk Mgmt Operations	12,736,781	14,626,561
IT Services	953,999	953,999
Workers' Compensation Claims	6,723,297	6,723,297
AGENCY TOTAL	17,733,258	18,671,208
<b>DAS - INSURANCE FUND</b>	<b>FY 2023-2024</b>	<b>FY 2024-2025</b>
Personal Services	775,605	776,947
Fringe Benefits	706,368	707,589
IT Services	514,136	514,136
AGENCY TOTAL	1,996,109	1,998,672
<b>DAS - CONSUMER COUNCIL &amp; P.U.C. FUND</b>	<b>FY 2023-2024</b>	<b>FY 2024-2025</b>
Personal Services	103,008	105,448
Fringe Benefits	91,101	93,259
AGENCY TOTAL	194,109	198,707
<b>DAS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND</b>	<b>FY 2023-2024</b>	<b>FY 2024-2025</b>
Personal Services	661,354	661,609
Others Expenses	637,440	637,686
Fringe Benefits	199,938	199,938
AGENCY TOTAL	1,498,732	1,499,233

These appropriations do not include OPM holdbacks. Other sections of the budget require OPM to find additional savings. Specifically:

- **Section 14** allows OPM to make reductions in allotments in fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, in order to achieve budget savings in the General Fund of \$48,715,570 during such fiscal year.

- **Section 15** allows OPM to reduce allotments to executive branch agencies in order to achieve budget savings in the General Fund of \$80,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$129,000,000 in fiscal year 2025.

**Unexpended Balance of Funds that Shall Not Lapse**

- **Section 27** – Funds for Rents and Moving at DAS, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, shall not lapse on June 30, 2024, and shall be carried forward and made available during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to support emergency vehicle operations course at DESPP.
- **Section 41** (Sub. 57) – Funds for DAS Firefighters Fund, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, shall be carried forward and made available for firefighters' cancer relief account.
- **Section 48** – Details the allotted American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Funds for Fiscal Years 2022-2025, see chart below for additional details.

DAS - Allocated ARPA Funds (Sec. 48)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Support School Air Quality		75,000,000		
<u>Interagency Portal</u>			50,000	
<u>Capital Area Heating System Study</u>			2,000,000	

**Other provisions of interest to DAS include the following sections:**

**Section 61** – *Effective from Passage*

In relation to our statutory responsibility to identify further wage inequities under a five-year process, this act authorizes the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to report to the General Assembly on the status of the reserve for salary adjustments quarterly.

**Section 68** – *Effective July 1, 2024*

Requires DAS to give awarding agencies a preliminary set-aside goal report for the upcoming fiscal year and delays the deadline by which agencies must submit their goals to DAS. The bill delays, from August 30 to September 30, 2024, the annual deadline by which state agencies and political subdivisions, other than municipalities, must notify the Department of Administrative Services and other parties of their small contractor and minority business.

**Section 70** - *Effective from Passage*

Moves the Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS) from the Office of the Governor to the Department of Economic and Community Development for administrative purposes.

**Section 81-84** — *Effective July 1, 2023*

For FYs 24 and 25, the bill increases the following by approximately 3%: (1) salaries for judges, family support magistrates, family support referees, and judge trial referees; (2) additional amounts that certain judges receive for performing administrative duties; and (3) salaries of certain officials whose compensation, by law, is determined in relation to the salary of the chief justice or a Superior Court judge or a state referee’s per-diem rate (including the governor, lieutenant governor, and constitutional officers).

**Section 98** – *Effective July 1, 2023*

Changes the fund into which fees collected for using state agency EV charging stations are deposited. Existing law requires state agencies to assess and collect fees for using electric vehicle (EV) charging stations purchased and installed on state agency property on or after October 1, 2022. The fees must recover, at the maximum extent practicable, the operational, maintenance, and electric costs for the stations. Under current law, collected fees must be deposited in the state fund that funded the station. The bill instead requires the fees to be deposited in the fund that pays the electricity costs of the station’s hosting state agency.

**Sections 100-106** – *Effective from Passage*

Authorizes DAS to conduct background checks for certain agencies and positions in addition to the existing requirement for employment at state agencies. The DAS Commissioner is required to oversee the process of criminal background checks by the following agencies/departments, Corrections, Motor Vehicles, Revenue Services, Children and Families, and Developmental Services. This act increases the frequency of periodic criminal background checks, from every ten years to every five years, for existing Department of Revenue Services (DRS) employees and any other state employees or applicants exposed to federal tax information. And secondly, the act allows these checks more frequently if the U.S. Treasury Department requires. Additional requirements that the DAS Commissioner conduct background checks on all state agency contractors and subcontractors with access to certain federal tax information.

**Sections 107-111** – *Effective January 1, 2024*

Increases the threshold of a personal services agreement from \$20,000 to \$50,000 and eliminates the PSA’s length as a criterion to determine whether a competitive solicitation is required. These changes also apply to POC contracts.

**Section 113** – *Effective Upon Passage*

Applies to the Connecticut Port Authority (CPA) the same building and fire safety rules that govern state agencies and the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) when constructing or altering buildings. The CPA and CAA must comply with safety rules in order to obtain building permits

and certificates of occupancy for largescale projects, additions, residential structures for more than twenty-five people, and if the project exceeds certain statutory threshold limits.

**Section 119** – *Effective July 1, 2023*

Specifies that DUI is not eligible for automatic criminal record erasure until 10 years after the person’s most recent conviction, and makes DUI convictions ineligible for erasure if the person has a second DUI conviction within 10 years

**Section 129** – *Effective October 1, 2023*

For administrative purpose, makes the Department of Housing (DOH) an executive branch agency instead of an agency within the Department of Economic and Community Development.

**Sections 159-162** — *October 1, 2023, except the provisions on the advisory committee and treasurer’s report are effective upon passage.*

Generally, requires that firefighters who have certain cancers and meet other specified criteria receive workers’ compensation-like benefits and disability retirement benefits that are paid by a municipality and then reimbursed from a state account; creates the Firefighter Cancer Relief Fund Advisory Committee to annually evaluate the account; and requires the treasurer to annually report on the status of the account and the existing Firefighters Cancer Relief Program

**Section 167** — *Effective October 1, 2023*

Establishes an Office of the Student Loan Ombudsman and requires the DOB commissioner to appoint a student loan ombudsman to head the office

**Sections 174-175**— *Effective July 1, 2024, except the tax deduction provisions are effective January 1, 2024, and for applicable tax years starting on or after that date.*

Requires OHE, within available appropriations, to establish a pilot program to reimburse eligible people for up to \$5,000 a year (for a total of up to \$20,000) for their student loan payments; makes payments deductible from a person’s state adjusted gross income

**Section 200** – *Effective October 1, 2023*

Requires the Office of Policy and Management to study whether any state-owned real property is available and suitable to develop as housing. In consultation with the Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Transportation, OPM must focus the study on property that is transit-oriented and affordable housing developments. Findings and recommendations must be reported to the Governor and the Committees on Housing and Planning and Development by January 1, 2024.

**Section 329** – *Effective July 1, 2023*

Creates a minimum HVAC and outdoor athletic facility school construction reimbursement rates for certain towns with a population of 80,000 individuals or more (Bridgeport, Danbury, Hartford, New Haven, Norwalk, Stamford, Waterbury, and Cheshire). Under this new law, minimum reimbursement rates for HVAC and athletic facility projects apply regardless of an application date.

**Section 422** *Effective from Passage*

The bill allows state agencies, with the approval of the DAS commissioner or her designee, to purchase equipment, supplies, materials, and services directly from another state or its instrumentalities or political subdivisions. Under existing law, state agencies, if approved by the DAS commissioner or her designee, may purchase these goods and services from, among others, a person with a contract to sell them to other state governments.

**Section 423** *Effective from Passage*

Exempts, from a requirement that DAS post on its website any goods or services contract entered into without competitive bidding or competitive negotiation, minor nonrecurring or emergency purchases of \$25,000 or less.

**Section 424** *Effective from Passage*

The bill eliminates a requirement that state information technology (IT) contractors file a copy of executed subcontracts or subcontract amendments with the DAS commissioner. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, prohibits IT contractors from awarding a subcontract unless the DAS commissioner (or a designee) approves the subcontractor selection.

**Section 425** *October 1, 2023*

Existing law generally requires executive branch state agencies to make goods and services purchases using competitive bidding or competitive negotiation when possible. The bill increases, from \$50,000 to \$100,000, the threshold cost of a procurement that must be advertised on the State Contracting Portal at least five days before the submission deadline for responses (i.e., costs above this amount must be advertised)

**Section 426** *October 1, 2023*

Increases, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the maximum cost of a minor nonrecurring and emergency purchase for which the DAS commissioner may waive competitive bidding or negotiation.



**Section 427** *October 1, 2023*

Allows state contractors to affirm their understanding of the law’s nondiscrimination requirements with respect to sexual orientation by signing the contract.

**Section 428** *Effective from Passage*

Specifically, the bill allows UConn and CSCU to join with another Connecticut state branch, division, or department, or with one another, in a cooperative purchasing plan if it would serve the state’s best interests. It also allows them to purchase goods and services from a person with a contract to sell them to a federal agency; another Connecticut state branch, division, or department; or another constituent unit of higher education.

**Section 429** – *Effective October 1, 2023*

Generally, increases the threshold requiring separate contractor prequalification by UConn to \$1 million dollars for capital projects which eliminates the requirement that the university separately prequalify contractors for each project. UConn is allowed to prequalify contractors for one year and renew the prequalification for two years.

[Public Act No. 23-205](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND CONCERNING CERTAIN GRANT AND FINANCING PROGRAMS, STATE CONSTRUCTION RELATED THRESHOLDS, SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS, THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, CAPITAL CITY PROJECTS, CERTAIN CONSUMER AGREEMENTS, CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO MUNICIPAL CHARTERS AND PETITIONS FOR CERTAIN TOWN REFERENDA, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CERTAIN CASES BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET.

Bonding Authorizations at a glance. See detailed sections below.

Program	FY 24	FY 25
DAS Asbestos Removal Program - Removal or encapsulation of asbestos in state-owned buildings	2,500,000	2,500,000
DAS Infrastructure repairs and improvements at state-occupied facilities	30,000,000	25,000,000
DAS For upgrades and modernization to the Capitol Area System	19,000,000	
DAS For the purchase of electric vehicles and the construction and installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure	35,000,000	
DAS Alterations, renovations, and improvements at interdistrict magnet school facilities	20,000,000	
DAS Grants-in-aid for school air quality improvements, including, but not limited to, HVAC upgrade, replacement, and installation	150,000,000	150,000,000

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DAS School building projects		250,000,000
DAS Grants-in-aid to municipalities for the purpose of a regional school district incentive grant*	(5,000,000)	
DAS Grants-in-aid to Alliance districts to assist in paying for general improvements to school buildings	Reduction from \$30,000,000 to \$18,000,000	
DAS Fire regulation/water tanks		200,000

\* PA 23-205 Sec. 70. “Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 389 of public act 17-2 of the June special session is repealed. (Effective July 1, 2023)”

[Public Act 23-205](#) ELIMINATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INCENTIVE GRANT. *Effective July 1, 2023*

**Section 70** Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 389 of public act 17-2 of the June special session is repealed.

## Section 2 – Acts Affecting Real Estate & Construction

[Public Act No. 23-204](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET.

**Section 113** CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY AND BUILDING PERMITTING PROCESS  
*Effective from passage.*

The bill applies to the Connecticut Port Authority (CPA) the law that requires state agencies and the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) to obtain building permits and certificates of occupancy for certain largescale construction projects from the State Building Inspector.

Specifically, they must do so for state and authority buildings and structures, or additions to them, that (1) include residential occupancies for at least 25 people or (2) exceed certain statutory threshold limits and require an independent structural review. Neither a building permit nor certificate of occupancy is needed for a newly built or altered state or authority building below these thresholds.

**Section 200** STUDY OF STATE PROPERTY THAT COULD BE DEVELOPED AS HOUSING  
*Effective October 1, 2023.*

The bill requires the OPM secretary, in consultation with the administrative services and transportation commissioners, to study whether any state-owned real property (excluding conserved lands) is available and suitable for developing as housing. The study must focus on property that is suited to transit-oriented and affordable housing development. The OPM secretary must report on the study to the governor and Housing and Planning and Development committees by January 1, 2024.

[Public Act No. 23-137](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.

**Section 16.** FUNDS FOR GROUP HOME COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE REGULATIONS  
*Effective July 1, 2024.*

The bill requires DAS to consult with DESPP and OPM, to create a funding pool, by January 1, 2025, and within available appropriations, for private providers to apply for financial assistance to comply with the fire regulation requirement that group homes be equipped with a 5,000- gallon water tank.

The DAS commissioner must prescribe application requirements for the funding and post them on the DAS website. Additionally, the bill requires the DAS commissioner, in consultation with DESPP, the Connecticut Council of Small Towns, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, and the Connecticut Builders Trade Association, to assess the level of need for these funds and review other states' fire regulations for group homes, including the New England states, California, and Colorado, to determine whether any changes are needed to Connecticut regulations.

The commissioner must report on the level of need for the funds to the Appropriations; Finance, Revenue and Bonding; Human Services; Planning and Development; Public Health; and Public Safety committees by October 1, 2024.

[Public Act No. 23-91](#) AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTS OF THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY.

*Effective October 1, 2023, for the provisions on goods and services contracts and SCSB authority and July 1, 2023, for the provisions on CPA construction projects and prohibiting success fees.*

This bill makes several changes affecting the Connecticut Port Authority's (CPA) contracting procedures. It requires public bidding for any CPA project to construct, renovate, or alter buildings or facilities that it owns or leases that is overseen by a construction manager (e.g., a general contractor) and financed in whole or in part by the state. It prohibits the construction manager from bidding on these projects' elements.

The bill also prohibits CPA from paying success fees under any contract or agreement it enters into, amends, or extends on or after July 1, 2023, if it is financed in whole or in part by the state (including matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance, or guarantees).

The bill generally requires CPA to follow the same procedures as state agencies when entering into certain goods and services contracts. The bill also makes permanent the State Contracting Standards Board's (SCSB's) authority over CPA.

[Special Act No. 23-15](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S ROLE IN ADMINISTERING CERTAIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW PROCESSES. *Effective from passage.*

Establishes a working group to study the State Historic Preservation Officer's role in administering historic preservation review processes related to sections 22a-1 to 22a-1h, inclusive, of the general statutes and the regulations adopted thereunder, and to make recommendations concerning changes to such statutes and regulations. (DAS not on task force)

[Public Act No. 23-143](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE NIGHTTIME LIGHTING OF STATEOWNED BUILDINGS AT CERTAIN TIMES FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS. *Effective from passage.*

To require state-owned and leased buildings to turn off nonessential outdoor lighting during peak avian migration periods in order to assist in preventing birds from flying into the sides of such buildings.

The bill also requires the state building inspector and the Code and Standards Committee to consider a change in lighting design to effectuate this outdoor lighting requirement when making changes to the State Building Code that take effect on or after January 1, 2024.

[Public Act No. 23-157](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR MICROGRIDS, RESILIENCE AND STATE AGENCY BUILDING DECARBONIZATION PROJECTS. *Effective from passage.*

The bill allows any state agency to participate in a building decarbonization project for a building or facility that is (1) owned or leased by the state and (2) occupied by the agency. A “building decarbonization project” is a project that (1) implements energy efficiency measures, reduces energy usage, or decarbonizes the energy use of a building or facility and (2) is offered by (a) an electric distribution company or gas company through the state’s Conservation and Load Management Plan or (b) the Connecticut Green Bank, including associated financing mechanisms offered by the companies or the Green Bank.

The bill requires a state agency that wants to participate in a building decarbonization project to submit a request to DEEP, which, in consultation with the Department of Administrative Services, may review and recommend approval. Upon receiving the recommended approval, the agency must submit a request to participate in the project, with supporting documentation and the recommended approval, to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for review and final approval. Under the bill, OPM may only approve a project if it can be sustained by the state agency’s operating budget, based on the operating budget for the fiscal year in which the state agency files the request.

[Public Act No. 23-170](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE AND ESTABLISHING THE MIRA DISSOLUTION AUTHORITY.

**Sections 10-17 & 19-20** — MIRA WINDDOWN *Effective from passage.*

The bill creates MDA as a successor quasi-public authority to MIRA.

In addition to the duties and powers inherited from MIRA, the bill requires MDA to do the following:

1. identify the immediate environmental needs and knowledge needed for future redevelopment of the authority’s properties at 300 Maxim Road and 100 Reservoir Road in Hartford;
2. engage representatives of Hartford and other stakeholders, as appropriate, concerning the future of the above properties;
3. continue to operate MIRA’s transfer stations until DEEP determines that acceptable non-MDA operated alternatives have become available; and
4. orderly and responsibly wind down operations and activities, including marketing and selling surplus real and personal property.

The bill requires MDA to submit a report to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary and the Environment and Planning and Development committees, by January 1, 2024, that includes a plan and timeline for the above tasks. It allows MDA and any other state agency to enter memoranda of understanding (MOUs) to facilitate the duties and powers MDA assumes from

MIRA. These MOUs terminate June 30, 2025. The MDA terminates on July 1, 2026. On that date, its rights and properties are passed to and vested in the state.

MIRA Dissolution Authority shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors, which shall consist of eleven directors as follows:

(1) The Governor, or the Governor's designee, (2) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, (3) the Commissioner of Administrative Services\*, (4) the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or the commissioner's designee, (5) one appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, (6) one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, (7) one appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, (8) one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, (9) one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, (10) one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, and (11) one appointed by the mayor of Hartford. Additionally, the Hartford City Council may appoint not more than five members to the board, each of whom shall serve a term that is coterminous with that of the applicable appointing authority. (Note, DAS Commissioner does not have the option of a designee).

The bill makes DAS the successor agency to MDA beginning July 1, 2025, and repeals the statutes and provisions in the bill creating and empowering MIRA and MDA, respectively, on that date.

*\* Note that the language creating the new board of directors does not permit the Commissioner of Administrative Services to appoint a designee.*

[Public Act No. 23-167](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN EDUCATION.

#### **Section 42 – INDOOR AIR QUALITY WORKING GROUP *Effective from Passage***

The working group to study and make recommendations related to indoor air quality within school buildings has been continued and will terminate on July 1, 2024. Upon termination, the working group will submit its findings and recommendations to the Education, Labor, and Public Health Committees of the Connecticut General Assembly. Membership of the working group stayed the same as past session while guidelines were added, see below. DAS is a member of working group.

The goals of the working group are as follows:

1. Recommend the optimal humidity and temperature ranges within schools;
2. Study school air quality emergency conditions that would warrant temporary school closures based on insufficient heat, excessive humidity levels or other thresholds;
3. Criteria for rating priority of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning repair and remediation needs;
4. Recommend benchmarks for minimizing the spread of infectious disease by determining performance based standards of HVAC systems;
5. Protocols used by school districts to address complaints or evidence of mold, infestation, hazardous odors or chemical related to poor indoor air quality;
6. Determine the frequency of which local or regional boards of education should be providing uniform inspections, such as the EPA's Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Program;

7. Determine best practices for proper maintenance including the frequency and scope of that maintenance;
8. Develop a system of equitable distribution of funds, based on need under the HVAC Grant program; and
9. Determine ways to make reports and results of uniform inspections and evaluations, conducted pursuant to section 10-220, accessible and searchable.

**Sections 43 & 44 — SCHOOL INDOOR AIR QUALITY PROGRAM** *Effective July 1, 2023.*

The bill requires school districts to do more frequent inspections and evaluations of public-school indoor air quality and to submit the inspection results to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), which must post them on its website. Under current law, inspections were done every three years. The bill instead requires that the inspections be done annually beginning January 1, 2024.

The bill extends, from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025, the deadline by which school districts must start having five-year HVAC inspections done by a certified testing, adjusting, and balancing technician, industrial hygienist certified by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene or the Board for Global EHS Credentialing, or a mechanical engineer.

The bill creates a process for DAS to grant waivers of the January 1, 2025, inspection and evaluation deadline. The waivers are valid for a year. Upon a school board's request, DAS may waive the deadline if it finds that:

1. there are not enough certified testing, adjusting, and balancing technicians; certified industrial hygienists; or mechanical engineers to do the inspection and evaluation, or
2. the board scheduled the inspection and evaluation for a date after January 1, 2025.

The bill also allows school boards that had an inspection done in a different format that DAS deems equivalent to use the inspection in place of the uniform inspection and evaluation required under the law.

The bill requires DAS to develop standard school building indoor air quality reporting forms to be used by boards of education when conducting either the annual air quality inspection or five-year HVAC inspection. DAS must make the forms available on its website and it may consult with representatives from the indoor air quality and HVAC industry to develop them. The bill additionally requires that school boards submit the report and results for both inspections to DAS using these standard forms.

[Public Act No. 23-205](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND CONCERNING CERTAIN GRANT AND FINANCING PROGRAMS, STATE CONSTRUCTION RELATED THRESHOLDS, SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS, THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, CAPITAL CITY PROJECTS, CERTAIN CONSUMER AGREEMENTS, CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO MUNICIPAL CHARTERS AND PETITIONS FOR CERTAIN TOWN REFERENDA, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CERTAIN CASES BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET.

**Section 2** DAS PROVISIONS *Effective July 1, 2023*

For the Department of Administrative Services:

- (1) Removal or encapsulation of asbestos and hazardous materials in state-owned buildings, not exceeding \$2,500,000;
- (2) Infrastructure repairs and improvements, including fire, safety and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, improvements to state-owned buildings and grounds, including energy-conservation and off-site improvements, and preservation of unoccupied buildings and grounds, including office development, acquisition, renovations for additional parking and security improvements at state-occupied buildings, not exceeding \$30,000,000;
- (3) Upgrades and modernization of the Capital Area System, not exceeding \$19,000,000;
- (4) Purchase of electric vehicles and the construction and installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure at state facilities, not exceeding \$35,000,000.

**Section 13** INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOL FACILITIES *Effective July 1, 2023*

For the Department of Administrative Services: Grants-in-aid for alterations, renovations and improvements at interdistrict magnet school facilities to support additional preschool and elementary slots, not exceeding \$20,000,000.

**Section 21** DAS PROVISIONS *Effective July 1, 2024*

For the Department of Administrative Services: (1) Removal or encapsulation of asbestos and hazardous materials in state-owned buildings, not exceeding \$2,500,000;

- (2) Infrastructure repairs and improvements, including fire, safety and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, improvements to state-owned buildings and grounds, including energy-conservation and off-site improvements, and preservation of unoccupied buildings and grounds, including office development, acquisition, renovations for additional parking and security improvements at state-occupied buildings, not exceeding \$25,000,000.



**Section 58.** \$300,000,000 for grants-in-aid for school air quality improvements, including, but not limited to, HVAC upgrade, replacement, and installation. (\$150,000,000 on July 1, 2024). *Effective July 1, 2023.*

**Section 70** Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 389 of public act 17-2 of the June special session is repealed. *Effective July 1, 2023*

**Section 72.** ALLIANCE SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES *Effective July 1, 2023*

For the Department of Administrative Services: Grants-in-aid to alliance districts to assist in paying for general improvements to school buildings, not exceeding \$18,000,000 (reduction from \$30,000,000).

**Section 96.** FIRE REGULATION WATER TANKS AT GROUP HOMES *Effective July 1, 2024*

\$200,000 to be used by the Commissioner of Administrative Services to provide funding for private providers to comply with fire regulation requirements concerning water tanks at group homes.

**Sections 105 & 106.** CONSTRUCTION THRESHOLD INCREASE *Effective July 1, 2023*

The bill increases the construction threshold for DAS administered projects from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 except that: (1) The University of Connecticut and the Judicial Branch may have charge and supervision of construction projects involving an expenditure of not more than \$3,000,000, the state system of higher education may have charge and supervision of construction projects involving an expenditure of not more than \$3,000,000, and the Military Department may have charge and supervision of construction projects involving an expenditure of not more than \$3,000,000.

Not later than July 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall (1) adjust the maximum threshold dollar amounts by the percentage change in the Producer Price Index by Commodity: Construction (Partial) (WPU80), not seasonally adjusted, or its successor index, as calculated by the United States Department of Labor, over the preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars; and (2) post such adjusted dollar amounts on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services.

Contracts for the making of any alteration, repair or addition to any real asset was increased from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000.

**Section 107** PROJECT DEFINITION INCREASE *Effective July 1, 2023*

“Project” means any state program requiring consultant services if the cost of such services is estimated to exceed \$750,000 (increased from \$500,000) adjusted annually on and after July 1, 2024.

**Section 108.** PROJECT COST ANNUAL INCREASE *Effective July 1, 2023*

Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall (1) adjust the threshold cost for consultant services for a state program to be deemed a project

by the percentage change in the Producer Price Index by Commodity: Construction (Partial) (WPU80), not seasonally adjusted, or its successor index, as calculated by the United States Department of Labor, over the preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars, and (2) post such adjusted threshold cost on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services.

**Section 112. PROJECT PROGRESS REPORTS** *Effective from passage*

Not later than October 1, 2023, and quarterly thereafter until completion of the projects the Department of Administrative Services 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 finance, revenue and bonding, and government administration and elections, on the status of (1) the design, alteration, renovation and construction of facilities for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, and (2) the design, rehabilitation and construction of the parking garage, surface parking and related work at the Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center in Bridgeport. *See also School Construction section of the report.*

[Public Act No. 23-46](#) AN ACT CONCERNING JUDICIAL BRANCH OPERATIONS, THE SHARING OF JUDICIAL BRANCH RECORDS AND THE AWARD OF DAMAGES IN CERTAIN CIVIL MATTERS.

**Section 25. REPAIRS OR ALTERATIONS TO JUDICIAL BRANCH BUILDINGS** *Effective July 1, 2023 (Note: See also Section 105-106 of PA 23-205)*

Increase from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 repairs, alterations or additions to a building rented or occupied by the Judicial branch.

[Public Act No. 23-42](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MOLD IN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS. *Effective July 1, 2023*

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to do the following by January 1, 2024:

1. evaluate information or guidance published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on identifying, assessing, and remediating mold and limiting mold exposure;
2. develop uniform standards for identifying and assessing mold in residential housing;
3. develop uniform standards for remediating mold, including any necessary revisions to DPH's guidelines establishing mold abatement protocols;
4. develop guidelines for limiting mold exposure in residential housing and uniform standards for assessing the health threat from this exposure, including its effect on indoor air quality;
5. publish these standards and guidelines on the DPH website; and
6. develop a public awareness campaign on mold in residential housing.

The bill also establishes a working group (DAS not on working group).

[Special Act No. 23-1](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE SHORTAGE OF FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL IN THE STATE. *Effective from passage.*

There is established a task force to study the shortage of firefighters and emergency medical services personnel in the state. (DAS not on task force)

[Special Act No. 23-6](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STATE MARSHALS' HEALTH BENEFITS. *Effective from passage.*

The State Marshal Commission shall conduct a study of state marshals' health benefits.

### Section 3 – Acts Affecting Building and Fire Codes

[Public Act No. 23-114](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS. *Effective October 1, 2023.*

This bill explicitly authorizes municipalities to accept electronically submitted building permit applications from contractors, aligning the law’s building permit signature requirements with current practice.

The Connecticut Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (CGS §§ 1-266 to 1-286) establishes a legal foundation for using electronic communications in transactions where the parties, including local government agencies, have agreed to conduct business electronically. It generally validates the use of electronic records and signatures.

[Public Act No. 23-164](#) AN ACT REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AFFIDAVIT RELATED TO SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS. *Effective October 1, 2023.*

Under current law, the transferor (e.g., seller) of a one- or two-family residence must generally give the transferee (e.g., buyer) an affidavit certifying certain conditions about the detectors or credit the transferee with \$250 at the closing. The bill eliminates the credit option and extends the affidavit requirement to transfers of units in residential common interest communities.

The bill changes the content required in the affidavit and when it must be given. It also expands the exemptions from the law’s requirements by exempting transfers of property acquired by a judgment of strict foreclosure or by foreclosure by sale.

Additionally, the bill requires the State Fire Marshal’s Office to create a (1) model form that may be used for the affidavit and (2) guide outlining smoke detector requirements to help transferors complete the affidavit. The office must consult with an association representing fire marshals’ interests for the model form and guide, as well as with a bar association and an association representing realtors’ interests for the model form.

[Public Act No. 23-143](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE NIGHTTIME LIGHTING OF STATE OWNED BUILDINGS AT CERTAIN TIMES FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS. *Effective from passage.*

To require state-owned and leased buildings to turn off nonessential outdoor lighting during peak avian migration periods in order to assist in preventing birds from flying into the sides of such buildings.

The bill also requires the state building inspector and the Code and Standards Committee to consider a change in lighting design to effectuate this outdoor lighting requirement when making changes to the State Building Code that take effect on or after January 1, 2024.

[Public Act No. 23-72](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING TABLES IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION. *Effective from passage.*

The State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall jointly, with the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services and in accordance with the provisions of section 29-252b of the general statutes, include in the next proposed revision to the State Building Code undertaken pursuant to section 29-252 of the general statutes, a requirement that each new construction or substantial renovation of a public building or place of public accommodation, resort or amusement, that includes at least one restroom that is open to the public, provide on each floor level that is open to the public (1) at least one baby diaper changing table that is accessible to men and at least one baby diaper changing table that is accessible to women, or (2) at least one baby diaper changing table that is accessible to both men and women. Each baby diaper changing table included pursuant to this section shall be safe, sanitary and convenient.

## Section 4 – Acts Affecting Human Resources; and Equal Employment Opportunity

[Public Act No. 23-204](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET.

**Section 70** OFFICE OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY LOCATION *Effective from passage.*

Moves OWS from the Office of the Governor to DECD for administrative purposes only.

**Sections 129** DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING *Effective October 1, 2023.*

Under current law, the Department of Housing (DOH) is within the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for administrative purposes only. The bill instead makes DOH an executive branch agency.

[Public Act No. 23-79](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS REGULATION.

**Section 49** CANNABIS OMBUDSMAN *Effective from passage*

There is established, within available appropriations, an Office of the Cannabis Ombudsman, which shall be within the Office of the Healthcare Advocate for administrative purposes only.

The Office of the Cannabis Ombudsman shall be under the direction of the Ombudsman. The Healthcare Advocate shall appoint an individual who is familiar with the palliative use of marijuana and the medical cannabis system to serve as the Cannabis Ombudsman.

[Public Act No. 23-75](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL CAREER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY. *Effective from passage.*

Under existing law, the Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS) must create a career accelerator program to support people pursuing commercial driver's license (CDL) training using income share agreements or equivalent financial instruments. This bill postpones the associated program design, implementation, and reporting deadlines under current law.

The bill also requires OWS to plan, by July 1, 2025, an expansion of the program by identifying (1) additional training opportunities for careers requiring a maximum of one year of training and (2) related training providers to use.

It further requires OWS, by July 1, 2026, to report on the additional training opportunities and providers it identifies to the Appropriations; Commerce; Education; Finance, Revenue and Bonding; Higher Education and Employment; and Labor and Public Employees committees.

[Public Act No. 23-70](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CLINICAL PLACEMENTS FOR NURSING STUDENTS, REPORTING BY THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY, PROMOTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY AND CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY STUDENT LOAN SUBSIDY PROGRAMS FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONS.

**Section 1** NURSING STUDENT CLINICAL PLACEMENT TASK FORCE *Effective from passage.*

There is established a task force to develop a plan for establishing clinical placements at state facilities for nursing students at public and independent institutions of higher education. The task force shall examine (1) the types of state facilities that can accommodate such clinical placements, including, but not limited to, state correctional facilities and facilities operated by the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families, and Developmental Services, (2) the number and types of clinical placements that may be established at each state facility, (3) the staffing requirements for providing such clinical placements and whether state facilities meet such staffing requirements, and (4) the total and per-student cost to state facilities to provide such clinical placements. (DAS not on taskforce)

[Public Act No. 23-61](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN JOBS CORPS PROGRAM. *Effective July 1, 2023.*

Current law requires the Office of Workforce Strategy (OWS), in consultation with the Office of Higher Education, State Department of Education, Department of Labor, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, regional workforce development boards, and employers, to establish a career ladder for jobs in the green technology industry by January 1, 2020, and then update it as needed. The bill shifts responsibility for establishing and updating the green jobs career ladder from OWS to the CCEC.

[Public Act No. 23-48](#) AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF A PROPOSED INVOLUNTARY TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE OF A NURSING FACILITY RESIDENT, FAMILY COUNCILS IN MANAGED RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES, COORDINATION OF DEMENTIA SERVICES, NURSING HOME TRANSPARENCY AND HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCIES.

**Section. 6** DEMENTIA SERVICES COORDINATOR *Effective October 1, 2023.*

There shall be within the Department of Aging and Disability Services a dementia services coordinator. The dementia services coordinator shall (1) coordinate dementia services across state agencies, (2) assess and analyze dementia-related data collected by the state, (3) evaluate state-funded dementia services, (4) identify and support the development of dementia-specific training programs, and (5) perform any other relevant duties to support individuals with dementia in the state, as determined by the Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services.

[Special Act No. 23-6](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STATE MARSHALS' HEALTH BENEFITS. *Effective from passage.*

The State Marshal Commission shall conduct a study of state marshals' health benefits.

[Special Act No. 23-1](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE SHORTAGE OF FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL IN THE STATE. *Effective from passage.*

There is established a task force to study the shortage of firefighters and emergency medical services personnel in the state. (DAS not on task force)

[Public Act No. 23-131](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER. *Effective July 1, 2023.*

The Office of the Claims Commissioner shall consist of the Claims Commissioner, and, within available appropriations, the Deputy Claims Commissioner, not more than six temporary deputies and such administrative staff as may be provided by the Department of Administrative Services.

[Public Act No. 23-133](#) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS RELEVANT TO THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. *Effective October 1, 2023*

On every official communication or form of a state agency relevant to the Latin American community, or communication by a state employee on behalf of a state agency relevant to such community, such communication or form shall use the terms "Latino", "Latina" and "Latine" to refer to such community.

[Public Act No. 23-145](#) AN ACT REVISING THE STATE'S ANTIDISCRIMINATION STATUTES. *Effective July 1, 2023*

In the state's antidiscrimination laws, this bill (1) adds "age" to the list of protected classes and (2) repeals the definition of the term "sexual orientation" and replaces it with a new one.

The bill specifies that "sexual orientation" includes any identity that a person is perceived by another person to hold, relating to the gender or genders to which a person is romantically, emotionally, or sexually attracted.

Expands upon the prohibition in PA 21-69 that eliminated age as a factor in employment.

[Public Act No. 23-194](#) AN ACT ACCELERATING THE STATE HIRING PROCESS. *Effective July 1, 2023*

This bill makes various changes in the State Personnel Act, which governs hiring employees for the state employee classified service (i.e., positions subject to various civil service exams and other hiring and promotion procedures).

Among other things, the bill allows an appointing (i.e., hiring) authority to:

(1) immediately fill a position with someone on a candidate list, if doing so would maintain operational efficiency and productivity, and complete any pre-employment checks during the new employee's working test period,

(2) fill a position, under certain circumstances, with someone on a candidate list for a comparable position class, and



(3) begin the screening process as soon as the applicable job opening is posted.

It also requires an appointing authority to notify the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner when a position becomes vacant because its previous holder was promoted, and the appointing authority determines that it should be filled.

[Public Act No. 23-1](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES AND A CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AVIATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING, CERTAIN BOTTLE DEPOSITS, CERTAIN STATE POSITIONS AND THE POSTING OF STATE JOB OPENINGS AND BOND COVENANT RESTRICTIONS AND THE BUDGET RESERVE FUND.

**Section 12** LIMIT ON EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS *Effective from passage*

The bill prohibits the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner and OPM secretary from approving more than two executive assistants for each deputy (presumably, deputy department head) for any department that has at least two deputies. By law, unchanged by the bill, executive assistants to department heads are exempt from the state classified service (i.e., not subject to various civil service procedures and requirements).

**Section 13** STATE EMPLOYEE CANDIDATE LISTS FOR THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE *Effective from passage*

The law generally requires the DAS commissioner to hold civil service exams to establish candidate lists of people qualified for positions in the state employee classified service.

Regardless of this or any other state statutes, the bill allows the commissioner to place people on a candidate list for the various classified service position classes if she finds that posting job openings is warranted to provide regular, updated candidate pools for specific examined and non-examined positions.

[Special Act No. 23-19](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF PATHWAYS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT. *Effective from passage*

The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall conduct a study regarding the hiring practices of state agencies for positions in state service. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) the feasibility of eliminating requirements for college degrees for certain appointments to state classified services, and (2) the feasibility of establishing a program to provide applicants with pathways for alternative routes to appointment to state classified service.

Not later than January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall submit a report with the findings of such study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees.

[Public Act No. 23-183](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN MINORS AS YOUTH CAMP STAFF MEMBERS AND LIFEGUARDS. *Effective from passage*

This bill expressly allows 15-year-olds to work as youth camp staff members or lifeguards, under supervision and subject to existing law’s restrictions on certain other jobs 14- and 15-year-olds can work. These restrictions limit 14- and 15-year-olds to working:

1. during school vacations when school is not in session for at least five consecutive days, with a limited exception for jobs in retail food stores;
2. a maximum of 40 hours per week and 8 hours per day; and
3. between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., or until 9:00 p.m. from July 1 to the first Monday in September.

Under the bill, minors ages 15 and older employed or working as a youth camp staff member or lifeguard must be supervised by someone age 18 or older.

[Public Act No. 23-169](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PAROLE ELIGIBILITY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL SERVING A LENGTHY SENTENCE FOR A CRIME COMMITTED BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL REACHED THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE AND CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS ERASURE. *Effective October 1, 2023, except the DUI record erasure provision is effective July 1, 2023.*

The bill (1) specifies that DUI is not eligible for automatic criminal record erasure until 10 years after the person’s most recent conviction and (2) makes DUI convictions ineligible for erasure if the person has a second DUI conviction within 10 years.

[Public Act No. 23-150](#) AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, AN AUDIT OF THE STATE-WIDE MASTERY EXAMINATION, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT CIVICS EDUCATION AND MEDIA LITERACY TASK FORCE, THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, AND A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR MULTILINGUAL LEARNER STUDENTS.

**Section 8 - CTECS PROGRAM AND CAREER ALIGNMENT STUDY** *Effective July 1, 2023*

The bill requires the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) board to study the programs offered at technical education and career high schools to determine whether they align with the technical careers available in the state.

[Public Act No. 23-134](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ERASURE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS. *Effective July 1, 2023, except upon passage for provisions (1) specifying that the bill is the controlling law for purposes of determining erasure eligibility, (2) requiring the DESPP to post a list of eligible crimes, (3) addressing potential liability if any party takes actions based on erased records, and (4) providing a process to dispute the failure to erase records.*

Existing law has a process to erase records of most misdemeanor convictions and certain felony convictions after a specified period following the person’s most recent conviction. (The process is not yet fully operational.) This bill makes various changes to this law, such as:

1. specifying that for purposes of erasure eligibility for a particular offense, its classification or maximum sentence is determined based on the law in effect when the offense was committed (§ 1);
2. specifying that motor vehicle violations are generally covered by the law in the same way as misdemeanors or felonies; and
3. prohibiting record erasure under these provisions while someone has any pending criminal charges and, in most cases, while the person is on parole, transitional supervision, or probation.

[Public Act No. 23-97](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS.

**Section 8** HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE WORKING GROUP *Effective from passage*

The Office of Workforce Strategy shall convene a working group to develop recommendations for expanding the health care workforce in the state.

The working group shall evaluate the following: (1) The quality of the nursing and nurse's aides education programs in the state; (2) the quality of the clinical training programs for nurses and nurse's aides in the state; (3) the potential for increasing the number of clinical training sites for nurses and nurse's aides; (4) the expansion of clinical training facilities in the state for nurses and nurse's aides; (5) barriers to recruitment and retention of health care providers, including, but not limited to, nurses and nurse's aides; (6) the impact of the state health care staffing shortage on the provision of health care services, the public's access to health care services and wait times for health care services; and (7) the impact of federal and state reimbursement for the costs of health care services on the public's access to such services.

(b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

(11) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee;

[Public Act No. 23-93](#) AN ACT ADDING CERTAIN MEMBERS TO THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE COUNCIL. *Effective October 1, 2023.*

This bill expands the Governor's Workforce Council by adding the following three new gubernatorially appointed members: (1) a residential construction expert, (2) a regional-vocational school representative, and (3) a regional agriculture science and technology school representative.

## Section 5 – Acts Affecting DAS-BITS

[Public Act No. 23-137](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.

**Section 13** STATE AGENCY ONLINE DATA PORTAL *Effective July 1, 2023*

The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with the Departments of Administrative Services, Developmental Services, Social Services, Aging and Disability Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Education, Correction and Children and Families and the Office of Early Childhood, shall create a plan to develop a secure online portal to facilitate sharing of basic critical information across agencies in order to ensure efficient and safe delivery of services.

[Public Act No. 23-36](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM. *Effective October 1, 2023*

Under the bill, any contract or subcontract (or amendment to them) between the board and a contractor concerning criminal justice-related record management systems must include board-established specifications. These specifications must ensure that all contractor provided policies, procedures, processes, and control systems are compatible with, and support, the state's system. This includes the contractor's hardware, software, and protocols.

This bill requires any third-party vendor or contractor (hereinafter, "contractor") assisting in the system's design and implementation, if it needs access to criminal history record information in the system, to first get the CJIS Governing Board's written approval. The board sets the manner to request approval.

[Special Act No. 23-23](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE. *Effective from passage*

There is established a task force to study cybersecurity. The task force shall develop a strategic plan that includes findings and recommendations on:

- (1) Establishing a structure for the oversight and coordination of cybersecurity among state agencies, boards, commissions and other entities, including the constituent units of the state system of higher education, as defined in section 10a-1 of the general statutes;
- (2) Critical information technology infrastructure needs related to cybersecurity in the state;
- (3) Maximizing state coordination with and assistance to municipalities and other political subdivisions of the state on cybersecurity and maximizing coordination and assistance among municipalities and other political subdivisions of the state;
- (4) Maximizing interaction and coordination with federal government agencies, including the United States Department of Homeland Security;
- (5) Appropriate information sharing between federal, state and local agencies;

- (6) Coordination of cybersecurity initiatives with other states and the federal government;
- (7) Collaboration with the private sector to facilitate cybersecurity, including efforts related to corporate espionage, protection of trade secrets and data privacy; and
- (8) Promoting personal computer, mobile data and application security for persons throughout the state, including promoting public awareness of cybersecurity issues.

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

- (8) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee;

[Public Act No. 23-16](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, AUTOMATED DECISION-MAKING AND PERSONAL DATA PRIVACY.

**Sections 1 & 3** AI INVENTORY *Effective July 1, 2023*

The bill requires DAS, beginning by December 31, 2023, to annually conduct an inventory of all systems that employ AI that executive branch state agencies use.

The bill requires that each inventory include at least the following information for each system:

1. the name of the system and its vendor, if any;
2. a description of the system's general capabilities and uses; and
3. whether the system (a) was used to independently make, inform, or materially support a conclusion, decision, or judgment and (b) underwent an impact assessment prior to implementation.

The bill requires (1) DAS to make these inventories publicly available through the state's open data portal and (2) the judicial branch to make them available on its website.

Beginning February 1, 2024, the bill requires DAS to do ongoing assessments of systems that employ AI that state agencies use to ensure that no system will result in any unlawful discrimination or disparate impact against specified individuals or groups. DAS must do these assessments following policies and procedures OPM establishes.

**Sections 2 & 3** AI POLICIES AND PROCEDURES *Effective July 1, 2023*

The bill requires OPM to develop and establish policies and procedures by February 1, 2024, on the development, procurement, implementation, utilization, and ongoing assessment of systems that employ AI that state agencies use.

The bill requires, at a minimum, that OPM's and the judicial branch's policies and procedures include provisions that:

1. govern the procurement, implementation, and ongoing assessment of the systems;
2. are sufficient to ensure that no system (a) results in any unlawful discrimination against any individual or group of individuals, or (b) has any unlawful disparate impact on any individual or group of individuals on the basis of any actual or perceived differentiating characteristic, including

age, genetic information, color, ethnicity, race, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, pregnancy, veteran status, disability, or lawful source of income;

3. require a state agency or the branch to assess a system’s likely impact before implementing it; and

4. provide for DAS or the branch to do ongoing assessments of the systems to ensure that no system results in any unlawful discrimination or disparate impact. The bill allows OPM or the branch to revise the policies and procedures if the OPM secretary or chief court administrator determines a revision is needed. OPM and the branch must post the policies and procedures and any revision on their websites.

Beginning February 1, 2024, the bill prohibits state agencies and the judicial branch from implementing any system that employs AI:

1. unless the agency or branch has performed an impact assessment in accordance with the policies and procedures to ensure the system will not result in any unlawful discrimination or disparate impact, and

2. if the agency head or the chief court administrator, as applicable, determines that the system will result in any unlawful discrimination or disparate impact.

**Section 5** AI WORKING GROUP *Effective from passage*

The bill establishes a 21-member working group to make recommendations to the General Law Committee on certain issues concerning AI. The working group is part of the legislative branch and must engage stakeholders and experts to:

1. make recommendations concerning, and develop best practices for, the ethical and equitable use of AI in state government;

2. make recommendations concerning the policies and procedures the bill requires;

3. assess the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy's “Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights” and similar materials and make recommendations concerning (a) regulating AI’s use in the private sector based on, among other things, the blueprint, and (b) adopting a Connecticut AI bill of rights based on the blueprint; and

4. make recommendations on adopting other legislation concerning AI.

There are voting and non-voting members of the working group. Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members of the Working Group: General Law Committee chairpersons and the following officials or their designees:

1. Attorney General;

2. Comptroller;

3. Treasurer;

4. DAS Commissioner;

5. Chief Data Officer;
6. Freedom of Information Commission Executive Director;
7. Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity Executive Director;
8. Chief Court Administrator; and
9. CASE Executive Director.

[Public Act No. 23-56](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE PRIVACY, DATA AND SAFETY PROTECTIONS. *Effective July 1, 2023*

This bill sets standards on accessing and sharing consumer health data by certain private entities that do business in Connecticut. For example, the bill generally prohibits these parties from (1) selling this data without the consumer’s consent or (2) using a “geofence” to create a virtual boundary near mental health or reproductive or sexual health facilities to collect consumer health data. It also places various specific limitations on “consumer health data controllers” (i.e., people or entities that determine the purposes and means of processing consumer health data). It incorporates various provisions on consumer health data controllers into the existing law (set to take effect this July) on consumer data privacy and online monitoring and makes other changes to the existing data privacy law.

## Section 6 – Acts Affecting Business Services

[Public Act No. 23-32](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PLANS FOR THE TREATMENT OF WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES AND ESTABLISHING WORKING GROUPS TO REVIEW ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS AND PARTIAL DISABILITY PAYMENTS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT. *Effective upon passage, except that the provision on approval standards for employer or insurer medical plans takes effect October 1, 2023.*

The bill requires the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) chairperson, in setting standards for approving employer or insurer medical plans, to include whether the plan has an administrative process allowing employees to seek certain information about the medical and health care services recommended by the plan's providers (e.g., their appropriateness and payment).

The bill also requires the Judiciary Committee chairpersons or their designees, by August 15, 2023, to convene two working groups. One group must review medical records-related statutes and develop legislative recommendations on (1) streamlining third-party record requests to health care providers in order to timely get record copies, and (2) setting reasonable fees for expenses when responding to these requests, including requests for electronic records.

The other group must review the level of partial permanent disability payments available to injured employees under the workers' compensation laws. This review must assess whether (1) existing laws adequately protect all injured employees in the state and (2) the laws on benefit levels should change.

[Public Act No. 23-35](#) AN ACT EXPANDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURIES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES. *Effective January 1, 2024*

Current law generally limits eligibility for PTSI benefits to certain first responders (e.g., police officers, firefighters, emergency medical service personnel, and emergency 9-1-1 dispatchers) who are diagnosed with PTSI as a direct result of certain qualifying events (e.g., witnessing someone's death) that occur in the line of duty. The bill instead allows any employee covered by workers' compensation law to qualify for the benefits if the same qualifying events occur in the course of the employee's employment. The PTSI benefits provided to them are subject to the same procedures and limitations that currently apply to the PTSI benefits for first responders.

[Public Act No. 23-80](#) AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND PORTAL-TO-PORTAL COVERAGE FOR TELECOMMUNICATORS. *Effective October 1, 2023.*

This bill extends "portal-to-portal" workers' compensation coverage to telecommunicators (i.e., 9-1-1 emergency dispatchers) in three situations:

(1) when they are subject to emergency calls while off duty by the terms of their employment,



(2) when they are responding to a direct order to appear at their work assignment when nonessential employees are excused from working, or

(3) after working two or more mandatory overtime shifts on consecutive days.

With “portal-to-portal” coverage, an injury that occurs while the employee is travelling directly between his or her home and workplace is deemed to have occurred in the course of the employee’s employment, making him or her eligible to receive workers’ compensation benefits for the injury.

Existing law provides portal-to portal coverage to police officers and firefighters whenever they are travelling directly between home and work. It also provides portal-to portal coverage to Department of Correction employees when they are responding to a direct order to appear at their work assignment when nonessential employees are excused from working or after they have worked two or more mandatory overtime shifts on consecutive days.

[Public Act No. 23-167](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN EDUCATION.

**Section 38** ALLIANCE SCHOOL DISTRICT Effective July 1, 2024

Renames "Alliance district" to "Educational reform district".

[Public Act No. 23-140](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE RESILIENCY FUNDS AND PROJECTS. *Effective from passage*

By law, a municipality may establish a Climate Change and Coastal Resiliency Reserve Fund. This bill authorizes the municipal treasurer to invest the reserve fund in any trust fund the state treasurer administers, holds, or invests. The bill authorizes the state treasurer to (1) invest municipal Climate Change and Coastal Resiliency Reserve Funds and (2) adopt regulations to do so.

Additionally, the bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner to maximize the state’s receipt of federal funds designated for state climate change resiliency projects (e.g., coastal resiliency projects) by taking actions that at least include identifying these funds. Beginning by January 1, 2024, the bill requires the commissioner to report biennially to the Environment Committee on her maximization efforts.

[Public Act No. 23-131](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER. *Effective July 1, 2023.*

The Office of the Claims Commissioner shall consist of the Claims Commissioner, and, within available appropriations, the Deputy Claims Commissioner, not more than six temporary deputies and such administrative staff as may be provided by the Department of Administrative Services.

[Public Act 23-205](#) ELIMINATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INCENTIVE GRANT. *Effective July 1, 2023*

**Section 70** Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 389 of public act 17-2 of the June special session is repealed.

## Section 7 – Acts Affecting Procurement

[Public Act No. 23-204](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET.

**Section 68** SET-ASIDE PROGRAM *Effective July 1, 2023.*

The bill delays, from August 30 to September 30, the annual deadline by which state agencies and political subdivisions, other than municipalities, must notify the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and other parties of their small contractor and minority business enterprise contracting set-aside goals for the current fiscal year. The bill requires DAS to annually give awarding agencies a preliminary set-aside goal report for the upcoming fiscal year by June.

**Sections 107-111** PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT PROCUREMENT THRESHOLDS *Effective January 1, 2024.*

The bill (1) increases, from \$20,000 to \$50,000, the cost threshold at which state agencies must use competitive negotiation or competitive quotations when entering into a personal services agreement (PSA) and (2) eliminates a PSA's length as a criterion for determining whether a competitive solicitation is required. These changes also generally apply to purchase-of-service (POS) contracts as, by law, these contracts are subject to the same requirements as PSAs.

The bill also (1) requires the requesting state agency, rather than the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary, to notify the state auditors about certain PSAs for audit services and (2) eliminates a provision in current law that deems PSA applications requiring approval by the OPM secretary approved if he does not act on them within a set time period.

**Section 422** COOPERATIVE PURCHASING *Effective from passage* The bill allows state agencies, with the approval of the DAS commissioner or her designee, to purchase equipment, supplies, materials, and services directly from another state or its instrumentalities or political subdivisions. Under existing law, state agencies, if approved by the DAS commissioner or her designee, may purchase these goods and services from, among others, a person with a contract to sell them to other state governments.

**Section 423** NON COMPETITIVE BIDDING NOTICE *Effective from Passage*

Exempts, from a requirement that DAS post on its website any goods or services contract entered into without competitive bidding or competitive negotiation, minor nonrecurring or emergency purchases of \$25,000 or less.

**Section 424** SUBCONTRACT ON FILE *Effective from Passage*

The bill eliminates a requirement that state information technology (IT) contractors file a copy of executed subcontracts or subcontract amendments with the DAS commissioner. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, prohibits IT contractors from awarding a subcontract unless the DAS commissioner (or a designee) approves the subcontractor selection.

**Section 425** ADVERTISEMENT OF PROCUREMENT *October 1, 2023*

Existing law generally requires executive branch state agencies to make goods and services purchases using competitive bidding or competitive negotiation when possible. The bill increases, from \$50,000 to \$100,000, the threshold cost of a procurement that must be advertised on the State Contracting Portal at least five days before the submission deadline for responses (i.e., costs above this amount must be advertised)

**Section 426** NONRECURRING AND EMERGENCY PURCHASE *October 1, 2023*

Increases, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the maximum cost of a minor nonrecurring and emergency purchase for which the DAS commissioner may waive competitive bidding or negotiation.

**Section 427** NON DISCRIMINATION *October 1, 2023*

Allows state contractors to affirm their understanding of the law's nondiscrimination requirements with respect to sexual orientation by signing the contract.

**Section 428** COOPERATIVE PURCHASING *Effective from passage*

Specifically, the bill allows UConn and CSCU to join with another Connecticut state branch, division, or department, or with one another, in a cooperative purchasing plan if it would serve the state's best interests. It also allows them to purchase goods and services from a person with a contract to sell them to a federal agency; another Connecticut state branch, division, or department; or another constituent unit of higher education.

**Section 429** COMPETITIVE PROCESSES FOR GOODS AND SERVICES PURCHASES *Effective October 1, 2023.*

Increases, for UConn, CSCU, and state agencies, the thresholds at which (1) goods and services procurements must be advertised online (from \$50,000 to \$100,000) and (2) competitive bidding may be waived for minor purchases (from \$10,000 to \$25,000)

**Sections 430 - 432** UCONN CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION *Effective October 1, 2023.*

Generally, increases the threshold requiring separate contractor prequalification by UConn to \$1 million for capital projects, eliminates a requirement that the university separately prequalify

contractors for each project and instead allows UConn to prequalify contractors for one year and renew the prequalification for two years.

**Sections 433-437** DAS CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION *Effective October 1, 2023.*

Increases, from \$500,000 to \$1 million, several thresholds relating to DAS contractor prequalification; requires contractors and subcontractors to include specified information in their bids for DAS contracts of more than \$500,000 but less than \$1 million; and requires DAS to hold an annual training on state contracting requirements.

[Public Act No. 23-137](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY.

**Section 10** SENSORY KITS *Effective from passage.*

By January 1, 2024, the bill requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to develop and acquire sensory kits for DESPP to distribute to emergency services personnel who interact with children and adults with autism spectrum disorder, cognitive impairments, or nonverbal learning disorders.

DAS must do so in consultation with the E-911 Commission and the DESPP Coordinating Advisory Board, which advises the department on ways to improve emergency response communications and related issues. The kits must (1) help these children and adults manage emotions and anxiety while interacting with emergency services personnel and during emergencies to which they respond and (2) include noise-canceling headphones, dark tinted glasses, and anxiety-reducing tactile objects or toys.

**Section 62** PRICE PREFERENCE FOR IDD WORKFORCE *Effective October 1, 2023.*

The bill allows the administrative services commissioner to give a price preference of up to 10% for open market orders or contracts to a business that has a workforce of at least 10% individuals with IDD when it submits its bid or proposal. A price preference is the percentage by which a bid may be reduced for purposes of awarding a contract to the lowest qualified bidder.

## Section 8 – Acts Affecting Legal & Legislative

[Public Act No. 23-28](#) AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE NOTARIAL ACTS. *Effective October 1, 2023.*

The bill allows a person’s document to be notarized using remote notarization when communication and identification conditions are met, with some exceptions.

The person and the notary must be able to communicate in real time, simultaneously, by sight and sound using communication technology. The notary must be able to reasonably identify the person during the notarization.

After the document is notarized remotely and signed, the bill requires the person to mail or otherwise deliver the signed, original copy of the record to the notary for certification and execution with the commission signature and official stamp or seal.

The bill prohibits using remote notarization to acknowledge records that do the following:

1. make and execute a will, codicil, trust, or trust instrument;
2. execute health care instructions, including instructions for appointing a health care representative, designating a conservator of the person for future incapacity, and documenting an anatomical gift;
3. execute the designation of a standby guardian for a minor in the event of a parent’s or guardian’s mental incapacity, physical debilitation, or death;
4. execute a living will;
5. execute a power of attorney;
6. execute a mutual distribution agreement for the distribution of an intestate estate; or
7. execute a disclaimer for (a) suspension of fiduciary duties during armed services or (b) property passing under a nontestamentary instrument.

The bill also prohibits using remote notarization to execute (1) the designation of an adult to make decisions on behalf of another adult or give the designee certain rights and obligations or (2) a self-proving affidavit for the appointment of a health care representative or for a living will.

Lastly, the bill prohibits using remote notarization in real estate closings.

[Public Act No. 23-55](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECRUITMENT OF LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR APPRENTICE PROSECUTOR POSITIONS. *Effective from passage.*

This bill allows the Criminal Justice Commission, within available appropriations, to interview and appoint as an “apprentice prosecutor” any student from an accredited law school who is within five months of graduation and is a certified legal intern.

[Public Act No. 23-172](#) AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEES' LOSS OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AS A RESULT OF A LABOR DISPUTE. *Effective October 1, 2023.*

This bill explicitly requires Connecticut's health insurance exchange (i.e., Access Health CT) to have a special enrollment period for people whose employer-sponsored health benefits are terminated by an employer because of a labor dispute.

[Public Act No. 23-200](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF VIOLATIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. *Effective October 1, 2023.*

The bill increases, from \$1,000 to \$5,000, the maximum civil penalty that the Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC) may impose for certain Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) violations.

As under existing law, the commission may impose the penalty against a records custodian or official responsible for denying a right conferred by FOIA (e.g., a request to inspect or copy a public record) if it finds that the denial was without reasonable grounds. FOIC may impose the penalty after giving the custodian or official an opportunity for a hearing.

Under the bill, if the commission finds that a public agency is engaging in (1) a practice or pattern of conduct that constitutes an obstruction of any right conferred by FOIA or (2) reckless, willful, or wanton misconduct in delaying or denying responses to public records requests, then it may take the following actions:

1. impose a civil penalty of \$20 to \$5,000 against a custodian or other official of the public agency; and
2. order other relief that it determines is appropriate to correct the obstruction or misconduct and deter the agency from violating FOIA.

The bill allows FOIC to apply to New Britain Superior Court for an order requiring the public agency to comply with a commission-issued order related to these findings.

[Public Act No. 23-197](#) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS. *Effective October 1, 2023*

This bill explicitly exempts from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) whistleblower complaints filed with the state auditors or under the False Claims Act. Existing law already exempts records of an investigation. It also expands this FOIA exemption to exempt from disclosure the name of any person, instead of only the name of an employee, who provides information on whistleblower investigations and complaints and False Claims Act violations

[Public Act No. 23-129](#) AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR FALSE AND FRAUDULENT CLAIMS. *Effective July 1, 2023*

This bill expands the scope of the state False Claims Act by applying it to most state programs and benefits. It does so by removing provisions in current law that limit it to state-administered health and human services programs and making conforming changes. The bill excludes from the False

Claims Act’s scope claims, records, or statements made under any tax law administered by the state or one of its political subdivisions.

[Public Act No. 23-37](#) AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS. *Effective October 1, 2023*

This bill subjects statewide officers-elect to the State Code of Ethics for Public Officials and State Employees by adding them to the code’s definition of “public official”.

Among other things, the code prohibits covered individuals from having any financial interest in a business that is in substantial conflict with their official duties.

The bill also requires client lobbyists (i.e., persons on behalf of whom lobbying takes place) to include on their biennial registration forms with the Office of State Ethics the name, job title, and contact information for (1) the individual responsible for overseeing lobbying activities and (2) any other individual designated as an authorized filer.

Lastly, the bill makes technical changes in the ethics codes’ definition of “quasi-public agency” by referencing state law’s primary definition of quasi-public agency (i.e., the definition in CGS § 1-120, which is part of the quasi-public agency chapter of the General Statutes), rather than separately listing each quasi-public agency in the ethics codes.

## Section 9 – Conveyance Acts

[Public Act No. 23-58](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION AND CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES BY CONNECTICUT BROWNFIELD LAND BANKS. *Effective July 1, 2023.*

This bill authorizes Connecticut brownfield land banks (CBLBs) to enter into land banking agreements with regional councils of governments (COGs) to acquire, retain, remediate, and sell property in a COG's planning region. Under current law, CBLBs may only enter into land banking agreements with municipalities, and the agreements are required for CBLBs to acquire brownfield sites or adjacent properties.

[Special Act No. 23-28](#) & [Special Act No. 23-26](#) AN ACT AMENDING A CONVEYANCE OF STATE LAND TO THE NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY. *Effective from passage.*

To convey parcels of state land in the city of New Haven to the New Haven Port Authority.

[Special Act No. 23-16](#) AN ACT AMENDING A CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD. *Effective July 1, 2023.*

To amend a prior authorization for a conveyance of a parcel of state land to the town of Fairfield to allow a new use for said parcel.

[Special Act No. 23-30](#) AN ACT CONVEYING A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM. *Effective from passage.*

The Commissioner of Transportation shall convey to the town of East Haddam a parcel of land located in the town of East Haddam, at a cost equal to the fair market value of the property.



## Section 10 – Acts Affecting School Construction

[Public Act No. 23-205](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND CONCERNING CERTAIN GRANT AND FINANCING PROGRAMS, STATE CONSTRUCTION RELATED THRESHOLDS, SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS, THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, CAPITAL CITY PROJECTS, CERTAIN CONSUMER AGREEMENTS, CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO MUNICIPAL CHARTERS AND PETITIONS FOR CERTAIN TOWN REFERENDA, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CERTAIN CASES BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET.

### Section 114 SCHOOL PRIORITY LIST *Effective from passage*

(1) Estimated Grant Commitments.

School District School Project Number	Estimated Project Costs	Estimated Grant
<b>BRISTOL</b>		
New Northeast Middle School 23DASY017088N0623	\$89,068,965	\$52,800,082
<b>CHESHIRE</b>		
New Norton Elementary School 23DASY025102N0623	\$76,656,200	\$38,328,100
<b>CHESHIRE</b>		
New North End Elementary School 23DASY025103N0623	\$89,942,900	\$44,971,450
<b>CROMWELL</b>		
New Cromwell Middle School 23DASY033055N0623	\$69,114,717	\$34,308,546
<b>MADISON</b>		
New Elementary School 23DASY076067N0623	\$61,150,000	\$11,135,415
<b>NORWALK</b>		
New South Norwalk Elementary School		

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23DASY103264N0623	\$76,000,000	\$45,600,000
STAMFORD		
New Roxbury Elementary School		
23DASY135281N0623	\$86,000,000	\$51,600,000
DARIEN		
Hindley Elementary School		
23DASY035121EA0623	\$27,550,000	\$5,705,605
DARIEN		
Holmes Elementary School		
23DASY035122EA0623	\$25,600,000	\$5,301,760
DARIEN		
Royle Elementary School		
23DASY035123EA0623	\$29,100,000	\$6,026,610
HARTFORD		
Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School		
23DASY064319A0623	\$94,571,305	\$89,842,740
HARTFORD		
Parkville Community School		
23DASY064320A0623	\$60,888,341	\$57,843,924
HARTFORD		
McDonough Middle School		
23DASY064321A0623	\$59,859,491	\$56,866,516
REGIONAL DISTRICT 18		
Mile Creek Elementary School		
22DASY218040EA0623	\$24,911,028	\$9,075,088
ACES		
ACES @ Bassett		
23DASY244043SP0623	\$65,533,047	\$52,426,438
ACES		
ACES @ Chase		
23DASY244044MAG0623	\$69,624,095	\$55,699,276

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ACES		
Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School		
23DASY244045MAG0623	\$20,180,514	\$16,144,411
CROMWELL		
Central Administration		
23DASY033056BE0623	\$4,285,000	\$1,063,537
STRATFORD		
Franklin Elementary School		
23DASY138113A0623	\$521,920	\$311,273
STRATFORD		
Wilcoxson Elementary School		
23DASY138114A0623	\$400,946	\$239,124
NORWICH		
John B. Stanton Elementary School		
104-0118N	\$66,078,262	\$52,862,610
NORWICH		
Greenville Elementary School		
104-0119N	\$60,368,429	\$48,294,743

Previously Authorized Projects That Have Changed Substantially in Scope or Cost which are Seeking Reauthorization.

School District School Project Number	Authorized	Requested
FARMINGTON		
Farmington High School		
052-0076 N		
Estimated		
Total Project Costs	\$131,666,047	\$141,366,047
Total Grant	\$24,924,383	\$42,409,814

STAMFORD  
Westhill High School

135-0280 N

Estimated		
Total Project Costs	\$257,938,824	\$301,313,888
Total Grant	\$206,531,059	\$241,051,110

**Section 115** SCHOOL BUILDING ADVISORY COUNCIL *Effective July 1, 2023*

Adds two members to the School Building Projects Advisory Council. (1) the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the commissioner's designee, and (2) the chairperson of the Technical Education and Career System board, or the chairperson's designee.

**Section 116** REIMBURSEMENT RATE RANKING *Effective July 1, 2023*

For which application is made on and after July 1, 2024, (i) each town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to the adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261, of the town two, three and four years prior to the fiscal year in which application is made, and (ii) based upon such ranking:

(I) a percentage of not less than ten nor more than eighty shall be determined for new construction or replacement of a school building for each town on a continuous scale, and

(II) a percentage of not less than twenty nor more than eighty shall be determined for renovations, extensions, code violations, roof replacements and major alterations of an existing school building and the new construction or replacement of a school building when a town or regional school district can demonstrate that a new construction or replacement is less expensive than a renovation, extension or major alteration of an existing school building for each town on a continuous scale.

**Section 117** ACCOUNTING OF OTHER STATE FUNDS *Effective July 1, 2023*

In the case of any grants computed under this section for a school building project authorized pursuant to section 10-283 after July 1, 2023, any other state funds received for such school building project shall be deducted from project costs prior to computation of the grant.

**Section 118** USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS *Effective from passage*

A town may use any federal funds received by such town to finance a school building project pursuant to this chapter, and such federal funds shall be deemed to be part or all of the town's local share for such project.

**Section 119** USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS REGIONAL EDUCATION *Effective from passage*

A local or regional board of education or a regional educational service center may use any federal funds received by such board or center to finance a project for the installation, replacement or upgrading of heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems or other improvements to indoor air quality in school buildings for which a grant is received under this section, and such federal funds shall be deemed to be part or all of the town's local share for such project.

**Section 120** BUCKELEY HIGH SCHOOL (*Effective from passage*)

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, for any school building project that was previously authorized and that has changed substantially in scope or cost and is seeking reauthorization, the renovation project at Bulkeley High School (Project Number 064-0313 RNV) in the town of Hartford with costs not to exceed two hundred ten million three hundred thousand dollars shall be included in section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Hartford meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project for any school building project that was previously authorized and that has changed substantially in scope or cost and is seeking reauthorization, the town of Hartford may use the reimbursement rate of ninety-five per cent for the renovation project at Bulkeley High School (Project Number 064-0313 RNV) for the purpose of implementing the District Model for Excellence Restructuring Recommendations and School Closures approved by the board of education for the Hartford school district on January 23, 2018.

**Section 121** BUCKELEY HIGH SCHOOL (*Effective from passage*)

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, for any school building project that was previously authorized and that has changed substantially in scope or cost and is seeking reauthorization, the board of education/central administration facility project at Bulkeley High School (Project Number 064-0314 BE) in the town of Hartford with costs not to exceed thirty-four million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be included in section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Hartford meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a

local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project for any school building project that was previously authorized and that has changed substantially in scope or cost and is seeking reauthorization, the town of Hartford may use the reimbursement rate of ninety-five per cent for the construction of a central administration facility as part of the board of education/central administration facility project at Bulkeley High School.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services limiting reimbursement to one-half of the eligible percentage of the net eligible cost of construction to a town for the construction, extension or major alteration of a public school administrative or service facility, the town of Hartford shall receive full reimbursement of the reimbursement percentage described in subdivision (1) of this subsection of the net eligible cost of the board of education/central administration facility project at Bulkeley High School.

**Section 122 JOHN B STANTON ELEMENTARY** (*Effective from passage*)

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, the new construction project at John B. Stanton Elementary School (Project Number 104-0118N) in the town of Norwich with costs not to exceed sixty-six million seventy-eight thousand two hundred sixty-two dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Norwich files an application for such school building project prior to October 1, 2023, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project, the town of Norwich may use the reimbursement rate of eighty per cent for the new construction project at John B. Stanton Elementary School (Project Number 104-118N).

**Section 123 GREENEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** (*Effective from passage*)

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, the new construction project at Greenville Elementary School (Project Number 104-0119N) in the town of Norwich with costs not to exceed sixty million three hundred sixty-eight thousand four

hundred twenty-nine dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Norwich files an application for such school building project prior to October 1, 2023, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project, the town of Norwich may use the reimbursement rate of eighty per cent for the new construction project at Greeneville Elementary School (Project Number 104-0119N).

**Section 124** HOLMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COST INCREASE (*Effective from passage*):

Renovation project at Holmes Elementary School in the town of New Britain cost increase from \$55,000,000 to \$70,000,000. Amends section 113 of public act 21-111.

The town of New Britain shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the renovation project at Holmes Elementary School.

**Section 125** JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (*Effective from passage*)

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, the renovation project at Jefferson Elementary School in the town of New Britain with costs not to exceed seventy million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of New Britain files an application for such school building project prior to October 1, 2026, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project, the town of New Britain may use the reimbursement rate of ninety-five per cent for the renovation project at Jefferson Elementary School, provided (1) the school district for the town of New Britain is an educational reform district, as defined in section 10-262u of the general statutes, on the effective date of this

section, and (2) the school building committee responsible for undertaking such school building project is established in accordance with the provisions of section 120 of public act 21-111, as amended by this act.

**Section 127** NAUBUC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (*Effective from passage*)

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, the alteration and code compliance project at Naubuc Elementary School (Project Number 054-0099 A/CV) in the town of Glastonbury with costs not to exceed three million two hundred thousand dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Glastonbury files an application for such school building project prior to October 1, 2023, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant pursuant to said chapter.

**Section 128** JOHN WINTHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (*Effective from passage*)

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, the renovation and extension and alteration project at John Winthrop Elementary School (Project Number 015-0182 RNV/EA) in the town of Bridgeport with costs not to exceed seventy-five million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Bridgeport files an application for such school building project prior to October 1, 2023, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

**Section 129** WINDHAM HIGH SCHOOL (*Effective from passage*)

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project, the town of Windham may use the reimbursement rate of ninety-five per cent for the central administration project at Windham High School (Project Number 163-0083 BE).



(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services limiting reimbursement to one-half of the eligible percentage of the net eligible cost of construction to a town for construction of a central administration facility, the town of Windham shall receive full reimbursement of the reimbursement percentage described in subsection (a) of this section of the net eligible cost of the central administration project at Windham High School.

**Section 130** HARTFORD MAGNET SCHOOLS *Effective from passage*

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning ineligible costs, the town of Hartford shall be eligible to receive reimbursement for certain ineligible costs for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section in an amount not to exceed nineteen million two hundred thirty-nine thousand four hundred thirty-two dollars, provided the town of Hartford expends said nineteen million two hundred thirty-nine thousand four hundred thirty-two dollars to cover the local share of the cost to the town for the (1) alteration project at Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School (Project Number 23DASY064319A0623), (2) alteration project at Parkville Community School (Project Number 23DASY0644320A0623), (3) alteration project at McDonough Middle School (Project Number 23DASY064321A0623), (4) renovation project at Bulkeley High School (Project Number 064-0313 RNV), and (5) board of education/central administration facility project at Bulkeley High School (Project Number 064-0314 BE).

**Section 131** WILBUR CROSS HIGH SCHOOL *(Effective from passage)*

The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall waive any audit deficiencies for the town of New Haven related to costs associated with the projects at (1) Wilbur Cross High School (Project Number 093-327 RNV/E), (2) Davis Street Magnet School (Project Number 093-354 MAG/N), and (3) East Rock School (Project Number 093-355 N).

**Section 132** NEW LONDON HOGH SCHOOL *(Effective from passage)*

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-287 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-287, requiring a competitive bidding process for orders and contracts for school building projects receiving state assistance under chapter 173 of the general statutes, the town of New London shall be eligible to receive full reimbursement for the ineligible costs associated with the contract and change orders for abatement and demolition work performed during the period of 2020 to 2023, inclusive, for the renovation project at New London High School (Project Number 095-0090 RNV).

**Section 133** GRANBY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL *(Effective from passage)*

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services regarding eligible costs for roof replacement projects and requiring that a roof be at least twenty years old to qualify for a grant for a replacement of such roof, the roof at Granby Memorial High School shall be deemed to be twenty years old and the town of Granby may replace the roof at Granby Memorial High School and be eligible to receive a grant based on the eligible percentages determined pursuant to said section 10-286 of the eligible project costs.

**Section 134** NEW FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL *(Effective from passage)*

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of New Fairfield shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the new construction project at New Fairfield High School (Project Number 20DASY091044N0620).

**Section 135** CROMWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL *(Effective from passage)*

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Cromwell shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the new construction project at Cromwell Middle School (Project Number 23DASY033055N0623).

**Section 136** DANBURY CAREER ACADEMY AT CARTUS *Effective from passage*

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning ineligible costs and section 10-286d of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section relating to grants for site acquisition costs, the town of Danbury shall be eligible to receive reimbursement in an amount of thirty-nine million four hundred thousand dollars for its site acquisition costs for the new construction project at Danbury Career Academy at Cartus.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286d of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section requiring the site for a school building project to be approved by the Commissioner of Administrative Services prior to the date of the beginning of construction, the town of Danbury

shall be eligible to receive reimbursement for its eligible costs for the new construction project at Danbury Career Academy at Cartus.

**Section 137** EAST HARTFORD GOODWIN MAGNET TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.  
*Effective from passage*

Cost increase for the interdistrict magnet facility and alteration project at Goodwin University Industry 5.0 Magnet Technical High School on the East Hartford Campus (Project Number 542-TBD MAG/A) with costs not to exceed from \$28,986,700 to \$75,000,000. Amends section 362 of public act 22-118.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-264h of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning the reimbursement rate for the construction of interdistrict magnet schools, Goodwin University may use one hundred per cent as the reimbursement rate for the interdistrict magnet facility and alteration project at Goodwin University Industry 5.0 Magnet Technical High School on the East Hartford Campus, provided such project assists the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

**Section 138** JUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDIT (*Effective from passage*)

The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall waive any audit deficiencies for the town of Watertown related to costs associated with the projects at Judson Elementary School (Project Number 153-0052 RNV/E).

**Section 139** POLK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDIT (*Effective from passage*)

The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall waive any audit deficiencies for the town of Watertown related to costs associated with the projects at Polk Elementary School (Project Number 153-0053 EA).

**Section 140** BERLIN REIMBURSEMENT (*Effective July 1, 2023*)

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2022 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the town of Berlin, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the town of Berlin shall reimburse such person in an amount

equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely manner.

**Section 141 BLOOMFIELD REIMBURSEMENT** (*Effective July 1, 2023*)

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2022 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the town of Bloomfield, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the town of Bloomfield shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely manner.

**Section 142 EAST HAMPTON REIMBURSEMENT** (*Effective July 1, 2023*)

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2022 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the town of East Hampton, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the town of East Hampton shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely manner.

**Section 143 MIDDLETOWN REIMBURSEMENT** (*Effective July 1, 2023*)

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of subdivision (11) of section 12-81 of the general statutes and section 12-87a of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2021 and 2022 grand list exemption in the town of Middletown, except that such person failed to submit evidence of certification pursuant to section 12-89a of the general statutes within the time period prescribed by the assessor or board of assessors or failed to file the required statements within the time period prescribed, or both, shall be regarded as having filed such evidence of certification or statements in a timely manner if such person files such evidence of certification or statements, or both, as required by the assessor, not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fees pursuant to section 12-87a of the general statutes. Upon confirmation

of the receipt of such fees and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemptions for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemptions are approved, the town of Middletown shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the evidence of certification or statements, or both, had been filed in a timely manner.

**Section 144 THOMASTON REIMBURSEMENT** (*Effective July 1, 2023*)

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the town of Thomaston, except that such person failed to file the required statements within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statements in a timely manner if such person files such statements not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fees pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fees and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemptions for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemptions are approved, the town of Thomaston shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statements had been filed in a timely manner.

**Section 145 THOMPSON REIMBURSEMENT** (*Effective July 1, 2023*)

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2021 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the town of Thompson, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the town of Thompson shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely manner.

**Section 146 WEST HARTFORD REMIBURSEMENT** (*Effective July 1, 2023*)

Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (7) of section 12-81 of the general statutes and section 12-87a of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2021 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the town of West Hartford, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than

thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-87a of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the town of West Hartford shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely manner.

**Section 147 WEST HAVEN REIMBURSEMENT** (*Effective July 1, 2023*)

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2021 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the city of West Haven, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the city of West Haven shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely manner.

[Public Act No. 23-207](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND ADDRESSING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY FOR RESIDENTS IN THE STATE.

**Section 42 SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT REIMBURSEMENT RATE** *Effective October 1, 2023*

Under the bill, local or regional boards of education located in an “inclusive municipality,” as determined by the DOH commissioner, are eligible for a five percentage point increase to their state grant reimbursement rate for school building projects.

To qualify as an inclusive municipality, a municipality must have:

1. a total population greater than 6,000 (generally based on the more recent of the U.S. Census Bureau’s (a) newest decennial census or (b) current population report series available on January 1 of the fiscal year two years before the fiscal year in which the grant will be paid);
2. a share of affordable housing units that is less than 10% of its total housing, as determined by the DOH commissioner;

3. adopted, and currently maintain, zoning regulations that (a) promote fair housing, as determined by the commissioner; (b) provide a streamlined approval process for multi-family housing development of three units or more; (c) permit mixed-use development; and (d) allow accessory dwelling units; and

4. built new affordable housing units that are (a) deed-restricted to households whose income are 80% or less of the state median income and (b) equal to at least 1% of the municipality's total housing units in the three years immediately before the municipality's application.

[Public Act 23-205](#) ELIMINATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INCENTIVE GRANT. *Effective July 1, 2023*

**Section 70** Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 389 of public act 17-2 of the June special session is repealed.

## Section 11 – Acts by Effective Date

### Effective from passage

[Public Act No. 23-1](#) – AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES AND A CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE AVIATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING, CERTAIN BOTTLE DEPOSITS, CERTAIN STATE POSITIONS AND THE POSTING OF STATE JOB OPENINGS AND BOND CONVENANT RESTRICTIONS AND THE BUDGET RESERVE FUND (“E-Cert Bill”). **Sections 12, 13**

[Public Act 23-204](#) – AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET (“Implementor Bill”). **Sections 61, 70, 100-106, 113, 422-424, 428**

[Special Act No. 23-15](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S ROLE IN ADMINISTERING CERTAIN HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW PROCESSES.

[Public Act No. 23-143](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE NIGHTTIME LIGHTING OF STATEOWNED BUILDINGS AT CERTAIN TIMES FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

[Public Act No. 23-157](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR MICROGRIDS, RESILIENCE AND STATE AGENCY BUILDING DECARBONIZATION PROJECTS.

[Public Act No. 23-170](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE AND ESTABLISHING THE MIRA DISSOLUTION AUTHORITY. **Sections 10-17, 19-20**

[Public Act No. 23-167](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN EDUCATION. **Sec. 42**

[Public Act No. 23-205](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND CONCERNING CERTAIN GRANT AND FINANCING PROGRAMS, STATE CONSTRUCTION RELATED THRESHOLDS, SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS, THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, CAPITAL CITY PROJECTS, CERTAIN CONSUMER AGREEMENTS, CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO MUNICIPAL CHARTERS AND PETITIONS FOR CERTAIN TOWN REFERENDA, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CERTAIN CASES BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET. **Section 112**

[Public Act No. 23-143](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE NIGHTTIME LIGHTING OF STATEOWNED BUILDINGS AT CERTAIN TIMES FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS.

[Public Act No. 23-72](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO DIAPER CHANGING TABLES IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION.



[Public Act No. 23-207](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND ADDRESSING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY FOR RESIDENTS IN THE STATE. **Section 36**

[Public Act No. 23-79](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CANNABIS REGULATION. **Section 49**

[Public Act No. 23-75](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL CAREER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY.

[Public Act No. 23-70](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CLINICAL PLACEMENTS FOR NURSING STUDENTS, REPORTING BY THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY, PROMOTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY AND CONNECTICUT HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN AUTHORITY STUDENT LOAN SUBSIDY PROGRAMS FOR VARIOUS PROFESSIONS. **Section 1**

[Special Act No. 23-6](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STATE MARSHALS' HEALTH BENEFITS.

[Special Act No. 23-1](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE SHORTAGE OF FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL IN THE STATE.

[Special Act No. 23-23](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CYBERSECURITY TASK FORCE.

[Public Act No. 23-16](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, AUTOMATED DECISION-MAKING AND PERSONAL DATA PRIVACY. **Section 5**

[Public Act No. 23-55](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECRUITMENT OF LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR APPRENTICE PROSECUTOR POSITIONS.

[Public Act No. 23-97](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS. **Section 8**

[Special Act No. 23-28](#) AN ACT AMENDING A CONVEYANCE OF STATE LAND TO THE NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY.

[Public Act No. 23-205](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND CONCERNING CERTAIN GRANT AND FINANCING PROGRAMS, STATE CONSTRUCTION RELATED THRESHOLDS, SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS, THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, CAPITAL CITY PROJECTS, CERTAIN CONSUMER AGREEMENTS, CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO MUNICIPAL CHARTERS AND PETITIONS FOR CERTAIN TOWN REFERENDA, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CERTAIN CASES BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET. **Section 114, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139**

[Public Act No. 23-137](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY. **Sec. 10**

[Special Act No. 23-30](#) AN ACT CONVEYING A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM.

[Special Act No. 23-19](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF PATHWAYS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT.

[Public Act No. 23-183](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN MINORS AS YOUTH CAMP STAFF MEMBERS AND LIFEGUARDS.

[Public Act No. 23-140](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE RESILIENCY FUNDS AND PROJECTS.

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[Public Act No. 23-204](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET. **Section 68, 84-87, 98, 122, 329**

[Public Act No. 23-167](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN EDUCATION. **Section 43, 44**

[Public Act No. 23-205](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND CONCERNING CERTAIN GRANT AND FINANCING PROGRAMS, STATE CONSTRUCTION RELATED THRESHOLDS, SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS, THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, CAPITAL CITY PROJECTS, CERTAIN CONSUMER AGREEMENTS, CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO MUNICIPAL CHARTERS AND PETITIONS FOR CERTAIN TOWN REFERENDA, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CERTAIN CASES BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET. **Section 2, 13, 58, 72, 105, 106, 107, 108, 115, 116, 117, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147**

[Public Act No. 23-61](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN JOBS CORPS PROGRAM.

[Public Act No. 23-131](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER.

[Public Act No. 23-145](#) AN ACT REVISING THE STATE'S ANTIDISCRIMINATION STATUTES.

[Public Act No. 23-194](#) AN ACT ACCELERATING THE STATE HIRING PROCESS.

[Public Act No. 23-137](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY. **Sec. 13**

[Public Act No. 23-61](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN JOBS CORPS PROGRAM. **Section 1-3**

[Public Act No. 23-58](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION AND CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES BY CONNECTICUT BROWNFIELD LAND BANKS.

[Special Act No. 23-16](#) AN ACT AMENDING A CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD.

[Public Act No. 23-46](#) AN ACT CONCERNING JUDICIAL BRANCH OPERATIONS, THE SHARING OF JUDICIAL BRANCH RECORDS AND THE AWARD OF DAMAGES IN CERTAIN CIVIL MATTERS.

[Public Act No. 23-169](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PAROLE ELIGIBILITY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL SERVING A LENGTHY SENTENCE FOR A CRIME COMMITTED BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL REACHED THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE AND CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS ERASURE.

[Public Act No. 23-150](#) AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, AN AUDIT OF THE STATE-WIDE MASTERY EXAMINATION, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONNECTICUT CIVICS EDUCATION AND MEDIA LITERACY TASK FORCE, THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, AND A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR MULTILINGUAL LEARNER STUDENTS. **Section 8**

[Public Act No. 23-134](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ERASURE OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS.

[Public Act No. 23-129](#) AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR FALSE AND FRAUDULENT CLAIMS.

[Public Act No. 23-56](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE PRIVACY, DATA AND SAFETY PROTECTIONS.

[Public Act No. 23-42](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MOLD IN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

## **Effective October 1, 2023**

[Public Act No. 23-204](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET. **Section 129, 162-165, 176, 200, 426-427, 429, 430, 432, 433-436**

[Public Act No. 23-91](#) AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTS OF THE CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY. *Note: Effective July 1, 2023 for CPA construction projects and prohibiting success fees.*

[Public Act No. 23-114](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

[Public Act No. 23-164](#) AN ACT REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AFFIDAVIT RELATED TO SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

[Public Act No. 23-48](#) AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF A PROPOSED INVOLUNTARY TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE OF A NURSING FACILITY RESIDENT, FAMILY COUNCILS IN MANAGED RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES, COORDINATION OF DEMENTIA SERVICES, NURSING HOME TRANSPARENCY AND HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCIES. **Section 6**

[Public Act No. 23-133](#) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS RELEVANT TO THE LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

[Public Act No. 23-36](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

[Public Act No. 23-32](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PLANS FOR THE TREATMENT OF WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES AND ESTABLISHING WORKING GROUPS TO REVIEW ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS AND PARTIAL DISABILITY PAYMENTS UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT.

[Public Act No. 23-80](#) AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND PORTAL-TO-PORTAL COVERAGE FOR TELECOMMUNICATORS.

[Public Act No. 23-137](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY. **Sec. 62**

[Public Act No. 23-28](#) AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE NOTARIAL ACTS.

[Public Act No. 23-172](#) AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEES' LOSS OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AS A RESULT OF A LABOR DISPUTE.

[Public Act No. 23-200](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF VIOLATIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

[Public Act No. 23-93](#) AN ACT ADDING CERTAIN MEMBERS TO THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE COUNCIL.

[Public Act No. 23-207](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND ADDRESSING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY FOR RESIDENTS IN THE STATE. **Section 42**

[Public Act No. 23-197](#) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

[Public Act No. 23-37](#) AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS.

## Effective January 1, 2024

[Public Act No. 23-204](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET. **Section 107-111**

## Effective July 1, 2024

[Public Act No. 23-204](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET. **Section 68, 107-111, 183-184**

[Public Act No. 23-137](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY. **Sec. 16**

[Public Act No. 23-205](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND CONCERNING CERTAIN GRANT AND FINANCING PROGRAMS, STATE CONSTRUCTION RELATED THRESHOLDS, SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS, THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, CAPITAL CITY PROJECTS, CERTAIN CONSUMER AGREEMENTS, CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO MUNICIPAL CHARTERS AND PETITIONS FOR CERTAIN TOWN REFERENDA, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CERTAIN CASES BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET. **Section 21, 96**

[Public Act No. 23-35](#) AN ACT EXPANDING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURIES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES.

[Public Act No. 23-167](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN EDUCATION. **Section 38**

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