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## **Legislative Update # 6**

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Happy Friday! To kick off your weekend I am sending a few proposed bills that may be of interest:

Proposed [SB-340](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR HOUSING SERVICES.

Proposed [SB-344](#) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE COUNCIL.

Proposed [SB-355](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A LANDLORD'S ABILITY TO REVIEW CRIMINAL RECORDS RELATING TO A PROSPECTIVE TENANT.

Proposed [SB-385](#) AN ACT REQUIRING ALL STATE AGENCIES TO INCLUDE CERTAIN QUESTIONS RELATING TO VETERAN STATUS ON STATE FORMS.

Proposed [SB-395](#) AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TELEHEALTH.

Proposed [SB-396](#) AN ACT ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO TRACK AND TRACE CELLULAR PHONES OF YOUNG ADULTS IN DISTRESS.

Proposed [SB-399](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING SHOCK THERAPY TREATMENT.

Proposed [SB-401](#) AN ACT EXPANDING TELEHEALTH COVERAGE.

Proposed [SB-406](#) AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE CONNECTICUT SUICIDE ADVISORY BOARD.

Proposed [SB-427](#) AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES FROM THE TOBACCO AND HEALTH TRUST FUND.

Proposed [SB-443](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM.

Proposed [SB-490](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT PARITY FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS.

Proposed [SB-497](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRENATAL CARE.

Proposed [SB-503](#) AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TELEHEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES.

Proposed [SB-506](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE COST OF HEALTH CARE.

Proposed [SB-537](#) AN ACT REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF PA 20-1 OF THE JULY SPECIAL SESSION, ALSO KNOWN AS THE POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

Proposed [SB-540](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM.

Proposed [SB-553](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL BILL OF RIGHTS.

Proposed [SB-557](#) AN ACT CONCERNING STAFFING NEEDS IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE.

Proposed [SB-572](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY CRISIS RESPONSE TEAMS AND REENTRY CENTERS.

Proposed [SB-574](#) AN ACT REVISING PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC ACT 20-1 OF THE JULY SPECIAL SESSION, ALSO KNOWN AS THE POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

Proposed [SB-600](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE BUS PASSES FOR PERSONS WHO ARE HOMELESS.

Proposed [SB-659](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OPIOID RECOVERY AND REFORM PILOT PROGRAM.

Proposed [SB-668](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A FAIR WORK WEEK SCHEDULE.

Proposed [SB-679](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING SMOKING AT CERTAIN PRIVATE, NONPROFIT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES.

I have appreciated all the feedback I have gotten on these proposals. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or [mary.mason@ct.gov](mailto:mary.mason@ct.gov). While email is the best way to reach me, you can also text or call my cell phone at (860) 985-2120 since I am away from my desk phone.