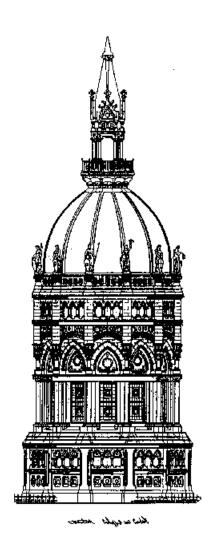
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To the Leaders of the Connecticut General Assembly:

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes § 2-32c, enclosed herewith is a listing of each state mandate on municipalities enacted by the General Assembly since the 2010 report.

The statutory definition of mandate utilized in this listing includes actions that require a local government to create, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues. Specifically excluded are legislation enacted to comply with federal mandates and state actions that are necessary to comply with court orders.

The list of bills was developed by ACIR staff and relied in part on the efforts of the Office of Legislative Research, the Office of Fiscal Analysis, the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. We believe that we have identified all relevant legislation, but we welcome input on any additional mandates. We have identified four public acts that we believe will have a moderate impact on municipalities and thirty-seven that likely can be absorbed without additional appropriation but which have minimal fiscal impact. We have included an additional sixteen public acts that have the impact of a mandate, but are directed at all entities, not specifically at municipalities.

The Connecticut General Assembly continues to review existing mandates and eliminate or reduce them when possible. As a result, we have included a section to the ACIR report that identifies these "unmandating" actions and have identified sixteen public acts that contain mandate reductions.

In addition to the listing of the bills as required in the statute, we have provided several additional pieces of information to assist the General Assembly.

Mandate Description - A short explanation of those portions of the bill which meet the mandate definition.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill - A listing, beginning with the Committee of Cognizance, of all committees which considered the bill.

OFA Fiscal Impact Statement - We have included the statements, if any, used by the OFA to characterize the municipal fiscal impact of the mandate.

There is one final caveat that we urge legislators to consider in reviewing new mandates both in general and in each specific case. Each mandate contains its own set of issues and problems for local officials. In some cases, the costs are large and/or the requirements are very significant in and of themselves. In other cases, however, the single issue may involve relatively little money or relatively little time, but when combined with many other requirements placed on the same people (and system), there is a cumulative effect that has a substantial impact. This cumulative effect is often a significant hidden burden on municipalities and municipal officials.

The Commission urges the General Assembly to consider the impact of state mandates on local governments as being directly connected to the relationship between the State and its cities and towns. Each mandate that is unfunded or only partially funded is a direct addition to the burden of the property tax, as well as a reduction in local discretionary authority. State mandates represent decisions on local priorities being made in Hartford and, to the extent they are unfunded or underfunded, made by a state body which is separate from the local body that will have to raise the necessary funds. Similar consideration should be also be given to enacting mandates that are funded at the onset, but whose funding may subsequently be reduced or discontinued in future years.

If there are any questions regarding the enclosed report, the ACIR will provide additional information as requested.

Sincerely yours,

W. David LeVasseur Chairman

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State Mandate Definition Connecticut General Statutes

Sec. 2-32b(a)(2). (a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Local government" means any political subdivision of the state having power to make appropriations or to levy taxes, including any town, city or borough, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough, any village, any school, sewer, fire, water or lighting district, metropolitan district, any municipal district, any beach or improvement association, and any other district or association created by any special act or pursuant to chapter 105, or any other municipal corporation having the power to issue bonds;
- (2) "State mandate" means any constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues, excluding any order issued by a state court and any legislation necessary to comply with a federal mandate;
- (3) "Local government organization and structure mandate" means a state mandate concerning such matters as: (A) The form of local government and the adoption and revision of statutes on the organization of local government; (B) the establishment of districts, councils of governments, or other forms and structures for interlocal cooperation and coordination; (C) the holding of local elections; (D) the designation of public officers, and their duties, powers and responsibilities and (E) the prescription of administrative practices and procedures for local governing bodies;
- (4) "Due process mandate" means a state mandate concerning such matters as: (A) The administration of justice; (B) notification and conduct of public hearings; (C) procedures for administrative and judicial review of actions taken by local governing bodies and (D) protection of the public from malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance by local government officials;
- (5) "Benefit spillover" means the process of accrual of social or other benefits from a governmental service to jurisdictions adjacent to or beyond the jurisdiction providing the service;
- (6) "Service mandate" means a state mandate as to creation or expansion of governmental services or delivery standards therefor and those applicable to services having substantial benefit spillover and consequently being wider than local concern. For purposes of this section, applicable services include but are not limited to elementary and secondary education, community colleges, public

health, hospitals, public assistance, air pollution control, water pollution control and solid waste treatment and disposal. A state mandate that expands the duties of a public official by requiring the provision of additional services is a "service mandate" rather than a "local government organization and structure mandate";

- (7) "Interlocal equity mandate" means a state mandate requiring local governments to act so as to benefit other local governments or to refrain from acting to avoid injury to, or conflict with neighboring jurisdictions, including such matters as land use regulations, tax assessment procedures for equalization purposes and environmental standards;
- (8) "Tax exemption mandate" means a state mandate that exempts privately owned property or other specified items from the local tax base;
- (9) "Personnel mandate" means a state mandate concerning or affecting local government: (A) Salaries and wages; (B) employee qualifications and training except when any civil service commission, professional licensing board, or personnel board or agency established by state law sets and administers standards relative to merit-based recruitment or candidates for employment or conducts and grades examinations and rates candidates in order of their relative excellence for purposes of making appointments or promotions to positions in the competitive division of the classified service of the public employer served by such commission, board or agency; (C) hours, location of employment, and other working conditions and (D) fringe benefits including insurance, health, medical care, retirement and other benefits.

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NEW STATE MANDATES

PA 11-48 (HB 6651)

An Act Implementing Provisions of the Budget Concerning General Government.

Mandate Description

Sec. 190 of the public act extends the mandate identified for CGS 10-262i in the 2011 Compendium Supplement through the 2012-2013 fiscal year and limits the education budget reduction to 0.5% of the budget for the previous year. It also does not allow the reduction for a school district that is in its third year or more of being identified as in need of improvement pursuant to section 10-223e and has either failed to make adequate yearly progress in mathematics or reading at the whole district level or has met those requirements by means of certain allowances in the No Child Left Behind Act. Sec. 193 amends Subsection (b) of section 10-261b to narrow a previous exemption and requires towns phasing in an increase in assessed values for real property after a revaluation to submit data. Sec. 197 requires an interdistrict magnet school program that is not in compliance with specific racial minority enrollment requirements due to changes in federal racial reporting requirements to submit a compliance plan to the Dept. of Education to maintain to its status as an interdistrict magnet school program and remain eligible for interdistrict magnet school funding.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA identified potential fiscal impacts of Sec. 190 and Sec. 193, but not of Sec. 197.

PA 11-51 (HB 6650)

An Act Implementing the Provisions of the Budget Concerning the Judicial Branch, Child Protection, Criminal Justice, Weigh Stations and Certain State Agency Consolidations.

Mandate Description

Sec. 168 increases the existing mandate of Sec. 29-5 of the General Statutes to require municipalities pay 100% of overtime costs for resident state troopers plus the fringe costs resulting from that overtime, instead of 70% of those costs as currently required.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA identifies the mandated cost, but attributes it to Sec. 171, not to Sec. 168.

PA 11-62 (SB 377)

An Act Concerning Interest Owed on Property Taxes by Members of the Armed Forces Called to Active Service

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 expands the existing mandate of Sec. 12-146c preventing a municipality from charging interest for one year for unpaid property tax owed by a resident of the state who is on active duty outside the US, associated with military action in Iraq or Afghanistan, on the day the tax is due.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Veteran's Affairs – Committee of Cognizance Finance, Revenue and Bonding Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

All Municipalities - Revenue Loss

PA 11-79 (SB 860)

An Act Concerning Bonds and Other Surety for Approved Site Plans and Subdivisions

Mandate Description

Section 1 modifies the existing mandate of Section 8-3 of the General Statutes and Section 2 modifies the existing mandate of Section 8-25 of the General Statutes by reducing municipal discretion and changing the forms of surety to be accepted to guarantee site improvements, increasing the risk that the municipality will not have access to funds to complete or repair public improvements if a developer's work is unacceptable or incomplete.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

All Municipalities - Cost

MINIMAL MANDATES

PA 11-20 (HB 6330)

An Act Concerning Technical and Minor Revisions to Elections Related Statutes.

Mandate Description

Sec. 26 of this bill amends Sec. 9-435 of the General Statutes to impose a 3-day deadline for municipalities to forward their public notice of a primary to the Secretary of State. Sec. 27 of this bill amends renumbered Subdiv. (c) of Sec. 9-436 of the General Statutes with a new requirement for municipalities to staff each polling place with one or two ballot clerks, but does add the option of reducing the number of checkers from two to one.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Government Admin. and Elections – Committee of Cognizance Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA identified potential savings, as discussed in the Mandate Reductions description of this public act, However, OFA identified the requirement for 1-2 ballot clerks as a mandate reduction because of a mistaken belief that 2 were previously required when, in fact, none were previously required by Sec. 9-435. OFA also did not identify the reporting deadline as a mandate.

PA 11-27 (SB 933) An Act Concerning Substitute Teachers.

Mandate Description

This public act amends Subdiv (a) of section 10-145 of the general statutes to eliminate an exemption that allowed a school to employ a substitute teacher without a bachelor's degree if the substitute teacher was employed in the same assignment for ten or fewer school days, but authorizes the Dept. of Education to waive the requirement.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-32 (HB 5045)

An Act Requiring Health Care Providers to Display Photographic Identification Badges During Work Hours.

Mandate Description

This public act requires certain health care providers to wear photographic identification badges having information and format to be specified by DPH, resulting in a minimal cost to provide such badges for municipal health care staff.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Health – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

Potential cost.

PA 11-46 (SB 942)

An Act Concerning the Integrity of Elections.

Mandate Description

Subsec. 2 of this public act requires each municipality to create an emergency contingency plan for elections; Subsec. 4 requires registrars of voters to certify to the Secretary of the State the location and corresponding federal, state and municipal districts associated with each polling place and provide the names and addresses of each moderator for each polling place; and Subsec. 5 requires registrars of voters and municipal clerks to jointly certify the number of ballots that have been ordered for each election or primary and, if they do not do so, to order enough ballots for every registered voter.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Government Admin. and Elections – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Potential Cost

PA 11-49 (SB 1069)

An Act Concerning Death Certificate Fee Waivers for Veterans

Mandate Description

This public act amends Sec. 7-74 of the general statutes to require that the usual fee for a certified copy be waived when the spouse, child or parent of a deceased veteran requests one certified copy of the veteran's death certificate.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Veteran's Affairs – Committee of Cognizance Public Health Planning & Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

Potential Revenue Loss

PA 11-53 (SB 921) An Act Establishing a State Health Insurance Exchange

Mandate Description

Sec 11 of this public act provides an exemption from municipal property taxes for the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, which is authorized to acquire, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and dispose of real and personal property.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance Government Administration and Elections Finance, Revenue and Bonding Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but it can result in a revenue loss in municipalities in which the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange chooses to own property.

PA 11-61 (HB 6652)

An Act Implementing the Revenue Items in the Budget and Making Budget Adjustments, Deficiency Appropriations, Certain Revisions to Bills of the Current Session and Miscellaneous Changes to the General Statutes

Mandate Description

Sec. 3 of this public act expands the mandate in Subdiv. 76 of Sec. 12-81 of the General Statutes by removing the previous limitation that the exemption is for "new" or "newly acquired" equipment.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not identify a fiscal impact on municipalities.

PA 11-72 (SB 1076)

An Act Concerning Resident Participation in the Revitalization of Public Housing

Mandate Description

This public act creates a mandate by requiring a housing authority undertaking major physical transformation or disposition of property it owns or manages to notify residents and implement a resident participation plan as specified in this section.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Housing

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not identify a fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-85 (SB 929)

An Act Concerning Closing the Academic Achievement Gap.

Mandate Description

Sec. 6 of this public act amends the existing mandate in Sec. 10-220 of the general statutes by requiring a school board to establish student objectives each year.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-87 (SB 936)

An Act Extending the Look-Back Period to Determine Eligibility for Unemployment Compensation Extended Benefits

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 of this public act amends the existing mandate in Sec. 31-232b of the general statutes, by extending the look-back period for determining unemployment compensation, and municipalities are responsible for the increased cost to the unemployment compensation fund for unemployed former municipal employees.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Labor and Public Employees – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Cost

PA 11-93 (HB 5431)

An Act Concerning the Response of School Districts and the Departments of Education and Children and Families to Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect

Mandate Description

Sec. 3 of the public act expands the existing mandate in Sec. 17a-101 of the General Statutes by expanding the scope of school staff members considered to be mandated reporters and by adding a requirement for refresher training. Sec. 4 of the public act expands the existing mandate in Sec. 17a-101i of the General Statutes by including neglect as a cause for suspension and reporting of a school employee; adds a requirement for the school district to notify the Dept. of Education if the employee resigns; and requires a school district to provide its reporting policy to employees annually. Sec. 6 of the public act expands the existing mandate in Sec. 10-220 of the General Statutes by requiring school districts to maintain records of allegations, investigations and reports that a child has been abused or neglected by a school employee. Sec. 12 of the public act requires a school district to provide a teacher's employment records to the Dept. of Children and Families when requested for an investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect by a teacher. Sec. 13 of the public act requires that, when a child has been abused or neglected by an employee, a school district must give priority to an investigation by the Dept. of Children and Families or by local law enforcement before its own investigation. Sec. 15 of the public act expands the existing mandate in Subsec. 17a-101d of the General Statutes, specifying the information that is to be included in the report required by that Sec.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Human Services – Committee of Cognizance Education Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

Potential Cost

PA 11-100 (HB 5795)

An Act Concerning the Licensing and Record Keeping of Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Dealers and Precious Metals or Stones Dealers, the Retention of Certain Goods and Certain Fees Charged by Pawnbrokers

Mandate Description

Sec. 3 of this Public Act amends the existing mandate of Sec 21-40 of the General Statutes by imposing time limits for approving or denying an application and for issuing a decision after a hearing. Sec. 10 creates a mandate comparable to that in Sec. 21-40 of the General Statutes, but for the oversight of second hand dealers.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety and Security – Committee of Cognizance Judiciary Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

Revenue Gain

PA 11-102 (HB 6113)

An Act Concerning the Investigation of Missing Adult Persons Reports

Mandate Description

Sec. 3 of the public act creates a mandate in Sec. 7-294o of the General Statutes requiring police basic or review training programs to include training in policy regarding the acceptance of missing person reports and in the use of the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System. Sec. 4 of the public act expands the existing mandate of Sec. 7-282c of the General Statutes by increasing from 15 to 18 the age of a missing person for which a police department must immediately accept a missing persons' report.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety and Security – Committee of Cognizance Judiciary
Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-111 (HB 6303) An Act Concerning the Treatment of III and Injured Animals in Municipal Animal Shelters

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 of the public act creates a mandate by requiring that, if an employee or volunteer of a regional or municipal dog pound facility that has contracted with one or more public or private nonprofit animal rescue organizations for the payment of veterinarian costs for impounded animals notifies the animal control officer that an animal is in need of treatment, the animal control officer must contact the public or private nonprofit animal rescue organization to arrange for the treatment. It also requires each municipal and regional dog pound facility to maintain a list of any public or private nonprofit animal rescue organization that has notified the facility of the organization's interest in entering into such a contract. Sec. 2 of the public act expands the existing mandate of Sec. 22-332 of the General Statutes to require that, if an animal control officer has the ability to do so, that a photograph or description of an impounded dog be posted on a national pet adoption Internet web site or other site that is accessible to the public through an Internet search. If the animal control officer does not have the technological resources to do so, the officer may contact a public or private animal rescue organization and request that such organization post that information.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development – Committee of Cognizance Environment Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

Cost expected.

PA 11-115 (HB 6325) An Act Concerning Juvenile Reentry and Education

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 amends the existing mandate of Sec. 10-220h of the General Statutes to require that a student's new school district notify the student's previous school district within two days of a student enrolling in a new school district.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance Judiciary Human Services

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-135 (HB 6498)

An Act Concerning Implementation Dates for Secondary School Reform

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act expands the existing mandate in Subsec. (j) of Sec. 10-221a of the General Statutes by replacing the requirement for school districts to collect information regarding students' student's career and academic choices with a requirement that districts create a student success plan that includes such information.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-136 (HB 6499) An Act Concerning Minor Revisions to the Education Statutes

Mandate Description

Sec. 16 of the public act expands the existing mandate in Subsec. (b) of Sec. 10-198a of the General Statutes to require that the notice of absence required by this subsection also be sent by mail and to include a warning regarding the potential for specified numbers of absences to result in a court filing that the child's family is a family with service needs. It also amends the existing mandate in Subsec. (c) of Sec. 10-198a of the General Statutes to place a 15-day limit on the length of time a school district has to make such a filing. Sec. 17 expands the mandate of Subsec. (c) of Sec. 10-220 of the General Statutes to require the strategic school profile report to also include information regarding actions taken to reduce truancy.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Potential Cost

PA 11-152 (HB 6629) An Act Concerning Domestic Violence

Mandate Description

Sec. 3 expands the existing mandate of Subsec. (d) of Sec. 46b-38b of the General Statutes to also require a peace officer to provide the victim with contact information for a regional family violence organization.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations Insurance and Real Estate Government Administration and Elections

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-154 (HB 6634) An Act Concerning Child Welfare and Detention in the Juvenile Justice System

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 increases the existing mandate of Subsec. (c) of Sec. 46b-133 of the General Statutes by specifying condition that must be met for an arresting officer to place a child in a detention center.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary – Committee of Cognizance Human Services

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-157 (HB 6638) An Act Concerning Juvenile Justice

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 of the public act expands the mandate of Sec. 7-282c of the General Statutes by increasing, from 15 to 18, the age up to which a municipal police department must immediately accept a report of a missing child or youth and distribute the report as specified. Sec. 2 of the public act increases the mandate of Sec. 10-233h of the General Statutes by requiring a municipal police department that arrests an enrolled student aged 7-20 for certain violations to not only notify the school district in which the student resides, but also the district in which the student attends school. Sec. 20 of the public act requires a school district in which a student attends school to disclose the student's educational records to a state-operated detention facility or community detention facility if the student is confined and to notify the student's parent or guardian if the parent or guardian had not given prior written consent for such a disclosure.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary - Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-159 (HB 6642) An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission

Mandate Description

The public act requires that the incarceration or detention of adult offenders be in compliance with the standards recommended by the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary - Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA anticipates that current practices are sufficiently compliant with the standards so as to preclude a fiscal impact, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-173 (SB 939) An Act Concerning Revisions to Elections Related Statutes

Mandate Description

Sec. 20 of the public act adds a mandate to Sec. 9-272 of the General Statutes requiring that, if a registrar decides to use paper ballots because tabulators are unavailable or impracticable, the procedure for securing and counting the paper ballots must be in compliance as nearly as possible with procedures prescribed by the Secretary of the State. Sec. 22 of the public act increases the mandate of Sec. 9-435 of the General Statutes by adding a deadline for the municipal clerk to notify the Secretary of State of a primary. Sec. 26 of the public act creates a mandate requiring that registrars ensure that each voter is offered a privacy sleeve. Sec. 39 of the public act adds to the mandate of Sec. 9-242 of the General Statutes by specifying the procedure for a moderator to attribute duplicate votes for a cross-endorsed candidate between the cross-endorsing parties. Sec. 56 of the public act creates a mandate by requiring registrars of voters to send written notice, by a specified procedure, to each elector having permanent absentee ballot status to determine if the elector continues to reside at the same address.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Government Admin. and Elections – Committee of Cognizance Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA only noted the potential savings of this public act's mandate reductions, but ACIR believes other sections could result in a cost.

PA 11-174 (SB 954) An Act Concerning the Electronic Recording of Custodial Interrogations

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 of this public act requires an electronic recording be made of custodial interrogations for the interrogation to be submitted as evidence in court and specifies required procedures.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Potential Cost

PA 11-179 (SB 1039) An Act Concerning Education Issues

Mandate Description

Sec. 9 of the public act amends the existing mandate of Sec. 10-264l of the General Statutes to also require that every interdistrict magnet school, not just those operated by a regional educational service center, annually file a financial audit with the Dept. of Education.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance Public Health

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

minimal cost

PA 11-180 (SB 1044)

An Act Concerning Notification by the Department of Children and Families when a Youth is Arrested for Prostitution and Out-Of-State Placements of Children and Youth

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 of this public act increases the mandate of Subsec. (c) of Sec. 46b-133 of the General Statutes by requiring police to notify DCF that an arrested youth is suspected to have been abused or neglected.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Children – Committee of Cognizance Judiciary Human Services

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost

PA 11-188 (HB 5472)

An Act Authorizing Local and Regional Agricultural Councils and Concerning Consideration of Agriculture in Local Plans of Conservation and Development and Zoning Regulations

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act adds to mandate of Sec. 8-23 of the General Statutes by adding agriculture to the list of land uses to be considered in the plan.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development – Committee of Cognizance Environment

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost

PA 11-194 (HB 6226)

An Act Concerning Cross-Reporting of Child Abuse and Animal Cruelty

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 of the public act requires an animal control officer who has impounded an animal considered to have been harmed, neglected or treated cruelly to make a report to the Dept. of Agriculture, which will forward the report to DCF.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Children – Committee of Cognizance Planning and Development Environment Human Services

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-207 (HB 6489)

An Act Requiring DNA Testing of Persons Arrested for the Commission of a Serious Felony

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of this public act creates a mandate in Sec. 54-102h of the General Statutes requiring the law enforcement agency that arrests a person subject to the collection of a blood or other biological sample responsible for collecting the sample.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

Potential Cost

PA 11-212 (HB 6559)

An Act Concerning the Municipal Option to Adopt Assessment Rates Limiting Property Tax Increases on Residential Properties

Mandate Description

The public act specifies procedures to be followed by the assessor of a town subject to the maximum property tax increases, assessment increases and budget referendums established by this public act. As written, Hartford is the only municipality subject to these requirements.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Finance, Revenue and Bonding – Committee of Cognizance Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

Potential Cost

PA 11-229 (SB 882)

An Act Concerning the State Set-Aside Program, Filing Requirements of State Contractors, Evaluation of Contractors and Subcontractors and a Program to Increase Contracts Awarded to Resident Bidders

Mandate Description

Sec. 3 of the public act creates a mandate in Sec. 4a-60 of the General Statutes by prohibiting the state or political subdivisions of the state from awarding a contract to a contractor who has not provided required documentation regarding compliance with nondiscrimination provisions. Sec. 4 of the public act creates a mandate in Sec. 4a-60a of the General Statutes by prohibiting the state or political subdivisions of the state from awarding a contract to a contractor who has not provided required documentation regarding compliance with nondiscrimination provisions.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Government Admin. and Elections – Committee of Cognizance

Judiciary Labor and Public Employees

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-232 (SB 1138) An Act Concerning the Strengthening Of School Bullying Laws

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 of the public act expands school districts' planning, reporting, prevention, intervention and record-keeping obligations regarding bullying in Sec. 10-222d of the General Statutes and, beginning in 2012, requires biennial assessments to be performed and submitted to the Department of Education. Sec. 5 of the public act amends the mandate in Sec. 10-220a of the General Statutes to require that in-service training also provide information on the prevention of and response to youth suicide and the identification and prevention of and response to bullying. Sec. 6 of the public act requires non-teacher school employees to receive annual training on the prevention, identification and response to school bullying and the prevention of and response to youth suicide. Sec. 9 of the public act requires that each school district have a district safe school climate coordinator, having specified responsibilities, and each school must have a safe school climate specialist and committee, who will also have specified duties.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance Judiciary Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Cost

PA 11-234 (SB 1160)

An Act Concerning Revisions to the Statutes Regarding the Minimum Budget Requirement and Charter School Educator Permit

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 of the public act increases the mandate of Sec. 10-262i of the General Statutes by including a poverty rate exceeding 10% as in the criteria for prohibiting a town from reducing its school budget if the school district is identified as in need of improvement.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations Labor and Public Employees

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

potential cost

PA 11-242 (HB 6618) An Act Concerning Various Revisions to Public Health Related Statutes

Mandate Description

Sec. 6 of the public act amends the existing mandate in Sec. 7-37 of the General Statutes by requiring a newly elected or appointed registrar of vital statistics to make the required notification to the Dept. of Public Health within ten days and, in the event of a vacancy, the first selectman or chief executive official of the town shall notify the Dept. of Public Health of the vacancy within ten days. Sec. 7 of the public act amends the existing mandate in Sec. 7-38 of the General Statutes by requiring the registrar of vital statistics to notify the Dept. of Public Health of the appointment of an assistant registrar or of a vacancy within ten days.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Health – Committee of Cognizance Planning and Development Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost

PA 11-243 (HB 5489)

An Act Concerning Immunity from Liability for Fire Police Officers, Property Tax Relief for Volunteer Fire Police Officers and Underwater Search and Rescue Teams and the Approval of Regional Fire Schools

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 of the public act expands the mandate of Sec. 7-308 of the General Statutes by requiring municipalities to also provide liability protection for fire police.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety and Security – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Cost

PA 11-251 (HB 6295)

An Act Concerning Police Officers who Accept Employment with Another Police Department and Municipal Employees' Eligibility for Disability Retirement

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act amends Sec. 7-432 of the General Statutes to require that a municipal employee still be considered eligible for disability retirement payments for being permanently and totally disabled although employed in another position, as long as the former employee customarily works less than twenty hours per week in the other position.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety and Security – Committee of Cognizance Labor and Public Employees Planning and Development

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

minimal cost to the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund (MERF)

PA 11-252 (HB 6344) An Act Concerning Eyewitness Identification

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 of the public act requires police departments to adopt, by Jan 1 2012, specified protocols for conducting photo and live lineups for identifying suspects.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Judiciary – Committee of Cognizance Government Admin. and Elections Public Safety and Security

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost

PA 11-255 (HB 6449) An Act Concerning the Safety of Persons Entering or Exiting a School Bus

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act requires a municipality or local or regional board of education that chooses to use a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system to post a warning sign on all school buses having such a monitoring system and to install the system so that it will not record images of the occupants of motor vehicles. If a vendor provides the service, a report of the number of citations and funds collected must be provided to the Transportation Committee.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Transportation – Committee of Cognizance Judiciary

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

Potential Cost

MANDATES NOT SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AT MUNICIPALITIES

PA 10-44 (SB 1240)

An Act Concerning the Bureau of Rehabilitative Services and Implementation of Provisions of the Budget Concerning Human Services and Public Health.

Mandate Description

Sec. 148 of this public act amends Sec. 38a-516a of the General Statutes to require group policies to provide coverage for certain early intervention services in birth-to-three programs and prohibits the policy from imposing a coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for such services, unless it is a high deductible plan. This section specifies maximum annual and aggregate benefits, which are higher for a child with autism spectrum disorders. Payments made under this section cannot be counted against any maximum lifetime or annual limits specified in the policy.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

Potential Cost

PA 11-52 (SB 913)

An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Employees

Mandate Description

This public act requires an employer of 50 or more employees to provide sick leave to employees and specifies minimum standards for sick leave.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Labor and Public Employees – Committee of Cognizance Judiciary Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Potential Cost

PA 11-54 (SB 927) An Act Concerning Requirements for Early Childhood Educators

Mandate Description

Sec. 1 of the public act increases the existing mandate of Sec. 10-16p of the General Statutes by requiring that, from July, 2015 through June, 2020, at least 50% of individuals having primary responsibility for a school readiness program classroom have a specified teaching certification or bachelor's degree and that the remaining individuals have specified associates degrees. Beginning in July, 2020, all individuals having primary responsibility for a classroom must have the specified teaching certification or bachelor's degree.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Higher Ed. and Employment Adv. – Committee of Cognizance Education
Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost.

PA 11-58 (HB 6308) An Act Establishing the Connecticut Healthcare Partnership

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act requires a municipality choosing to obtain coverage through the healthcare partnership plan to commit to the plan for increments of not less than two years. Sec. 9 of the public act requires a town, city, borough, school district, taxing district or fire district that employs more than fifty employees and sponsors a fully-insured group health insurance policy providing certain coverage for employees and retirees to submit policy cost information to the Comptroller. Sec. 38 requires certain group health insurance policies to provide coverage of a child until the child attains the age of twenty-six or is covered by his or her own employment-based group health plan, whichever comes first, and to cover a stepchild on the same basis as a biological child. Sec. 41 amends Sec. (b) of Sec. 38a-476 of the General Statutes to prevent a group health insurance plan from imposing a preexisting conditions provision that would exclude coverage for an individual eighteen years of age and younger. Sec. 43 prevents a group health insurance policy from including a lifetime limit on the dollar value for essential health benefits as defined in the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Sections 54 to 66 require

health benefit plan carriers that use utilization review to monitor all utilization review program activities carried out by or on behalf of such health carrier and to comply with provisions regarding operations, grievance procedures, staffing requirements, outside review, and record-keeping.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance Labor and Public Employees Planning and Development Appropriations Finance, Revenue & Bonding Government Administration and Elections

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA stated, "It is unlikely that any employers whose current premiums and administrative costs are lower than the premiums of the partnership plan would choose to join."

PA 11-67 (SB 10)

An Act Concerning Insurance Coverage for Breast Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Permitting Districts to Join Municipalities and Boards of Education to Procure Health Care Benefits

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act expands the existing mandate of Sec. 38a-530 of the General Statutes to require group health insurance policies cover MRI screening in addition to ultrasound for women having the specified risk factors. Note that PA 11-67 makes a comparable, but not identical change to the same mandate.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Cost

PA 11-80 (SB 1243)

An Act Concerning the Establishment of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and Planning for Connecticut's Energy Future

Mandate Description

Sec. 95 of the public act requires a water company that cuts and permanently patches a public highway in the course of repairs or installations to inspect the patch after one year and to make any necessary repairs and certify to the municipality that the patch meets generally accepted standards of repair. Although a municipality may waive the requirement, a municipal water company having system components beneath a public highway in another municipality might be subject to it there. Sec 97 of the public act expands an existing mandate in Sec. 16-50r of the General Statutes by requiring electric transmission services or electric distribution services companies to also identify any potential reliability concerns during the forecast period and notify DEEP. Sec. 100 of the public act establishes administrative requirements for a municipality that chooses to establish a sustainable energy program. Sec. 114 of the public act expands the existing mandate in Sec. 16-245d of the General Statutes by adding further billing requirements. Sec. 120 of the public act expands the existing mandate of Sec. 16-262c of the General Statutes prohibiting utilities, including municipal gas or electric companies, from terminating service or refusing to reinstate service in certain hardship cases. Sec. 123 of the public act requires a municipality choosing to participate in the state standardized energy performance contract process to issue a request for proposals from three or more qualified energy service providers, prepare a cost-effective feasibility analysis and award the energysavings performance contract to the qualified energy service provider that best meets its needs. The municipality must report the name of the project, the project host, the investment on the project and the expected energy savings to OPM and DEEP.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA identifies minimal costs and savings

PA 11-83 (SB 923)

An Act Concerning the American College of Radiology and Colorectal Cancer Screening Recommendations and Health Insurance Coverage for Colonoscopies

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act expands the existing mandate of Sec. 38a-518k by prohibiting a policy other than a high deductible health plan from requiring any coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for an additional colonoscopy ordered in a policy year by a physician.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Cost

PA 11-88 (HB 5032)

An Act Requiring Health Insurance Coverage for Bone Marrow Testing

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act requires group health insurance policies to provide coverage for human leukocyte antigen testing for bone marrow transplantation and limits coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for such testing to 20%, except for a high deductible health plan.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Cost

PA 11-132 (HB 5032)

An Act Prohibiting Most Favored Nation Clauses in Health Care Provider Contracts

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act creates a mandate by adding new Subsec. (c) to Sec. 38a-479b of the General Statutes prohibiting a health insurer from requiring providers to charge it the lowest reimbursement rate the provider accepts from any other insurer, potentially increasing insurers' costs and rates.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

Cost or Savings

PA 11-169 (SB 1083) An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage of Prescription Drugs for Pain Treatment

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act amends Sec. 38a-518i of the General Statutes to prohibit a group health insurance policy from requiring an insured to use an alternative brand name prescription drug or over-the-counter drug prior to using a brand name prescription drug prescribed by a licensed physician for pain treatment. However, it authorizes a health insurance policy to require an insured to use a therapeutically equivalent generic prescription drug.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Cost

PA 11-171 (SB 18)

An Act Concerning Insurance Coverage for Breast Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Extending the Notification Period to Insurers Following the Birth of a Child

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act expands the existing mandate of Sec. 38a-530 of the General Statutes to require group health insurance policies cover MRI screening in addition to ultrasound for women having the specified risk factors. Note that PA 11-67 makes a comparable, but not identical change to the same mandate. Sec. 4 of the public act increases the mandate of Sec. 38a-516 of the General Statutes by extending, for policies having an additional premium fee for a child, the period of time to notify the insurer of a newly born child and pay the required premium or fee from 31 days to 61 days to continue coverage beyond that period.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Cost

PA 11-172 (SB 21)

An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage for Routine Patient Care Costs for Certain Clinical Trial Patients

Mandate Description

Sec. 8 of the public act expands the mandate of Sec. 38a-542a of the General Statutes to require that group policies, in addition to providing coverage for cancer clinical trials, also provide coverage for clinical trials for other disabling or life-threatening chronic diseases.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Cost

PA 11-204 (HB 6472)

An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage for Ostomy Supplies

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act increases the mandate of Sec. 38a-518j by increasing the required annual coverage for ostomy supplies from \$1000 to \$2500.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Cost

PA 11-225 (SB 396)

An Act Concerning Insurance Coverage for the Screening and Treatment of Prostate Cancer and Prohibiting Differential Payment Rates to Health Care Providers for Colonoscopy or Endoscopic Services Based on Site of Service

Mandate Description

Sec. 2 of the public act expands the mandate in Sec. 38a-518g of the General Statutes by also requiring coverage for medically necessary treatment of prostate cancer. Sec. 3 of the public act requires that individual and group health insurance providers pay the same amount for the physician's professional services component of colonoscopy or endoscopic services covered under such policy regardless of where the service is performed

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Insurance and Real Estate – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Cost

PA 11-248 (HB 5326)

An Act Requiring Carbon Monoxide Detectors In All Public And Nonpublic Schools

Mandate Description

The public act expands the mandate of Sec. 29-292 of the General Statutes so that the state fire code will also require carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment in public and nonpublic schools and requires testing and inspection.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Health

Public Safety and Security - Committee of Cognizance

Education

Appropriations

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

STATE MANDATE - Cost

PA 11-256 (HB 6540)

An Act Concerning Highway Safety, State Facility Traffic Authorities, Municipal Building Demolition, State Traffic Commission Certificates, At Grade Crossings, the Naming of Roads and Bridges in Honor or in Memory of Persons and Organizations, and a Train Station in Niantic

Mandate Description

Sec. 18 of the public act creates a mandate in Sec. 14-212a of the General Statutes by requiring a municipality to post a "ROAD WORK AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" sign at the beginning of a municipal road construction zone and an "END ROAD WORK" sign at the end. A public service company or water company must post an "UTILITY WORK AHEAD FINES DOUBLED" sign at the beginning of a utility work zone and an "END UTILITY WORK" sign at the end.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Transportation – Committee of Cognizance
Judiciary
Appropriations
Higher Education and Employment Advancement
Public Safety and Security

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities, but ACIR believes this public act could result in a cost

STATE MANDATE REDUCTIONS

PA 11-20 (HB 6330) An Act Concerning Technical and Minor Revisions to Elections Related Statutes.

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 27 of this bill eliminates former Subdiv. (b) of Sec. 9-436 of the General Statutes, which had required towns to appoint a mechanic or mechanics to prepare, adjust and place the voting machines for use at a primary. It also amends Subdiv. (c) of Sec. 9-436 of the General Statutes to allow a municipality holding primaries on the same day for different political parties to provide one moderator for each polling place instead of one for each party at each polling place, if the registrars of voters agree.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Government Administration and Elections

PA 11-24 (SB 828) An Act Establishing a Paint Stewardship Program.

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 2 of this bill requires architectural paint producers to establish a paint stewardship program that will minimize public sector involvement in the management of postconsumer paint.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Environment – Committee of Cognizance Judiciary

PA 11-48 (HB 6651) An Act Implementing Provisions of the Budget Concerning General Government.

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 209 extends for two years the exemption in Subsec (a) of Sec. 11-24b of the general statutes to allow public libraries to continue receiving a state grant even if the library's annual tax levy or appropriation was reduced to an amount less than the average amount levied or appropriated for the library for the previous three fiscal years.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA identified this as being an extension of the requirement to maintain a minimum level of funding.

PA 11-51 (HB 6650)

An Act Implementing the Provisions of the Budget Concerning the Judicial Branch, Child Protection, Criminal Justice, Weigh Stations and Certain State Agency Consolidations.

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 207 eliminates an existing mandate in Sec. 7-185a of the General Statutes requiring a chief of police or first selectman to receive a report from an organization conducting 50-50 games and to forward that report to the former Division of Special Revenue.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)

OFA does not identify the reduction.

PA 11-61 (HB 6652)

An Act Implementing the Revenue Items in the Budget and Making Budget Adjustments, Deficiency Appropriations, Certain Revisions to Bills of the Current Session and Miscellaneous Changes to the General Statutes.

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 1 of this public act repeals an existing mandate in Sec. 12-63 of the General Statutes by eliminating the requirement for an assessor to determine the value of certain equipment and provide a declaration required to implement the former manufacturing machinery & equipment tax exemption. Sec. 189 repeals the former manufacturing machinery & equipment exemption mandates in Sec. 12-94b and 12-94f of the General Statutes.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Emergency Certification

PA 11-69 (SB 518)

An Act Authorizing Electronic Signatures on Declarations of Personal Property

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 2 of this public act reduces the mandate in Sec. 12-43 of the General Statutes by authorizing assessors to send declaration forms to nonresidents electronically if acceptable to the recipient.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development – Committee of Cognizance

PA 11-89 (HB 5178) An Act Authorizing Notice of Zone Changes to be Sent by Electronic Mail

Mandate Reduction Description

This public act reduces the mandate in Sec. 8-3b of the General Statutes authorizing municipalities to use email to notify regional planning organizations of certain zoning changes, instead of requiring the notification be by certified mail.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development – Committee of Cognizance Energy & Technology

PA 11-99 (HB 5780) An Act Concerning Interlocal Agreements

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 1 of this public act reduces the existing mandate in Sec. 7-148cc of the General Statutes by a single process for municipalities to establish an interlocal agreement. Sec. 6 of this public act repeals the existing mandate of Sec. 7-339f of the General Statutes.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development – Committee of Cognizance

PA 11-130 (HB 6448) An Act Exempting Certain New School Buses from the First Annual Inspection Following the Registration of Such Buses

Mandate Reduction Description

The public act reduces the existing mandate of Sec. 14-275 of the General Statutes by exempting a new bus that is inspected before its first registration from further inspection until September of the following year.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Transportation – Committee of Cognizance Education

PA 11-135 (HB 6498) An Act Concerning Implementation Dates for Secondary School Reform

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 1 of the public act delays until the classes graduating in 2020 and 2021 the requirement in Subsec. (a) and (b) of Sec. 10-221a of the General Statutes for students have at least 20 credits and 25 credits, respectively, of specified courses to graduate from high school and amends existing mandate in Subsec. (c) to delay, until the class graduating in 2021, certain remedial education requirements. Sec. 5 of the public act reduces the existing mandate in Subsec. (g) of Sec. 10-223e of the General Statutes by eliminating the requirement to have a school governance council if a school has a single-grade level or is under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education that already has an acceptable school governance council. Sec. 7 of the public act amends the existing mandate in Subsec. (a) of Sec. 10-151b of the General Statutes by eliminating the requirement that teacher evaluation be continuous. Sec. 9 of the public act makes the same change as Sec. 7.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

PA 11-136 (HB 6499) An Act Concerning Minor Revisions to the Education Statutes

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 10 of the public act reduces the existing mandate of Subsec. (a) of Sec. 10-220 of the General Statutes by reducing the frequency of school districts' facilities reporting from biannual to triannual. Sec. 14 of the public act reduces the mandate of Subsec. (c) of Sec. 10-151of the General Statutes by delaying, from April to May, the deadline for notifying a teacher whose contract will not be renewed for the following year.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

PA 11-173 (SB 939) An Act Concerning Revisions to Elections Related Statutes

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 3 of the public act reduces the mandate of Sec. 9-37 of the General Statutes by removing multiple obligations, including publishing session dates in a newspaper. Sec. 5 of the public act reduces the mandate of Sec. 9-39 of the General Statutes by allowing the list to be maintained in an electronic format. Sec. 8 of the public act eliminates the mandate in Sec. 9-50a of the General Statutes to compile the list monthly. Sec. 9 of the public act reduces the mandate in Sec. 9-55 of the General Statutes by eliminating the deadline to complete the required list. Sec. 38 of the public act reduces the mandate of Sec. 9-249 of the General Statutes by eliminating the requirement for a voting machine mechanic. Sec. 40 of the public act reduces the mandate of Sec. 9-255 of the General Statutes by reducing the number of sample ballots to two. Sec. 57 of the public act reduces the mandate of Sec. 9-225 of the General Statutes by authorizing two or more towns to jointly publish the required notice. Sec. 58 of the public act reduces the existing mandate of Sec. 9-433 of the General Statutes by authorizing towns to jointly publish the required notice.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Government Admin. and Elections – Committee of Cognizance Planning and Development

PA 11-179 (SB 1039) An Act Concerning Education Issues

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 13 of the public act amends Sec. 10-145j of the General Statutes to extend durational shortage area permits through 2015.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance Public Health

PA 11-185 (HB 5256) An Act Concerning Receipt by Electronic Mail of Municipal Tax Bills

Mandate Reduction Description

The public act reduces the mandate of Sec. 12-130 of the General Statutes by authorizing the use of electronic mail for distributing tax bills, subject to certain requirements.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Planning and Development - Committee of Cognizance

PA 11-234 (SB 1160)

An Act Concerning Revisions to the Statutes Regarding the Minimum Budget Requirement and Charter School Educator Permit

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 1 of the public act reduces the mandate of Sec. 10-262i of the General Statutes by allowing a district that pays tuition to another school district rather than maintain a high school to reduce its budget by up to 0.5% if the number of resident students attending high school is lower than the previous year..

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Education – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations Labor and Public Employees

PA 11-251 (HB 6295)

An Act Concerning Police Officers who Accept Employment with Another Police Department and Municipal Employees' Eligibility for Disability Retirement

Mandate Reduction Description

Sec. 1 of the public act reduces the mandate of Sec. 7-294d of the General Statutes by allowing a certified police officer to accept employment with another police department without having to repeat minimum basic training.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill

Public Safety – Committee of Cognizance Labor and Public Employees Planning and Development

Appendix A

MANDATE LEGISLATION LISTED BY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Children

PA 11-180 (SB 1044)	An Act Concerning Notification by the Department of Children and Families when a Youth is Arrested for Prostitution and Out-Of-State Placements of Children and Youth
PA 11-194 (HB 6226)	An Act Concerning Cross-Reporting of Child Abuse and Animal Cruelty
Education Committee	
PA 11-27 (SB 933)	An Act Concerning Substitute Teachers
PA 11-85 (SB 929)	An Act Concerning Closing the Academic Achievement Gap
PA 11-115 (HB 6325)	An Act Concerning Juvenile Reentry and Education
PA 11-135 (HB 6498)	An Act Concerning Implementation Dates for Secondary School Reform
PA 11-136 (HB 6499)	An Act Concerning Minor Revisions to the Education Statutes
PA 11-179 (SB 1039)	An Act Concerning Education Issues
PA 11-232 (SB 1138)	An Act Concerning the Strengthening Of School Bullying Laws
PA 11-234 (SB 1160)	An Act Concerning Revisions to the Statutes Regarding the Minimum Budget Requirement and Charter School Educator Permit
Emergency Certification	
PA 11-44 (SB 1240)	An Act Concerning the Bureau of Rehabilitative Services and Implementation of Provisions of the Budget Concerning Human Services and Public Health

PA 11-48 (HB 6651)	An Act Implementing Provisions of the Budget Concerning General Government
PA 11-51 (HB 6650)	An Act Implementing the Provisions of the Budget Concerning the Judicial Branch, Child Protection, Criminal Justice, Weigh Stations and Certain State Agency Consolidations
PA 11-61 (HB 6652)	An Act Implementing the Revenue Items in the Budget and Making Budget Adjustments, Deficiency Appropriations, Certain Revisions to Bills of the Current Session and Miscellaneous Changes to the General Statutes.
PA 11-80 (SB 1243)	An Act Concerning the Establishment of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and Planning for Connecticut's Energy Future

Environment Committee

PA 11-24 (SB 828) An Act Establishing a Paint Stewardship Program

Finance, Revenue and Bonding

PA 11-212 (HB 6559) An Act Concerning the Municipal Option to Adopt Assessment Rates Limiting Property Tax Increases on Residential Properties

Government Administration and Elections Committee

PA 11-20 (HB 6330)	An Act Concerning Technical and Minor Revisions to Elections Related Statutes.
PA 11-46 (SB 942)	An Act Concerning the Integrity of Elections
PA 11-173 (SB 939)	An Act Concerning Revisions to Elections Related Statutes
PA 11-229 (SB 882)	An Act Concerning the State Set-Aside Program, Filing Requirements of State Contractors, Evaluation of Contractors and Subcontractors and a Program to Increase Contracts Awarded to Resident Bidders

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

PA 11-54 (SB 927) An Act Concerning Requirements for Early Childhood Educators

Human Services

PA 11-93 (HB 5431) An Act Concerning the Response of School Districts and the Departments of Education and Children and Families to Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

PA 11-53 (SB 921)	An Act Establishing a State Health Insurance Exchange
PA 11-58 (HB 6308)	An Act Establishing the Connecticut Healthcare Partnership
PA 11-67 (SB 10)	An Act Concerning Insurance Coverage for Breast Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Permitting Districts to Join Municipalities and Boards of Education to Procure Health Care Benefits
PA 11-83 (SB 923)	An Act Concerning the American College of Radiology and Colorectal Cancer Screening Recommendations and Health Insurance Coverage for Colonoscopies
PA 11-88 (HB 5032)	An Act Requiring Health Insurance Coverage for Bone Marrow Testing
PA 11-132 (HB 5032)	An Act Prohibiting Most Favored Nation Clauses in Health Care Provider Contracts
PA 11-169 (SB 1083)	An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage of Prescription Drugs for Pain Treatment
PA 11-171 (SB 18)	An Act Concerning Insurance Coverage for Breast Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Extending the Notification Period to Insurers Following the Birth of a Child
PA 11-172 (SB 21)	An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage for Routine Patient Care Costs for Certain Clinical Trial Patients

PA 11-204 (HB 6472)	An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage for Ostomy Supplies
PA 11-225 (SB 396)	An Act Concerning Insurance Coverage for the Screening and Treatment of Prostate Cancer and Prohibiting Differential Payment Rates to Health Care Providers for Colonoscopy or Endoscopic Services Based on Site of Service
Judiciary Committee	
PA 11-152 (HB 6629)	An Act Concerning Domestic Violence
PA 11-154 (HB 6634)	An Act Concerning Child Welfare and Detention in the Juvenile Justice System
PA 11-157 (HB 6638)	An Act Concerning Juvenile Justice
PA 11-159 (HB 6642)	An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission
PA 11-174 (SB 954)	An Act Concerning the Electronic Recording of Custodial Interrogations
PA 11-207 (HB 6489)	An Act Requiring DNA Testing of Persons Arrested for the Commission of a Serious Felony
PA 11-252 (HB 6344)	An Act Concerning Eyewitness Identification
Labor and Public Employees Committee	
PA 11-52 (SB 913)	An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Employees
PA 11-87 (SB 936)	An Act Extending the Look-Back Period to Determine Eligibility for Unemployment Compensation Extended Benefits
Planning and Development Cor	mmittee

Planning and Development Committee

PA 11-69 (SB 518)	An Act Authorizing Electronic Signatures on Declarations of Personal Property
PA 11-72 (SB 1076)	An Act Concerning Resident Participation in the Revitalization of Public Housing

PA 11-79 (SB 860)	An Act Concerning Bonds and Other Surety for Approved Site Plans and Subdivisions
PA 11-89 (HB 5178)	An Act Authorizing Notice of Zone Changes to be Sent by Electronic Mail
PA 11-99 (HB 5780)	An Act Concerning Interlocal Agreements
PA 11-111 (HB 6303)	An Act Concerning the Treatment of III and Injured Animals in Municipal Animal Shelters
PA 11-185 (HB 5256)	An Act Concerning Receipt by Electronic Mail of Municipal Tax Bills
PA 11-188 (HB 5472)	An Act Authorizing Local and Regional Agricultural Councils and Concerning Consideration of Agriculture in Local Plans of Conservation and Development and Zoning Regulations
Public Health Committee	
PA 11-32 (HB 5045)	An Act Requiring Health Care Providers to Display Photographic Identification Badges During Work Hours
PA 11-242 (HB 6618)	An Act Concerning Various Revisions to Public Health Related Statutes
Public Safety and Security	
PA 11-100 (HB 5795)	An Act Concerning the Licensing and Record Keeping of Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Dealers and Precious Metals or Stones Dealers, the Retention of Certain Goods and Certain Fees Charged by Pawnbrokers
PA 11-102 (HB 6113)	An Act Concerning the Investigation of Missing Adult Persons Reports
PA 11-243 (HB 5489)	An Act Concerning Immunity from Liability for Fire Police Officers, Property Tax Relief for Volunteer Fire Police Officers and Underwater Search and Rescue Teams and the Approval of Regional Fire Schools
PA 11-248 (HB 5326)	An Act Requiring Carbon Monoxide Detectors In All Public And Nonpublic Schools

PA 11-251 (HB 6295)	An Act Concerning Police Officers who Accept
	Employment with Another Police Department and
	Municipal Employees' Eligibility for Disability
	Retirement

Transportation Committee

PA 11-130 (HB 6448)	An Act Exempting Certain New School Buses from the First Annual Inspection Following the Registration of Such Buses
PA 11-255 (HB 6449)	An Act Concerning the Safety of Persons Entering or Exiting a School Bus
PA 11-256 (HB 6540)	An Act Concerning Highway Safety, State Facility Traffic Authorities, Municipal Building Demolition, State Traffic Commission Certificates, At Grade Crossings, the Naming of Roads and Bridges in Honor or in Memory of Persons and Organizations, and a Train Station in Niantic

Veteran's Affairs

PA 11-49 (SB 1069)	An Act Concerning Death Certificate Fee Waivers for Veterans
PA 11-621 (SB 377)	An Act Concerning Interest Owed on Property Taxes by Members of the Armed Forces Called to Active Service

Appendix B

Sec. 2-32c. Submission to General Assembly of list of state mandates. Not more than ninety days after adjournment of any regular or special session of the General Assembly or September first immediately following adjournment of a regular session, whichever is sooner, the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, established pursuant to section 2-79a, shall submit to the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives and the minority leader of the Senate a report which lists each state mandate enacted during said regular or special session of the General Assembly. Within five days of receipt of the report, the speaker and the president pro tempore shall submit the report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and refer each state mandate to the joint standing committee or select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter of the mandate. The secretary shall provide notice of the report to the chief elected official of each municipality.