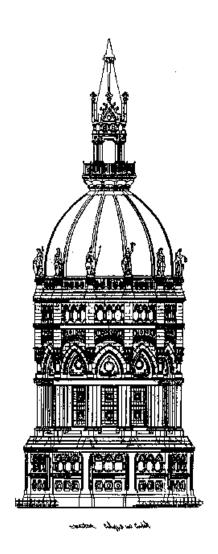
# STATE MANDATES ON MUNICIPALITIES: ACTIONS IN 2016



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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 ACIR's 2015 report. This report was prepared on behalf of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relation (ACIR) and addresses public and special acts arising from the General Assembly's 2016 regular session and from the December, 2015 and May, 2016 special sessions.

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.

Since the ACIR's 2015 report, nineteen public acts have been adopted that include sections considered to include mandates. That is seven fewer than reported that year and two fewer than reported in 2014, the previous even-year short legislative session.

This report also identifies an additional five public acts that will have the impact of a mandate, but are not specifically directed at municipalities. That is three fewer than were reported in 2015 and one fewer than in 2014. These are identified as "Section C" mandates in the ACIR's mandates compendiums.

A long-standing objective of the ACIR has been to encourage mandate reductions that can lead to administrative and/or fiscal relief for municipalities. Since the 2015 report, the legislature has enacted eight mandate reductions, which is two less than last year but three more than in 2014, the previous short session.

The list of bills was developed by ACIR staff and the ACIR believes that all relevant legislation has been identified, but welcomes input on any pieces of legislation that others feel should be included or excluded.

In addition to the listing of the bills as required in the statute, this report provides 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.

Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) Fiscal Impact Statement - The statements, if any, used by OFA to characterize the municipal fiscal impact of the mandate.

No matter how worthwhile, each mandate imposes a burden on municipalities. The burden of a specific mandate might be large, in and of itself, and the legislature's Office of Fiscal Analysis, as well as municipalities, school districts and organizations representing them call attention to such mandates during the legislative session. Many mandates, on the other hand, impose only a small burden individually and, therefore, attract little attention as focus is drawn to larger concerns. Multiple small mandates, however, can have a substantial cumulative impact, creating a hidden burden on municipalities and municipal officials.

The ACIR urges the General Assembly to seriously consider the impact of state mandates on local governments. This is directly connected to the positive working relationship between the State and its cities and towns: state mandates represent the establishment of priorities and constraints for an individual city or town by officials representing other cities and towns. To the extent these mandates are unfunded or underfunded, such decisions can create an obligation for municipalities to raise additional funds or to change spending priorities from those that would reflect the will of the local community. Similar consideration should be also be given when enacting mandates that are funded at the onset, but whose funding might be reduced or discontinued in future years.

This listing of mandates should not be considered to be a list of bad statutes and burdensome regulations. State and local officials concur that some state guidelines and requirements are appropriate under our system of government from both legal and practical standpoints. There are many governmental issues that are best administered by local governments, but in a manner that promotes statewide uniformity. These issues can range from elections to property assessment standards to police training to aspects of education administration and beyond. The details of such requirements and responsibility for the resulting costs have been, are now, and will continue to be the subjects of much debate.

If there are any questions regarding the enclosed report, please contact the ACIR via Bruce Wittchen at (860) 418-6323 or <a href="mailto:bruce.wittchen@ct.gov">bruce.wittchen@ct.gov</a> and the ACIR will provide additional information as requested.

Sincerely yours,

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#### State Mandate Definition

<u>Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 2-32b</u>. State mandates to local governments. Definitions. Cost estimate required. Procedures re bills creating or enlarging mandates.

#### (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 15-1 (SB 1601) (December Special Session) An Act Making Certain Structural Changes To The State Budget And Adjustments To The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2017

# **Mandate Description**

Sec. 34 requires the tax collector and assessor of a municipality that has voted to reduce assessments in accordance with this section to take specified actions.

### **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

**Emergency Certification** 

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

OFA reported: none

PA 16-10 (HB 5262) An Act Establishing A Firefighters Cancer Relief Program

# **Mandate Description**

Sec. 4 requires an employer who provides insurance coverage for fire fighters to also provide coverage for former firefighters who are eligible to receive wage replacement compensation under this section.

# **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Labor – Committee of Cognizance Finance, Revenue & Bonding

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

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: STATE MANDATE - Potential Cost.

PA 16-34 (HB 5054) An Act Protecting Victims Of Domestic Violence

# **Mandate Description**

Sec. 7 Requires local police departments to receive and hold firearms and ammunition as specified and, when return is requested, to review and act on that request as specified.

# **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 reported: Municipal Police Departments: Potential Cost.

PA 16-43 (HB 5053) An Act Concerning Opioids And Access To Overdose Reversal Drugs

#### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 creates a mandate in CGS 17a-714a that requires municipalities to amend its local emergency services plan, as specified, to ensure first responders are trained and equipped to administer an opioid antagonist.

#### **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Public Health – Committee of Cognizance Planning & Development Judiciary

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

OFA reported: Various municipalities: cost.

PA 16-45 (HB 5180) An Act Concerning Concrete Foundations

#### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 requires building officials to maintain concrete supplier and installer documentation as specified. Sec. 2 requires an assessor to inspect a property determined to have defective concrete and to adjust the assessment as specified.

## **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Planning & Development – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

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

OFA reported: bill requires municipal assessors to reassess properties with certain foundation problems at the request of the property owner

PA 16-65 (HB 5571) An Act Concerning Banking And Consumer Protections

# **Mandate Description**

Sec. 63 requires housing authorities chosen to participate in the pilot program to provide training and support to staff and tenants as specified.

# **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Banking – Committee of Cognizance Judiciary

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

OFA reported: none

PA 16-66 (HB 5537) An Act Concerning Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes

### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 39 expands the mandate of CGS 19a-244 by specifying that a director of health must serve in a full-time capacity. Sec. 41 creates a mandate in CGS 19a-2a that requires the governing authority for a local or district director of health to investigate and report on suspected improprieties as specified.

# **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)

OFA reported: none

<u>PA 16-67</u> (HB 5400)

An Act Concerning The Disclosure Of Certain Education Personnel Records, Criminal Penalties For Threatening In Educational Settings And The Exclusion Of A Minor's Name From Summary Process Complaints

# **Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 expands the mandate of CGS 10-221d by requiring a board of education to conduct a criminal history check on continuously-employed substitute teachers at least once every five years. Sec. 2 expands the mandate of CGS 10-222c by requiring a board of education to conduct a broader investigation before employing a person who will have direct student contact.

#### **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Judiciary – Committee of Cognizance Education

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

OFA reported: STATE MANDATE – Cost

PA 16-68 (HB 5416)

An Act Concerning The Labor Department And Certain Professional Opportunities For Veterans, Improving Customer Service To Veterans By The Advocacy And Assistance Unit Of The Department Of Veterans' Affairs And Strengthening Coordination Between The Department Of Veterans' Affairs And Municipalities

### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 3 increases the mandate of CGS 27-135 by making mandatory the previously voluntary training for a municipal employee who has been designated to be the veterans' service contact person.

# **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Veterans' Affairs – Committee of Cognizance Labor and Public Employees

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

OFA reported: none

PA 16-71 (HB 5621) An Act Concerning Human Trafficking

### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 2 requires municipal police chiefs to annually report human trafficking related data as specified.

## **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 reported: Municipal Police Departments: Revenue Gain

<u>PA 16-99</u> (HB 5277)

An Act Extending The Municipal Property Tax Relief To Retired Volunteer Firefighters, Fire Police Officers And Emergency Medical Technicians

# **Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 expands the mandate of 12-81w by allowing municipalities to also provide property tax relief for retired volunteer firefighters, fire police officers or emergency medical technicians as specified..

# **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Public Safety – Committee of Cognizance Planning & Development

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

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: Grand List Reduction

PA 16-139 (HB 5533) An Act Concerning Magnet School Tuition

# **Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 expands existing mandate of CGS 10-264l by requiring boards of education that operate an interdistrict magnet school to seek authorization to charge another board of education tuition if they

did not charge tuition previously and to provide specified notifications if authorized.

### **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 reported: Various Local and Regional School Districts: Precludes a Cost and Precludes a Revenue Gain

### PA 16-144 (HB 5601) An Act Concerning Regionalism

# **Mandate Description**

Sec. 6 increases the mandate of CGS 8-23 by requiring that a municipal Plan of C&D also consider the need for technology infrastructure in the municipality.

# **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Planning & Development – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

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

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: Savings

# <u>PA 16-180</u> (HB 5479)

An Act Concerning The State Real Property Inventory, Municipal Pension Obligation Bonds And Municipal Reserve Funds

# **Mandate Description**

Sec. 2 requires a municipality to comply with specified requirements if it chooses to issue pension deficit funding bonds or temporary notes.

# **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Planning & Development – Committee of Cognizance

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

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: Indeterminate

# PA 16-188 (SB 179) An Act Concerning Education Issues

# **Mandate Description**

Sec. 2 increases the mandate of CGS 10-221s by requiring boards of education to post, as specified, the state phone number for reporting child abuse and neglect.

# **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)

OFA reported: identifies small fiscal impacts, including mandates

PA 16-189 (HB 5469) An Act Concerning Student Data Privacy

### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 2 requires a school board to enter into a written contract, as specified, any time shares or provides a contractor access to student information, records or content. Sec. 4 requires a school board to make notifications as specified upon discovery of a breach of security regarding student information, records or content.

### **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 reported: none

PA 16-191 (SB 202) An Act Concerning Veterans' Property Taxes

# **Mandate Description**

1. (12-81f) Expands B-mandate NOT IN COMPENDIUM - Allows municipalities to grant veterans additional exemptions from property taxes beyond the exemption required in accordance with 12-81.

#### **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Veteran Affairs – Committee of Cognizance Planning & Development

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

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: Revenue Loss/Grand List Reduction

SA 16-10 (HB 5470) An Act Establishing A Pilot Program For Minority Students In High School To Pursue A College Degree In Education

#### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 requires each school district specified in this section to designate an existing employee to serve as a counselor to students participating in the pilot program and requires each district to pay tuition for each participating student, but can use alliance district funding for that purpose.

# **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 reported: none

PA 16-3 (SB 502)
(May Special Session)

An Act Concerning Revenue And Other Items To Implement The Budget For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2017

#### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 24 makes businesses located within a knowledge center enterprise zone entitled to the same benefits for which businesses located in an enterprise zone qualify.

# **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

**Emergency Certification** 

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

OFA reported: There is a potential grand list reduction to municipalities with knowledge enterprise zones and towns will be partially reimbursed via the Distressed Municipalities grant program.

# MANDATES NOT SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AT MUNICIPALITIES

PA 16-17 (SB 231) An Act Concerning Pollinator Health

### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 4 prohibits the application of Neonicotinoid pesticides to blooming plants.

# **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Environment – Committee of Cognizance Planning & Development

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

OFA reported: section may result in a cost or savings to municipalities that currently use neonicotinoid pesticides on certain trees or blossoming plants.

<u>PA 16-82</u> (HB 5233)

An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage For Tomosynthesis For Breast Cancer Screenings

# **Mandate Description**

Sec. 3 amends CGS 38a-530 to expand the by stating that the baseline mammogram may be provided by breast tomosynthesis.

# **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Insurance – Committee of Cognizance Appropriations

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

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: State Mandate – Cost

<u>PA 16-86</u> (HB 5150)

An Act Concerning Tree Wardens' Notices On Trees And Shrubs Prior To Removal And Tree Removal And Clean-Up By Public Utility Corporations

### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 2 increases the mandate of CGS 16-234 by requiring municipal and other utilities that are pruning or removing vegetation to provide for the removal or disposition of any debris that is generated and requires municipality that receives a utility vegetation management plan to make that plan available to the public as specified.

# **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Environment – Committee of Cognizance Transportation

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

OFA reported: none

PA 16-125 (SB 211) An Act Allowing Employers To Pay Wages Using Payroll

# **Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 requires employers, including municipalities, to follow specified procedures if choosing to pay employees by payroll card.

### **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Labor and Public Employees – Committee of Cognizance Banking

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

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: Savings

PA 16-162 (SB 160) An Act Concerning Prior Authorization For The Interhospital Transfer Of Certain Newborn Infants And Their Mothers

### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 2 increases the mandate of CGS 38a-53oc by also prohibiting group health insurers from requiring prior authorization for require prior authorization for the interhospital transfer of a newborn infant experiencing a life-threatening emergency or condition or for the mother to accompany her newborn infant.

#### **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Insurance – Committee of Cognizance

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

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: Potential Cost

### STATE MANDATE REDUCTIONS

PA 16-31 (SB 254) An Act Concerning Saturday Registrars Of Voters Sessions

### **Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 1 eliminates the requirement for registrars of voters to hold a voter registration session on the Saturday of the third week before a regular election.

PA 16-75 (SB 240) An Act Eliminating The Requirement For A Fence Around A Splash Pad Or Spray Park

## **Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 1 modifies CGS 19a-36 to eliminate a regulatory mandate by specifying that public pool safety regulations cannot require a fence around a splash pad or spray park.

PA 16-76 (SB 252) An Act Concerning Post-Election Audit Integrity And Efficiency

### **Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 1 reduces the mandate of CGS 9-320f by reducing the percentage of voting districts where registrars of voters must audit votes from 10% to 5%.

PA 16-118 (HB 5438) An Act Deleting Obsolete Statutory Provisions Concerning Workshops For People With Disabilities

#### **Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 7 repeals CGS 10-300 and its mandate exempting the Department of Rehabilitation Services and Connecticut Institute for the Blind from paying municipalities for a license to sell merchandise.

PA 16-133 (HB 5484) An Act Concerning The Connecticut City And Town Development Act

#### **Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 2 eliminates the mandate of CGS 7-485 requiring such a resolution to be submitted to the voters at a special election, but still requires the same process be followed if such a vote is held.

PA 16-143 (HB 5593) An Act Concerning The Reapplication Procedure For Elderly Property Tax Relief

# **Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 1 reduces the mandate of CGA 12-129c by changing the required notice from certified mail to a certificate of mailing. Sec. 2 reduces the mandate of CGS 12-170w by changing the required notice from certified mail to a certificate of mailing. Sec. 3 reduces the mandate of CGS 12-170aa by changing the required notice from certified mail to a certificate of mailing.

PA 16-144 (HB 5601) An Act Concerning Regionalism

# **Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 1 reduces the mandate of CGS 7-148v by authorizing a municipality to purchase from a vendor under the same terms as the vendor's contract with specified state, regional and local entities or nonprofit organizations without consideration of the \$25,000 limit specified in this section.

PA 16-3 (SB 502)
(May Special Session)

An Act Concerning Revenue And Other Items To Implement The Budget For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2017

## **Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 125 reduces the mandate of 10-262j by allowing a municipality that experiences a reduction in state education funding to reduce its education budget by that amount.

# Appendix A

#### MANDATE LEGISLATION LISTED BY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

## **Banking Committee**

PA 16-65 (HB 5571) An Act Concerning Banking And Consumer Protections

### **Education Committee**

PA 16-139 (HB 5533)	An Act Concerning Magnet School Tuition

PA 16-188 (SB 179) An Act Concerning Education Issues

PA 16-189 (HB 5469) An Act Concerning Student Data Privacy

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PA 15-1 (SB 1601) An Act Making Certain Structural Changes To The (December Special Session) State Budget And Adjustments To The State Budget

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### **Environment Committee**

PA 16-17 (SB 231) An Act Concerning Pollinator Health

PA 16-86 (HB 5150) An Act Concerning Tree Wardens' Notices On Trees

And Shrubs Prior To Removal And Tree Removal And

Clean-Up By Public Utility Corporations

### **Insurance and Real Estate Committee**

PA 16-82 (HB 5233) An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage For

Tomosynthesis For Breast Cancer Screenings

PA 16-162 (SB 160) An Act Concerning Prior Authorization For The

Interhospital Transfer Of Certain Newborn Infants

**And Their Mothers** 

### **Joint Committee on Judiciary**

PA 16-34 (HB 5054) An Act Protecting Victims Of Domestic Violence

PA 16-67 (HB 5400) An Act Concerning The Disclosure Of Certain

**Education Personnel Records, Criminal Penalties For** 

Threatening In Educational Settings And The

Exclusion Of A Minor's Name From Summary Process

Complaints

PA 16-71 (HB 5621) An Act Concerning Human Trafficking

### **Labor and Public Employees Committee**

PA 16-10 (HB 5262) An Act Establishing A Firefighters Cancer Relief

**Program** 

PA 16-125 (SB 211) An Act Allowing Employers To Pay Wages Using

**Payroll Cards** 

# **Planning and Development Committee**

PA 16-45 (HB 5180) An Act Concerning Concrete Foundations

PA 16-144 (HB 5601) An Act Concerning Regionalism

PA 16-180 (HB 5479) An Act Concerning The State Real Property Inventory,

Municipal Pension Obligation Bonds And Municipal

Reserve Funds

# **Public Health Committee**

PA 16-43 (HB 5053) An Act Concerning Opioids And Access To Overdose

**Reversal Drugs** 

PA 16-66 (HB 5537) An Act Concerning Various Revisions To The Public

**Health Statutes** 

**Public Safety Committee** 

PA 16-99 (HB 5277) An Act Extending The Municipal Property Tax Relief

To Retired Volunteer Firefighters, Fire Police Officers

And Emergency Medical Technicians

**Committee on Veterans' Affairs** 

PA 16-68 (HB 5416) An Act Concerning The Labor Department And

Certain Professional Opportunities For Veterans, Improving Customer Service To Veterans By The Advocacy And Assistance Unit Of The Department Of Veterans' Affairs And Strengthening Coordination Between The Department Of Veterans' Affairs And

Municipalities

PA 16-191 (SB 202) An Act Concerning Veterans' Property Taxes

#### 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.