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CTEMSAB LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Date: 02/15/24 **Time:** 0900-1000

Location: GoTo Meeting. **Call-In Info:** (United States: [+1 \(224\) 501-3412](tel:+12245013412)) **Access Code:** 172-456-077
<https://meet.goto.com/MikeLoiz/cemsab-legislative-committee-meeting>

Member Attendees: Kate Coupe; Aaron Katz; Bob Mara; Judy Reynolds; Frank Glowski; Ben Zura; Greg Allard; John Quinlavin;
Guests: William Jeffs; Margaret Murolo; Katie McGray; Jessica Anderson; Melissa Osborne
Chaired by: Loiz, Michael

Topic	Discussion	Action
Meeting Called to order at	0900	Meeting commenced
Acceptance of Last Minutes	Accept Ben/Katz	
Public Comment	None	None
DPH/OEMS Report	None	None
Presentations	N/A	N/A
Chairs Report	<p>Region 2 – 2/5 Hunter’s – Pizza & Politics @ 1800</p> <p>Region 1 & 2 Legislative Breakfast 3/23 @ 0900 @ MEMS</p> <p>Currently Tracking 3 bills:</p> <p>HB 5053 – Includes the OEMS Regional Coords.</p> <p>SB 16 – Medicaid Increase – Hearing 2/21 @ 1400 – Testimony (virtual/in-person) money has been removed.</p> <p>SB 23 – Easton EMS HQ</p> <p>Working on submitting a bill for the Trauma Committee and Essential service</p>	

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Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HB 5105 – Exempting EMS from sales and use - Allard 2. HB5028, HB5071 – Tax abatement for volunteers – Allard 3. SB9 – Hospital Diversion – Zura 4. 5089 – Funding for FF health research – Takes Medicaid money for non-patients 5. Narcan leave behind kits – Does it work? Mandate? Katie Hickocks SWORD jumped on? PA23-97 – Lots of discussion 6. John Quinlavin - VoterVoice platform – ACAP? 	Lots of discussion on SB9 – Hospital Diversions
Federal Level	<p>American Ambulance Association: Visit the Action Center to submit testimony easily</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Workforce: One-Pager on EMS Workforce Shortage 2. Medicare Ambulance relief: S.1673 & HR.1666 3. Balance Billing: One-Pager on Balance Billing 4. Veterans affairs: One-Pager on VA Final Rule Delay <p>NAEMT Advocacy – Use the OLS to submit testimony easily</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Workforce Bill: EMS Counts Act: S.1115 and HR.2574 2. SIREN bill S.265 & HR.4646 3. TIP & TAD bill = Passed 4. Extend Ground Ambulance add-ons: S.1673 & HR.1666 5. Congressional EMS Caucus – Right now, this is the most important because we (CT) don't have any representation on this caucus in DC <p>NCSL EMS Legislative Database</p>	<p>Testimony sent from NAEMT and AAA on the following issues</p> <p>-Kate asks about surprise billing – what's happening at the national level? Discussion ensued with regard to AAA / NAEMT initiatives</p> <p>Also discussed EMS on the Hill</p>
FYI's	EMS on the Hill is 4/17-18/2024: https://naemt.org/events/register	N/A

Adjourned: 1013 – Coupe; Osborne

Respectfully Submitted: Loiz, Michael

Upcoming Meeting Dates: 3/14, 4/18, 5/16, 6/13, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19, 10/17, 11/14, 12/19

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