

FEDERAL AND STATE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS

CONNECTICUT

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

SUBJECT

Article First, Section 1

Equality of Rights

Article First, Section 3

Right of Religious Liberty

Article First, Section 20, as amended by Article V and Article XXI of the Amendments to the Connecticut Constitution

Equal Protection under the law for all persons; nondiscrimination in exercise of civil and political rights on the basis of religion, race, color, ancestry, national origin and sex or physical and mental disability.

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C.G.S. Section 2-120

Establishment of Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission

C.G.S. Section 2-121

Establishment of African-American Affairs Commission

C.G.S. Section 2-122

Establishment of Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission

C.G.S. Section 4-61t

Committee on Career Entry and Mobility established re: needs of persons with disabilities

C.G.S. Section 4-61u

Upward mobility, accommodation/training of persons with disabilities

C.G.S. Section 4-61aa

Committee to encourage employment by the State of persons with disabilities

C.G.S. Section 4-61dd (b) (2) (3)

Whistleblower complaint provisions, allows state or quasi-public agency employees, or employees of large state contractors to file retaliation complaints with CHRO Chief Human Rights Referee or Attorney General

C.G.S. Section 4-61nn

Adaptation of administration of tests to needs of persons with disabilities

C.G.S. Section 4a-2c

Diversity Training Program

C.G.S. Section 4a-59

Award of Contracts

C.G.S. Section 4a-59a

Restrictions of contract extensions

C.G.S. Section 4a-60

Affirmative Action provisions in state contracts and nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, intellectual disability and physical disabilities (including blindness)

C.G.S. Section 4a-60a

Nondiscrimination clauses in state contracts on the basis of sexual orientation

C.G.S. Section 4a-60g to 4a-60j

Establishment of small business and minority business set-aside program involving state contracts administered by the Department of Administrative Services

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C.G.S. Section 4a-61	Requirement of procedures for the award of state contracts concerning minority business enterprises
C.G.S. Section 4a-62	Establishment of Minority Business Enterprise Review Committee
C.G.S. Section 5-195	Merit principles to be observed
C.G.S. Section 5-219	Character of examinations, qualifications for admission
C.G.S. Section 5-227	Prohibition of discrimination in state classified service because of discriminatory employment practices (as defined in CGS Section 46a-51) and discrimination due to political affiliation.
C.G.S. Section 5-227a	Promotion by reclassification of promotion
C.G.S. Section 5-228	Promotional appointments, original appointments, hiring protected class members, sex discrimination
C.G.S. Section 5-228e	Meeting affirmative action goals in state agencies
C.G.S. Section 5-267	Officers, appointing authorities and employees to comply with law
C.G.S. Section 8-265c	Non-discrimination in housing financed by Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry or sex; affirmative action required of contractors engaged in construction of housing financed by CHFA
C.G.S. Section 10-15c	Discrimination in public schools prohibited on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.
C.G.S. Section 10-17f	Requirement of program of bilingual education in public schools where applicable.
C.G.S. Section 10-18a	Requires use in public schools of instructional materials representative of all races, ethnic origins and both sexes.
C.G.S. Section 10-153	Nondiscrimination in employment of teachers by local or regional boards of education on the basis of sex and marital status.
C.G.S. Section 10a-10	Establishment of Office of Educational Opportunity to aid disadvantaged students and ensure workforce diversity in public institutions of higher education.
C.G.S. Section 10a-11(a)	The Board of Governors for Higher Education shall develop a strategic plan to ensure racial and ethnic diversity of workforce within state system of higher education.
C.G.S. Section 17a-541, 17a-549	Prohibition against denying housing, employment, civil or legal rights on the basis of psychiatric disability or past or present history of mental disability.

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C.G.S. Section 19a-581 to 19a-590	AIDS testing and medical information
C.G.S. Section 27-59	Prohibition against discrimination and segregation in armed forces of the state on the basis of race, creed or color
C.G.S. Section 29-7m	Record and classification of crimes motivated by bigotry or bias
C.G.S. Section 31-22p	Non-discrimination in apprenticeship program training standards within state on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age and national origin; provide training, employment and upgrading opportunities for disadvantaged workers.
C.G.S. Section 31-40	Breastfeeding in the Workplace
C.G.S. Section 31-51d	Non-discrimination in apprenticeship programs
C.G.S. Section 31-75	Non-discrimination in compensation based solely on the basis of sex
C.G.S. Section 31-128i	Privacy Rights for State Employees
C.G.S. Section 32-9e through h	Set aside program for minority business enterprises
C.G.S. Section 36a-737	Prohibition against discrimination in granting of mortgage and home improvement loans for owner-occupied properties by financial institutions on the basis of geographical or neighborhood areas.
C.G.S. Section 38a-446	Prohibition against discrimination towards classes of insureds in transactions involving life insurance.
C.G.S. Section 38a-488	Discrimination in insurance prohibited
C.G.S. Section 38a-543	Age discrimination in group insurance coverage prohibited
C.G.S. Section 38a-816	Prohibition against unfair insurance practices on the basis of race, color, creed, physical disability, intellectual disability, blindness, and genetic information.
C.G.S. Section 38a-824	Prohibition against redlining in real estate insurance transactions
C.G.S. Section 40a-60g	Transferring enforcement of the Set-aside program from DECD to DAS and CHRO
C.G.S. Section 46a-1	Establishment of a Permanent Commission on the Status of Women
C.G.S. Section 46a-10	Establishment of an Office of Protection and Advocacy for persons with disabilities
C.G.S. Section 46a-27	Establishment of a commission for the advocacy of deaf and hearing impaired persons; and providing of qualified interpreter services

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C.G.S. Section 46a-52	Establishment of the state commission for civil and human rights enforcement, the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunity; concerning the review and dismissal of discriminatory practice complaints by CHRO
C.G.S. Section 46a-54	Concerning Diversity Training for State Employees
C.G.S. Section 46a-54(15)(a)	Sexual harassment education and training in the workplace
C.G.S. Section 46a-54(16)	Requirement that state agencies conduct diversity training for state employees
C.G.S. Section 46a-55	In lieu of Commission Counsel, CHRO authorized to employ legal staff; authority provided to agency's executive director to assign legal staff to represent CHRO
C.G.S. Section 46a-56	Broad grant of authority regarding discriminatory practices
C.G.S. Section 46a-57 (d)	Chief Human Rights Referees
C.G.S. Section 46a-58	Deprivation of rights, desecration of property, or cross burning
C.G.S. Section 46a-58(a)	Prohibition against deprivation of civil rights on the basis of religion, national origin, alienage, color, race, sex, blindness or physical disability
C.G.S. Section 46a-59(a)	Prohibition against discrimination in professional and occupational associations on the basis of race, national origin, creed, sex or color
C.G.S. Section 46a-60	Discriminatory employment practices prohibited
C.G.S. Section 46a-60 (a)(1)	Prohibition against refusal to hire or employ, to bar or discharge from employment, discriminate in compensation, or in terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disability, intellectual disability, learning disability and physical disability (including blindness) without bona fide occupational qualifications or need
C.G.S. Section 46a-60 (a)(2)	Prohibition against employment agencies' failure or refusal to properly classify or refer one on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disability, intellectual disability, learning disability and physical disability (including blindness)
C.G.S. Section 46a-60 (a)(3)	Prohibition against discrimination regarding membership and membership rights; discrimination against members or employers or to expel from membership by labor organizations on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disability, intellectual disability, learning disability, and physical disability (including blindness)
C.G.S. Section 46a-60 (a)(4)	Prohibition against retaliation for exercising right to file or participate in the processing of a discrimination complaint; prohibition against retaliation on the basis of opposing discriminatory employment practices

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C.G.S. Section 46a-60 (a)(5)	Prohibition against aiding, abetting or inciting discriminatory employment practices
C.G.S. Section 46a-60 (a)(6)	Prohibition against advertising of employment opportunities in a manner that discriminates on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, sex, marital status, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disability, intellectual disability, learning disability, and physical disability (including blindness)
C.G.S. Section 46a-60 (a)(7)	Prohibition against termination of employment because of pregnancy; right of reinstatement and employment benefits; right to request temporary transfer
C.G.S. Section 46a-60 (a)(8)	Prohibition against sexual harassment in employment
C.G.S. Section 46a-60 (a)(9)	Prohibition against requiring information on familial responsibilities, pregnancy or birth control information in employment situations or union membership unless bona fide occupational qualification exists
C.G.S. Section 46a-60 (a)(10)	Requirement of employer to take reasonable measures to protect employee from exposure to workplace hazard pursuant to C.G.S. Section 46a-60 (a) (9)
C.G.S. Section 46a-60(a)(11)	Use of genetic information in employment decisions prohibited
C.G.S. Section 46a-64	Prohibition against discrimination and segregation in places of public accommodations on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, intellectual disability, mental disability, or physical disability; requirement of full and equal access to blind, deaf, or mobility impaired persons with guide dog; prohibits limiting breastfeeding
C.G.S. Section 46a-64a	Discrimination against families with children prohibited
C.G.S. Section 46a-64c	Prohibition against housing discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability
C.G.S. Section 46a-66	Prohibition against discriminatory credit practices by creditors on the basis of sex, age, race, color, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, marital status, intellectual disability, learning disability, blindness, or physical disability
C.G.S. Section 46a-68 (as amended by Public Acts 99-233 & 01-28)	State affirmative action plans; filing; monitoring report; affirmative action officers; regulations

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- C.G.S. Section 46a-68(a) Each state agency shall develop and implement, in cooperation with CHRO an affirmative action plan that commits the agency to a program of affirmative action in all aspects of personnel and administration.
- C.G.S. Section 46a-68(b)(2) CHRO shall provide training and technical assistance to affirmative action officers in plan development and implementation.
- C.G.S. Section 46a-68(b)(3) CHRO and the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women shall provide training concerning state and federal discrimination laws and techniques for conducting internal investigations of discrimination complaints to persons designated by state agencies as affirmative action officers and persons designated by the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee to represent the agency. Such training shall be provided for a minimum of ten hours during the first year of service and a minimum of five hours per year thereafter
- C.G.S. Section 46a-68(b)(4) Each person designated by an agency or department board as an affirmative action officer shall (A) be responsible for mitigating any discriminatory conduct within the agency or department, (B) investigate all complaints of discrimination made against the state agency or department, (C) report all findings and recommendations upon the conclusion of an investigation to the commissioner or director of a state agency or department for proper action and (D) complete 10 hours of training by the CHRO and PCSW
- C.G.S. Section 46a-68(b)(5) No person designated by an agency or department as an affirmative action officer shall represent the agency or department before CHRO or EEOC. If a complaint of discrimination is filed with CHRO or EEOC against a state agency or department, the Attorney General or designee, of the Attorney General, other than the affirmative action officer shall represent the agency or department before CHRO and EEOC
- C.G.S. Section 46a-68(c) Requires state agencies to file affirmative action plans with CHRO. Agencies with fewer than 20 employees to file biennially.
- C.G.S Section 46a-69 Discriminatory practices by state agencies prohibited
- C.G.S. Section 46a-70
(as amended by Public Act 01-28) Guarantee of equal employment in state agencies on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, intellectual disability, mental disability, learning disability, or physical disability (including blindness)
- C.G.S. Section 46a-70 (a) Judicial Department included in guarantee of equal employment in state agencies.

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C.G.S. Section 46a-71 (as amended by Public Act 01-28)	Non-discrimination in services provided by state agencies on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, intellectual disability, mental disability, learning disability, or physical disability (including blindness)
C.G.S. Section 46a-72 (as amended by Public Act 01-28)	Discrimination in job placement by state agencies prohibited
C.G.S. Section 46a-73 (as amended by Public Act 01-28)	Discrimination in state licensing and charter procedures prohibited
C.G.S. Section 46a-74	State agencies not to permit discriminatory practices in professional or occupational associations, public accommodations or housing
C.G.S. Section 46a-75(a) (as amended by Public Act 01-28)	Non-discrimination in state educational, counseling, apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs on the basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, intellectual disability, mental disability, learning disability, or physical disability (including blindness)
C.G.S. Section 46a-76(a) (as amended by Public Act 01-28)	Non-discrimination in allocation of state benefits on the basis of basis of race, color, religious creed, sex, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, intellectual disability, mental disability, learning disability, or physical disability (including blindness)
C.G.S. Section 46a-77	Cooperation with CHRO required of all state agencies. Compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act
C.G.S. Section 46a-77(a)	All state agencies shall cooperate with CHRO in their enforcement and educational programs
C.G.S. Section 46a-77(b)	All state agency shall comply with CHRO's request for information concerning practices inconsistent with the state policy against discrimination and shall consider recommendations for effectuating and implementing that policy
C.G.S. Section 46a-77(c)	Each state agency shall comply in all of its services, programs and activities with provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42USC 12101) to the same extent that provides rights and protections for persons with physical or mental disabilities beyond those provided for by the laws of the state
C.G.S. Section 46a-79	Statement of encouragement for employers to hire qualified persons with criminal conviction records; re employment of criminal offenders
C.G.S. Section 46a-80	Denial of employment based on prior conviction of a crime. Dissemination of arrest record prohibited

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C.G.S. Section 46a-81a to 46a-81r, inclusive	Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation
C.G.S. Section 46a-81b	Prohibition against discrimination in professional and occupational associations on the basis of sexual orientation
C.G.S. Section 46a-81c	Prohibition against employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation
C.G.S. Section 46a-81d	Prohibition against discrimination and segregation in places of public accommodation on the basis of sexual orientation
C.G.S. Section 46a-81e	Prohibition against housing discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation
C.G.S. Section 46a-81f	Prohibition against discriminatory credit practices by creditors on the basis of sexual orientation.
C.G.S. Section 46a-81h	Requirement of equal employment in state agencies on the basis of sexual orientation. State agencies to promulgate written directives and conduct orientation and training programs.
C.G.S. Section 46a-81i	Non-discrimination in services provided by state agencies on the basis of sexual orientation.
C.G.S. Section 46a-81j	Non-discrimination in job placement activities by state agencies on the basis of sexual orientation.
C.G.S. Section 46a-81k	Non-discrimination in state licensing and charter procedures on the basis of sexual orientation.
C.G.S. Section 46a-81l	Prohibition against state agencies allowing discriminatory practices in professional or occupational associations, public accommodations, or housing in violation of state anti-discrimination laws regarding sexual orientation.
C.G.S. Section 46a-81m	Non-discrimination in state educational, counseling, apprenticeship, and on-the-job programs on the basis of sexual orientation.
C.G.S. Section 46a-81n	Non-discrimination in allocation of state benefits on the basis of sexual orientation.
C.G.S. Section 46a-82	Discrimination Complaint Filing Procedure
C.G.S. Section 46a-83	Complaint Procedure of CHRO
C.G.S. Section 46a-83a	Right of appeal by complainant. Reconsideration requests by CHRO

