

CT LTCOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY FOCUS BILLS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE LONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

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Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

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Raised HB-5001	AN ACT SUPPORTING CONNECTICUT SENIORS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF NURSING AND HOME-BASED CARE. To support Connecticut seniors and the improvement of nursing and home-based care. House Cal: 107Senate Cal:	03-05	03-12 AGE - Joint Favorable Substitute	121	02-29 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGE			
Governor's HB-5046	AN ACT PROMOTING NURSING HOME RESIDENT QUALITY OF LIFE. To implement the Governor's budget recommendations. House Cal: 121Senate Cal:	02-29	03-12 AGE - Joint Favorable	146	02-08 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGE			
Governor's HB-5048	AN ACT ADJUSTING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025. To implement the Governor's budget recommendations. House Cal: Senate Cal:	02-13 02-15 02-16 02-20 02-21 02-23 02-26			02-08 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP			
Raised HB-5164	AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. To allow striking employees to access unemployment benefits after a period of two consecutive weeks of striking. House Cal: 81Senate Cal:	02-22	03-07 LAB - Joint Favorable Substitute	78	02-15 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB			
Raised HB-5308	AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING FOR CERTAIN PATIENTS OF NURSING HOMES. To allow an absentee ballot applicant, who is a patient in a nursing home within six days immediately preceding the close of the polls at an election, primary or referendum, to designate someone to deliver an absentee ballot to such applicant.	03-04	03-22 GAE - Joint Favorable		02-28 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GAE			

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Raised HB-5319	AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN CONCERNING PRIVATE EQUITY FIRMS ACQUIRING OR HOLDING AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES. To require the executive director of the Office of Health Strategies to develop a plan concerning private equity firms acquiring or holding an ownership interest in health care facilities in the state.	03-06	03-22 PH - Joint Favorable		02-28 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH			
	House Cal: Senate Cal:							
Raised HB-5373	AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO HUMAN SERVICES STATUTES. To repeal obsolete statutory provisions, make technical statutory changes and replace an arbitration process with the right to appeal to a Superior Court.	03-05	03-19 HS - Joint Favorable Substitute		02-29 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS			
	House Cal: Senate Cal:							
Raised HB-5457	AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOMES AND IMPLEMENTING NURSING HOME WAITING LIST RECOMMENDATIONS. To implement working group recommendations regarding waiting list requirements for nursing homes.	03-14	03-19 HS - Joint Favorable		03-07 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS			
	House Cal: Senate Cal:							
Raised SB-156	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY REQUIRING NURSING HOMES TO SPEND A PERCENTAGE OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT OR TOTAL REVENUE ON DIRECT CARE OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS. To require nursing home facilities to spend at least eighty per cent of Medicaid funding provided by the state on direct care.	02-29	03-12 AGE - Joint Favorable Substitute	112		02-21 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGE		
	House Cal: Senate Cal: 99							
Raised	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY	03-05	03-12 AGE -	118		02-23 SCO -		

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SB-246	TEMPORARY NURSING SERVICES PROVIDED TO NURSING HOME FACILITIES. To establish a maximum rate, not to exceed two hundred per cent of the state's median hourly wage for nursing personnel, for temporary nursing services provided by a temporary nursing services agency to a nursing home facility. House Cal: Senate Cal: 107		Joint Favorable Substitute			REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGE		
Raised *SB-273	AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME STAFFING. To establish minimum staffing level requirements for nursing homes. House Cal: Senate Cal:	03-13	03-20 PH - Joint Favorable			02-28 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH		
Raised *SB-275	AN ACT PROHIBITING NURSING HOMES FROM REJECTING A PATIENT SOLELY ON THE BASIS THAT SUCH PATIENT RECEIVED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. To prohibit nursing homes from denying a patient admission solely on the basis that such person has, at any time, received mental health services. House Cal: Senate Cal:	03-13	03-20 PH - Joint Favorable			02-28 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH		
Raised SB-309	AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN LEGALLY PRESENT, OLDER NONCITIZENS. To study the feasibility of restoring a program providing state-funded medical assistance for assisted living and nursing facility care for certain noncitizens who are lawfully present. House Cal: Senate Cal:	03-07	03-19 HS - Joint Favorable Substitute			02-29 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS		
Raised SB-316	AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STATE-FUNDED ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES. House Cal: Senate Cal:	03-05	03-19 HS - Joint Favorable Substitute			02-29 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM.		

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	To study the costs and benefits of expanding state-funded assisted living services. House Cal: Senate Cal:					ON HS		
Raised SB-318	AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF PRIVATE EQUITY OWNERSHIP OF NURSING HOMES. To require the Commissioner of Social Services to study ownership of nursing homes by private equity firms and report on any correlation between such ownership and negative ratings for quality of care. House Cal: Senate Cal:	03-05				02-29 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS		
Raised *SB-324	AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION. To make statutory changes relating to the (1) types of documents that may be remotely notarized in Probate Court, and (2) provision of notice, receipt of fees and the consistent use of terminology in certain Probate Court proceedings. House Cal: Senate Cal:	03-06	03-28 JUD - Joint Favorable Substitute			02-29 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD		

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Proposed HB-5029	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR FULL-TIME HOME HEALTH CARE COSTS. To establish a personal income tax deduction of up to sixty thousand dollars for the cost of full-time home health care, including, but not limited to, the cost of medical supplies and in-home services. House Cal: Senate Cal:				02-07 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN			
Proposed HB-5036	AN ACT EXEMPTING HOSPITAL BEDS FOR HOME HEALTH CARE USE FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES. To exempt from the sales and use taxes the sale of and the storage, use or other consumption in this state of hospital beds for home health care use. House Cal: Senate Cal:				02-07 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN			
Raised HB-5241	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUREAU COORDINATING SERVICES FOR DEAF, HARD OF HEARING OR DEAFBLIND PERSONS. To establish a bureau to coordinate services and information for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind. House Cal: Senate Cal:	03-07	03-19 HS - Joint Favorable Substitute		02-22 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS			
Raised HB-5269	AN ACT CONCERNING NONCOMPETE AGREEMENTS. To prohibit the use of noncompete agreements and exclusivity agreements unless they meet certain	02-27	03-07 LAB - Joint Favorable	104	02-22 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON			

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	requirements. House Cal: 100Senate Cal:				LAB			
Raised HB-5296	AN ACT EXPANDING THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY. To require the Commissioner of Social Services to (1) study family home care oversight in the state, (2) compensate family caregivers, including spouses, who provide personal care assistance services in the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly, (3) collect data regarding adult family living services in the state and report on such data, and (4) develop and implement a marketing campaign to promote adult family living services. House Cal: 114Senate Cal:	03-05	03-12 AGE - Joint Favorable Substitute	128	02-23 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGE			
Raised HB-5366	AN ACT CONCERNING COVENANTS NOT TO COMPETE IN THE HOME CARE INDUSTRY. To allow homemaker-companion agencies to contractually limit the ability of a homemaker-companion who has received paid training from such agency to engage in private service contracts with clients of the agency. House Cal: Senate Cal:	03-05	03-19 HS - Joint Favorable		02-29 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS			
Committee *SB-1	AN ACT CONCERNING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS. To improve the health and safety of Connecticut residents. House Cal: Senate Cal:	03-18	03-20 PH - Joint Favorable 02-16 PH - Vote to Draft			03-12 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH 03-11 SCO - DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE 02-07 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH		
Proposed SB-22	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE COSTS OF HOME HEALTH CARE. To establish a personal income tax deduction of not more					02-13 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN		

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Proposed SB-112	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR PEDIATRIC HOSPICE SERVICES AT REGIONAL HOSPICE IN DANBURY. To allocate funds for the expansion of the pediatric hospice program at Regional Hospice in Danbury. House Cal: Senate Cal:					02-15 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP		
Proposed SB-161	AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR GRANTS-IN-AID TO HOME HEALTH AGENCIES TO PURCHASE SAFETY, TRACKING AND COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES. To provide funding to home health agencies to purchase safety, tracking and communications devices to improve communication with and protect home care workers. House Cal: Senate Cal:					02-21 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN		
Proposed SB-163	AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR GRANTS-IN-AID TO HOME HEALTH AGENCIES TO PURCHASE SAFETY, TRACKING AND COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES. To provide funding to home health agencies to purchase safety, tracking and communications devices to improve communication with and protect home care workers. House Cal: Senate Cal:					02-21 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN		
Raised SB-176	AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN TO ESTABLISH A HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN. To require the Department of Public Health to develop a plan to establish a hospice program for children in the state. House Cal: Senate Cal: 41	02-26	03-04 PH - Joint Favorable Substitute	16		02-21 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH		

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Raised SB-243	<p>AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM FOR HOME HEALTH AGENCIES.</p> <p>To establish an internal assertive community treatment pilot program for home health agencies to improve the provision of effective home health care services to persons with a serious behavioral health condition and one or more comorbidities and the safety of the workers providing such services.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	03-01	03-11 PH - Joint Favorable Change of Reference APP		03-13 HCO - FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APP	03-13 SCO - FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APP 02-22 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH		
Raised SB-311	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.</p> <p>To expand access to the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly by establishing presumptive eligibility for Medicaid-funded services, reducing copayments, increasing asset limits, and expanding categories of persons who may be covered under the state-funded program and to authorize compensation for family caregivers.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	03-05				02-29 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS		
Raised SB-365	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING SAFETY IN THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE.</p> <p>To require that providers contracting with the Department of Social Services for reimbursement under the medical assistance program provide training to staff on workplace violence prevention and to authorize the department to offer rate enhancements for escorts for home visits deemed hazardous and for timely reporting of workplace violence.</p> <p>House Cal: Senate Cal:</p>	03-14	03-19 HS - Joint Favorable			03-06 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS		
Raised SB-369	<p>AN ACT CONCERNING HOME CARE WORKER SAFETY.</p> <p>To protect the safety of home health care agency and home health aide agency staff.</p>	03-18				03-06 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH		

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Proposed HB-5085	AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX ON INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTIONS. To eliminate the personal income tax on distributions from an individual retirement account, regardless of income. House Cal: Senate Cal:				02-13 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN			
Proposed HB-5104	AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN TAXPAYERS. To increase the amount of the property tax credit to five hundred dollars for taxpayers over sixty-five years of age. House Cal: Senate Cal:				02-14 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN			
Proposed HB-5106	AN ACT ELIMINATING THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLDS FOR THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND PENSION OR ANNUITY INCOME. To eliminate the qualifying income thresholds for the personal income tax deductions for Social Security benefits and pension or annuity income. House Cal: Senate Cal:				02-14 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN			
Proposed HB-5108	AN ACT ELIMINATING THE QUALIFYING INCOME THRESHOLDS FOR THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR PENSION OR ANNUITY INCOME. To eliminate the qualifying income thresholds for the personal income tax deduction for pension or annuity income. House Cal: Senate Cal:				02-14 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN			

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Proposed HB-5135	AN ACT CONCERNING A SUBSIDY FOR RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE. To provide a one-third state subsidy for the cost of teachers' Medicare supplement health insurance, which would treat all plans equitably. House Cal: Senate Cal:					02-15 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP		
Proposed HB-5139	AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR RETIRED PART-TIME FACULTY OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION. To provide health insurance for retired adjunct faculty of the CSUS who taught not less than one hundred eighty credit hours in aggregate. House Cal: Senate Cal:					02-15 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP		
Raised HB-5209	AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES. To (1) allow an income tax deduction for long-term care insurance premiums, (2) require a public hearing for long-term care premium rate increase requests that exceed ten per cent, and (3) require that policyholders are provided advance notice of such hearing. House Cal: Senate Cal:	02-29	03-13 AGE - Joint Favorable Change of Reference FIN			03-14 HCO - FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON FIN 02-22 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGE	03-15 SCO - FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON FIN	
Raised HB-5210	AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELDER JUSTICE UNIT IN THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE. To establish an elder justice unit in the Division of Criminal Justice. House Cal: 111Senate Cal:	02-29	03-12 AGE - Joint Favorable	125		02-22 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGE		
Raised HB-5241	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUREAU COORDINATING SERVICES FOR DEAF, HARD OF HEARING OR DEAFBLIND PERSONS.	03-07	03-19 HS - Joint Favorable Substitute			02-22 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HS		

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	To establish a bureau to coordinate services and information for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind. House Cal: Senate Cal:							
Raised HB-5294	AN ACT CONCERNING A REGISTRY OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF FINANCIAL CRIMES AGAINST ELDERLY PERSONS. To establish a registry of persons convicted of financial crimes against elderly persons. House Cal: 127Senate Cal:	03-05	03-12 AGE - Joint Favorable	148	02-23 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGE			
Raised HB-5295	AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE NEEDS OF SENIOR CITIZENS. To study the needs of senior citizens in the state in order to ensure the allocation of adequate resources. House Cal: 113Senate Cal:	03-05	03-12 AGE - Joint Favorable	127	02-23 HCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGE			
Proposed SB-24	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR PREMIUM PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE POLICIES. To establish a tax credit for the amount of premiums paid to purchase an individual or group long-term care insurance policy that provides benefits for health care provided in an insured's home. House Cal: Senate Cal:					02-13 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN		
Proposed SB-25	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR CERTAIN SENIORS. To establish a credit against the personal income tax for the amount of property taxes paid by a taxpayer on such taxpayer's residence, provided such taxpayer (1) is at least seventy years of age, (2) resides in the residence					02-13 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN		

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	full time, and (3) meets certain income limits. House Cal: Senate Cal:							
Proposed SB-112	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR PEDIATRIC HOSPICE SERVICES AT REGIONAL HOSPICE IN DANBURY. To allocate funds for the expansion of the pediatric hospice program at Regional Hospice in Danbury. House Cal: Senate Cal:					02-15 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP		
Raised SB-123	AN ACT CONCERNING COERCED DEBT. To (1) provide that no individual shall cause another individual to incur a coerced debt, and (2) establish procedures to (A) review documentation to determine whether debt is coerced debt, and (B) bring an action to establish whether debt is coerced debt. House Cal: Senate Cal: 118	02-27	03-12 BA - Joint Favorable Substitute	153		02-15 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON BA		
Proposed SB-130	AN ACT EXEMPTING SENIOR CITIZENS FROM THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS FEE. To exempt senior citizens from the Passport to the Parks Fee. House Cal: Senate Cal:					02-15 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV		
Raised SB-176	AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN TO ESTABLISH A HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN. To require the Department of Public Health to develop a plan to establish a hospice program for children in the state. House Cal: Senate Cal: 41	02-26	03-04 PH - Joint Favorable Substitute	16		02-21 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH		
Raised SB-244	AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING ACCESS TO RESPITE SERVICES BY PURSUING A FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT BENEFIT	03-05	03-12 AGE - Joint Favorable Substitute	116		02-23 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON		

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	THROUGH A MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION WAIVER. To require the Commissioner of Social Services to seek, and, if issued, implement a waiver under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act to seek federal funds to support the Alzheimer's disease respite care program. House Cal: Senate Cal: 103					AGE		
Raised SB-245	AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF LONG-TERM CARE NEEDS. To require the Commissioner of Social Services to study long-term care needs in the state. House Cal: Senate Cal: 104	03-05	03-12 AGE - Joint Favorable	117		02-23 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGE		
Raised SB-247	AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST THE ELDERLY. To extend the statute of limitations for the prosecution of crimes committed against the elderly. House Cal: Senate Cal:	03-04				02-26 SCO - REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD		