Governor Lamont signed the following legislation of the 2024 Regular Session on June 5:

HB 5277  AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT WATER AUTHORITY.
SA 24-7

HB 5369  AN ACT CONCERNING A BENEFITS CLIFF STUDY.
SA 24-8

SB 217   AN ACT CONCERNING A UNIVERSAL PATIENT INTAKE FORM FOR RECIPIENTS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.
SA 24-10

SB 457   AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE CITY OF MIDDLETOWN.
SA 24-11

SB 461   AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF SOMERS.
SA 24-13

SB 349   AN ACT CONCERNING DYSLEXIA SCREENING OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.
SA 24-14

SB 372   AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY PAYMENTS BY INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE INSURANCE FUND.
SA 24-15

SB 407   AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR STUDENTS OF REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTERS.
SA 24-16

HB 5199  AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE SHORTAGE OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS IN THE STATE.
SA 24-17

HB 5517  AN ACT REPEALING THE PRIOR CONVEYANCE OF AND RECONVEYING A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF WILTON.
SA 24-19

HB 5518  AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE TOWN OF CANTON.
SA 24-20

HB 5338  AN ACT CONCERNING THE KIRKLYN M. KERR PROGRAM.
SA 24-22
SB 459  AN ACT CONCERNING A CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF STATE LAND IN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT.
SA 24-23

HB 5428  AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO REPORT ON PROGRAM UTILIZATION.
SA 24-24

SB 292  AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PFAS IN CERTAIN PRODUCTS.
PA 24-59
**Upon signing this bill, Governor Lamont also issued a signing statement to the members of the General Assembly. That letter can be found on page 4 of this document.**

HB 5237  AN ACT REQUIRING STUDENT SURVEYS DURING EVALUATION OF A PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL TO RENEW A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION.
PA 24-116

HB 5239  AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PATH PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE CONNECTICUT COLLEGIATE AWARENESS AND PREPARATION PROGRAM.
PA 24-117

HB 5262  AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.
PA 24-118

HB 5285  AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES AND DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR CERTAIN FORMER ARMED FORCES RESERVISTS.
PA 24-119

HB 5291  AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING IMPROVED OPIOID MONITORING.
PA 24-120

HB 5304  AN ACT DESIGNATING THE STATE DOG AND STATE CANDY AND CREATING A WORKING GROUP CONCERNING REDESIGNATING THE STATE INSECT.
PA 24-121

HB 5293  AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUTES.
PA 24-122

HB 5350  AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF BOATING LAWS ON BODIES OF WATER NEAR THE RHODE ISLAND, MASSACHUSETTS AND NEW YORK BORDERS.
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HB 5363  AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.
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As of this date, the governor has signed 155 bills and vetoed 1 bill of the 2024 Regular Session.
June 5, 2024

Dear Honorable Members of the Connecticut General Assembly:

I write to you today regarding Senate Bill 292, Public Act 24-59, An Act Concerning the Use of PFAS in Certain Products. This Public Act is a serious attempt at tackling the persistent and harmful problem of poly- and perfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) contamination resulting from those chemicals’ use in consumer products.

This Public Act is similar to recent legislation adopted in other states including Maine, Minnesota, and Colorado, banning the manufacture, sale, or distribution of 14 categories of consumer products if the product contains intentionally added PFAS. Public Act 24-59 initially requires notification and labelling of PFAS-added consumer products, followed by the ban of 12 categories of products by January 1, 2028. The language of this bill is consistent with regional efforts to reduce potentially dangerous exposure to PFAS through consumer products.

While I support the underlying goals of Public Act 24-59, I would like to highlight a few potential unintended consequences. Effective January 1, 2028, the bill bans all nonstick cookware with a nonstick coating based on polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE, also known by the trade name Teflon). Additionally, unlike similar legislation passed across the country, Public Act 24-59, because of fiscal challenges that we faced this year, has no waiver or exemption process for products where there is currently no reasonable alternative to PFAS that serves a functionally equivalent purpose. Although PFAS-free alternatives to non-stick cookware are already on the market, there may be challenges in the wide-spread manufacture and distribution of affordable cookware and certain other categories of products, such as outdoor apparel, manufactured with alternatives to PFAS that perform with similar functionality.

I will sign Senate Bill 292 today, with the recognition that this is a step toward protecting residents from exposure to chemicals that we all believe should not be used in consumer products in Connecticut. I ask that the Legislature continue to discuss this issue in the next regular session and carefully consider whether there is a need to exempt PTFE or to provide an exemption or waiver process for currently unavoidable use of PFAS and to identify the resources necessary to administer such a process.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor