

## DDS Legislative Update – March 8, 2019

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**Note:** Most legislative committees have passed their committee deadline to Reserve for Subject Matter Public hearing or Vote to Draft a proposed bill. Those proposed bills in these committees that were not “reserved” or “drafted” by the committee deadline are dead and have been removed from this update.

**Note:** This update is not a comprehensive list of bills before the Connecticut General Assembly. DDS is tracking and assessing the bills listed below for their potential impact on individuals receiving funding or services from DDS, their families and guardians, DDS employees and DDS qualified providers.

**This legislative update shows some of the bills that are being tracked by DDS this session. If a Public Hearing on a bill has been scheduled the date of the public hearing and in most instances a link to the public hearing agenda will be after the bill’s description.**

As the legislative session goes forward, bills will be referred from legislative committees to the House or Senate. The House or Senate then may refer the bills to other committees or chose to vote on them. In these updates, the last action taken on a bill will be in **bold**. For a bill to become law, both the House and the Senate must vote favorably on it by June 5, 2019 at midnight, and the Governor must sign the bill into law.

### Key to Legislative Terminology:

**Vote to Draft** means a Proposed Bill will be drafted as a Committee Bill.

**Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing** means a bill will have a Public Hearing but the date of the Public Hearing is still to be determined.

**Change of Reference** means that the original committee is moving the bill to another committee without a Joint Favorable action.

**JF** means the committee reported the bill favorably to the House or Senate.

**JF Change of Reference** means the committee reported the bill favorably to another committee.

**JFS** means the committee reported the bill favorably to the House or Senate but with substitute language.

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A File Number (**File No.**) is a unique number given to a bill once it has reached the House or Senate Floor. A file copy of a bill with the file number has a plain-language description of what the bill’s provisions do, written by the Office of Legislative Research and a fiscal note that explains what the implementation of a bill would cost or save, written by the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

A House or Senate Calendar Number (**House Cal. No.** or **Senate Cal. No.**) also is a unique number that is given to a bill once it reaches the House or Senate Floor. This number is used to hold the bill’s place on either the House or Senate Calendar. If the bill is a House bill (H.B. No. 5000 or higher) or a Senate

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bill (S.B. No. 1 to 4999) it first gets a Calendar Number from the chamber the bill originated in. Once a House bill is passed in the House, it goes on to the Senate where it receives a Senate Calendar Number. Likewise once a Senate bill (with a Senate Calendar Number) passes the Senate, it goes to the House and receives a House Calendar Number.

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- **Bills Proposed by the Department of Developmental Services**

The Department of Developmental Services determined that for the 2019 legislative session DDS would not submit any legislative proposals. The **Public Health Committee** continues to be DDS's committee of cognizance and most bills that directly affect the department will be heard and voted on in that committee.

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- **Senate Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

**NOTE:** Bills that have been added to the list of bills since the last DDS Legislative Update have a red **N** in front of their listing.

**S.B. No. 1** (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE', to establish a paid family and medical leave system in Connecticut.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) Labor and Public Employees JFS to the Senate.

**N S.B. No. 2** (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE', to provide more economic security to Connecticut families by increasing the minimum fair wage.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

Proposed **S.B. No. 3** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT COMBATTING SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT', to combat sexual assault and sexual harassment.

REF. JUDICIARY Vote to Draft

**N S.B. No. 4** (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to require a study of the public health impact of people not taking their prescription medications, or not taking them as directed, because they cannot afford to pay for them.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 4, 2019](#)

**N S.B. No. 5** (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WORKFORCE PIPELINE AND JOB CREATION TASK FORCE', to establish a workforce pipeline and job creation task force to prepare the state's future workforce for well-paying manufacturing and technical jobs located in Connecticut.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

**S.B. No. 6** (COMM) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NET NEUTRALITY PRINCIPLES AND INTERNET PRIVACY', to require Internet service providers to register and pay registration fees and require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to apply net neutrality principles to Internet service providers and enforce such principles with civil penalties and to prohibit certain telecommunications companies, certified telecommunications providers, certified competitive video service providers and Internet service providers from collecting personal information from a customer resulting from the use of such company or provider without express written consent from such customer and refusing to provide services based on lack of such express written consent.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY [Public Hearing February 19, 2019](#)

Proposed **S.B. No. 9** SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT ADJUSTING FEES FOR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS', to reduce all existing fees for initial occupational licenses, certifications and registrations by seventy-five

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per cent and increase existing fees for renewals of such licenses, certifications and registrations to account for the lost revenue.

REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing February 19, 2019](#) Vote to Draft

Proposed [S.B. No. 12](#) SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY DRIVER REQUIREMENTS', to require a transportation network company driver to possess a Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 13, 2019](#)

**N [S.B. No. 15](#)** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS', to require health insurance coverage for motorized wheelchairs, including, but not limited to, used motorized wheelchairs, repairs to motorized wheelchairs and replacement batteries for motorized wheelchairs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#)

Proposed [S.B. No. 29](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BURDEN OF PROOF DURING ADVERSE DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEWS', to require that health carriers bear the burden of proving that certain health care services under adverse determination or utilization review are not medically necessary.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#) [S.B. No. 29](#) died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

**N [S.B. No. 33](#)** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to require health insurance policies providing coverage for prescription drugs to provide coverage for orally administered prescription drugs on a basis that is no less favorable than the basis on which such policies provide coverage for intravenously administered prescription drugs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#)

**N [S.B. No. 36](#)** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH CARRIERS FROM REQUIRING THE USE OF STEP THERAPY FOR DRUGS PRESCRIBED TO TREAT DISABLING, CHRONIC OR LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES OR CONDITIONS', to prohibit health carriers from requiring the use of step therapy for drugs prescribed to treat disabling, chronic or life-threatening diseases or conditions.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#)

**N [S.B. No. 37](#)** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF A PRESCRIBED DRUG DURING ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEWS AND EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCESSES', to require health insurance coverage of prescribed drugs during adverse determination reviews and external review processes.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#)

**N [S.B. No. 38](#)** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE TIME FRAME FOR URGENT CARE ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEW REQUESTS AND

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**EXPEDITED EXTERNAL REVIEWS'**, to reduce the time frame for urgent care adverse determination review requests and expedited external reviews from seventy-two to forty-eight hours.  
**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE** [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#) **Vote to Draft**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 39](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES DURING THE TERM OF CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES'**, to limit changes to prescription drug formularies during the term of certain health insurance policies.  
**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE** [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#) [S.B. No. 39](#) **died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 40](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING SITE-NEUTRAL PAYMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES'**, to require health carriers to include site-neutral payment provisions in provider contracts.  
**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE** [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#) [S.B. No. 40](#) **died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 41](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRETIONARY CLAUSES IN HEALTH INSURANCE AND DISABILITY INCOME POLICIES'**, to prohibit each insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation and health care center that delivers, issues for delivery or renews an insurance policy in this state from including in such policy a clause that reserves discretion to such company, society, corporation or center to interpret the terms of such policy in a manner that is, or to provide standards for the interpretation or review of such policy that are, inconsistent with the laws of this state.  
**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE** [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#) [S.B. No. 41](#) **died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 43](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH CARRIERS FROM DENYING COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN COVERED BENEFITS PROVIDED IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS'**, to provide that no health carrier that delivers, issues for delivery, renews, amends or continues a health insurance policy in this state shall deny coverage for a covered benefit provided to an insured in a hospital emergency room because the covered benefit could have been provided to the insured in another health care setting.  
**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE** [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#) [S.B. No. 43](#) **died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.**

**[S.B. No. 54](#) (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A LANDLORD'S ABILITY TO REVIEW CRIMINAL RECORDS RELATING TO A PROSPECTIVE TENANT'**, to assist individuals with prior criminal convictions to find adequate housing.  
**REF. HOUSING** [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#)

**Proposed [S.B. No. 63](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING TO ASSIST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES'**, to establish supported decision-making for persons with disabilities as an alternative to guardianship or conservatorship.  
**REF. JUDICIARY** **Vote to Draft**

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**N S.B. No. 64** (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS', to prohibit an employer from coercing employees into attending or participating in meetings sponsored by the employer concerning the employer's views on political or religious matters.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 5, 2019](#)

**S.B. No. 66** (COMM) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION OF ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CONFINED TO A STRETCHER', to allow temporary and permanent livery permit holders to use stretcher vans to transport elderly persons and persons with disabilities who must be transported on a stretcher.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 13, 2019](#)

**Proposed S.B. No. 124** SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CITIZENS IN NEED ACCOUNT', to establish a citizens in need account to receive charitable contributions to assist residents of this state who have had their benefits from state social services programs administered by the Department of Social Services reduced due to state budgetary constraints, and to provide a state tax deduction at the rate of two hundred per cent of the amount contributed to said account.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing February 13, 2019](#)

**N S.B. No. 134** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT OPENING THE STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN TO SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEES', to enable small businesses and small business employees to participate in the state employee health plan.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**N S.B. No. 157** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION EMPLOYEE STATE VEHICLE USE', to authorize employees of nonprofit organizations to use state fleet vehicles when not providing state services.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 27, 2019](#)

**N S.B. No. 164** (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCLUDING CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL INJURY" UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES', to expand workers' compensation coverage in certain situations that result in mental or emotional impairment.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 26, 2019](#)

**Proposed S.B. No. 212** SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING BANKS TO NOTIFY CUSTOMERS BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS AND AFTER ACCOUNT OVERDRAFTS', to require banks to notify customers before automatic payments or transfers from the customer's account expire and immediately after the customer's account is overdrawn.

REF. BANKING Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [S.B. No. 212](#) died in the Banking Committee.



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**[N S.B. No. 273](#) (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEBT-FREE COLLEGE', to enable in-state recent high school graduates enrolled in regional community-technical colleges to graduate without student loans and to implement a program to encourage residents to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.  
REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT [Public Hearing February 28, 2019](#)**

**[N S.B. No. 327](#) (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY AMBULANCE SERVICES AT AN IN-NETWORK LEVEL AND PROHIBITING BALANCE BILLING FOR SUCH SERVICES', to require health insurance coverage for medically necessary ambulance services at an in-network level, including, but not limited to, at an in-network level of cost sharing, and prohibit balance billing for such services.  
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#)**

**[N S.B. No. 330](#) (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EQUAL ENJOYMENT OF THE HIGHEST ATTAINABLE STANDARD OF HEALTH', to express the General Assembly's finding that equal enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is a human right and a priority of this state.  
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#)**

**[N S.B. No. 358](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES', to require employers to allow employees time away from work to vote on the day of an election.  
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 359](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT EXTENDING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS TO EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESSES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE', to extend whistleblower protections to employees of businesses who receive economic development financial assistance from the state.  
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 21, 2019](#) Vote to Draft**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 367](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY', to establish a task force to study the needs of persons with intellectual disability and give it sufficient time to issue a report.  
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 25, 2019](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 367](#)**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 372](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF RESOURCES TO GUARDIANS OF ADULT CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY', to provide additional resources to those providing care to adult children with intellectual disability.  
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 25, 2019](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 372](#) Vote to Draft**



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Proposed [S.B. No. 393](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' LEVEL OF NEED ASSESSMENT', to bring Connecticut's level of need assessment in line with up-to-date medical assessment policies.  
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 25, 2019](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 393](#) Vote to Draft

[S.B. No. 394](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL ON PROTECTING WOMEN'S HEALTH', to ensure quality health care for women.  
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 4, 2019](#)

[S.B. No. 396](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY', to require a medical examiner to make a determination as to whether a deceased person with epilepsy suffered a sudden, unexpected death in epilepsy.  
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 25, 2019](#)

Proposed [S.B. No. 424](#) SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CAMERA VIDEO SYSTEMS INSIDE SCHOOL BUSES AND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS', to ensure the safety of children with special needs by permitting the installation of camera video systems inside school buses or student transportation vehicles used for their transportation.  
REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 13, 2019](#)

[S.B. No. 435](#) (COMM) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS MAKING EDUCATION LOAN PAYMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES', to provide a tax credit for employers that make education loan payments for employees.  
REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT [Public Hearing February 28, 2019](#)

Proposed [S.B. No. 440](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. FONFARA, 1st DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS', to prohibit an employer from coercing employees into attending or participating in meetings sponsored by the employer concerning the employer's views on political or religious matters.  
REF. JUDICIARY Vote to Draft

Proposed [S.B. No. 475](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE SALES TAX RATE AND DEDICATING THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO MUNICIPALITIES', to increase municipal revenue.  
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing February 13, 2019](#)

Proposed [S.B. No. 658](#) SEN. ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. COHEN, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS', to provide adequate notice to employers when an employee files for unemployment compensation benefits.  
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing February 26, 2019](#)

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**[N S.B. No. 682](#)** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE REPORTING OF WASTEFUL PRACTICES', to offer a financial incentive for state employees who report wasteful spending within the government.

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

**[N S.B. No. 683](#)** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENTS OF STATE CONTRACTORS BY THIRD-PARTY ENTITIES', to create a monetary penalty for third-party entities that fail to make timely payments to state contractors.

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

Proposed **[S.B. No. 697](#)** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS IN THE WORKPLACE', to prohibit the silencing of victims in the workplace and to prevent sexual harassment by repeat offenders.

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) Vote to Draft**

Proposed **[S.B. No. 698](#)** SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLAINTS OF WORKPLACE VIOLENCE OR ABUSIVE CONDUCT INVOLVING STATE EMPLOYEES', to require that the Department of Administrative Services report the number of complaints of bullying or abusive conduct involving state employees to the Governor and the General Assembly.

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 21, 2019](#) Vote to Draft**

**[N S.B. No. 706](#)** (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EPINEPHRINE AUTO INJECTORS', to increase access to epinephrine auto injectors.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 4, 2019](#)**

Proposed **[S.B. No. 761](#)** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST AN EMPLOYER WHO FAILS TO PROVIDE HONEST RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN ASKED TO PROVIDE A REFERENCE FOR A JOB APPLICANT', to ensure that an individual who provides a reference for an employee does not intentionally conceal information concerning acts of sexual harassment or assault committed by the employee.

**REF. JUDICIARY Vote to Draft**

**[N S.B. No. 764](#)** (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING "ON-CALL" SHIFT SCHEDULING', to prohibit the practice of on-call shift scheduling.

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)**

Proposed **[S.B. No. 765](#)** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT ENSURING FAIR AND EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK', to ensure all employees receive fair and equal pay for equal work.

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) Vote to Draft**

Proposed **[S.B. No. 792](#)** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF GENDER

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**IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION THAT OCCURS IN STATE WORKPLACES AND SCHOOLS'**, to establish a task force that shall examine how state laws may be enhanced in order to strengthen protections against discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression that occurs in workplaces and schools.

REF. JUDICIARY **Vote to Draft**

**S.B. No. 804 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE OMBUDSMAN TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING RECIPIENTS OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES'**, to expand the investigatory oversight of the State Ombudsman to include home and community-based services.

REF. AGING **Public Hearing February 19, 2019** Committee on Aging JFS to the Senate.

**S.B. No. 807 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES'**, to make technical revisions to the public health statutes.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **Public Hearing February 11, 2019** Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate.

**S.B. No. 818 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT ALLOWING FOR THE DEDUCTION OF COURT-APPROVED CONSERVATOR AND FIDUCIARY EXPENSES FROM MEDICAID APPLIED INCOME'**, to allow for the deduction of court-approved conservator and fiduciary expenses from the amount of a Medicaid recipient's income applied to the cost of his or her care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 19, 2019**

**S.B. No. 827 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA TRAINING AND BEST PRACTICES'**, to require certain health care professionals who provide primary care or emergency treatment for adults to receive training in recognizing the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and dementia and to establish a working group to develop recommendations on improving the care of Alzheimer's disease and dementia patients.

REF. AGING **Public Hearing February 19, 2019** Committee on Aging JFS to the Senate.

**S.B. No. 832 (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRIES OF PERSONS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSAULTS OR OTHER ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION OR ABANDONMENT OF ELDERLY PERSONS OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES'**, to provide the public with access to a searchable database of perpetrators of crimes and other substantiated abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment of elderly persons or persons with disabilities.

REF. AGING **Public Hearing February 19, 2019** **DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 832** Committee on Aging JF to the Senate.

**S.B. No. 834 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH SMITH-MAGENIS SYNDROME'**, to require a study of what state services are being offered and may be available to children suffering from Smith-Magenis Syndrome.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 19, 2019** **DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 834**

**S.B. No. 836 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT HOLDING HARMLESS MEDICAID CLIENTS AND PROVIDERS AFFECTED BY AGENCY COMPUTER ERRORS'**, to prohibit

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penalties against Medicaid providers or clients due to delays or errors caused by the conversion by the Department of Social Services to a new computer system.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 28, 2019](#)

**[S.B. No. 838](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND COST-SHARING FOR MAMMOGRAMS AND BREAST ULTRASOUNDS'**, to (1) eliminate cost-sharing for certain mammograms and breast ultrasounds, and (2) require health insurance coverage for (A) a baseline mammogram for any woman who is thirty years of age or older, (B) an annual mammogram for any woman who receives a recommendation from such woman's treating physician and (i) is thirty years of age or older, (ii) has a family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, or (iii) has a prior personal history of breast disease diagnosed through biopsy as benign, and (C) comprehensive breast ultrasound screening for any woman who receives a recommendation from such woman's treating physician and (i) is thirty years of age or older, (ii) has a family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, or (iii) has a prior personal history of breast disease diagnosed through biopsy as benign.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 21, 2019](#)

**[S.B. No. 844](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEGAL TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS AND THE FEES CHARGED BY COURT REPORTERS'**, to standardize legal transcript requirements and the fees charged by court reporters.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing February 22, 2019](#)

**[N S.B. No. 876](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES'**, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing March 15, 2019](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 876](#)

**[N S.B. No. 877](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET'**, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing March 15, 2019](#)

**[N S.B. No. 878](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT ENHANCING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS'**, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

**[N S.B. No. 881](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM'**, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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**[N S.B. No. 891](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT', to reorganize statutes related to the failure to report suspected child abuse and neglect.**

**REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 28, 2019](#)**

**[N S.B. No. 895](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF IN-HOME COUNSELING PROVIDED BY A HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCY', to provide Medicaid coverage for behavioral counseling provided to Medicaid beneficiaries in their homes by licensed social workers employed by home health care agencies.**

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 26, 2018](#)**

**[N S.B. No. 897](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MEDICAID RECIPIENT'S RIGHT TO SELECT A CAREGIVER', to allow a Medicaid beneficiary who directs his or her own care to choose a qualified caregiver regardless of whether such caregiver is an employee of an agency that has a contract with the Department of Social Services.**

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 26, 2018](#)**

**[N S.B. No. 902](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS', to require certain high deductible health plans, to the maximum extent permitted by federal law, to: (1) Apply annual deductibles on a calendar year basis; (2) prorate annual deductibles to reflect (A) the portion of the calendar year during which coverage under such plans is effective, and (B) a deduction for payments made by individuals covered under such plans while such individuals were covered under other high deductible health plans during such year; (3) provide deductions for in-network and out-of-network covered benefits; and (4) not apply (A) increased annual deductibles solely because such plans provide family coverage, or (B) annual deductibles that vary solely due to family size.**

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 28, 2019](#)**

**[N S.B. No. 905](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SURPRISE BILLING AND REIMBURSEMENTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUT-OF-NETWORK FACILITY-BASED PROVIDERS', to: (1) Subject certain bills for emergency services to, and modify the forms of cost-sharing that qualify for protection under, provisions concerning surprise billing; and (2) modify the manner in which reimbursements for emergency services provided by out-of-network facility-based providers are calculated and paid.**

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 27, 2019](#)**

**[N S.B. No. 913](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR THE PROSECUTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT', to extend to ten years the statute of limitations for the prosecution of certain sexual assault crimes.**

**REF. JUDICIARY**

**[N S.B. No. 917](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS', to redefine "privatization contract" and "state contracting agency", modify the quorum requirement of the State Contracting Standards Board, impose additional**



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requirements on proposed privatization contracts and require the Auditors of Public Accounts to issue compliance reports regarding staffing levels of the State Contracting Standards Board.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 27, 2019](#)

**[N S.B. No. 920](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES'**, to implement the recommendations of the Department of Public Health regarding various revisions to the public health statutes.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

**[N S.B. No. 921](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES'**, to update the general statutes to reflect the current scope of practice of advanced practice registered nurses.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 4, 2019](#)

**[N S.B. No. 923](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ALLOWING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR REGULATED PROFESSIONALS'**, to allow behavior analysts to participate in the professional assistance program for regulated professionals.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 4, 2019](#)

**[N S.B. No. 938](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS'**, to require each state agency to follow any order, denial or decree of a Probate Court that is applicable to a determination made by the state agency, and clarify that a state agency has standing to appeal any such order, denial or decree to the Superior Court with respect to such order's applicability to the state agency's determination.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 6, 2019](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 938](#)

**[N S.B. No. 939](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PSYCHIATRIC COMMITMENT EVALUATIONS'**, to: (1) Reduce the number of physician evaluations required by the Probate Court when a petition for involuntary commitment to a psychiatric hospital is filed; and (2) provide statutory immunity for the court-appointed psychiatrist who conducts such evaluation.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 6, 2019](#)

**[N S.B. No. 943](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID TREATMENT OF AN INACCESSIBLE ASSET'**, to allow a person to become eligible for Medicaid if he or she otherwise qualifies but for one inaccessible asset that cannot be liquidated in fewer than thirty days.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**[N S.B. No. 945](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES'**, to provide a financial incentive for nonprofit providers to provide cost-efficient and innovative state-funded human services by allowing them to keep a percentage of savings from the contracted cost and reinvest the savings in services.

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REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**N [S.B. No. 946](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEADLINES APPLICABLE TO HEARING DECISIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES'**, to clarify the deadline for the Department of Social Services to issue a final decision on an administrative appeal and remedies when the department fails to meet the deadline.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**N [S.B. No. 964](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS'**, to make various changes to the general statutes affecting both civil and criminal court proceedings.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 6, 2019](#)

**N [S.B. No. 966](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF PSYCHOLOGISTS'**, to allow licensed psychologists to apply for certification from the Department of Public Health to prescribe, administer and dispense drugs and controlled substances.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

**N [S.B. No. 984](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM ESSENTIAL HEALTH COVERAGE, TAXATION OF HEALTH CARRIERS AND RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE AND THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE'**, to: (1) Establish a minimum essential health coverage requirement; (2) require the Commissioner of Revenue Services to develop methods to enforce such requirement and design a tax credit to offset the cost of health insurance; (3) impose a tax on certain health carriers for net direct premiums; (4) establish the "Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange Fund"; (5) require certain insurers, health care centers, fraternal benefit societies, hospital service corporations, medical service corporations and other entities that transact health insurance business in this state or administer state health plans to offer not fewer than one qualified health plan through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange; and (6) require the Office of Health Strategy to study the possible implementation of state-financed health insurance premium and cost-sharing subsidies and a reinsurance program.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**N [S.B. No. 1003](#) (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS'**, to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags in the state.

REF. ENVIRONMENT [Public Hearing March 11, 2019](#)

**N [S.B. No. 1004](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC INSURANCE OPTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEES'**, to enable small businesses and small business employees to participate in the state employee health plan.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

**N [S.B. No. 1005](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEFINITIONS, CERTIFICATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS'**, to (1) make technical revisions to distinguish references to emergency medical service organizations and personnel, (2) allow ambulance services to add a branch



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location, and (3) require emergency medical services personnel to initiate, renew and maintain certifications through national curriculum and testing requirements.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

**[N S.B. No. 1006](#) (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE PHARMACY AND DRUG CONTROL STATUTES',** to make various revisions to pharmacy and drug control statutes.

**REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing March 12, 2019](#)**

**[N S.B. No. 1035](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING DEEMED STATUS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS',** to reduce costs for nonprofit providers by providing a means for them to forgo duplicative state licensing requirements for certain license and certificate renewals if they are accredited by an accepted national accrediting body that has requirements more stringent than the state's requirements.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

**[N S.B. No. 1038](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DUE TO AN EMPLOYER OTHER THAN THE STATE UNDER THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS',** to apply substantial conflict of interest provisions in the state code of ethics for public officials and state employees to conflicts involving the public official's or state employee's nonstate employer or spouse's employer.

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

**[N S.B. No. 1040](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE EMPLOYEE CAMPAIGN',** to modify the functions of and appointments to the State Employee Campaign Committee, remove references to federations and impose additional requirements on participating charitable organizations.

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

**[N S.B. No. 1041](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS',** to implement the recommendations of the Auditors of Public Accounts contained in their 2018 annual report.

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

**[N S.B. No. 1051](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT STRENGTHENING HOME CARE SERVICES',** to improve home care services by requiring certain training levels, background checks and a directory of home care workers.

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES**

**[N S.B. No. 1052](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES',** to require the Commissioner of Social Services to expand Medicaid coverage of telehealth services state wide whenever such coverage meets federal Medicaid requirements for efficiency, economy and quality of care.

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES**

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**N S.B. No. 1054 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED'**, to (1) establish the offenses of smoking or otherwise inhaling or ingesting a cannabis-type substance while operating a motor vehicle and smoking a cannabis-type substance as a passenger in a motor vehicle as class C misdemeanors, (2) provide immunity to certain persons withdrawing blood for a blood alcohol test, (3) provide that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may suspend driving privileges of and require the use of an ignition interlock device by a surviving operator of a motor vehicle who has an elevated blood alcohol content based on a blood, breath or urine sample of such operator involved in an accident resulting in the serious physical injury or death of a person, and (4) clarify and improve the effectiveness of the statutes prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**REF. JUDICIARY**

**S.J. No. 14 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT EARLY VOTING'**, to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the state to permit early in-person voting.

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

**N S.J. No. 27 (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ALLOWING FOR NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING'**

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

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- **House Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

**NOTE:** Bills that have been added to the list of bills since the last DDS Legislative Update have a red **N** in front of their listing.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5001](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT ENSURING THAT STUDENTS IN THIS STATE RECEIVE HIGH-QUALITY SKILLS TRAINING', to ensure that students in this state receive high-quality skills training in order to achieve well-paying careers in this state.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT [Public Hearing February 5, 2019](#) Vote to Draft

Proposed [H.B. No. 5002](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; et al.. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GREEN NEW DEAL', to create new programs concerning and to provide funding for energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainability and resiliency.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY [Public Hearing February 21, 2019](#) Vote to Draft

[H.B. No. 5003](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A PAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM', to establish a paid family and medical leave system in Connecticut.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS to the House.

**N** [H.B. No. 5004](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE', to provide more economic security to Connecticut families by increasing the minimum fair wage.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**N** [H.B. No. 5005](#) (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM AND EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE STATE'S SET-ASIDE PROGRAM FOR SMALL CONTRACTORS', to (1) extend the angel investor tax credit program for five years; (2) increase the aggregate amount of angel investor tax credits that may be reserved annually by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated from three million dollars to five million dollars; (3) increase the maximum total tax credits allowed to an angel investor from two hundred fifty thousand dollars to five hundred thousand dollars; (4) prioritize angel investments in veteran-owned, women-owned or minority-owned businesses and businesses owned by individuals with disabilities; and (5) expand eligibility for the state's set-aside program for small contractors.

REF. COMMERCE [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#)

**N** [H.B. No. 5007](#) (COMM) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDENT LOAN REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES IN HIGH-DEMAND FIELDS', to examine the creation of a student loan reimbursement program through

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public-private partnerships to attract skilled labor to the state and meet the hiring needs of private sector employers in the state.

REF. COMMERCE [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 5019](#)** (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIVE-CENT TAX ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS', to encourage consumer use of reusable bags.

REF. ENVIRONMENT [Public Hearing March 11, 2019](#)

Proposed **[H.B. No. 5156](#)** REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING FOR INCIDENTS INVOLVING JUVENILES WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AND NONVERBAL LEARNING DISORDER', to require first responders to receive training on techniques for handling incidents involving juveniles with autism spectrum disorder and nonverbal learning disorder.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) **Vote to Draft**

Proposed **[H.B. No. 5158](#)** REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHS ON REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS', to prevent the abuse of removable windshield placards by requiring photo identification on such placards.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 13, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 5165](#)** (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PROSPECTIVE YOUTH CAMP EMPLOYEES', to require youth camps to conduct background checks of prospective employees.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 5213](#)** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT EXPANDING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS', to expand required health insurance coverage for hearing aids to individuals older than twelve years of age.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#)

**[H.B. No. 5335](#)** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REMOVAL FROM PARTY ENROLLMENT LISTS', to prohibit the discretionary erasure or exclusion from party enrollment lists by local party officials.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 15, 2019](#) **Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House.**

**N [H.B. No. 5385](#)** (COMM) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS', to reduce litter in parks, waterways and urban areas and to create cost savings in the recycling process.

REF. ENVIRONMENT [Public Hearing March 11, 2019](#)

Proposed **[H.B. No. 5407](#)** REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS THAT PROVIDE PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE BENEFITS AND A FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACCOUNTS PROGRAM', to establish a tax credit for employers that provide paid family and medical

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leave benefits and to authorize the Treasurer to establish a family and medical leave benefits accounts program.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing March 4, 2019](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5411](#) REP. BUCKBEE, 67th DIST. 'AN ACT REESTABLISHING THE JOB EXPANSION TAX CREDIT AND PROGRAM', to reestablish the job expansion tax credit and program.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing March 4, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 5418](#)** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD', to implement the recommendations of the State Contracting Standards Board contained in their 2018 report.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5442](#) REP. MICHEL, 146th DIST.; REP. ELLIOTT, 88th DIST. 'AN ACT ADDING CHRONIC PAIN AS A DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITION FOR THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA BY A QUALIFYING PATIENT', to allow the palliative use of marijuana for qualifying patients with chronic pain.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 11, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 5500](#)** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING POLICIES TO LIMIT STATE FLEET VEHICLE USE', to prohibit any policies governing state fleet vehicle use from being superseded by subsequent collective bargaining agreements.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 27, 2019](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5504](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. LINEHAN, 103rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NET ECONOMIC VALUE OF STATE CONTRACTS', to consider the potential state revenue from awarding contracts to businesses hiring Connecticut employees as part of the state contracting process.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS **Vote to Draft**

**N [H.B. No. 5505](#)** (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UPDATING OF STATE FORMS AND APPLICATIONS TO INCLUDE A NONBINARY GENDER OPTION', to require all state agency forms and applications to be updated with a nonbinary gender option.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

**N [H.B. No. 5521](#)** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT EXPANDING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREEXISTING CONDITIONS', to (1) redefine "preexisting conditions provision" to include preexisting conditions regardless of whether medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment was recommended or received for such conditions prior to the effective date of coverage under a health insurance policy or plan, (2) require short-term insurance policies to exclude the same preexisting conditions provision as other individual and group health

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insurance policies, and (3) repeal redundant exceptions concerning mandatory coverage for breast cancer survivors.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 5, 2019](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5559](#) REP. LINEHAN, 103rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER WHEN INTERACTING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS', to allow a person with autism spectrum disorder to obtain a motor vehicle operator's license or identity card with a blue frame around the photograph and alert law enforcement officers that such person has autism spectrum disorder.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 13, 2019](#)

**N** [H.B. No. 5627](#) (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD A CHILD, STEPCHILD OR OTHER DEPENDENT CHILD MAY RETAIN DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER A PARENT'S HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY', to allow children, stepchildren and other dependent children to retain dental insurance coverage under their parents' insurance policies until they attain the age of twenty-six or obtain substitute coverage through an employer.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 5, 2019](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5637](#) REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CLEAR AND CONSPICUOUS STATEMENTS REGARDING STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RIGHT TO OPT OUT OF UNION MEMBERSHIP', to provide clear notice of a state or municipal employee's right to choose not to be a member of a union.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 21, 2019](#) [H.B. No. 5637](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5654](#) REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING DENTISTS TO PERFORM CERTAIN FACIAL THERAPIES AS PART OF THEIR DENTAL PRACTICE', to allow dentists to perform certain facial therapies as part of their dental practice.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 11, 2019](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5703](#) REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF CURRENCY AS PAYMENT IN LOCAL BUSINESSES', to allow consumers to be able to use cash as payment in Connecticut businesses.

REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing February 19, 2019](#) Vote to Draft

Proposed [H.B. No. 5712](#) REP. MCGEE, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT CLEAN SLATE LAW', to provide for the automatic sealing of a person's criminal record for certain offenses after seven years.

REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#) [H.B. No. 5712](#) died in the Committee on Housing.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5740](#) REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES', to permit municipalities to regulate handicapped parking spaces to ensure the availability of ample handicapped parking.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT [Public Hearing February 13, 2019](#) Vote to Draft



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**[N H.B. No. 5850](#)** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE ANIMALS', to require health insurance coverage for the purchase of service animals.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#)

Proposed **[H.B. No. 5883](#)** REP. WINKLER, 56th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DETOXIFICATION FOR CERTAIN INJURED EMPLOYEES', to require that each workers' compensation insurance policy in this state provide coverage for detoxification for each injured employee who, as a result of a covered injury sustained by such employee, consumes opioid drugs for a continuous period of not less than one year.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing February 26, 2019](#) Vote to Draft

**[H.B. No. 5898](#)** (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS', to provide aid in dying to terminally ill patients.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Vote to Draft

Proposed **[H.B. No. 5902](#)** REP. HENNESSY, 127th DIST.; REP. STAFSTROM, 129th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE', to require the Department of Public Health to determine the formulary for naturopathic physicians.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing February 25, 2019](#)

Proposed **[H.B. No. 6079](#)** REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING FUNCTIONING SMOKE DETECTORS IN ALL RESIDENTIAL HOMES', to require functioning smoke detectors in all residential homes.

REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) **[H.B. No. 6079](#)** died in the Committee on Housing.

**[N H.B. No. 6088](#)** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTING HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS AND DENTISTS, DENTAL PLANS AND PROCEDURES', to subject dentists, dental plans and procedures to fee transparency requirements that apply to contracts between other providers and contracting health organizations.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#)

**[N H.B. No. 6096](#)** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO HEALTH INSURERS' LISTS OF COVERED OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to limit when health insurers may change lists of covered outpatient prescription drugs during a policy term.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#)

**[N H.B. No. 6111](#)** (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING EMPLOYERS TO ENROLL EMPLOYEES IN DIRECT PAYCHECK DEPOSIT PROGRAMS', to allow employers to control their costs of doing business by allowing them to automatically enroll their employees into direct paycheck deposit programs.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#)



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Proposed [H.B. No. 6113](#) REP. SLAP, 19th DIST.; REP. RILEY, 46th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS FROM INQUIRING ABOUT DATE OF BIRTH OR DATE OF GRADUATION ON EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS', to reduce age discrimination in job hiring. REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) Vote to Draft

Proposed [H.B. No. 6159](#) REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MULTIPLE BACKGROUND CHECKS ON INDIVIDUALS', to provide that an individual who satisfactorily undergoes a state and national criminal history records check is not required to undergo another one for any other purpose under the general statutes for one year. REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) [H.B. No. 6159](#) died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6162](#) REP. CASE, 63rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FLEET REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES', to ease the process for nonprofit organizations and businesses to register the motor vehicles owned by such organizations and businesses by permitting the fleet registration of such motor vehicles. REF. TRANSPORTATION Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing February 27, 2019](#)

[H.B. No. 6168](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY A CONSERVED PERSON'S RIGHT TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS' [File No. 10](#), House Cal. No. 21, to establish a task force to study how best to ensure the rights of conserved persons to interact with others. REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) Committee on Aging JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 6171](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-FUNDED STATE PROGRAMS' [File No. 13](#), House Cal. No. 24, to study the efficacy of Medicaid-funded programs. REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) Committee on Aging JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 6173](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM', to expand eligibility for the Alzheimer's disease respite care program. REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) Committee on Aging JFS to the House.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6283](#) REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UTILIZATION OF BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES', to require the Office of Policy and Management to include in the inventories of state real property the number of state employees per square foot in buildings occupied by executive branch agencies. REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 15, 2019](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 6289](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CERTAIN PERSONS LIVING WITH AN EMOTIONAL SUPPORT ANIMAL AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR

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**MISREPRESENTING THE STATUS OF SUCH ANIMAL'**, to (1) provide reasonable accommodations for certain persons with mental and emotional disabilities who live with an emotional support animal, and (2) establish penalties for misrepresenting the status of such animal.

**REF. HOUSING** [Public Hearing February 14, 2019 H.B. No. 6289](#) died in the Committee on Housing.

**Proposed H.B. No. 6352** REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ZONING OF COMMUNITY RESIDENCES AND CHILDCARE RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES'**', to clarify the siting restriction placed upon community residences and childcare residential facilities pursuant to said section.

**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT** [Public Hearing February 13, 2019 DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 6352](#) Vote to Draft

**H.B. No. 6365** (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. '**AN ACT ALLOWING PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND THEIR FAMILIES TO ACCESS THE REGISTRY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES EMPLOYEES WHO WERE TERMINATED OR SEPARATED FROM EMPLOYMENT AS A RESULT OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT'**', to allow persons with intellectual disability and their families to access the abuse and neglect registry of former Department of Developmental Services employees.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** [Public Hearing March 4, 2019 DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 6365](#)

**Proposed H.B. No. 6527** REP. CURREY, 11th DIST. '**AN ACT REQUIRING ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT OVER GROUP HOMES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES'**', to provide additional oversight over group homes.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** [Public Hearing March 4, 2019 DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 6527](#)

**Proposed H.B. No. 6530** REP. ALTOBELLO, 82nd DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ALL BUILDINGS OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT'**', to require that all buildings owned or managed by the state of Connecticut to have at least one centrally located automatic external defibrillator available in the event of an emergency.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing February 25, 2019](#) Vote to Draft

**N H.B. No. 6544** (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. '**AN ACT PROHIBITING DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER GENETIC TESTING COMPANIES FROM SHARING GENETIC DATA WITH HEALTH CARRIERS OR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES'**', to require direct-to-consumer genetic testing companies to keep consumer genetic data confidential.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** [Public Hearing February 25, 2019](#)

**Proposed H.B. No. 6580** REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING ILLEGAL PARKING IN A SPACE RESERVED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES'**', to strengthen parking laws for persons who are blind or persons with disabilities by increasing the fine for a violation.

**REF. TRANSPORTATION** [Public Hearing February 13, 2019](#)

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**Proposed [H.B. No. 6601](#) REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DATA PRIVACY AND MINORS', to (1) require Internet social media platforms to remove content created by individuals under the age of eighteen at such individuals' request, and (2) prohibit such platforms and Internet web sites that primarily engage minors from advertising products or services (A) that are illegal for minors to purchase, and (B) if such advertising is targeted toward a minor based on personal information collected regarding such minor.**

**REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) [H.B. No. 6601](#) died in the Committee on Children**

**N [H.B. No. 6666](#) (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROMPT PAYMENT OF CONTRACTORS', to exempt parties of certain commercial and state set-aside construction contracts from statutory prompt payment provisions if they explicitly agree to different payment terms in a written construction contract, and to shorten the time periods for required payment of general contractors and subcontractors on both public and private construction contracts from thirty days to twenty-five days, in certain cases.**

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 27, 2019](#)**

**N [H.B. No. 6667](#) (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO STATE AGENCY DATA HELD BY STATE CONTRACTORS', to permit the Auditors of Public Accounts to access any information concerning a state agency that is held by a state contractor and to require state contracts to contain a provision authorizing state agencies to access any of their data held by a contractor.**

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 27, 2019](#)**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 6697](#) REP. GILCHREST, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSIBILITY OF STATEMENTS MADE BY A PERSON WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY IN A CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE PROCEEDING', to require that a statement made by a person with an intellectual or developmental disability, including autism, at the time of the offense be admissible in a criminal or juvenile proceeding.**

**REF. JUDICIARY**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 6731](#) REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; REP. SANTIAGO, 130th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE', to create a paid family and medical leave program for certain employees.**

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 6739](#) REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS FROM PAYING DISABLED EMPLOYEES LESS THAN MINIMUM WAGE', to prohibit employers from paying disabled employees less than the state-prescribed minimum wage.**

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) [DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 6739](#) [H.B. No. 6739](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.**

**N [H.B. No. 6892](#) (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT', to specify**

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certain fair housing goals in the state's consolidated plan for housing and community development and to report progress made toward such goals.

REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 6896](#) REP. PAVALOCK-D'AMATO, 77th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN ABLE-BODIED MEDICAID RECIPIENTS TO WORK OR VOLUNTEER THEIR SERVICES', to foster employment and voluntarism among certain eligible Medicaid recipients.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 6910](#) REP. MACLACHLAN, 35th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPROVING ANTI-HARASSMENT TRAINING OF EMPLOYEES', to improve anti-harassment training of employees and increase penalties for employers that fail to protect employees from harassment at work.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 6916](#) REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING REMEDIES AND POTENTIAL LIABILITY FOR UNREASONABLY CONTESTED OR DELAYED WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS', to (1) prevent injured workers from losing their jobs due to undue delay in care, (2) limit the number of times doctors and attorneys attend hearings to ensure injured workers receive timely medical care, (3) prevent injured workers from going on long-term disability and losing their jobs, (4) help employers retain well-trained staff, and (5) prevent shifting the cost of workers' compensation insurance coverage to the Medicaid program.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 26, 2019](#) Vote to Draft

Proposed [H.B. No. 6920](#) REP. WILSON, 66th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION COSTS', to address state employee pension costs.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 6921](#) REP. PORTER, 94th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION BASED ON A PERSON'S CRIMINAL HISTORY', to prohibit discrimination based on a person's criminal history.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing February 26, 2019](#) Vote to Draft

Proposed [H.B. No. 6930](#) REP. D'AGOSTINO, 91st DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNION ACCESS TO AND NOTIFICATION OF NEW PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORIENTATIONS', to provide unions with access to and notice of employee orientations for new public employees.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing February 21, 2019](#) [H.B. No. 6930](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6935](#) REP. D'AGOSTINO, 91st DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE TO JOIN OR SUPPORT A UNION', to provide guidelines for employers issuing mass communications to employees regarding the rights of employees to join unions and to prohibit public employees from discouraging employees or applicants from becoming or remaining members of a union or being represented by one.

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**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing February 21, 2019](#) Vote to Draft**

**[H.B. No. 6942](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND PHYSICIANS', to allow for a collaborative relationship between physician assistants and physicians.**

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 4, 2019](#)**

**[H.B. No. 6943](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES' [File No. 7](#), House Cal. No. 20, to allow medical assistants to administer vaccines.**

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 4, 2019](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the House.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 6951](#) REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMUNICATION NEEDS OF PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, OR DEAF-BLIND IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS', to address the communication needs of persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or deaf-blind in emergency situations.**

**REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) [H.B. No. 6951](#) died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 6957](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN STATE BUILDINGS TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to ensure that state buildings being renovated or buildings being leased to the state are accessible to persons with disabilities.**

**REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) Vote to Draft**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 6972](#) REP. CONCEPCION, 4th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING INCENTIVES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION', to establish incentives for state employees to use public transportation and thereby increase ridership, alleviate traffic and parking congestion and reduce carbon emissions.**

**REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 13, 2019](#)**

**[H.B. No. 7001](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYERS OF THE PLACEMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE ON THE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY', to (1) require the Commissioner of Children and Families to make a reasonable effort to determine whether an individual against whom a recommended finding of responsibility for abuse or neglect of a child has been made is employed in a capacity that requires the individual to have regular contact with children and provide services to or on behalf of children, and (2) make a reasonable effort to notify the employer of an individual whose name has been placed on the child abuse and neglect registry if such individual has regular contact with children and provides services to or on behalf of children.**

**REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 7, 2019](#) Committee on Children JFS to the House.**



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Proposed [H.B. No. 7043](#) REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BREASTFEEDING IN THE WORKPLACE', to support women in the workforce who wish to breastfeed.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 14, 2019](#) Vote to Draft

**N** [H.B. No. 7044](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE', to clarify provisions regarding sexual harassment prevention training, permitted defenses regarding sexual harassment complaints, and calculation of damages and corrective action in sexual harassment complaint proceedings.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 5, 2019](#)

[H.B. No. 7071](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS CARING FOR ELDERLY PERSONS, CHILDREN OR DISABLED PERSONS' File No. 28, House Cal. No. 35, to provide financial relief for caregivers.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 19, 2019](#)

**N** [H.B. No. 7087](#) (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF THE TRIENNIAL AUDIT OF STATE CONTRACTING AGENCIES BY THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD', to authorize the State Contracting Standards Board to submit its triennial audit report of state contracting agencies and any agency response to such report to certain legislative committees.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 27, 2019](#) Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 7092](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE KATIE BECKETT WAIVER PROGRAM', to increase the number of persons served under the Katie Beckett Waiver Program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 19, 2019](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 7093](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to study and develop recommendations to increase employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 19, 2019](#) [DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 7093](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 7099](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM RATIO OF DIRECT CARE STAFF IN NURSING HOMES' File No. 30, House Cal. No. 37, to increase the minimum number of hours nurses and nurse's aides spend on patient care at nursing homes.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 19, 2019](#) Committee on Aging JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 7100](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONEMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS' File No. 31, House Cal. No. 38, to provide transportation, if available, for nursing home residents to visit their families nearby.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 19, 2019](#) Committee on Aging JF to the House.

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**H.B. No. 7104** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF THE CONNECTICUT UNIFORM TRUST CODE', to modernize Connecticut trust law in order to allow the state to remain economically competitive, create jobs and retain businesses in the state.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing February 15, 2019](#)

**H.B. No. 7123** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELEPHONE WAIT TIMES FOR PERSONS CONTACTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to reduce telephone wait times for persons contacting the Department of Social Services to reach a staff member.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 28, 2019](#)

**H.B. No. 7124** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MAMMOGRAMS AND BREAST ULTRASOUNDS', to require health insurance coverage for (1) a baseline mammogram for any woman who is thirty years of age or older, (2) an annual mammogram for any woman who receives a recommendation from such woman's treating physician and (A) is thirty years of age or older, (B) has a family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, or (C) has a prior personal history of breast disease diagnosed through biopsy as benign, and (3) comprehensive breast ultrasound screening for any woman who receives a recommendation from such woman's treating physician and (A) is thirty years of age or older, (B) has a family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, or (C) has a prior personal history of breast disease diagnosed through biopsy as benign.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 21, 2019](#)

**H.B. No. 7125** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PARITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER BENEFITS, NONQUANTITATIVE TREATMENT LIMITATIONS, DRUGS PRESCRIBED FOR THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES', to (1) require each health carrier to submit an annual report concerning parity for mental health and substance use disorder benefits, (2) require the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance to conduct an annual public hearing concerning such report, (3) require nonquantitative treatment limitations to be applied equally to mental health and substance use disorder benefits and medical and surgical benefits under certain health insurance policies, (4) require health insurance coverage for (A) prescription drugs prescribed for the treatment of substance use disorders if a policy includes coverage for prescription drugs, and (B) substance abuse services regardless of whether such services were provided pursuant to a court order, and (5) prohibit mandatory step therapy and prior authorization for prescription drugs prescribed for the treatment of substance use disorders.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 5, 2019](#)

**H.B. No. 7126** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AWARD OF DOUBLE OR TREBLE DAMAGES TO AN INJURED PARTY IN A CIVIL ACTION RESULTING FROM CERTAIN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS', to permit an injured party to recover double or treble damages in civil actions involving a person who operates a motor vehicle while using a hand-held mobile device or other mobile electronic device in violation of section 14-296aa of the general statutes.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing February 22, 2019](#)



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**H.B. No. 7127** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM PROTECTED SERIES ACT', to adopt the Uniform Protected Series Act.  
REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing February 22, 2019](#)

**H.B. No. 7130** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS', to make various revisions to statutes affecting the operation of the state's Probate Courts.  
REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing February 22, 2019](#)

**H.B. No. 7132** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATES AND MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPIST ASSOCIATES', to require the licensure of professional counselor associates and marital and family therapist associates.  
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 25, 2019](#)

**N H.B. No. 7140** (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING SEAT BELTS, MOTORCYCLE HELMETS, THE OPERATION LIFESAVER PROGRAM, MAINTENANCE VEHICLES AND TRANSPORTATION STATUTES', to (1) require passengers in the back seat to wear seat belts, (2) require motorcycle operators and passengers to wear protective headgear, (3) revise the administration of the operation lifesaver program, (4) permit maintenance vehicles owned and operated by the Department of Transportation to use green, yellow or amber flashing lights, and (5) remove an obsolete provision in the transportation statutes.  
REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 25, 2019](#)

**N H.B. No. 7144** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SMALL HOT WATER HEATERS, CERTAIN CERTIFICATION BY STATE AGENCIES AND THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY, COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BUILDING INSPECTOR AND STATE FIRE MARSHAL AND REVISIONS TO OTHER STATUTES RELATED TO BUILDINGS AND FIRE SAFETY', to (1) add an exemption concerning small water heaters from the provisions of chapter 540 of the general statutes, (2) delete the requirement that state agencies and the Connecticut Airport Authority certify that plans and projects comply with the State Building Code and Fire Safety Code, (3) eliminate the legislature's ability to revise the implementation date for state and Connecticut Airport Authority buildings, (4) authorize the State Building Inspector's designee to grant certain variations and exemptions, (5) eliminate the requirement that certain applications be mailed to the State Building Inspector and State Fire Marshal, (6) require plans of buildings or structures to be constructed to comply with the State Fire Prevention Code, (7) repeal the requirement that the Commissioner of Administrative Services conduct a certain educational program, and (8) repeal the statutory authority of a local fire marshal to order the removal of fire hazards from manufacturing establishments.  
REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**N H.B. No. 7147** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

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### REF. APPROPRIATIONS

**N [H.B. No. 7148](#)** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, 2021, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearings - February 26, 27, 28, March 1, 4, 5, 6, 7](#) [DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 7148](#)

**N [H.B. No. 7150](#)** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing March 1, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 7152](#)** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT ACCELERATING THE DEPLOYMENT OF 5G WIRELESS FACILITIES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY [Public Hearing March 5, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 7160](#)** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING VOTER ACCESS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

**N [H.B. No. 7163](#)** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 14, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 7164](#)** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 14, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 7166](#)** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FOR MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES', to establish a statutory right to timely and appropriate nonemergency medical transportation for Medicaid beneficiaries and to provide a more timely avenue for such beneficiaries to appeal coverage lapses.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 28, 2019](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House.

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**[N H.B. No. 7167](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE USE OF MILLER TRUSTS TO OBTAIN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY', to authorize Medicaid applicants to utilize Miller Trusts to hold excess income for the purpose of qualifying for Medicaid.**

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 26, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7168](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AUTISM', to ensure that persons with autism spectrum disorder receive services from the Department of Developmental Services and are eligible for Medicaid coverage despite family earnings.**

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 28, 2019](#) [DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 7168](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7174](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to: (1) Establish the "Connecticut Prescription Drug Program" and the "Connecticut prescription drug program account"; (2) require pharmaceutical manufacturers to send notice to the Insurance Commissioner regarding "pay-for-delay" agreements, and require health carriers and pharmacy benefits managers to reduce the cost of brand name prescription drugs that are the subject of such agreements; (3) require the Comptroller to offer qualified private employers the option to purchase prescription drugs for their employees, employees' dependents and retirees through the Comptroller's purchasing authority; (4) prohibit any health carrier or pharmacy benefits manager from recouping any portion of a claim that such carrier or manager has paid to a pharmacy or pharmacist; and (5) establish a task force to study drug reimportation.**

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 28, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7187](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVOCATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S PENSION OR A STATE OR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE'S PENSION', to require state prosecutors to provide notice to the Attorney General when a criminal defendant is a public official or state or municipal employee so that the Attorney General may pursue pension revocation remedies available under state law.**

**REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing February 27, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7188](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR THE EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR LIMB', to impose liability on certain owners of real property for the expenses of removing a tree or limb that falls on an adjoining owner's private real property.**

**REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing February 27, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7191](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.**

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7193](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.**

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

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**[N H.B. No. 7196](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SEAT BELTS', to implement the Department of Public Health's recommendation to require persons to wear seat belts in all positions of a vehicle.**

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 4, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7198](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL WORKERS', to require any person who uses the title "social worker" to be licensed as a clinical social worker.**

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 4, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7199](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS AGAINST THE MENINGOCOCCAL VIRUS AND HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS', to require immunizations against the meningococcal virus and human papillomavirus.**

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 13, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7201](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVENIENCE OF ACQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.**

**REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing March 6, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7203](#) (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT CROSSWALKS', to promote the safety of pedestrians by requiring motorists to grant the right-of-way to pedestrians who affirmatively indicate their intention to cross the road in a crosswalk.**

**REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 27, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7214](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PHYSICAL RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION OF STUDENTS BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES', to (1) prohibit the physical restraint of a student who cannot be safely restrained because such restraint is medically contraindicated, (2) require school principals to provide verbal and written notification to the parent or guardian of any student placed in physical restraint or seclusion, (3) require continual rather than frequent monitoring of a student placed in involuntary seclusion, and (4) require the presence of a student's assigned school paraprofessional if such student is placed in physical restraint or seclusion.**

**REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing March 5, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7215](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SAFE SCHOOL CLIMATE POLICIES', to (1) require local and regional boards of education to develop safe school climate policies, (2) require schools to assess school climate, (3) require the Department of Education to develop a social and emotional learning assessment instrument, (4) establish the duties of a safe school climate coordinator, (5) require local and regional boards of education to establish a social and emotional learning and school climate council in place of the existing safe school climate committee, (6) require the Department of Education to develop a model safe school climate policy, and (7) require local and regional boards of education to provide training on the prevention of and intervention in discrimination against and targeted harassment of students.**

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REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing March 5, 2019](#) Committee on Children JFS to the House.

**[N H.B. No. 7230](#)** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INTERPRETER STANDARDS AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO PUBLIC SPACES FOR DEAF, DEAF-BLIND AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS', to improve interpreter standards and access to public spaces for persons who are deaf, deaf-blind or hard of hearing.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**[N H.B. No. 7231](#)** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT EXPANDING THE ADULT FAMILY LIVING-FOSTER CARE PROGRAM TO PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES', to expand a foster care program currently being offered to elderly persons and persons with certain disabilities to persons with intellectual disabilities.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#) [DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 7231](#)

**[N H.B. No. 7232](#)** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT ENHANCING THE SAFETY OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS WITH VIDEO CAMERAS', to enhance the safety of nursing home residents by requiring nursing homes to install video cameras that may be remotely monitored by a resident's family.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**[N H.B. No. 7233](#)** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT PROMOTING EFFICIENCY IN STATE BENEFIT PROGRAMS', to reduce fraud and inefficiency in state benefit programs by requiring agencies to share information on fraudulent claims and best cost-efficient practices.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**[N H.B. No. 7234](#)** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS BY NURSING HOME RESIDENTS TO COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION', to allow nursing home residents equal access to public transportation services in order to achieve equal and inclusive community participation of such residents and prevent discrimination based on nursing home residency status.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**[N H.B. No. 7235](#)** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS BY BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION', to provide audio access by blind or visually impaired persons to government web sites and public safety notices.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**[N H.B. No. 7243](#)** (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICIES', to require any transportation network company to adopt a policy to address rider safety and security.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**[N H.B. No. 7262](#)** (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF GENETIC INFORMATION AND TESTING BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES', to



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prohibit life insurance companies doing business in this state from requiring genetic testing, or using genetic information, in connection with life insurance policies and annuity contracts in this state.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 5, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 7267](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC OPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT'**, to: (1) Establish the ConnectHealth Program, the ConnectHealth Trust Account and the ConnectHealth Advisory Board; (2) require the Comptroller, in consultation with the ConnectHealth Advisory Board and the Office of Health Strategy, to establish the ConnectHealth Plan; (3) modify requirements concerning nonstate public employer enrollment in the state employee plan; (4) expand the variety of plans offered by the Comptroller to nonstate public employers; and (5) authorize the Comptroller to offer coverage to small employers.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 7, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 7278](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MOBILE INTEGRATED HEALTH CARE'**, to permit the provision of mobile integrated health care in the state.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

**N [H.B. No. 7279](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ALLOWING DENTISTS TO TEST FOR DIABETES'**, to allow dentists to administer a finger-stick diabetes test for patients who have risk factors for diabetes but have not been diagnosed.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 13, 2019](#)

**W [H.B. No. 7281](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL THERAPY BY LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENISTS'**, to allow dental hygienists to become certified in dental therapy and engage in the practice of dental therapy for the purpose of increasing access to dental care.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 13, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 7291](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL SECURITY'**, to (1) require the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to update school security and safety plan standards, (2) require the department to report on and implement simplified documentation requirements for reporting by local and regional boards of education on school security and safety plans and drills, (3) require the department and the School Safety Infrastructure Council to report on and implement simplified documentation requirements for school security infrastructure grants, and (4) require the department to develop criteria to identify qualified school security consultants.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing March 12, 2019](#)

**N [H.B. No. 7292](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL WORKER TITLE PROTECTION'**, to require any person who uses the title "social worker" to be properly licensed.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing March 12, 2019](#)

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**[N H.B. No. 7303](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING DENTAL PRACTITIONERS', to implement various recommendations by the Department of Public Health regarding dental practitioners.**

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 13, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7308](#) (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS STEERING COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE STATE'S ELECTRONIC BUSINESS PORTAL', to require the Commissioners of Economic and Community Development and Administrative Services to develop a plan to implement the recommendations of the telecommunications systems steering committee's recommendations concerning the development of a one-stop electronic business portal.**

**REF. COMMERCE [Public Hearing March 12, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7327](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS', to make revisions to the State Codes of Ethics concerning the scope of gift prohibitions, reporting of gifts, authority of the ethics enforcement officer, contracting with quasi-public agencies, activities involving consultants and independent contractors, findings of ethics violations, appropriating funds to reimburse credit card processing fees and the repeal of certain provisions.**

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 13, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7328](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ETHICS CODE DEFINITIONS AND GIFT PROVISIONS', to (1) amend the state code of ethics for public officials and lobbyists to redefine "business with which the person is associated", and "public official", (2) prohibit the soliciting of gifts by those prohibited from accepting gifts, and (3) limit gift giving between supervisors and subordinates.**

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 13, 2019](#)**

**[N H.B. No. 7336](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT EXPANDING MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE OPTIONS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM', to expand access to mental and behavioral health treatment and reduce costs by expanding the types of mental and behavioral health providers who may be reimbursed under the Medicaid program.**

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES**

**[N H.B. No. 7339](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC INSURANCE OPTION', to expand access to affordable, quality health insurance.**

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES**

**[N H.B. No. 7343](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER', to: (1) Increase the Claims Commissioner's threshold for settling claims from twenty thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars, (2) permit the Claims Commissioner to hold hearings on liability only, (3) to permit certain medical malpractice claims to be initiated in state court instead of the Office of the Claims Commissioner, and (4) give the Claims Commissioner authority to delegate certain decision making authority to a magistrate.**

**REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 15, 2019](#)**



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Proposed [H.J. No. 17](#) REP. BOYD, 50th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR LEGISLATION BY DIRECT INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM', to provide for direct public participation in the legislative process by granting the citizens of Connecticut the right to propose laws through direct initiative and the power to approve or reject a statute through referendum.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 15, 2019](#)

Proposed [H.J. No. 23](#) REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR DIRECT INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM', to permit direct initiative and referendum.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 15, 2019](#)

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- **Public Hearings and Meetings of Interest**

**\*FINANCE REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE**

**GENERAL BONDING SUBCOMMITTEE AGENCY PRESENTATION**

**The Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee General Bonding Subcommittee will hold agency presentations on Monday, March 11, 2019 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. in Room 2E of the LOB. The schedule for agencies is listed below:**

<b>10:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>University of Connecticut</b>
<b>11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Connecticut State Colleges and Universities</b>
<b>12:30 P.M. - 1: 30 P.M.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Connecticut State Library</b>
<b>2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Department of Administrative Services</b>
<b>2:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.</b>	<b>School Construction</b>
<b>3:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Connecticut Department of Education</b>
<b>3:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Department of Developmental Services</b>

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- **Governor’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021**

February 20, 2019, Governor Lamont addressed the General Assembly and detailed his proposed budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021. Below is the link to the Governor’s Proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget. The pages on which DDS information is available are listed below the link to the budget document. Also listed are the pages that have the Department of Social Services budget information.

### [GOVERNOR’S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 and 2021](#)

#### Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

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DDS Proposed Appropriations Page C-7

DDS Capital Budget Page D-9

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DSS Proposed Appropriation Pages C-8 and C-9

### [March 1, 2019 - DDS Testimony Before the Appropriations Committee on H.B. No. 7148 The Governor’s Proposed Budget for FY 2020 and FY 2021](#)

- **DDS Public Hearing Testimony**

All **DDS Public Hearing testimony** before legislative committees of the General Assembly is posted to the **DDS Legislative Affairs webpage** and may be accessed at: [2019 DDS Testimony for the Connecticut General Assembly](#)