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Re: 2013 DDS Legislative Session Summary

The bills and public acts contained in this document from the 2013 session of the General Assembly in some way impact upon, or might be of interest to, DDS consumers and their families or guardians, DDS employees or DDS providers. If you are reading this online or via email, we have included the link to each Public Act for bills that passed. [Bracketed] language indicates a deletion. Underlined language or the word "NEW" indicates new language. We have also attached a list of bills that we were tracking that did NOT pass as of the end of session on June 5, 2013. We have provided a link to the bill history page for all bills in this summary, regardless of whether they passed or not. These lists are by no means exhaustive. Please keep in mind that many bills on the same or similar issues that did not pass (died) during the session may have been incorporated into a compromise bill. Also, if there were multiple bills on a similar subject, we may have only included the one that went the furthest in the legislative process. Please note: SB stands for Senate Bill, HB stands for House Bill, PA stands for Public Act and FY stands for Fiscal Year. A fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th. The fiscal year that begins July 1, 2013 and ends June 30, 2014 is considered FY14.

Summaries in this document include information from the Connecticut General Assembly's Office of Legislative Research and the Office of Fiscal Analysis. Please note that this document is up-to-date as of July 31, 2013.

If you have questions on these or any other bills from the 2013 legislative session, please contact us at Rod.OConnor@ct.gov or Christine.Pollio@ct.gov. Enjoy!

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BILLS PROPOSED BY (OR AT THE REQUEST OF) THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES:

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H.B. No. 6388 Public Act 13-139 AN ACT CONCERNING INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES This agency bill replaces the terms "intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded" and "residential facility for the mentally retarded" with "intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities" and "residential facility for persons with intellectual disability", respectively, in accordance with the federal terminology. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

BILLS THAT WERE SIGNED INTO LAW:

S.B. No. 235 Public Act 13-17 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM ELECTRONIC LEGAL MATERIAL ACT This act establishes as state law a version of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA), which the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws adopted in 2011. UELMA provides for the authentication and preservation of electronic records of legal material published by the state (e.g., the General Statutes or court cases). The act does not require the state to publish legal material electronically, but sets certain requirements if the state does so and designates the record as official. Among other things, this act provides that properly authenticated electronic legal materials are presumed to be accurate copies of the official material. Effective Date: October 1, 2014

S.B. No. 273 Public Act 13-124 AN ACT CONCERNING FOSTER CHILDREN AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES This act requires state agencies, when hiring individuals for, or placing them in, internship programs they offer, to give preference to young adults who (1) are between the ages of 18 and 24 and (2) were in Department of Children and Families foster care on their 18th birthday. Preference is defined as priority over similarly qualified applicants. The act provides that nothing in it (1) requires a new employee or applicant to request foster child status or disclose his or her status as a former foster child and (2) can be construed to give a new employee or applicant the right to sue for a violation of its provisions. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

S.B. No. 366 Public Act 13-76 AN ACT REQUIRING LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS, COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS TO COMPLETE CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE WORK IN CULTURAL COMPETENCY This act requires Department of Public Health-licensed social workers, professional counselors, alcohol and drug counselors, and marital and family therapists to complete one contact hour of continuing education coursework in cultural competency during each license registration period. A registration period is the 12-month period for which a license is renewed. Effective Date: October 1, 2013 and applicable to license registration periods starting on and after October 1, 2014.

S.B. No. 387 Public Act 13-117 AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE This act increases the hourly minimum wage from \$8.25 to \$8.70 on January 1, 2014 and from \$8.70 to \$9.00 on January 1, 2015. It increases the “tip credit” in each of those years to keep the employer's share of (1) hotel and wait staff's wages at \$5.69 and (2) bartenders' wages at \$7.34. The law, unchanged by the act, allows learners, beginners, and people under age 18 to be paid 85% of the minimum wage for the first 200 hours of their employment. In effect, the act's minimum wage increases raise this wage from \$7.01 to \$7.39 in 2014 and \$7.65 in 2015. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

S.B. No. 430 Public Act 13-304 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE FLEET AND MILEAGE, FUEL AND EMISSION STANDARDS, THE CERTIFICATION OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND PREFERENCE FOR A BOND GUARANTY PROGRAM This act extends, from January 1, 2003 to January 1, 2016, the deadline by which the state fleet of cars and light duty trucks, which the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) maintains, must have an average estimated highway gas mileage rating of at least 40 miles per gallon. It also extends, from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2016, the deadline by which all state cars and light duty trucks must be alternatively fueled, hybrid electric, or plug-in electric. The act, also, allows the Commissioner of Administrative Services to impose a penalty of up to \$10, 000 for any contractor or minority business enterprise who falsely certifies its small or minority owned certification. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

S.B. No. 434 Public Act 13-225 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND E-GOVERNMENT, EXTENSIONS OF EXISTING CONTRACTS, A STATE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COORDINATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SETTLEMENTS BY THE CLAIMS COMMISSIONER This act makes several unrelated changes concerning government administration. It: 1. eliminates a requirement that the administrative fee associated with e-government services be deposited in the General Fund; 2. allows the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) commissioner to extend certain goods and services contracts without competitive bidding or quotations; 3. revises the charge and increases the size of the committee established to encourage employment by the state of people with disabilities; and 4. increases, from \$7,500 to \$20,000, the threshold under which the claims commissioner can administratively settle claims against the state. Effective Date: July 1, 2013, except that the provision concerning the administrative fee is effective upon passage.

S.B. No. 465 Public Act 13-242 AN ACT REQUIRING NEWBORN SCREENING FOR ADRENOLEUKODYSTROPHY This act requires, once certain conditions are met, all health care institutions caring for newborn infants to test them for adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), unless, as allowed by law, their parents object on religious grounds. ALD is a genetic disorder that causes the accumulation of very-long-chain fatty acids in the nervous system, adrenal gland, and testes, which causes a range of neurological, physical, and behavioral symptoms. While females are genetic carriers for the disease, it primarily affects males. Like existing law that requires these health care institutions to test infants for cystic fibrosis, severe combined immunodeficiency disease, and critical congenital heart disease, the test for ALD is in addition to the Department of Public Health's (DPH) newborn screening program for genetic and metabolic disorders. Under the act, health care institutions must begin testing infants for ALD after both of the following occur: 1. (a) a reliable ALD screening method is developed and validated that uses dried blood spots and quality assurance testing methods or (b) the federal Food and Drug Administration approves an ALD test that uses dried blood spots and 2. any reagents necessary for the screening test are available. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

S.B. No. 466 Public Act 13-217 AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR PHYSICIANS This act reduces the frequency with which physicians must take mandatory topics for continuing medical education (CME). It adds behavioral health to the list of mandatory topics, which already includes infectious diseases, risk management, sexual assault, domestic violence, and cultural competency. Under prior law, physicians had to take at least one contact hour of CME in each mandatory topic every two

years. The act instead requires one contact hour in each such topic during the first renewal period for which CME is required (the second license renewal), and once every six years after that. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

S.B. No. 521 Special Act 13-6 AN ACT CONCERNING A REPORT ON THE SURVEY OF ACCESSIBILITY IN AND TO STATE BUILDINGS The act requires the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to submit a report regarding the state's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to the General Assembly by January 1, 2014. DAS is currently evaluating state agency compliance with the ADA. Effective Date: Upon passage

S.B. No. 523 Public Act 13-218 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF A GIFT TO A PERSON IN NEED OF LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES By law, the Department of Social Services (DSS) must impose a penalty period (period of Medicaid ineligibility) on institutionalized individuals who transfer or assign their assets for less than they are worth in order to shift their care costs to the Medicaid program. The penalty period (1) applies only when such transactions occur within five years before a person applies for Medicaid long-term care and (2) generally is not imposed if the entire amount of the transferred asset is returned to the institutionalized individual. Institutionalized individuals are people who apply for or are receiving long-term care facility or Medicaid waiver home- and community-based services. This act requires the DSS commissioner, to the extent permitted by federal law, to reduce the penalty period if (1) part of the transferred assets is returned to the individual and (2) the penalty period's original end date does not change. DSS must consider the entire amount of the returned asset to be available to the transferor from the date it was returned. It cannot determine the transferor to be ineligible for Medicaid in the month the transferred asset is returned as long as the individual reduced the returned asset in accordance with federal law (e.g., did not make the transfer to shift care costs to the Medicaid program). Effective Date: July 1, 2013

S.B. No. 709 Public Act 13-226 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SILVER ALERT SYSTEM AND MAINTAINING THE PRIVACY OF A MISSING PERSON'S MEDICAL INFORMATION This act requires the state's Missing Children Information Clearinghouse, within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, to establish procedures to maintain the confidentiality of any medical information that it collects, discovers, or otherwise obtains on missing persons. The procedures must provide that no such medical information is disseminated to the public about (1) a missing child without the consent of the child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian or (2) any other missing person without the consent of the person's spouse, parent, sibling, child, or next of kin. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

S.B. No. 761 Public Act 13-227 AN ACT MAKING THE JANITORIAL WORK PILOT PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY OR A DISADVANTAGE PERMANENT This act makes permanent the janitorial work pilot program for people with a disability or a disadvantage, which was established in 2006 and is administered by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). It (1) generally extends, with some modifications, the pilot program's existing requirements and establishes new ones and (2) allows the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) and the Judicial Branch to participate in the program. Among its various provisions this act eliminates requirements that the program (1) consist of four janitorial work projects, (2) create at least 60 full-time jobs or equivalent, and (3) have a total market value of at least \$3 million. It also eliminates a provision authorizing DAS to adopt regulations concerning the program. The act also prohibits awarding authorities from awarding contracts, under the program, at sites where employees are employed pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement or under the state's preferential purchasing law for people with disabilities, including those for janitorial services, unless a contract has previously been awarded to a qualified partnership under the program. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

S.B. No. 804 Public Act 13-72 AN ACT CONCERNING A PREFERENCE FOR CONNECTICUT GROWN PROTEIN IN CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTS AND THE INCLUSION OF FARMERS' MARKETS IN CERTAIN PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

AGRICULTURE This act requires the administrative services commissioner to give preference to beef, pork, lamb, and farm-raised fish produced or grown in Connecticut if their cost is comparable to those produced or grown out-of-state when he is purchasing or contracting for such products. The law already requires him to give preference to Connecticut-grown or -produced dairy products, poultry, eggs, fruits, and vegetables. By law, the Commissioner of Administrative Services must generally purchase or contract for all supplies and materials needed by state agencies. Effective Date: Upon passage

S.B. No. 821 Public Act 13-53 AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANDATED REPORTERS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT This act (1) prohibits employers from attempting to prevent employees from reporting child abuse or neglect or testifying in hearings related to child abuse or neglect and (2) subjects employers to the whistleblower penalties, in addition to the current civil penalties, if they take adverse actions against employees who report child abuse or neglect. The act prohibits employers from hindering, preventing, or attempting to hinder or prevent an employee's efforts to report child abuse or neglect or testify in a child abuse or neglect proceeding. Connecticut law already prohibits discharging, discriminating, or retaliating against an employee for making such reports or providing such testimony. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

S.B. No. 832 Public Act 13-54 AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY ASSESSMENT CASES This act requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to follow the same expungement process for family assessment response cases as applies to unsubstantiated cases of abuse and neglect. It requires DCF to seal family assessment case records and requires the commissioner to destroy the case files five years after DCF completes its investigation or closes the family assessment case, whichever is later, if the department has not received another report of abuse or neglect involving the family. The act also renames the DCF “differential response” program as the “family assessment response” program. Under this program, when DCF receives a report of child abuse and neglect, it can make referrals to appropriate community providers for family assessment and services either when it decides not to investigate a case that it classifies as presenting a lower safety risk or, if it decides to investigate, at any time during the investigation. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

S.B. No. 833 Public Act 13-228 AN ACT ADDRESSING THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN In child abuse and neglect cases, this act extends to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or any agency or person to whom DCF has granted temporary care and custody of a child or youth on the basis of a court order of temporary custody (OTC), the following rights regarding that child or youth: 1. the obligation of care and control; 2. the authority to make decisions regarding emergency medical, psychological, psychiatric, or surgical treatment; and 3. other rights and duties that the court orders. By law, DCF must file an affidavit requesting an OTC with the Superior Court when it has reasonable cause to believe that the child (1) is in immediate physical danger or is suffering from serious physical illness or injury and (2) the conditions or circumstances surrounding the child's care require that DCF assume immediate custody to protect the child. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

S.B. No. 835 Public Act 13-49 AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY LEAVE FROM EMPLOYMENT This act (1) extends employment protections currently afforded to employees who are U. S. armed forces reservists or National Guard members to all members of the state armed forces who take time from their employment to perform ordered military duty and (2) expands the type of protected duty from meetings and drills to all ordered military duty. Workplace protections include (1) being permitted a leave of absence when the member is ordered to military duty, including meetings and drills, during regular working hours, and (2) protection from loss of vacation or holiday privileges, or prejudice in promotions, continuances, or reappointments of employment due to absences. The act's protections cover employees serving in (1) Connecticut's organized militia, National Guard, naval militia, or Marine Corps branch of the naval militia, or (2) any reserve component of the U. S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Air Force, including the Connecticut National Guard performing duty under U. S. Code Title 32 (e.g., certain homeland security missions). Effective Date: October 1, 2013

S.B. No. 837 Public Act 13-125 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING The Department on Aging was established effective January 1, 2013 and had transferred to it all functions, powers, duties, and personnel of the Department of Social Services' (DSS) Aging Services Division. DSS was required to continue to administer programs that became the new department's responsibility until the governor appointed an aging commissioner, who was confirmed on April 18, 2013. This act completes the Aging Department's establishment by transferring to it all Aging Services Division programs and responsibilities, including federal Older Americans Act (OAA) programs, the Statewide Respite Program, the Community Choices Program, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Office, OAA funding for area agencies on aging, health insurance counseling, administration of state grants for elderly community services and programs, oversight of municipal agents for the elderly, elderly nutrition, and fall prevention. The act also makes the Department of Housing (DOH) responsible for the state's congregate and Section 8 housing programs, instead of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and DSS, respectively. It also transfers, from DECD to DOH, responsibility for serving on the Long-Term Care Planning Committee. Effective Date: July 1, 2013, except that the provisions (1) designating the Aging Department as the state unit on aging; (2) designating the Aging Department and commissioner as a state agency and state agency head, respectively; and (3) making a change regarding existing DSS orders and regulations take effect upon passage.

S.B. No. 842 Public Act 13-239 AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION, ELIMINATION OF THE ACCUMULATED GAAP DEFICIT AND OTHER PURPOSES This is the capital bond bill. Among many provisions, this act provides up to \$5 million in both FY14 and FY15 to DDS for fire, safety and environmental improvements to regional facilities and intermediate care facilities for client and staff needs, including improvements in compliance with current codes, site improvements, handicapped access improvements, utilities, repair or replacement of roofs, air conditioning and other interior and exterior building renovations and additions at all state-owned facilities. Additionally, the bill provides Grants-in-aid, not exceeding a total of \$20,000,000, for private, nonprofit health and human service organizations for alterations, renovations, improvements, additions and new construction, including health, safety, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and energy conservation improvements, information technology systems, technology for independence and purchase of vehicles. The act has various effective dates.

S.B. No. 853 Public Act 13-7 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND OTHER REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES This act makes changes to the Department of Rehabilitation Services' (DORS) reporting requirements to the Governor and to committees of the General Assembly. It also (1) eliminates a per person cap on the amount that DORS may spend to provide employment assistance to blind people; (2) increases for wheelchair and certain equipment the amount DORS may spend on purchases; (3) expands Assistive Technology Revolving Fund loan eligibility; (4) authorizes the DORS commissioner to adopt regulations to implement its provisions; and (5) makes several minor, technical, and conforming changes. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

S.B. No. 874 Public Act 13-20 AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' STATUTES This agency bill makes a technical change to the statute establishing the Camp Harkness Advisory Committee, changes term limits and appointments to the Birth-to-Three Interagency Coordinating Council, and establishes the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council.. Effective Date: October 1, 2013 except Section 2, which establishes the membership of the Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council as of July 1, 2013.

S.B. No. 886 Public Act 13-250 AN ACT CONCERNING AGING IN PLACE This act makes changes in several statutes to help senior citizens remain in their own homes and communities as they age (i.e., "age in place"). Specifically, it: 1. requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to incorporate into its existing efforts coordinated outreach to increase the awareness and use of the supplemental nutrition assistance program

(SNAP); 2. requires local plans of conservation and development to consider allowing seniors and individuals with disabilities to remain in their homes and communities; 3. specifies that the exemption from obtaining a State Building Code variance or exemption for constructing homes with visitable features includes certain ramps allowing wheelchair access; 4. adds anyone paid by an institution, organization, agency, or facility to care for seniors to the list of mandated elder abuse reporters and establishes a related training requirement for their employers; 5. requires DSS, by July 1, 2014, to begin annually reporting to the legislature on the elder abuse and neglect complaints it received in the previous calendar year; and 6. requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP), in collaboration with the aging and social services departments, to conduct a public awareness campaign, within available funds, to educate seniors and caregivers on ways to resist aggressive marketing tactics and scams. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

S.B. No. 900 Public Act 13-244 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS This act makes several changes to the state codes of ethics for public officials and lobbyists. It expands the codes' exemption for gifts to the state to include goods or services that support participation by a public official or a state employee at an event and further a state or quasi-public agency function. With respect to the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board (CEAB), the act (1) expands the board's administration and enforcement of the code, (2) reconfigures board members' terms of office, and (3) allows people who sought or held positions as justices of the peace and notaries public to serve on the board. Also among its various provisions the act requires that a public official or state employee act with specific intent before he or she may be found to violate the Code of Ethics for counseling, authorizing, or otherwise sanctioning actions that the code prohibits. It expands the grounds for contractor disqualification by the State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB) and makes contractors, consultants, and certain other people liable for damages if they violate the law on unethical bidding or contracting practices to advance their own financial interests. Effective Date: October 1, 2013, except that provisions relating to CEAB member terms, counseling or sanctioning a violation of the code, and certain technical changes are effective upon passage.

S.B. No. 909 Public Act 13-66 AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT CONFORMITY This act, among its many provisions, changes the state's unemployment law by (1) imposing an additional financial penalty on unemployment claimants whose fraudulent acts resulted in benefit overpayments and (2) prohibiting any relief from unemployment charges against an employer whose failure to adequately respond to a request for information led to a claimant's overpayment. It also opens the state's shared-work program to all employers covered under the unemployment law. These changes help bring the state's unemployment law into conformance with new federal requirements. The act also expands the ways the labor commissioner can recover unemployment benefit overpayments. The act additionally make changes to the quarterly statements the labor commissioner must provide to employers for combined wage claims (for claimants who worked in multiple states) paid under the unemployment law of another state. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

S.B. No. 910 Public Act 13-176 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEE ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILES This act specifies how quickly an employer must provide a current or former employee with access to his or her personnel file. It allows an employer to mail the file to a former employee if they cannot agree on a location for the former employee to inspect the files. The act also requires employers to (1) provide employees with copies of any documentation of a disciplinary action or termination and (2) notify employees that they can include in their personnel file a written statement disagreeing with any information in the disciplinary, termination, or evaluation documents. The act allows the labor commissioner to determine penalty amounts, within certain limits, for individual violations of the Personnel Files Act and specifies factors that must be considered when making this determination. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

S.B. No. 972 Public Act 13-178 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF YOUTHS This act requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Office of Early Childhood (OEC), in consultation and collaboration with various individuals and

agencies, to take several steps to address Connecticut children's mental, emotional, and behavioral health needs. It requires DCF to develop a comprehensive plan to (1) meet these needs and (2) prevent or reduce the long-term negative impact of mental, emotional, and behavioral health issues on children. It requires OEC to (1) provide recommendations to several legislative committees on coordinating home visitation programs that offer services to vulnerable families with young children and (2) design and implement a public information and education campaign on children's mental, emotional, and behavioral health issues. The act also requires training for school resource officers, mental health care providers, pediatricians, and child care providers. It requires the (1) state to seek existing public and private reimbursement for mental, emotional, and behavioral health services and (2) Birth-to-Three program to provide mental health services to children eligible for early intervention services under federal law. The act also (1) allows the Judicial Branch to seek funding to perform a study to determine whether children and young adults who primarily need mental health interventions are placed in the juvenile justice or corrections systems instead of receiving appropriate treatment and (2) establishes a 14-member task force to study the effects of nutrition, genetics, complementary and alternative treatments, and psychotropic drugs on children's mental, emotional, and behavioral health. Effective Date: July 1, 2013, except the Judicial Branch and OEC provisions are effective on October 1, 2013.

S.B. No. 984 Public Act 13-81 AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS This act makes various revisions in probate statutes, including several changes affecting conservatorships. Among the act's various provisions, it (1) extends to people under voluntary conservatorship the law's protections for involuntary conservatorship regarding placement in long-term care institutions and (2) provides that the rules of evidence apply in all conservatorship proceedings, rather than only hearings on applications for involuntary conservatorship. It also expands the types of probate appeals that are on the record rather than a trial de novo and makes other changes concerning probate appeals. The act repeals several statutes, such as provisions allowing the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or a child-placing agency to consider the prospective adoptive or foster parent's sexual orientation before placing a child with the person. It makes changes affecting other matters, such as the probate court rules of procedure, probate orders passed under a revoked will, spousal elections, estate examiners, and disputed claims against estates. Effective Date: October 1, 2013, except (1) the repealer section is effective July 1, 2013 and (2) certain technical changes are effective upon passage or July 1, 2013.

S.B. No. 991 Public Act 13-55 AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PALLIATIVE CARE This act establishes a 13-member Palliative Care Advisory Council within the Department of Public Health (DPH). The council must (1) analyze the current state of palliative care in Connecticut and (2) advise DPH on matters related to improving palliative care and the quality of life for people with serious or chronic illnesses. The act requires the council, by January 1, 2015, to begin annually reporting its findings and recommendations to the DPH commissioner and Public Health Committee. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

S.B. No. 1006 Public Act 13-279 AN ACT REQUIRING STATE AGENCIES TO CITE SPECIFIC STATUTORY AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS This act requires all state agencies taking certain regulatory actions under the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act (UAPA) to cite the legal authority for the action. The agencies must do this when rendering final decisions or taking actions against a license under that act. In either case, an agency must identify the statutes or its regulations supporting the decision or authorizing the action. Under the act, an agency must also provide this information to a person or business affected by other specified regulatory actions if these parties request it. These actions include those involving (1) applications, permits, or requests for permits, licenses, approvals, or other permissions to conduct business or (2) the use of private property. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

S.B. No. 1029 Public Act 13-84 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS This act requires certain health insurance policies to at least maintain current levels of benefits for insureds who were diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder before the fifth

edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) was released in May 2013. The act applies to individual and group health insurance policies delivered, issued, renewed, amended, or continued in Connecticut that cover (1) basic hospital expenses; (2) basic medical-surgical expenses; (3) major medical expenses; and (4) hospital or medical services, including coverage under an HMO plan. The act requires that the insurer at least maintain coverage at the level provided immediately before the fifth edition's release for insureds who were diagnosed with autistic disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, or Rett's Disorder before that date. Effective Date: Upon passage

S.B. No. 1060 Public Act 13-249 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE BY NURSING HOMES, HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCIES AND HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE AGENCIES This act requires anyone who individually or jointly establishes, conducts, operates, or maintains a nursing home, home health care agency, or homemaker-home health aide agency to maintain professional liability insurance or other indemnity against liability for professional malpractice. The insurance must cover malpractice claims for injury or death of at least \$1 million for one person, per occurrence, with an aggregate (i.e., the total for all claims within the coverage period) of at least \$3 million. The act explicitly exempts residential care homes from this requirement. Effective Date: January 1, 2014

S.B. No. 1069 Public Act 13-157 AN ACT CONCERNING THE JOINT PRACTICE OF PHYSICIANS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS This act authorizes physicians and psychologists to join to form a professional service corporation to offer their services. All of the shareholders must be licensed or legally authorized to provide these services. Existing law already authorizes psychiatrists and psychologists to join to form a professional service corporation. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

S.B. No. 1149 Public Act 13-311 AN ACT LIMITING THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN RECORDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING VICTIM PRIVACY UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT This act exempts from disclosure under Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act 1. the identity of minor witnesses; and 2. any record created by a law enforcement agency or other federal, state, or municipal governmental agency consisting of a photograph, film, video or digital or other visual image depicting the victim of a homicide, to the extent that such record could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the victim or the victim's surviving family members. The act also allows a law enforcement agency to not disclose that portion of an audio tape or other recording where the individual speaking on the recording describes the condition of a victim of homicide, except for a recording that consists of an emergency 9-1-1 call or other call for assistance made by a member of the public to a law enforcement agency. This section of the public act shall apply to any request for such audio tape or other recording made on or before May 7, 2014. The act creates a task force to consider and make recommendations regarding the balance between victim privacy under the Freedom of Information Act and the public's right to know. Effective Date: Upon passage

H.B. No. 5345 Public Act 13-88 AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCIES AND CONSUMER PROTECTION This act provides greater protection for consumers contracting for services with homemaker-companion agencies. It expands several notice requirements for homemaker-companion agencies, adds certain consumer protections to agency contracts, including specifying (1) when contracts are enforceable and can be cancelled and (2) payment obligations, including allowing agencies to recover payment for work performed. By law, a homemaker-companion agency is any public or private organization that employs people who provide companion or homemaker services, such as help with personal hygiene, cooking, household cleaning, laundry, and other household chores, but not home health care. Effective Date: January 1, 2014

H.B. No. 5387 Special Act 13-5 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE USE OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY TRAINING AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR STATE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS This act establishes a task force to determine which training and experience obtained by veterans during their service in the armed forces equates to the training or experience necessary to obtain certain state licenses. Effective Date: Upon passage

H.B. No. 5515 Public Act 13-165 AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL STAYS AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES This act extends an opportunity to inmates to remain at a correctional institution beyond a maximum sentence term. It allows inmates to ask to remain in a correctional facility for up to 30 days after their discharge date (1) if the treatment program or health care institution to which they are to be discharged is unable to accept them on the discharge date or (2) for any compelling reason consistent with their rehabilitation or treatment. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

H.B. No. 5598 Public Act 13-263 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS STATE PROPERTY, SHORT TERM EMERGENCY LEASES, THE DEFINITION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AND DUPLICATIVE STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST Among other provisions, this act streamlines the current process for the disposition of surplus real property and allows the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to enter into leases of up to one year in certain emergency situations without OPM or State Properties Review Board (SPRB) approval. Modifications to the process for disposing of surplus state property include: 1. requiring state agencies to give the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary and affected municipality at least six months' notice of property that is expected to become surplus; 2. requiring various commissioners, within 30 days of receiving notice from OPM, to advise the secretary of the property's potential use for their agencies' purposes; 3. requiring the secretary, if the property is declared surplus, to hold a public hearing in the affected municipality at the municipality's request; 4. giving the affected municipality a one-time opportunity to acquire the property through procedures other than a sale, but removes the municipality's ability to match later offers made by other parties; 5. requiring that notice of available property also be given to the Connecticut Economic Resource Center and the applicable regional planning organization; 6. requiring that municipalities receive more frequent updates on a property's status; and 7. modifying a separate process for disposing of certain surplus Department of Correction (DOC) property. Effective Date: July 1, 2013, except that the DOC, Freedom of Information Act, and leasing provisions are effective upon passage.

H.B. No. 5727 Public Act 13-130 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME FOR PARENTAL NOTIFICATION WHEN A CHILD IS ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL FOR DIAGNOSIS OR TREATMENT OF A MENTAL DISORDER This act reduces, from five days to twenty-four hours, the time within which a hospital must notify a parent or guardian of a child (1) age 14 or older or (2) in the custody of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) that the child was admitted for the diagnosis or treatment of a mental disorder without their consent. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

H.B. No. 5979 Special Act 13-11 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA This act establishes a task force on Alzheimer's disease and dementia. DDS was added as a member to this task force in **H.B. No. 6644 Public Act 13-208 AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES**. Effective Date: Upon passage

H.B. No. 6033 Public Act 13-271 AN ACT CONCERNING DISTRACTED DRIVING AND REVISIONS TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES This act makes a number of changes to the motor vehicle laws, including increasing the fines for using a hand-held cell phone or other electronic device while driving, creating a task force to study prevention of distracted driving, and making other changes to the cell phone law and increasing driver's license renewal fees and changing other motor vehicle fees. Effective Dates: Various

H.B. No. 6160 Public Act 13-272 AN ACT REQUIRING WORKING SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AT THE TIME TITLE IS TRANSFERRED This act, with exceptions, requires a seller, before transferring title to a one- or two-family dwelling for which a new occupancy building permit was issued before October 1, 2005, to give the buyer an affidavit certifying that the (1) permit was issued on or after October 1, 1985 or (2) dwelling is equipped with smoke detection and warning equipment (smoke detectors) complying with the act. The affidavit must also certify that the building (1) is equipped with carbon monoxide (CO) detection and warning equipment (CO detector) complying with the act or (2) does not pose a risk of CO poisoning because the building does not have a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace, or attached garage. A transferor who fails to provide the affidavit must credit the transferee with \$250 at the closing. Effective Date: January 1, 2014

H.B. No. 6253 Public Act 13-102 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REMOVE ICE OR SNOW FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE This act makes failing to remove snow or ice from a motor vehicle an infraction, thus making the fine (\$75) payable by mail. The act applies to drivers of both non-commercial motor vehicles (e. g., passenger vehicles) and, starting December 31, 2013, commercial vehicles (e. g., buses and large trucks). By law, drivers must remove accumulated snow or ice from their vehicles (including the hood, trunk, and roof) so that it does not endanger people or property while they are driving. The law does not apply to drivers of vehicles (1) on which snow or ice collects while being driven or (2) that are parked. The act does not change the payment procedure for violations of this law that cause personal injury or property damage, and thus still requires a court appearance for these offenses. By law, each such violation is punishable by (1) a \$200 to \$1,000 fine, if committed by the driver of a non-commercial motor vehicle and (2) starting December 31, 2013, a \$500 to \$1,250 fine if committed by the driver of a commercial motor vehicle. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6342 Public Act 13-297 AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE This act makes it a form of risk of injury to a child for a person to intentionally and unreasonably interfere with or prevent a person who is required to report suspected child abuse and neglect (a mandated reporter) from carrying out this obligation. The act makes this a class D felony. The act also makes it a crime for mandated reporters (e. g. school employees, police officers, certain medical professionals, and Department of Children and Families (DCF) employees) to fail to report suspected child abuse or neglect to DCF. Under prior law, this inaction subjected them to fines of between \$500 and \$2,500. The act makes it a class A misdemeanor. By law, such reporters must also participate in an educational and training program. By law, a person is required to report suspected child abuse or neglect within certain specified timeframes if (1) such person is a mandated reporter and (2) in the ordinary course of his or her employment or profession, has reasonable cause to suspect a child under age 18 has: 1. been abused or neglected, 2. suffered a non-accidental physical injury or one that is inconsistent with the given history of such injury, or 3. been placed at imminent risk of serious harm. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6346 Public Act 13-40 AN ACT REVISING VARIOUS STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES This act makes various changes in the statutes concerning the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Specifically, the act: 1. requires, instead of allows, DCF to disclose records, without the subject's consent, to the Department of Social Services (DSS) in certain circumstances and makes related changes; 2. requires (a) DCF to provide a copy of a foster youth's credit report to his or her attorney or guardian ad litem (GAL) and (b) the attorney or GAL, if feasible, to review the report for identity theft evidence and, in conjunction with DCF, help the youth interpret and resolve any inaccuracies; 3. shortens, from 15 to five calendar days, the timeframe in which DCF must ask the State Police Bureau of Identification to perform a state and national criminal history record check of anyone living in a home where the department has made an emergency placement of a child; and 4. eliminates the (a) definition of permanent family residences and (b) licensing and regulatory requirements for such facilities. Effective Date: October 1, 2013, except for the provision on emergency placements, which is effective upon passage.

H.B. No. 6348 Public Act 13-25 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE MILITARY SERVICE This act updates and changes several laws pertaining to the state's armed forces personnel and Military Department. It: 1. permits unpaid state military duty for the state's armed forces and its retirees with the consent of both the governor and service member, and credits such unpaid duty toward retirement and other benefits; 2. makes changes concerning paid duty, including the elimination of additional state remuneration beyond salary for certain service members and expenses reimbursement for other members; 3. gives the state's armed forces, and its retirees when performing state military duty, the same workers' compensation, liability, and immunity protections as state employees and compensates injured or killed members according to the greater of their respective civilian salary or the state's average production wage, without prorating this compensation due to the member's other employment; 4. repeals two death benefit statutes; 5. changes how certain military service is defined for state employees' benefits; 6. removes the Military Department from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, where it is currently housed for administrative purposes only; and 7. expands the places veterans' memorials can be placed. Effective Date: October 1, 2013, except the veterans' memorials provisions, which is effective upon passage.

H.B. No. 6362 Public Act 13-274 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES This act modifies several of the provisions in **Public Act 12-92 AN ACT TRANSITIONING THE REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES TO AN ONLINE FORMAT**. It delays, from July 1, 2013 until a date no later than October 1, 2014, a requirement that online regulations posted by the secretary of the state be the "official version" of the regulations of state agencies for "all purposes, including all legal and administrative proceedings." It requires the Commission on Official Legal Publications (COLP) to continue publishing regulations in the *Connecticut Law Journal* until this time. The bill names the electronic regulations compilation as the "eRegulations System" and requires (1) agencies, and not the secretary, to post to the system notices of proposed regulations and regulation-related documents and (2) the secretary to post the final regulations. It eliminates requirements for agencies to post regulations and regulation-related documents (e. g., notices of a proposed action) on their own websites. The bill eliminates several provisions that require a regulation to be submitted in hard copy. However, it requires the secretary, by January 1, 2014, to develop and implement a plan to maintain at her office a paper copy of all regulations posted on the eRegulations System. The bill revises the requirements for selecting the legislative Regulation Review Committee's co-chairpersons to conform the law to practice. It also requires that several manuals published by the Department of Social Services (DSS) be posted on the eRegulations System. Lastly, it repeals requirements, due to take effect on July 1, 2013, that agencies (1) post all manuals and guidance documents online and (2) post on their websites policies that are implemented before being adopted in regulation form. Effective Dates: Various

H.B. No. 6363 Public Act 13-299 AN ACT STREAMLINING STATE GOVERNMENT AND INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS This act eliminates 32 state boards and commissions and designates a successor agency for, or transfers the duties of, three of them. It establishes the Connecticut Commuter Rail Council to replace the Metro North New Haven Rail Commuter Council, which the act eliminates. The act also eliminates the Gaming Policy Board and transfers its functions and responsibilities to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP). Additionally, the act makes minor changes to several other entities (e. g., revising their membership or reporting requirements), makes technical changes and repeals obsolete language. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6374 Public Act 13-275 AN ACT CONCERNING COORDINATED LONG-TERM DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY This act establishes the Connecticut Coordinated Assistance and Recovery Endowment (CT CARE) as a federal tax exempt foundation to support coordinated emergency recovery in cases where state services are affected by natural disasters, acts of domestic terrorism, catastrophic events, or other unforeseen emergencies. It establishes the Coordinated Emergency Recovery Fund (CERF), under the state treasurer's custody, to receive and disburse private funds to CT CARE to provide (1) victims' relief and (2)

assistance to individuals, towns, and nonprofit organizations affected by such emergencies. Starting by January 1, 2014, it requires the treasurer to submit monthly reports to the governor and attorney general on CERF's financial condition. Effective Date: Upon passage

H.B. No. 6387 Public Act 13-194 AN ACT CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS This act: 1. clarifies the courts' authority over civil unions performed in foreign jurisdictions; 2. extends the validity of an ex parte restraining order until the day a hearing is held if the court is closed on the date of a scheduled hearing on the order; 3. creates a procedure for an emergency ex parte order of child custody in a dissolution of marriage case or later proceedings regarding custody; 4. requires court clerks to send the original, rather than a certified copy, of certain paternity acknowledgements to the Department of Public Health (DPH); 5. requires a parent seeking to regain legal guardianship of a child in certain cases to do so by filing a motion instead of a petition; 6. eliminates a voluntary alternative dispute resolution program for parties to civil actions involving ownership, maintenance, or use of a private car; 7. allows attorneys who hear small claims cases to sign documents by computer, fax, or other technology; 8. specifies that court support enforcement officers and support services investigators can serve all process related to cases where the Department of Social Services is providing child support enforcement services (the law already allows them to serve motions for modification or contempt and wage withholdings in child support matters); 9. specifies how court clerks may record or copy certain documents and requires the person requesting the recording or copying to pay the associated fees regardless of the method the clerk uses; and 10. establishes a \$350 fee payable to the court clerk for applications to dissolve certain liens and substitute a surety bond, but reduces the fee to \$300 on July 1, 2015. Effective Date: October 1, 2013, except the provisions (1) on court clerks' methods of recording or copying and the \$350 fee for dissolution of lien applications are effective July 1, 2013 and (2) reducing the fee for dissolution of lien applications to \$300 are effective July 1, 2015.

H.B. No. 6388 Public Act 13-139 AN ACT CONCERNING INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES This agency bill replaces the terms "intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded" and "residential facility for the mentally retarded" with "intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities" and "residential facility for persons with intellectual disability", respectively, in accordance with the federal terminology. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6396 Public Act 13-109 AN ACT CONCERNING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES This act requires the Commission on Aging to establish a "Livable Communities" initiative to serve as a (1) forum for best practices and (2) resource clearinghouse to help municipal and state leaders design livable communities that allow residents to age in place (i.e., remain in their own homes or community settings of their choice, regardless of age or disability). The act defines a "livable community" as a community with affordable and appropriate housing, infrastructure, community services, and transportation options for residents of all ages. The commission must report annually on the initiative to the Aging, Housing, Human Services, and Transportation committees, with the first report due by July 1, 2014. It must also, by January 1, 2014, establish a single portal on its website for information and resources on the initiative. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6406 Public Act 13-172 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM This act expands the Department of Consumer Protection's (DCP) electronic prescription drug monitoring program by requiring prescription information reporting by (1) out-of-state pharmacies that ship, mail, or deliver prescription drugs into the state and (2) any other drug dispensing practitioner. Practitioners include certain medical professionals (physicians, dentists, veterinarians, and podiatrists), researchers, pharmacies, hospitals, and other people or institutions permitted to dispense drugs in the course of professional practice or research. Existing law already requires pharmacies and out-patient pharmacies in hospitals or institutions to report. Effective Date: Upon passage

H.B. No. 6437 Public Act 13-42 AN ACT CONCERNING A MATTRESS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

This act establishes a mattress stewardship program to manage discarded mattresses. It requires mattress producers, or their designees, to join a nonprofit mattress recycling council that they, or a trade association representing them, establish. It prohibits producers who fail to participate in the program from selling mattresses in Connecticut. The council must develop a plan to, among other things, minimize public sector involvement in managing discarded mattresses. The plan must be submitted to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for approval. The program is funded through a fee on most mattresses sold in the state. An auditor must review the fee and any proposed change to it. Effective Date: October 1, 2013, except the covered entity fee provision is effective July 1, 2014.

H.B. No. 6448 Public Act 13-199 AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE FEES This act establishes a \$250 fee for motions to allow an attorney not licensed in the state to appear "*pro hac vice*" in a probate court matter. Probate court rules allow a state-licensed attorney to make a motion to allow an attorney licensed in another jurisdiction to appear in a probate matter in Connecticut on special and infrequent occasions, under certain conditions. Additionally, the act excludes certain fees (including the *pro hac vice* fee) from the \$12,500 cap on total fees for settling an estate. Effective Date: January 1, 2014

H.B. No. 6451 Public Act 13-288 AN ACT IMPROVING THE TIMELINESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE LABOR DEPARTMENT'S UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX OPERATIONS This act requires employers to electronically notify the labor commissioner within 30 days after becoming subject to the state's unemployment law. It also requires an employer to electronically notify the commissioner within 30 days after acquiring substantially all of the assets, organization, trade, or business, including employees, of another employer subject to the state's unemployment law. (By law, an employer becomes subject to the unemployment law immediately after acquiring substantially all of the assets, organization, trade, or business of another employer subject to this law.) The act requires the commissioner to determine the manner in which both electronic notices will be provided. It establishes a \$50 civil penalty per violation for violating either notice requirement. The act also establishes a \$25 fee for employers who fail to submit their required quarterly wage reports under a proper state unemployment compensation registration number. The fee must be deposited in the Employment Security Administration Fund. Existing law, unchanged by the act, imposes a \$25 fee on employers who fail to submit their quarterly wage reports in a timely manner. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6452 Public Act 13-141 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTRONIC FILING OF QUARTERLY UNEMPLOYMENT TAX RETURNS Beginning with the first calendar quarter of 2014, this act requires all employers subject to the state's unemployment law, or their reporting agents, to submit their quarterly wage reports to the Department of Labor (DOL) on magnetic tape, diskette, or other electronic means prescribed by the department. It also requires all employers, or their agents, that directly reimburse the unemployment system for benefits paid to former employees (e.g., state and local governments) to pay electronically. The act allows employers, or their agents, to request a waiver from the electronic reporting and electronic reimbursement requirements. It requires them to submit a written request for a waiver on a DOL-prescribed form at least 30 days before the wage report or reimbursement payment is due. The labor commissioner must grant the request if, based on the information submitted by the employer or agent, she finds that the requirement would cause an undue hardship. The commissioner must promptly notify the employer or agent of her decision, which cannot be further reviewed or appealed. A waiver is good for one year. Effective Date: January 1, 2014

H.B. No. 6458 Public Act 13-113 AN ACT CONCERNING THE NEW ENGLAND DISASTER TRAINING CENTER ACTIVITY ACCOUNT This act establishes the New England Disaster Training Center activity account as a separate, nonlapsing General Fund account and authorizes the adjutant general to use the money in the account to operate the New England Disaster Training Center. The account must contain any money (1) the law requires to be deposited in it or (2) obtained from the proceeds of the center's operational

activities. The act also authorizes the adjutant general to apply for and accept public or private gifts, grants, and donations to fund the account. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6492 Public Act 13-292 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF EMPLOYEES SUPPLYING INFORMATION TO THE AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS This act exempts from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) the portion of (1) any audit or report prepared by the Auditors of Public Accounts that concerns the identity of an employee who provides information regarding (a) alleged fraud or (b) weaknesses in an agency's control structure that may lead to fraud and (2) any document that may reveal the identity of such an employee. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6514 Public Act 13-293 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING MEDICAID PAYMENT INTEGRITY Starting January 1, 2015, this act requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner, in coordination with the chief state's attorney and attorney general, to annually submit a report to the Human Services and Appropriations committees on the state's efforts in the previous fiscal year to (1) prevent and control fraud, abuse, and errors in the Medicaid payment system and (2) recover Medicaid overpayments. Each agency must also post the report on its website. The act also requires DSS to (1) assess the feasibility of expanding its Medicaid audit program and (2) analyze its third party liability system and report its findings to the committees by January 1, 2014. Effective Date: Upon passage

H.B. No. 6515 Public Act 13-294 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING MAXIMIZING ALTERNATIVE REVENUE This act requires the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), within available resources, to (1) develop a system for tracking the state's federal and alternative grant funding and (2) work with state agencies to maximize federal revenue. The OPM secretary must identify the agencies that should designate a federal and alternative funding liaison to OPM. These liaisons must ensure OPM has access to any grant application information needed to track grant funding. The act also requires OPM to report, by November 15, 2014 and annually thereafter, on its efforts to maximize alternative revenues to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Appropriations committees. OPM must also annually submit this report to the Program Review and Investigations Committee and post it on OPM's website. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6518 Public Act 13-306 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL AND ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PRIMARY AREA TASK FORCE This act expands the grounds upon which the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner may take disciplinary action against emergency medical technicians (EMTs), advanced EMTs, emergency medical responders, and emergency medical services (EMS) instructors. It generally allows her to take action against them for the same conduct for which she may already discipline paramedics, such as felony convictions, alcohol or drug abuse, and negligence in professional activities. By law, EMTs, advanced EMTs, emergency medical responders, and EMS instructors must be certified by DPH. The act creates, within available appropriations, a 15-member Connecticut EMS primary service area task force within DPH. Among other things, the task force must review the process (1) for designating and changing primary service areas and (2) by which municipalities can petition to change or remove a primary service area responder. The act requires the task force to report its recommendations to the Public Health Committee by February 15, 2014. Effective Date: October 1, 2013, except the task force provisions are effective upon passage.

H.B. No. 6523 Public Act 13-145 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF FIRE CHIEFS AT CERTAIN STATE FACILITIES This act gives the UConn and Southbury Training School fire chiefs, or anyone serving as fire officer-in-charge for these entities, the same authority as their municipal counterparts when responding to a fire, service call, or other emergency in their jurisdiction. In doing so, the act requires

these state facility fire officials to: 1. control and direct emergency activities at the scene; 2. order people to leave any building or place near such fire, service call, or emergency to protect them from injury; 3. temporarily block any public highway, street, or private right-of way while at the scene; 4. enter any building where a fire is in progress or nearby, or there is reasonable cause to believe a fire is in progress, to extinguish the fire or prevent it from spreading; 5. generally inspect all buildings (except inside a private dwelling), structures, or other places within their jurisdictions, to prevent fires; 6. order disengagement or decoupling of certain vehicles (e. g. , trains) to extinguish a fire or prevent its spread; and 7. take command of any industrial fire brigade or fire chief when such firefighters have been called to a fire scene (CGS § 7-313e). Effective Date: October 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6542 Public Act 13-90 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF FARMLAND AT THE SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL This act establishes a procedure to preserve and manage state-owned property known as the “Farm at the Southbury Training School.” It requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) commissioner to transfer the care, custody, and control of the property to the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) commissioner, who must grant a permanent conservation easement on it to a nonprofit organization. The act specifies that the easement must (1) provide for conservation of the farm for agricultural use, conducted according to a federally prepared and DoAg-approved conservation plan, and (2) allow the DoAg commissioner to lease, permit, or license the property for such use. The proposed easement and any proposed DoAg lease, permit, or license is subject to State Properties Review Board review and approval. The board must complete its review within 30 days after receiving the proposal. The act exempts the leased, permitted, or licensed property from local property taxes and adds its value to the assessed value of state-owned land and buildings for calculating payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT). The law requires the state to reimburse towns for 45% of their lost revenue from state-owned property. Effective Date: Upon passage

H.B. No. 6553 Special Act 13-13 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE This act creates a task force to study the feasibility of establishing an insurance program to provide short-term benefits to workers who are unable to work due to (1) pregnancy or the birth of a child, (2) a non-work-related illness or injury, or (3) the need to care for a seriously ill child, spouse or parent. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6574 Public Act 13-3 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO CONSIDER IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE This act establishes a task force to consider legislative solutions to address impediments to fair housing choice. Not later than February 5, 2014, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development and housing, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 5, 2014, whichever is later. Effective Date: Upon passage

H.B. No. 6610 Special Act 13-22 AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL MEDICAID WAIVERS This act requires that not later than July 1, 2014, the Department of Social Services shall (1) conduct a cost benefit analysis of providing home care versus institutional care for Medicaid and HUSKY Plan Part B recipients age eighteen years of age and under, and (2) make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services on other Medicaid waiver programs or state plan options the state may apply for or utilize in order to provide home care services to Medicaid recipients age eighteen years of age and under. Effective Date: July 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6641 Public Act 13-47 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHO IS PHYSICALLY HELPLESS OR WHOSE ABILITY TO CONSENT IS OTHERWISE IMPAIRED This act adds to and updates certain factors for determining guilt in cases of 2nd and 4th degree sexual assault involving a person with a physical or mental disability. Under existing law, it is 2nd degree sexual assault to have sexual intercourse, or 4th degree sexual assault to have sexual contact, with someone who

is physically helpless. The act expands the definition of “physically helpless” for these purposes to include someone who is physically unable to resist an act of sexual intercourse or sexual contact. Effective Date: October 1, 2013

H.B. No. 6644 Public Act 13-208 AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES This act makes numerous substantive and minor changes to Department of Public Health (DPH)-related statutes and programs. For example, the act requires licensed health care institutions to submit to DPH corrective action plans after the department finds the institution to be noncompliant with state laws or regulations. The act limits required background checks for long-term care facility volunteers with direct patient access to only those volunteers reasonably expected to regularly perform duties substantially similar to those of employees with direct patient access. It eliminates the Connecticut Homeopathic Medical Examining Board, transferring responsibility for disciplining homeopathic physicians from the board to DPH. The act makes changes affecting several health care professions and institutions, including master social workers, physician assistants, marital and family therapists, nuclear medicine technologists, optometrists, dental hygienists, certified water treatment plant professionals, hospice and nursing home facilities, residential care homes (RCHs), outpatient clinics, family day care homes, barber and hairdresser schools, and hospitals. The act also makes changes affecting the Connecticut Tumor Registry, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection and Treatment Referral Program, the Biomedical Research Trust Fund, the Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut, permits for public water supply dam construction, disclosure of patient information by certain health care providers, statutory definitions related to addiction services, the registration of swine growers, the state's electronic prescription drug monitoring program, the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Task Force established by SA 13-11 (this act adds DDS as a member), and the PANDAS/PANS advisory council established by PA 13-187. Effective Date: October 1, 2013, except that the provisions on the: 1. Connecticut Tumor Registry, Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Task Force, PANDAS/PANS advisory council, coronary angioplasty hospital reports, registration of swine growers, and electronic prescription drug monitoring program take effect upon passage; 2. barber and hairdresser schools, nuclear medicine technologists, and the definition of RCHs take effect July 1, 2013; 3. Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection and Treatment Referral Program and outpatient clinics take effect January 1, 2014; and 4. optometrists' continuing education requirements apply to registration periods on and after October 1, 2014.

H.B. No. 6671 Public Act 13-210 AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION This act requires (1) the governor to proclaim the following months and day of each year to honor Americans of different ancestry and (2) suitable exercises to be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the governor designates: 1. March as Irish-American Month, 2. October as Italian-American Month, 3. November as Native American Month, and 4. June 24 as French Canadian-American Day. The act also establishes (1) the ballroom polka as the state polka and (2) Beautiful Connecticut Waltz, composed by Joseph Leggo, as the second state song. It specifies that Powered Flight Day is in honor of the first powered flight by Gustave Whitehead, rather than the Wright Brothers. The act requires the legislature to commemorate the 14th anniversary of the Connecticut-Taiwan sister state relationship. Suitable exercises must be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the legislature may designate. The act allows the economic and community development commissioner to designate a day, week, or month for celebrating ethnic, cultural, or heritage groups, upon the application of such groups. In practice, such days, weeks, or months are proclaimed by the governor in his role as the chief executive. Additionally, the act allows state employees in the unclassified service to compete in promotional examinations for positions in the classified service without having previous permanent status in the classified service. However, this change was repealed by **H.B. No. 6706 Public Act 13-247 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT**, thus leaving existing law unchanged. Under existing law, unclassified employees can compete for classified positions if they possess the minimum qualifications the administrative services commissioner establishes, but they must have previous permanent status in the classified service to compete in promotional examinations for the positions. Effective Date: Upon passage

H.B. No. 6672 Special Act 13-23 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND, THE BOUNDARIES OF FENWICK, THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN TOWN ACTIONS, THE CITY POINT YACHT CLUB AND WHEELER LIBRARY Section 5 of this act conveys a parcel of land at the Southbury Training School to the Town of Southbury. The bill provides that not earlier than October 1, 2014 (upon certification by DDS Commissioner that the property is no longer needed for residential purposes), the Commissioner of Administrative Services, on behalf of the Commissioner of Developmental Services, shall convey to the town of Southbury a parcel of land located in the town of Southbury, with an area of approximately 45 acres and identified as a portion of the parcel of land containing the Southbury Training School Personnel Village east of South Britain Road. The town of Southbury shall use this parcel of land for housing purposes. Effective Date: Upon passage

BILLS THAT WERE VETOED BY THE GOVERNOR:

Governor Malloy vetoed eight Public Acts that had been passed by both the Senate and the House. The links to the respective bills that were vetoed follow: [SB-0190](#), [SB-0704](#), [SB-0992](#), [SB-1067](#), [HB-5908](#), [HB-6509](#), [HB-6658](#), [HB-6689](#). None of the vetoed Public Acts would have had a direct impact on DDS. The House and the Senate convened a Veto Session on June 22, 2013 but did not override any of the Governor's vetoes.

BUDGET BILLS:

H.B. No. 6350 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015, AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO REVENUE This bill was the Governor's proposed budget bill which was amended by the Appropriations Committee. The bill died on the House Calendar and was ultimately replaced by **H.B. No. 6704 Public Act 13-184 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015** (See below).

H.B. No. 6354 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT This bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6367 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS This bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6704 Public Act 13-184 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 [Fiscal Note for H.B. No. 6704](#) [Bill Analysis For H.B. No. 6704](#) This is the biennial budget that passed the legislature and was signed by the Governor for fiscal years 2014 and 2015. Among other provisions, **Section 20** transfers \$500,000 in FY14 and \$750,000 in FY15 to DDS from the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund to implement recommendations resulting from a study conducted pursuant to Public Act 11-6 to enhance and improve the services and supports for individuals with autism and their families. **Section 27** transfers \$1million in each fiscal year of federal funds received by the Department of Education, from Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to DDS's Birth to Three Program in order to carry out Part B responsibilities consistent with the IDEA. **Section 34** allows for one hundred percent cost settlement or an alternative amount identified by the DDS Commissioner and approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

H.B. No. 6705 Public Act 13-234 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH This bill implements the budget. The implementer's provisions that affect DDS are contained in **Section 16**, which adds DDS as a member of the state's Interagency Council on Affordable Housing; in **Section 69**, which includes

consulting with DDS for a report to the legislature done by the Department of Housing on rental assistance certificates; and in **Section 154**, which incorporates language from [S.B. No. 652](#), that requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to refer any child who is a victim of substantiated abuse and neglect or is receiving DCF differential response program services and has been found, through screening, to exhibit developmental and social-emotional delays to (1) the Birth-to-Three Program or if ineligible for this program (2) the Children's Trust Fund's Help Me Grow prevention program or a similar program.

[H.B. No. 6706 Public Act 13-247](#) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Among numerous provisions of this implementer bill, **Section 327** creates Regional Human Services Coordinating Councils. Starting January 1, 2015, the bill requires each state planning region to establish regional human services coordinating councils to encourage collaborations fostering the development and maintenance of a client-focused structure for each region's health and human services system. Membership on the regional human services coordinating councils will require the Commissioner or his designee to attend at least two council meetings per year in each of the planning regions re-designated pursuant to section 16a-4c of the general statutes. These new councils were originally a provision in [H.B. No. 5267 - An Act Concerning the Regional Delivery of Human Services](#) and then became a provision in [H.B. No. 6629 - An Act Concerning Regionalism in Connecticut](#), which passed in the House as amended by House Amendments B and C but died in the Senate. **Sections 250, 252, 254, 258-259, 261-319 and 388** eliminate regional planning agencies and regional councils of elected officials after January 1, 2015, leaving regional councils of governments (COGs) as the only type of regional planning organization (RPO), and makes many conforming changes to reflect this change. **Section 68** amends CGS § 8-3e and requires local zoning regulations to treat as single-family homes Department of Public Health-licensed inpatient hospice facilities serving up to six people. **Section 93** eliminates definitions relating to the Community Residential Facility Revolving Loan Fund (CGS § 17a-220) effective January 1, 2014. **Sections 26-36 and 386** create an eRegulations System to be administered by the Secretary of State. Among these sections several provisions, they (1) delay until October 1, 2014, a requirement that online regulations posted by the secretary of the state be the "official version" of the regulations of state agencies; (2) eliminates requirements for agencies to post regulations and related documents on their own websites; (3) require that several manuals published by the Department of Social Services be posted on the eRegulations System; and (4) repeal requirements that agencies (a) post all manuals and guidance documents online and (b) post on their websites policies that are implemented before being adopted in regulation form. **Sections 195-230** dissolve the Department of Construction Services (DCS) and transfers its powers and duties to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). **Sections 331-375 and 389** make numerous changes to state employee hiring practices, working conditions, compensation, and time limits for appeal of exam results. In **Section 344** it requires DAS to evaluate, at least every five years, (1) classified and (2) unionized non-classified, positions to determine if they are in an appropriate compensation plan.

BILLS THAT WERE REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE AND DID NOT PASS:

[S.B. No. 54](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN FOR LOW-INCOME PRIVATE SECTOR WORKERS This bill would have created the Connecticut Retirement Security Trust Fund to provide a public retirement plan for certain private sector employees, who would have been automatically enrolled in the plan unless they opt out. The trust would have been administered by an 11-member Connecticut Retirement Security Trust Fund Board chaired by the state treasurer and comptroller. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

[S.B. No. 79](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF EMERGENCY POWER NEEDS IN HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY This bill would have required the Department of Housing (DOH) to conduct a study on emergency power needs at all public elderly housing in the state. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 159 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEE PRIVACY This bill would have prohibited an employer from requesting or requiring an employee or job applicant to provide the employer with his or her password or other access to a personal on-line account. It also would have banned an employer from (1) firing, disciplining, or otherwise penalizing an employee or applicant who refuses to provide this information and (2) firing or retaliating against an employee who files a complaint under the bill. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 169 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF CHILDREN Among the bill's various provisions, it would have 1. established a community-wide public health collaborative pilot program in three communities to reduce the impact of mental or emotional trauma on children; 2. required the Department of Children and Families, in cooperation with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, to develop a program to improve children's mental health; and 3. required the State Department of Education to revise its guidelines for addressing the physical health needs of students to include their mental health needs. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 191 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR CAUSING HARM TO A VULNERABLE USER OF A PUBLIC WAY This bill would have established a penalty for a motorist who, failing to exercise reasonable care on a public way, seriously injures or causes the death of a "vulnerable user," provided the vulnerable user exercised reasonable care in using the public way. A driver who causes such injury or death faces a fine of up to \$ 1,000. Such conduct may already subject drivers to penalties under existing criminal laws. Vulnerable users include: 1. pedestrians; 2. people in wheelchairs or motorized chairs; and 3. blind people and their service animals. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 349 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES AND WRITTEN JOB ORDERS This bill would have required employment agencies and temporary help services that refer applicants for employment or assignment for a fee to provide certain documents and written job orders to the applicants before they start working. The bill would have required the agencies and services to provide applicants with a written multi-lingual job order, which must include: 1. the agency or service's name and principal address; 2. a description of the employment relationship between the applicant and the agency or service; 3. contact information for the person the applicant should report to for employment or an assignment; 4. the employer's name and address; 5. the employment or assignment's type and character, including requirements for special attire, accessories, safety or health equipment, training, or licenses; 6. whether the applicant will need special training; 7. compensation rates, including benefits; 8. the employment or assignment's expected duration, including daily starting times, anticipated end times, and overtime; 9. whether the agency, service, or employer provides meals; and 10. whether the agency or service offers transportation to the employer's worksite, including its costs. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 360 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDER ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS This bill would have required the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop programs to educate the medical community and general public and promote research on pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS). The bill died on the Senate Calendar. Provisions of this bill were included in **H.B. No. 6644 Public Act 13-208 AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.**

S.B. No. 390 AN ACT EXTENDING THE JOB EXPANSION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM This bill would have extended to 2016 the job expansion tax credit for employers who hire persons participating in employment opportunities and day services, as defined in section 17a-226, operated or funded by the Department of Developmental Services. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

S.B. No. 518 AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY EMPLOYMENT ISSUES CONCERNING REGISTRIES IN THE HOMEMAKER AND COMPANION SERVICES INDUSTRY

This bill would have created a task force to study the benefits and potential concerns associated with designating a homemaker-companion agency, registry or homemaker-home health agency as the employer of individuals providing certain services to consumers for the purposes of unemployment compensation, wages and workers' compensation. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

S.B. No. 595 AN ACT EQUALIZING SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN WHO AGE OUT OF SERVICES

This bill would have required The Department of Social Services to administer an assistance program for children who attain eighteen years of age while in the custody of a nonparent relative who is a legal guardian. The assistance program would have had to provide the same benefits as those received by children who attain eighteen years of age while in the care and custody of the Department of Children and Families. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 596 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH

INSURANCE EXCHANGE This bill would have required the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange to negotiate premiums with health carriers (e. g., insurers and HMOs) offering or seeking to offer “qualified health plans” through the exchange. By law, these plans must offer specified benefits at two or more coverage levels. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 646 AN ACT RESTORING FUNDING FOR THE STATE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR DEMAND-RESPONSIVE TRANSPORTATION FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

This bill would have appropriated \$5.0 million in the Special Transportation Fund in FY14 and FY15 for matching grants to municipalities for demand-responsive transportation for the elderly and people with disabilities which would have restored funding for dial-a-ride transportation services. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 650 AN ACT CREATING A PARENTS' SUPPORT HOT LINE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN EXHIBITING MENTAL OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES

This bill would have required the Department of Children and Families to provide a telephone hotline for any parent or guardian of a child exhibiting signs of mental or behavioral health issues to access for information and assistance. It would have also required the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in conjunction with a college or university, develop and implement a pilot program to explore and address the mental and behavioral health of children in the state. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 652 AN ACT CONCERNING REFERRALS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE BIRTH-TO-THREE PROGRAM

This bill would have required the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to ensure that children age three or younger are screened for developmental and social-emotional delays if they are (1) substantiated abuse and neglect victims or (2) receiving DCF differential response program services. DCF would have been required refer any child found, through the screening, to exhibit such delays to (1) the Birth-to-Three Program or if ineligible for this program (2) the Children's Trust Fund's Help Me Grow prevention program or a similar program. The bill died on the House Calendar. Provisions of this bill were incorporated into **Section 154** of **H.B. No. 6705**

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S.B. No. 654 AN ACT CREATING A MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID PROGRAM

This bill would have created a mental health first aid program in the Department of Children and Families, which would have provided (1) core live or online training courses to any teacher, caregiver, parent or guardian of a school-age child on the skills, resources and knowledge to assist individuals in crisis to connect with appropriate local

mental health care services; (2) training on mental health resources, including the location of community mental health centers in the state and local community; and (3) training on action plans and protocols for referral to such resources. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 760 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PHYSICAL RESTRAINT OF STUDENTS BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES This bill would have prohibited anyone from requiring a school employee to physically restrain a student if the employee reasonably believed that doing so would result in personal harm to the employee. It also would have prohibited local and regional boards of education from dismissing, disciplining, or otherwise penalizing a school employee for refusing to physically restrain a student for that reason. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

S.B. No. 762 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCY INTERNET WEB SITES This bill would have explicitly permitted any state agency to remove press releases and other information from its website if they are no longer necessary to conduct agency business. Under current law, state agencies already possess this authority. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 773 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SITING OF STATE FACILITIES This bill would have required the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), when leasing, purchasing, or contracting for the purchase of state facilities in certain municipalities, to first consider locations in the central business district. The requirement applies when DAS sites a facility in a municipality with a population greater than 45,000 that has adopted an ordinance requiring such consideration. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 843 AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE BUDGET This bill would have made various changes to state and local taxes and fees. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 848 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH This bill would have made various changes to the public health statutes. It would have: 1. established licensing and inspection fees for home health care agencies and assisted living service agencies; 2. required the Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish and administer a program to provide financial assistance to community health centers and establish a formula to disburse funds based on the care that centers provide; and 3. required DPH's Office of Health Care Access (OHCA) to consider, when evaluating a certificate of need (CON) application, the applicant's provision of services to Medicaid recipients and indigent people. The bill died on the Senate Calendar. Many of the provisions of this bill were incorporated into **H.B. No. 6705**
Public Act 13-234 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

S.B. No. 851 AN ACT PROTECTING THE ASSETS OF THE SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED MEDICAID RECIPIENT This bill would have required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to amend the Medicaid state plan to increase, from \$23,184 to \$33,000, the minimum amount of money the spouse of a long-term care Medicaid recipient may keep (i.e., the minimum community spouse protected amount). The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 852 AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME OVERSIGHT AND COMMUNITY-BASED PLACEMENTS This bill would have required nursing homes, rest homes, residential care homes, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to notify the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the long-term care ombudsman (LTCO) in writing at least 30 days before submitting a letter of intent to DSS for a certificate of need (CON) application. It would have required the facilities, after providing such notice, to allow DSS to evaluate the residents to determine which ones might be eligible to transition to a community-based setting through the Money Follows the Person (MFP) program. The bill also would have

changed the Nursing Home Financial Advisory Committee membership and its meeting requirements. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 854 AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL INNOVATION INVESTMENT This bill would have allowed the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary, with legislative approval, to enter into a contract with a social investment enterprise based on a written proposal that (1) the secretary deems sufficient and (2) demonstrates the enterprise will generate a reduction in state expenditures through the accelerated delivery of preventive social programs within the state. A social innovation enterprise is an entity created to coordinate preventive social service delivery by nonprofit service providers with the help of private investment. Currently, the secretary may enter into such contracts for prison re-entry programs only. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 857 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF STEP THERAPY FOR AND OFF-LABEL PRESCRIBING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS This bill would have prohibited individual and group health insurance policies from requiring anyone covered under them to use any alternative brand name prescription or over-the-counter drugs before using a brand name prescription drug prescribed by a licensed physician. But, the policy could have required the covered person to use a therapeutically-equivalent generic drug before using a brand name drug prescribed by a licensed physician. Under the bill, if a policy required the use of step therapy, it could not have (1) required failure on the same prescription drug more than once or (2) imposed a copayment greater than the lowest cost copayment for preferred drugs in the same class on any person covered under the policy who has satisfied, in the prescribing physician's judgment, the step therapy requirements of the policy. Under the bill, "step therapy" are protocols that establish specific sequences for prescribing drugs for a specified medical condition. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 858 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TELEMEDICINE SERVICES This bill would have required certain health insurance policies to cover medical services provided through telemedicine to the same extent that coverage is provided for the services through in-person visits between an insured person and a health care provider. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 861 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODERNIZATION OF CERTAIN MEDICAL FORMS This bill would have required the Insurance Commissioner to develop uniform prior authorization forms for health care services. The forms would have been required to cover professional office visits, prescription drug benefits, imaging, and other diagnostic or laboratory testing. Under the bill, all health care professionals would have been required to use the forms. All insurers, other health carriers, or utilization review companies that require prior authorization for health care services would have been required to accept and to use them. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 883 AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMUNITY SPOUSE'S ALLOWABLE ASSETS This bill would have required the Department of Social Services to amend the Medicaid state plan to require that the spouse of someone in an institution (i. e., nursing home) who remains in the community be allowed to receive the maximum amount of assets allowed by federal law (\$115,920 in 2013). Currently, the spouse can keep half of the couple's combined assets, up to that maximum. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 884 AN ACT INCREASING ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND THOSE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE This bill would have expanded eligibility for state-funded home and community-based care for the elderly and those with Alzheimer's disease by increasing the income and asset limits for persons applying for home and community-based care. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 885 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE THE UTILITY OF CREATING A PUBLIC RETIREMENT PLAN This bill would have established a task force to study the need for a public retirement plan. The task force would have examined (1) access residents of this state have to employer-sponsored retirement plans, (2) the types of employer-sponsored retirement plans offered by employers in this state, (3) estimates of the amount of savings and other financial resources residents of this state have upon retirement, (4) the level of reliance retired residents of this state have on public assistance benefits as a result of insufficient retirement savings or income, and (5) opportunities the state can pursue to encourage residents of this state to prepare for retirement. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 891 AN ACT AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES This bill would have specified that a state employee “manager” would have to play a major role in the administration of collective bargaining agreements or major personnel decisions, including hiring and firing. The practical effect of this is fewer state employees would be considered managers, and those who were no longer managers would be eligible to form a union. By law, state employee managers cannot collectively bargain with the state. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 907 AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EMPLOYER'S NOTICE TO DISPUTE CERTAIN CARE DEEMED REASONABLE FOR AN EMPLOYEE UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT Among its various provisions, this bill would have required certain employers, or their workers' compensation insurers, to obtain written approval from a workers' compensation commissioner before discontinuing, reducing, or denying an employee's course of medical treatment deemed reasonable or necessary by a physician or surgeon. The requirement would not apply to (1) employers that maintain an employee's health insurance coverage while the employee is receiving workers' compensation benefits or (2) an ongoing course of medical treatment of limited duration. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 908 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION INFORMATION This bill would have allowed prospective and current employees to bring a civil suit against an employer that violates, or aids in the violation of the current law that prohibits an employer from denying employment to a prospective employee, or discharging or discriminating against a current employee, solely because the employee (1) had certain arrests, criminal charges, or convictions with legally erased records or (2) received a provisional pardon from the Board of Pardons and Paroles. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 936 AN ACT CONCERNING CARE OF DISPLACED PERSONS AT SHELTERS AND NURSING HOMES DURING A WEATHER EMERGENCY This bill would have required the Commissioner of Public Health to establish a streamlined waiver approval process for nursing home facilities to provide care and shelter to state residents displaced during a state of emergency, which would allow nursing home facilities to immediately take in displaced residents, regardless of the nursing home facility's approved bed capacity. The bill also would have required the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to ensure that city, town and regional emergency plans of operation include: (1) A means to identify, to the extent reasonably possible, elderly persons and persons with disabilities who are receiving care in home and community-based settings and the level of care and services such persons will require in the event of an emergency; (2) the reasonably prompt provision of shelter and services for persons whose medical needs require care in a nursing home facility; (3) the provision of shelter, in accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 at municipal and state shelters for persons whose needs do not require hospitalization or medical care in a nursing home facility; (4) coordination with home care agencies and charitable organizations for the provision of assistance with major life activities to persons with disabilities at emergency shelters, provided persons providing such assistance have been subject to criminal background checks; and (5) the provision of shelter and services in the most appropriate and integrated setting based upon the needs of an elderly person or a person with disabilities. Also, the bill would have held any employee,

officer or agent of an emergency shelter, or any volunteer assisting in the operation of such shelter not liable for any civil damages related to any personal injuries resulting from acts or omissions which may constitute ordinary negligence by such employee, officer, agent or volunteer in rendering assistance to any elderly person or person with disabilities with any major life activity while such person has taken refuge at the shelter during a state of emergency. This immunity would not have applied to acts or omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

S.B. No. 937 AN ACT CONCERNING CARE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS IN A HOME SETTING RATHER THAN A NURSING HOME FACILITY This bill would have required the Department of Social Services to develop a plan to ensure that, starting January 1, 2016 at least 75% of elderly people (ages 60 and older) requiring long-term care receive it in a home setting instead of a nursing home facility. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 938 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES BY QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES This bill would have allowed insurers, fraternal benefit societies, hospital or medical service corporations, and HMOs that issue policies or certificates for Medicare supplement plans A, B, or C, or any combination of them to deliver or issue certain Medicare supplement policies to Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs), to the extent federal law allows. Under the QMB program, the state's Medicaid program pays the Medicare beneficiaries' Part A and B premiums and certain other cost sharing as a way to reduce the likelihood that these individuals will require full Medicaid coverage. The state pays the cost sharing and the federal government reimburses it for half of these expenditures. Federal law appears to prohibit this. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 939 AN ACT CONCERNING A REGISTRY OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS WHOSE VICTIMS ARE ELDERLY This bill would have required the Chief State's Attorney to establish a registry of persons convicted of crimes against the elderly. The registry would contain the name, birth date and last known address of each such person and a summary of each such conviction. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

S.B. No. 952 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LANDLORDS AND TENANTS REGARDING BED BUG INFESTATION This bill would have established a framework for identifying and treating bed bug infestations in residential rental properties. It would have set separate duties and responsibilities for landlords and tenants, including notice, inspection, and treatment requirements. It also would have given tenants remedies when landlords fail to comply with their duties and responsibilities. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 956 AN ACT CONCERNING PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDER ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS This bill would have required the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop programs to educate the medical community and general public and promote research on pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS). The bill also would have required certain health insurance policies to cover the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS. The bill died on the Senate Calendar. Provisions of this bill were included in **H.B. No. 6644 Public Act 13-208 AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.**

S.B. No. 969 AN ACT CONCERNING FEES CHARGED FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS This bill would have required to a state agency to pay fees for conducting criminal history records checks when the request from the state agency is with respect to an individual not to be employed by such agency. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

S.B. No. 986 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF PROBATE COURT ORDERS TO STATE AGENCIES This bill would have required state agencies to recognize, apply, and enforce any probate court orders, denials, or decrees that apply to agency determinations in contested cases. It would have allowed state agencies aggrieved by such a probate court decision to appeal to Hartford Superior Court. The bill was not limited to cases where a state agency is a party to probate court proceedings and therefore it was unclear how agencies would be aggrieved by the court's decision or have had standing to file an appeal. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 999 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMELY TRANSFER OF STUDENT RECORDS This bill would have authorized a penalty the Education Commissioner must impose on school districts that fail to forward student education records in certain circumstances. The bill requires the commissioner to impose a penalty of \$100 per day for each day beyond the deadline on the former district if it fails to forward the records within 10 business days after being notified of the transfer. The bill would have changed the deadline by which public school districts and charter schools must give notice of transferred enrollment to the student's former unified school district from 10 calendar days to 10 business days. It also would have changed the deadline for forwarding student education records from 10 days to 10 business days after enrollment when: 1. a student transfers out of a public school district or state charter school to another public school district or state charter school, or 2. a student transfers out of Unified School District #1, #2, or #3 to another public school district or state charter school. The bill also would have required public school districts and state charter schools to credit instruction from Unified School District #3 within 30 calendar days of receiving the student's education records. Lastly, the bill would have required local and regional boards of education to immediately enroll any student who transfers from Unified School District #3, as they must under current law with respect to students who transfer from Unified School Districts #1 and #2. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 1007 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE PAID SICK LEAVE STATUTES This bill would have changed the method for determining whether an employer must provide paid sick leave by exempting manufacturers as long as their business falls under North American Industrial Classification System's manufacturing categories, regardless of the activities they conduct at different facilities, which would have resulted in fewer employers providing paid sick leave. The bill also would have changed the timeframe for accruing such leave and how employees may use such leave. Under current law, employers must provide paid sick leave based on the type of business they conduct at each business site and the number of people they employ during any of the business' calendar quarters for the prior year. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 1023 AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE RETENTION BY NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS This bill would have allowed any nonprofit provider organization that is a party to a contract with a state agency for the provision of health or human services to retain one hundred per cent of the difference between the actual expenditures incurred by such organization and the amount it received under the contract that was not otherwise restricted by federal grant requirements, provided such organization (1) had met the performance requirements of such contract, and (2) was in compliance with the regulatory requirements and standards developed by the contracting state agency. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee. A version of this bill was included in **Section 34** of **H.B. No. 6704 Public Act 13-184 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015**. The provision that passed allows for one hundred percent cost settlement or an alternative amount identified by the DDS Commissioner and approved by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.

S.B. No. 1024 AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT OF EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIANS FOR TREATMENT OF MEDICAID RECIPIENTS The bill would have allowed an emergency room physician to enroll separately as a Medicaid provider and qualify for direct reimbursement for professional services provided in the emergency room of a hospital to a Medicaid recipient, including services provided on the same day the Medicaid recipient is admitted to the hospital. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 1066 AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION GUIDELINES This bill would have added to the factors that the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Office of Health Care Access (OHCA) is required to consider when evaluating a certificate of need (CON) application, whether the applicant has satisfactorily demonstrated that the proposal is consistent with the overall goals of federal health care reform. Generally, the current law requires a health care facility to apply for a CON when it proposes to (1) establish a new facility or provide new services, (2) change ownership, (3) purchase or acquire certain equipment, or (4) terminate certain services. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 1075 AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST AN EMPLOYER FOR FAILURE TO PAY WAGES OR COMPENSATION OR MAKE PAYMENTS TO AN EMPLOYEE WELFARE FUND This bill would have required, rather than allowed, a court to award double damages, costs, and attorney's fees when it finds that an employer failed to pay an employee's wages, benefits, or arbitration award, unless the employer proves a good faith basis for believing that its underpayment complied with the law. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 1083 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COST SAVINGS This bill would have established a task force to identify best practices concerning Medicaid cost savings and to study programs offered by the Department of Social Services to determine program efficacy and needs. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 1084 AN ACT CONCERNING DELAYS IN MEDICAID APPLICATION PROCESSING This bill would have required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to implement technology by April 1, 2014, to ensure prompt processing of Medicaid applications. The bill also would have required DSS to establish a pilot presumptive Medicaid eligibility program for home and community-based care in New Haven County for up to three hundred elderly applicants who require a skilled level of nursing care. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 1086 AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY LONG-TERM CARE This bill would have required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to conduct a fiscal analysis of establishing a Community First Choice Option under the Medicaid program, and to report its findings to the General Assembly. The bill would have also required DSS to implement a Community First Choice Option if it determined that the savings of such a program exceeds its costs. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 1116 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN REVENUES TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET RESERVE FUND This bill would have expanded the funding sources for the Budget Reserve ("Rainy Day") Fund and increased its maximum balance from 10% to 15% of the net General Fund appropriations for the fiscal year in progress. The bill also would have given the Office of Policy and Management the discretion to deposit any payment the state receives from a court settlement into the (1) state's trust fund for post-employment benefits, (2) State Employees Retirement Fund, or (3) Teacher's Retirement Fund. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 1127 AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE CONTRACTORS TO TOWN COMMITTEES This bill would have lifted the ban on contributions by individuals who are state contractors or prospective state contractors and their principals, spouses, and dependent children to town committees in the municipality where they reside. It instead authorizes them to contribute up to the same amount that the law authorizes other individuals to contribute to town committees, currently \$ 1,000. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

S.B. No. 1136 AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES This bill would have required the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), Children and Families (DCF), and Social Services (DSS), in consultation with the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council, to establish and

implement a regional behavioral health consultation and care coordination program for primary care providers who serve children. The program would have been required to give these primary care providers (1) timely access to a consultation team that includes a child psychiatrist, social worker, and care coordinator; (2) patient care coordination and transitional services for behavioral health care; and (3) training and education concerning patient access to behavioral health services. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 1140 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF A CONSERVATOR AND OTHER PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE DECISIONS RELATING TO THE CARE AND DISPOSITION OF A DECEASED PERSON'S BODY This bill would have made various changes concerning the disposition of a body after a person's death. It would have allowed an agent with power of attorney to execute a written document in advance of the principal's death, (1) directing the body's disposition upon death or (2) designating someone to have custody and control of the disposition upon death. It would have given the same authority to a conservator to execute such a document in regard to the conserved person's body after death, but only if the probate court were to expressly authorize it. The bill also generally would have prohibited someone with custody and control of the disposition of a deceased person's body from knowingly providing for disposition in a manner inconsistent with (1) the person's own advance directive or (2) a conservator's or agent's document. The bill died on the House Calendar.

S.B. No. 1164 AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES This bill would have made numerous changes throughout the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) statutes and other anti-discrimination laws. Among the bill's various provisions, it would have: (1) provided that the right to bring a complaint alleging discrimination applies not only to people who claim to have been injured by a discriminatory practice but to those who believe they will be injured by such a practice about to occur; (2) made certain changes concerning discrimination based on sexual orientation and prohibited employers from permitting sexual harassment; (3) removed the prohibition on employment discrimination due to past history of mental disability; and (4) changed the procedure for CHRO to enforce compliance with certain anti-discrimination laws and affirmative action requirements for state and public works contractors. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

H.B. No. 5267 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGIONAL DELIVERY OF HUMAN SERVICES This bill would have established an integrated human service delivery system to ease access for consumers and reduce inefficiencies. The bill died on the House Calendar. However, provisions of this bill were included in **H.B. No. 6706 Public Act 13-247 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT. Section 327** of the act creates Regional Human Services Coordinating Councils. Starting January 1, 2015, the bill requires each state planning region to establish regional human services coordinating councils to encourage collaborations fostering the development and maintenance of a client-focused structure for each region's health and human services system. Membership on the regional human services coordinating councils will require the Commissioner or his designee to attend at least two council meetings per year in each of the planning regions re-designated pursuant to section 16a-4c of the general statutes. **Sections 250, 252, 254, 258-259, 261-319 and 388** eliminate regional planning agencies and regional councils of elected officials after January 1, 2015, leaving regional councils of governments (COGs) as the only type of regional planning organization (RPO), and make many conforming changes.

H.B. No. 5298 AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTROCONVULSIVE THERAPY This bill would have required the probate court to follow certain procedures before issuing an order for involuntary electroconvulsive therapy and to replace the term "shock therapy" with "electroconvulsive therapy". The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

H.B. No. 5347 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG LABELS This bill would have required pharmacists to label generic prescription drugs with both the generic name of the drug and the brand name. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 5353 AN ACT REQUIRING STATE BUILDINGS TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES This bill would have required the state building inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee to revise the State Building Code to require that, by January 1, 2021, within available appropriations, all existing state buildings open to the public be accessible by a sloped ramp and an automatically activated door and contain at least one accessible bathroom and elevator. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5484 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND ABUSE-DETERRENT PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS This bill would have barred individual and group health insurance policies from requiring the use of a generic drug prescribed for pain management that is not drug abuse-deterrent when there is a therapeutically equivalent brand name available that is abuse-deterrent. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5516 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUALS FROM THE STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY This bill would have established a procedure for individuals to remove their names from the state child abuse and neglect registry after five years have elapsed and upon the showing of good cause. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

H.B. No. 5542 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF HOUSE NUMBERS This bill would have required owners of a residential building to prominently display the building's street number on the building or on a post, sign, mailbox, or other device between the building and the street. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 5568 AN ACT CONCERNING TARGETED HEALTH AREAS This bill would have established a Targeted Health Area program and provided economic incentives to licensed physicians and physician offices providing primary care services or needed medical specialties in such targeted health areas. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 5757 AN ACT INCREASING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY This bill would have expanded eligibility for the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5760 AN ACT INCREASING THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE This bill would have increased the personal needs allowance to seventy-two dollars and seventy-five cents. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 5761 AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME NOTIFICATIONS AND SHELTER PROVISIONS This bill would have put nursing home licensees and owners on notice that they may be held criminally liable for abuse or neglect perpetrated by nursing home employees against residents. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

H.B. No. 5762 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE FOR THE ELDERLY AND ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS This bill would have required the Commission on Aging to submit a report on home and community-based care for the elderly and Alzheimer's patients no later than June 1, 2014. The bill died on the House Calendar. However, **H.B. No.**

5979 Special Act 13-11 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA established a task force on Alzheimer's disease and dementia. DDS was added as a member to this task force in **H.B. No. 6644 Public Act 13-208 AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.**

H.B. No. 5763 AN ACT CONCERNING GRIEVANCE COMMITTEES IN NURSING HOME FACILITIES This bill would have required nursing home facilities to have grievance committees consisting of, among others, one resident of the facility. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 5765 AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM This bill would have increased, from \$ 41,000 to \$ 50,000, the Statewide Respite Care Program's annual income limit. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 5766 AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME COMPLIANCE WITH COMFORTABLE AND SAFE TEMPERATURE STANDARDS This bill would have required the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner to take certain actions if she investigated or inspected a nursing home and found it to be noncompliant with minimum temperature standards. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

H.B. No. 5896 AN ACT REQUIRING STATE AGENCIES TO CITE SPECIFIC STATUTORY AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS This bill would have required an agency making certain decisions in Uniform Administrative Procedure Act (UAPA) proceedings to specify the statute or regulation authorizing its action. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 5898 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON ENHANCING AGENCY OUTCOMES This bill would have implemented any recommendations of the Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes that had not yet been implemented legislatively. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 5906 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTIONS FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND USE OF THE CONNECTICUT PRESCRIPTION MONITORING AND REPORTING SYSTEM This bill would have required medical practitioners to review their patient's history of controlled substance use each time before distributing, prescribing, administering, or dispensing a controlled substance to the patient. It would have required them to do so by accessing the electronic prescription drug monitoring program administered by the Department of Consumer Protection. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 5918 AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE DUTY NURSING FOR SEVERELY DISABLED CHILDREN This bill would have required the Commissioner of Social Services to administer and, within available appropriations, expand a Medicaid waiver program pursuant to Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act to provide home and community-based services for persons who are institutionalized or at risk of institutionalization and who (1) are twenty-one years of age or younger; (2) have a physical disability and may also have a co-occurring developmental disability; and (3) meet the financial eligibility criteria established in the waiver. Additionally, the bill would have required the Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health and the Insurance Commissioner, to study public and private health-care coverage options for providing home and community-based services, including private duty nursing, to children with severe disabilities and report recommendations to expand home and community-based services for children with severe disabilities to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services, insurance and real estate, public health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 6015 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE CHARGING OF FEES FOR 9-1-1 CALLS This bill would have prohibited municipalities from charging anyone a user fee, service charge, or similar fee or charge for making, in good faith, any 9-1-1 calls for emergency response services. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6320 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS This bill would have required health insurance that provides coverage for intravenously administered medications for the treatment or palliation or therapeutic intervention for the prevention of disabling or life-threatening chronic diseases to provide coverage for orally administered medications for such treatment, palliation or intervention on a basis no less favorable than intravenously administered medications. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6321 AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN DISCLOSURES FOR LONG-TERM CARE POLICIES This bill would have expanded the disclosure requirement for long-term care (LTC) insurers by requiring the LTC disclosure to (1) be in writing and (2) include specified information. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6350 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015, AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO REVENUE This bill was the Governor's proposed budget bill which was amended by the Appropriations Committee. The bill died on the House Calendar and was ultimately replaced by **H.B. No. 6704 Public Act 13-184 AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015.**

H.B. No. 6354 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT This bill died on the House Calendar (See section on budget bills).

H.B. No. 6356 AN ACT CONCERNING BENEFIT CORPORATIONS AND ENCOURAGING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE This bill would have established, defined, and governed a new and specialized type of business corporation, named a benefit corporation (b-corp), intended to benefit society and the environment. The bill defined a b-corp as a for-profit business organization operating under the same laws that govern traditional business corporations (business corporation law, "BCL"), but whose corporate purpose must be to make a material positive impact on society and the environment, taken as a whole and assessed against a third party standard, as a result of its business and operations (i.e., "general public benefit") and may be to promote any specific public benefits the organization chooses to pursue (i.e., "specific public benefit"). The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

H.B. No. 6359 AN ACT CONCERNING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM Provisions of the bill concerning the transfer of the Birth to Three Program to the Office of Early Childhood were contained in **Section 43** of House Amendment **LCO 8868**: "Sec. 43. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) Not later January 15, 2014, the executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, in consultation with the Commissioner of Developmental Services, shall report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and appropriations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding the feasibility of transferring the birth-to-three program, established pursuant to section 17a-248 of the general statutes, from the Department of Developmental Services to the Office of Early Childhood." The bill died on the House Calendar. (The Birth to Three Program is currently budgeted to remain at DDS for FY14 and FY15.) Governor Malloy issued **Executive Order #35** which requires a feasibility study of moving the Birth to Three Program to the Office of Early Childhood.

H.B. No. 6366 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING This bill would transfer various housing programs from the Department of Economic and

Community Development, the Department of Social Services, and the Office of Policy and Management to the Department of Housing. The bill would have also added the Commissioner of Housing to various task forces, boards and councils pertaining to housing. The bill died on the House Calendar. However, provisions of this bill were included in the budget bills that passed. Specifically, **section 16 of [H.B. No. 6704 Public Act 13-184](#) AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015** and **section 4 of [H.B. No. 6705 Public Act 13-234](#) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH**.

[H.B. No. 6367](#) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS This bill died on the House Calendar (See section on budget bills).

[H.B. No. 6368](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHOICES HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM This bill would have made minor and technical changes to the state's administration of the CHOICES program. The program, which primarily helps seniors with their health care choices, including purchasing Medicare supplements, is authorized by and funded under both federal and state law. The bill would have changed oversight of the CHOICES Health insurance assistance program from the Department of Social Services to the Department on Aging. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

[H.B. No. 6390](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES This bill would have made technical changes to the public health statutes. The bill died on the House Calendar. Provisions of this bill were incorporated into **Sections 74-76 of [H.B. No. 6644 Public Act 13-208](#) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES**.

[H.B. No. 6395](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF A SMALL HOUSE NURSING HOME PILOT PROGRAM This bill would have allowed an additional small house nursing home projects within available appropriations at Masonicare Health Facility in Wallingford. The bill died on the House Calendar.

[H.B. No. 6398](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A SAFE HAVEN FROM EVICTION FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED TENANTS This bill would have prohibited housing authorities, community housing authorities, and other corporations from evicting public housing tenants without good cause who (1) are elderly (age 62 or older), (2) have a mental or physical disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or (3) reside with a spouse, sibling, parent, or grandparent who is elderly or has such a disability. The law already protects these tenants from eviction if they reside in a building or complex with five or more units or a mobile manufactured home park. The bill would have extended the protection from eviction to those who reside in a building or complex with fewer than five units. The bill died in the Housing Committee.

[H.B. No. 6400](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED REPORTERS AND REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS FOR YOUTH CAMP DIRECTORS AND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS This bill would have expanded the category of persons who are mandated reporters and required criminal history records checks for directors and assistant directors of youth camps. The bill died on the House Calendar.

[H.B. No. 6411](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES This bill would have required coverage of chiropractic services for Medicaid recipients under the age of twenty-one. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 6412](#) AN ACT CONCERNING SAFE AND APPROPRIATE TRANSPORTATION FOR NONAMBULATORY MEDICAID RECIPIENTS This bill would have disallowed Medicaid coverage for the use of a stretcher van to transport an individual who requires nonemergency transportation and must be

transported in a prone position but does not require medical services during the transport. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 6413 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND THE IDENTIFICATION AND RECOVERY OF ASSETS This bill would have changed how the law treats the assets of Medicaid long-term care applicants and beneficiaries and the amount of income Medicaid nursing home residents must apply to their care costs (applied income). The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 6422 AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING This bill would have made technical amendments to the statute concerning supportive housing. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6425 AN ACT CONCERNING FIRE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS This bill would have required the state fire marshal and the Codes and Standards Committee (state), rather than a municipality, to certify certain fire safety officials (e.g., local fire marshals, fire inspectors, and fire investigators), (2) establish experience requirements for these officials, and (3) allowed the state to accept successful completion of approved private fire training programs as proof of qualification for certification. Under current law, the state accepts only training programs from public agencies. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6432 AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER SERVICES AND HOMEMAKER COMPANION AGENCIES This bill would have brought homemaker-companion agencies, registries, and homemaker-home health aide agencies under the unemployment compensation, wage, and workers' compensation laws. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6439 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION OF UNUSED MEDICATION This bill would have prohibited a health care institution, including an institution, facility, or agency providing services to people with psychiatric or intellectual disabilities, and its employees, staff, contractors, or other people under its direction or supervision from discharging, disposing of, flushing, pouring, or emptying unused medication into a wastewater collection or septic system. DDS is piloting an alternative disposal method to flushing at selected DDS residential locations. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6460 AN ACT LIMITING THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT MISSING ADULTS This bill would have required that silver alerts only provide information necessary to identify the individual and be issued in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of section 1-210 and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in **S.B. No. 709 Public Act 13-226 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SILVER ALERT SYSTEM AND MAINTAINING THE PRIVACY OF A MISSING PERSON'S MEDICAL INFORMATION.**

H.B. No. 6461 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY This bill would have required the Department of Social Services commissioner to implement presumptive eligibility for individuals applying to the Medicaid-funded portion of the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders in consultation with the aging commissioner by October 1, 2013. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 6462 AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM TO EXPAND THE DUTIES OF THE STATE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN This bill would have established a pilot program to expand the oversight of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman to recipients of home and community-based services. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 6478 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CLAIMS DATA PROVIDED TO CERTAIN

EMPLOYERS This bill would have required insurers to provide additional information to certain employers regarding their group health insurance policies, and to specify a time frame for the provision of information by such employer to an employee organization that is the exclusive bargaining representative of the employees of such employer. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

H.B. No. 6487 AN ACT CONCERNING A PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR THE EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR LIMB

This bill would have imposed liability on certain owners of private real property for the expenses of removing a tree or limb from a tree located on such property that falls on an adjoining private real property. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6499 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND THE RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

This bill would have created a workgroup to explore the effectiveness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and determine whether the state's children would benefit from the United States Congress ratifying the convention. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6501 AN ACT CONCERNING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

This bill would have allowed a parent, guardian or grandparent having custody of a school age child to take up to twenty hours of parental leave annually from their employment to attend qualified school-related activities involving such child. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 6521 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT

This bill would have allowed the Commissioner of Public Health to establish a pilot program to implement the use of medical orders for life-sustaining treatment. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6526 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS AND CHEMICALS OF HIGH CONCERN

This bill would have required the Commissioner of Public Health to identify chemicals of high concern to children and to require manufacturers of children's products to provide notice to the commissioner if the manufacturer's product contains a chemical of high concern to children. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6545 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID DRUG STEP THERAPY

This bill would have made changes in Medicaid prior authorization requirements to ensure that eligible recipients and prescribers were informed of prior authorization denials. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

H.B. No. 6554 AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

This bill would have required the Labor and Public Employees Committee to conduct a study regarding the effectiveness of the current unemployment compensation system by February 1, 2014. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6555 AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEE WORKING CONDITIONS

This bill would have required the Department of Labor to develop a program to evaluate employee working conditions in the state. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6556 AN ACT CONCERNING SICK BUILDINGS

This bill would have provided workers' compensation and disability benefits to employees suffering from sick building syndrome. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 6572 AN ACT CONCERNING INTIMIDATION BASED ON BIGOTRY OR BIAS AGAINST A HOMELESS PERSON

This bill would have included, within the offense of intimidation based on bigotry

or bias, the act of a person intimidating or harassing another person because of the actual or perceived homelessness of such other person. The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

H.B. No. 6606 **AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** This bill would have required a study by the Department of Social Services of programs offered by the Department of Children and Families to determine whether they meet the needs of children and families. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6607 **AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOMES** This bill as amended would have changed how the law treats the assets of Medicaid long-term care applicants and beneficiaries and the amount of income Medicaid nursing home residents must apply to their care costs (applied income). The bill died on the Senate Calendar.

H.B. No. 6608 **AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF CARE** This bill would have required the Commissioners of Public Health and Social Services, in coordination with the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council, in consultation with the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families and Education, to conduct an assessment of what is needed to develop an integrated system of care for (1) children, and (2) young adults eighteen to twenty-six years of age. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6609 **AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME TRANSPARENCY** This bill would have required every for-profit chronic and convalescent nursing home that receives state funding to include in its annual cost report to the Department of Social Services a profit and loss statement from each related party that receives \$10,000 or more a year from the nursing home for goods, fees, and services. Cost reports are used to determine the rate DSS pays nursing homes for serving Medicaid-eligible residents. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6611 **AN ACT CONCERNING A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING FUNDING FOR STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION BENEFITS** This bill would have required the Treasurer, in cooperation with the Insurance Department, to develop and issue a request for information to solicit ways the state can improve the level of funding for state retirement and pension benefits and would have required the Treasurer to submit to the General Assembly recommendations for legislative action to implement the response to the request for information evaluated to be the most likely to be effective in reducing the unfunded state liabilities for pensions and for other retirement benefits. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6612 **AN ACT CONCERNING THE HEALTH INSURANCE GRIEVANCE PROCESS FOR ADVERSE DETERMINATIONS, THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE AND MENTAL HEALTH PARITY COMPLIANCE CHECKS** This bill would have made various changes to the health insurance grievance process for adverse determinations (e.g., claims denials) treating requests for certain services or treatments for mental or substance use disorders as urgent care requests. It would have reduced the time insurers or other health carriers have to make initial determinations on claims for these services and treatments and act on requests to review adverse determinations. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6614 **AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYERS AND HEALTH CARE** This bill would have required certain large employers to pay the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner a monthly fee for each of their employees who receive assistance from HUSKY A or B for themselves or their families based on the average annual cost of in-state employer-based commercial health insurance, prorated to the number of hours the employee worked over the previous month. The bill would have allowed the attorney general to investigate and bring a civil action in Hartford Superior Court against an employer that failed to pay the required fees. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6629 AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONALISM IN CONNECTICUT This bill would have eliminated regional planning agencies and regional councils of elected officials by January 1, 2015, and replaced such agencies and councils with eight regional councils of governments; required the Northeastern Region Council of Governments to develop a pilot program to address the human services needs of the region; required the Capital Region Council of Governments to develop a pilot program to improve services and cost-efficiency in the region; and required the Valley Council of Governments to develop a pilot program to transfer administration of the HUD Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program for the towns of Ansonia, Derby, Seymour and Shelton to such council. The bill died on the Senate Calendar. However, **section 327 of H.B. No. 6706 Public Act 13-247 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT** creates Regional Human Services Coordinating Councils. Starting January 1, 2015, the bill requires each state planning region to establish regional human services coordinating councils to encourage collaborations fostering the development and maintenance of a client-focused structure for each region's health and human services system. Membership on the regional human services coordinating councils will require the Commissioner or his designee to attend at least two council meetings per year in each of the planning regions re-designated pursuant to section 16a-4c of the general statutes. **Sections 250, 252, 254, 258-259, 261-319 and 388** eliminate regional planning agencies and regional councils of elected officials after January 1, 2015, leaving regional councils of governments (COGs) as the only type of regional planning organization (RPO), and make many conforming changes.

H.B. No. 6667 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LIABILITY OF AN EMPLOYER WHO DISCIPLINES OR DISCHARGES AN EMPLOYEE ON ACCOUNT OF THE EXERCISE OF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS This bill would have exempted state agencies from liability from certain instances of discipline and discharge. The bill died on the House Calendar.

H.B. No. 6673 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS This bill would have added an additional requirement for privatization contracts involving reimbursable personal services, permitted the cost-benefit analysis to be waived under certain circumstances and nullified any privatization contract other than for an emergency procurement entered into or renewed without complying with the provisions of section 4e-16. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 6684 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTAKE, REFERRAL AND INTERVENTION SYSTEM RELATING TO THE PROVISION AND DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES This bill would have required the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish an intake, referral and intervention system relating to the provision and delivery of mental health services. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

BILLS THAT WERE NOT REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE AND DID NOT PASS:

Proposed **S.B. No. 6 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES** This bill would have permitted state employees to fill their prescriptions at independent pharmacies. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed **S.B. No. 7 AN ACT CONCERNING REFORM OF STATE-SPONSORED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS** This bill would have reformed state-sponsored public employee pension systems. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 9](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COVERAGE FOR DEPENDENTS UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT HEALTH PLAN This bill would have provided health care coverage for dependents of state retirees. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 10](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS STATE SERVICE IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM This bill would have allowed state employees with a break in service to use all previous state service towards retirement credit. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 14](#) AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES IN SCHOOLS This bill would have required local and regional boards of education to include lock-down plans as part of their emergency response procedures. The bill died in the Education Committee.

[S.B. No. 24](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING This bill would have added new members to the interagency council on affordable housing. The bill died in the Housing Committee. However, **Section 16** of **[H.B. No. 6705 Public Act 13-234](#) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOUSING, HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH** adds DDS as a member of the state's Interagency Council on Affordable Housing.

Proposed [S.B. No. 28](#) AN ACT CONCERNING DISPENSATION AND INSURANCE COVERAGE OF A PRESCRIBED DRUG DURING REVIEW OF AN ADVERSE DETERMINATION OR A FINAL ADVERSE DETERMINATION This bill would have required dispensation and coverage of a prescribed drug for an insured for the duration of any grievance or review filed or requested by such insured of an adverse determination or a final adverse determination. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 29](#) AN ACT DECREASING THE TIME FRAME FOR UTILIZATION REVIEW AND BENEFIT DETERMINATIONS BY HEALTH CARRIERS FOR URGENT CARE REQUESTS This bill would have decreased the time for utilization review and benefit determinations by a health carrier for urgent care requests from seventy-two hours to twenty-four hours. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 34](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS This bill would have prohibited health insurance policies that provide coverage for prescription drugs from requiring an insured to use any alternative prescription drugs or over-the-counter drugs prior to using a brand name prescription drug that is prescribed by a licensed physician. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 37](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES This bill would have required insurance companies delivering, issuing for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing health insurance coverage in this state to define mental health coverage as "medically necessary". The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 40](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TELEMEDICINE SERVICES This bill would have required insurance coverage of health care services provided through telecommunications technology. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 48](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE This bill would have permitted a competent person who is suffering from a terminal illness to take his or her life through the self-administration of prescribed medication. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 51](#) AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF "PHYSICALLY HELPLESS" WITH RESPECT TO SEXUAL ASSAULT OFFENSES This bill would have expanded the definition of the term "physically helpless", with respect to sexual assault offenses, to include a person who is unable to talk or who is severely intellectually disabled or physically disabled. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [H.B. No. 6641 Public Act 13-47](#) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHO IS PHYSICALLY HELPLESS OR WHOSE ABILITY TO CONSENT IS OTHERWISE IMPAIRED.**

Proposed [S.B. No. 53](#) AN ACT ELIMINATING LONGEVITY PAYMENTS AND ELIMINATING OVERTIME COMPENSATION FROM THE CALCULATION OF PENSIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES This bill would have eliminated longevity payments and overtime from the calculation of pensions for state employees. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 55](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS FROM REQUIRING EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE MANDATORY FLU SHOTS This bill would have prevented employers from mandating that their employees receive flu vaccines as a condition of their employment. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 56](#) AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE STATE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE This bill would have increased the minimum wage by seventy -five cents in each of the next two years. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [S.B. No. 387 Public Act 13-117](#) **AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE**

Proposed [S.B. No. 60](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH CARE SYSTEM This bill would have created a unified health care system. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 61](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE TO CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS This bill would have allowed school nurses to administer epinephrine to children in the event of an emergency without a physician's order. The bill died in the Public Health Committee

Proposed [S.B. No. 75](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE This bill would have directed the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange to actively negotiate, on behalf of consumers, health insurance premiums with insurers for qualified health plans offered through the exchange. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 84](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS TO ADMINISTER EPINEPHRINE TO STUDENTS This bill would have allowed school bus drivers to administer epinephrine to children in the event of an emergency without a physician's order. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 86](#) AN ACT REQUIRING SOCIAL WORKERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO REPORT ANIMAL ABUSE This bill would have required social workers and health care providers to report animal abuse to the appropriate authorities. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 87](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME This bill would have excluded Social Security from the personal income tax. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 88](#) AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME This bill would have exempted Social Security from the personal income tax. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

[S.B. No. 93](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY SPOUSE OF AN INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSON This bill would have increased the amount of assets that may be retained by the spouse of an institutionalized Medicaid recipient. The bill died in the Human Services Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in **[S.B. No. 883](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMUNITY SPOUSE'S ALLOWABLE ASSETS**, which died on the Senate Calendar.

Proposed [S.B. No. 97](#) AN ACT EXTENDING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASES This bill would have extended the applicable statute of limitations for medical malpractice cases. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 101](#) AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE RENEWAL FEES FOR INACTIVE PHYSICIANS This bill would have allowed physicians who are not engaged in active professional practice to pay a reduced fee for their license renewal. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 105](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN AREAS RESERVED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES This bill would have required police officers to issue either a written warning or a summons for commission of a violation of the handicapped parking statute. The bill died in the Transportation Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 106](#) AN ACT PERMITTING CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT TIME This bill would have allowed certain state employees to purchase state retirement time for their prior work performed for the federal government. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 117](#) AN ACT LIMITING INCREASES IN HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS BASED ON AGE BAND ADJUSTMENTS This bill would have limited increases in health insurance premiums based on age band adjustments. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 129](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE HARTFORD REGIONAL CENTER OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES This bill would have prevented the closure of the Hartford regional center group home located in Newington. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 130](#) AN ACT REDUCING EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE FEES FOR NURSES This bill would have reduced the cost of nursing exams and licensure fees by fifty per cent. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 131](#) AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT TO ADD FLUORIDE TO PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES This bill would have eliminated the mandate to put fluoride in the water supply. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 134](#) AN ACT REQUIRING STATE BUILDINGS TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY This bill would have required that not later than January 1, 2021, all existing state buildings that the general public may require access to in order to conduct business contain (1) sloped ramps, (2) power-assisted doors, and (3) at least one bathroom and elevator that are accessible to persons with a disability. The bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 137](#) AN ACT EXPANDING THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR PARKING SPACES DESIGNATED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES TO PERSONS WITH CERTAIN MENTAL DISABILITIES This bill would have expanded access to permits to utilize parking spaces designated for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities to persons with certain mental disabilities. The bill died in the Transportation Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 141](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LIABILITY OF HOME HEALTH CARE COMPANIES This bill would have clarified that home health care companies are liable for the acts of their agents. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 144](#) AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES This bill would have provided individuals with disabilities priority access to move to the front of polling station lines and required all polling places to display signage indicating this accommodation. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 147](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS This bill would have required health insurance to provide coverage for orally administered medications for the treatment or palliation or therapeutic intervention for the prevention of disabling or life-threatening chronic diseases in the same manner they cover for intravenously administered medications for such treatment, palliation or intervention. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 148](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENTS ORDERED BY A COURT This bill would have required health insurance policies delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state to provide coverage for mental health treatments ordered by a court for an insured. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 153](#) AN ACT CONCERNING REFORM OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM This bill would have required all new employees entering state service to participate in a defined contribution benefit plan rather than the current defined benefit system. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 163](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR A SECOND MAMMOGRAM This bill would have required health insurance policies to provide coverage of a second mammogram in a policy year if the first mammogram demonstrates heterogeneous or dense breast tissue and the insured's physician orders a second mammogram. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 175](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME This bill would have exempted Social Security from the state income tax. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 179](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PAID SICK LEAVE AND ITS EFFECTS ON STATE BUSINESSES This bill would have eliminated the statutory requirement that employers compensate their employees for sick time. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 180](#) AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE LICENSE RENEWAL FEE WAIVER FOR CERTAIN RETIRED PHYSICIANS This bill would have extend the physician license

renewal fee exemption to retired physicians who perform certain volunteer activities. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 187](#) AN ACT REQUIRING CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT This bill would have required the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange board of directors to consult with the Insurance Department to consult when negotiating premiums with health carriers offering or seeking to offer qualified health plans through the exchange. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 194](#) AN ACT EXEMPTING SOCIAL SECURITY AND PENSIONS FROM PERSONAL INCOME TAX This bill would have eliminated the income tax on pensions and Social Security income. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 198](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PAID SICK LEAVE FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS This bill would have mandated that employers provide paid sick leave to paraprofessionals. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 208](#) AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE FOR THE ELDERLY AND PERSONS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE This bill would have increased funding for home and community based care for the elderly and persons with Alzheimer's disease. The bill died in the Aging Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 218](#) AN ACT CONCERNING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO UPDATE TECHNOLOGY This bill would have provided funding to update technology at the Department of Social Services in accordance with the Affordable Care Act. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 243](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS This bill would have prohibited smoking in private buildings and required persons who smoke to do so outside in order to allow others to avoid second hand smoke. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 245](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PENSION PRESERVATION This bill would have reduced the assumed rate of return on investments in the State Employees Retirement Fund to the federally-mandated level, required all new state employees to participate in a defined contribution benefit plan. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 252](#) AN ACT RESTRICTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO A SINGLE SUBJECT MATTER This bill would have required bills to address only one subject matter. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 258](#) AN ACT ELIMINATING THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES This bill would have eliminated the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 262](#) AN ACT REQUIRING NOTICE BY PSYCHIATRISTS CONCERNING PATIENTS THAT MAY POSE A THREAT TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS This bill would have required psychiatric professionals to provide notice to authorities when a patient is a threat to himself or herself or to other persons. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 284](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PERCENTAGES OF CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS WHO ARE MINORITIES OR WOMEN UNDER THE SET-ASIDE PROGRAM This bill would have required the state to use the contracting standards of the city of New Haven. The bill died in the Government Administrations and Elections Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 286](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DELIVERY OF PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES This bill would have required the Commissioner of Children and Families to transfer to private, community-based providers all responsibilities related to psychiatric care of children and families served by the Department of Children and Families. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 287](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES WHO WORK WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS This bill would have required periodic criminal background checks of employees of the Departments of Children and Families and Developmental Services who work directly with clients of the departments. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 288](#) AN ACT CONCERNING OUTSOURCING CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES This bill would have required that the Commissioner of Children and Families transfer to private, nonprofit community-based providers all responsibilities related to quality improvement, training, research and program outcomes. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 290](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHOSE ABILITY TO CONSENT IS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPAIRED DUE TO MENTAL DISABILITY This bill would have clarified that a person may be guilty of sexual assault if the victim's ability to consent is substantially impaired due to a mental disability and the actor knows or has reasonable cause to know that the ability of such victim to communicate lack of consent to such sexual contact is so impaired. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [H.B. No. 6641 Public Act 13-47 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHO IS PHYSICALLY HELPLESS OR WHOSE ABILITY TO CONSENT IS OTHERWISE IMPAIRED.](#)

Proposed [S.B. No. 297](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM STATE LICENSING PROCESS FOR PRIVATE COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS This bill would have required the Department of Public Health, in consultation with other state agencies, to create a one-stop licensing process that permits private community-based providers and nonprofits to obtain licensure from numerous health-related agencies, including the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and Families, and Social Services through completion of a single application. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 308](#) AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION BENEFITS This bill would have prohibited any pay for overtime accumulated after passage of this act from being considered "salary" for the purposes of calculating pension benefits for any state employee. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 312](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION This bill would have required that the State Employees Retirement Commission review reports issued by the National Association of State Retirement Administrators prior to adopting an assumed rate of return and required that the State Employees Retirement Commission annually present to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters related to finance, revenue and bonding a

status report regarding the fiscal health of the retirement system to include an examination of the actual return rate realized by the state of Connecticut's pension funds. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 336](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING GOALS FOR MIXED POPULATION PUBLIC HOUSING This bill would have established goals for mixed population public housing that would require approximately eighty-six per cent of such units to be reserved for persons over age sixty and approximately fourteen per cent for persons with disabilities, except that in the event the elderly population is insufficient to fill the units reserved for persons over age sixty, such units may be given to applicants ages fifty to fifty-nine, inclusive, and then to nonelderly persons with disabilities. The bill died in the Housing Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 340](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROCESS This bill would have (1) required the development of a uniform form to be accessed, completed and submitted electronically for prior authorization of health care services by health care providers and insureds; and (2) allowed health care providers to access clinical criteria and protocols used by health insurers and utilization review companies electronically. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Proposed [S.B. No. 346](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN AND STATE EMPLOYEE PENSIONS This bill would have required all state employees hired on or after July 1, 2013, to participate in a defined contribution benefit plan rather than the current defined benefit plan. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 347](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE METHOD OF CALCULATION USED TO DETERMINE PENSION BENEFITS This bill would have prohibited longevity payments, overtime or bonuses from being used to calculate a state employee's pension benefits. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 348](#) AN ACT REFORMING THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM This bill would have reformed the current workers' compensation system to provide relief to employers and reducing costs while maintaining employee benefits. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 350](#) AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION ASSESSMENTS This bill would have required legislative approval prior to any increase in employer unemployment compensation assessments. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 353](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS This bill would have given municipalities greater authority to offer property tax relief to senior and disabled homeowners. The bill died in the Planning and Development Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 362](#) AN ACT EXPANDING THE PHYSICIAN LICENSE FEE WAIVER TO RETIRED PHYSICIANS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES AT NO COST This bill would have extended the physician license renewal fee exemption to retired physicians who only provide health care services at no cost. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 367](#) AN ACT CONCERNING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUNG ADULTS This bill would have established a program to offer behavioral health services, including intervention, referral and support services, to young adults ages sixteen to twenty-six, inclusive, who are in need of such services. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 373](#) AN ACT CONCERNING DIAGNOSES OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER This bill would have allowed a person diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder to retain the diagnosis despite any change in the new edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" (DSM 5). The bill died in the Public Health Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [S.B. No. 1029 Public Act 13-84](#) **AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS**

Proposed [S.B. No. 374](#) AN ACT REQUIRING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR CHILDREN This bill would have required each pupil enrolled in public school at grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 and each home-schooled child at ages 12, 14 and 17 to have a confidential behavioral health assessment, the results of which would be disclosed only to the child's parent or guardian. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 375](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES This bill would have established a task force to study the Connecticut's public health delivery system. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 378](#) AN ACT ALLOWING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO HOST "CASINO NIGHTS" This bill would have permitted nonprofit organizations to host "casino nights" where participants could purchase credits to play games of chance, provided the hosting organization retain all proceeds and the participants do not receive any money in return. The bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 389](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND AND THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND This bill would have prohibited the transfer of funds in the State Employees Retirement Fund and the Teachers' Retirement Fund to the General Fund. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 396](#) AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICT BULLYING POLICIES AND THE OUTPLACEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS This bill would have prohibited the use of safe school climate plans as the single factor in the outplacement of special education students. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 403](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME LIMIT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARINGS This bill would have required that all special education hearings be conducted in a single day. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 405](#) AN ACT CONCERNING DECISIONS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY HEARINGS This bill would have required that the decision of a special education advisory hearing be made binding. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 414](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT This bill would have repealed earned income tax credit. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 415](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PHASE-OUT OF TAXATION OF PENSION INCOME This bill would have phased out the state taxation of pension income. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 417](#) AN ACT REPEALING ALL TAX INCREASES ENACTED IN 2011 This bill would have repealed all tax increases enacted in 2011. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 446](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND TORT REFORM This bill would have reduced the number of health insurance mandates and reformed medical malpractice liability. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 455](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PROMPT PAYMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS This bill would have increased the monetary penalty levied against insurers that unreasonably delay the payment of workers' compensation benefits owed to eligible employees. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 456](#) AN ACT REPEALING THE PAID SICK LEAVE LAW This bill would have repealed the statutory requirement that certain employers compensate their employees for sick leave. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 457](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FULL FUNDING OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM This bill would have required that the State Employees' Retirement system be fully funded each year. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 458](#) AN ACT CONCERNING INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS This bill would have required the Workers' Compensation Commissioner to order a neutral party to undertake an independent medical examination of an injured worker when the results of the independent medical examination conducted by the worker's physician and the independent medical examination conducted by the workers' compensation insurer are irreconcilable. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 478](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS This bill would have required: (1) The Healthcare Advocate to assist persons with information concerning mental health services, including reimbursement for services and referrals, (2) professional development training for teachers and other school employees concerning the signs of children's behavioral, social and emotional health issues that would warrant a referral for services, (3) school boards to establish a relationship with providers of community-based mental health services, (4) the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Children and Families to provide services for young adults including school-based mental health services, and (5) the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Children and Families to identify hospital beds and supportive housing units available for children and young adults with mental health needs. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 487](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF POWERS OF ATTORNEY WHEN ONE IS COMMITTED TO AN INSTITUTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE BY A PROBATE COURT This bill would have clarified the rights and responsibilities of one holding a power of attorney for a person placed in a nursing home or other institution for long-term care pursuant to an order entered by the probate court. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 499](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY OF A PSYCHIATRIST TO WARN LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES OF A DANGEROUS INDIVIDUAL IN SUCH PSYCHIATRIST'S CARE This bill would have required psychiatrists to alert local and state law enforcement authorities if they determined that a patient they are treating is either a threat or danger to himself or herself or to others. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 503](#) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION This bill would have required that state agencies provide in a timely manner, all data required for the completion of federal criminal background checks, including checks required for the sale or purchase of firearms, to the appropriate federal authorities. The bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 511](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE This bill would have established presumptive eligibility for persons who apply for home care benefits under title XIX of the Social Security Act and whose medical needs meet or exceed a skilled nursing facility level of care. The bill died in the Aging Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 512](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE NURSING HOME PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS This bill would have added transfers of a resident within a long-term care facility among those transfers governed by the nursing home patients' bill of rights. The bill died in the Aging Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 513](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY SPOUSE'S ALLOWABLE ASSETS This bill would have required the Department of Social Services to increase the amount of assets a spouse of an institutionalized Medicaid recipient may keep. The bill died in the Aging Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [S.B. No. 883](#) **AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMUNITY SPOUSE'S ALLOWABLE ASSETS**

Proposed [S.B. No. 514](#) AN ACT INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COMMUNITY AND HOME-BASED CARE FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND THOSE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE This bill would have increased appropriations for programs that provide or facilitate community and home-based care for the elderly and persons with Alzheimer's disease. The bill died in the Aging Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 516](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SILVER ALERT SYSTEM This bill would have limited the amount of information that would be released on missing elderly persons and those with mental disabilities under the state's Silver Alert system. The bill died in the Aging Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [S.B. No. 709](#) **Public Act 13-226 AN ACT CONCERNING THE SILVER ALERT SYSTEM AND MAINTAINING THE PRIVACY OF A MISSING PERSON'S MEDICAL INFORMATION.**

Proposed [S.B. No. 569](#) AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES This bill would have provided a deduction of up to two thousand five hundred dollars from income tax for medical expenses and deductibles paid through the year. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 573](#) AN ACT REPEALING THE ESTATE TAX This bill would have eliminated the estate tax. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 574](#) AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SALES TAX FOR NONPRESCRIPTION DRUGS This bill would have restored the exemption of over-the-counter drugs from Connecticut's sales tax. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 580](#) AN ACT EXEMPTING SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX This bill would have exempted Social Security from the personal income tax. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 587](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL This bill would have established the Office of Inspector General to be responsible for the detection, prevention and investigation of fraud, waste and abuse in the management of state government, state employees and the use of state property in addition to the investigation of whistleblower complaints and representation of whistleblowers in any action against the state. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 588](#) AN ACT REESTABLISHING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS, STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION This bill would have removed the Office of State Ethics, the State Elections Enforcement Commission and the Freedom of Information Commission from the Office of Government Accountability and reestablished them as independent agencies. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 589](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING BIPARTISAN SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON ETHICS This bill would have established a Bipartisan Senate Committee on Ethics and a Bipartisan House Committee on Ethics with authority to (1) investigate any alleged illegal or unethical conduct by any member of the Senate, in the case of the Senate committee, or of the House, in the case of the House committee, and (2) recommend sanctions, including, but not limited to, the expulsion, censure or reprimand of any such member who is found to have engaged in misconduct. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 591](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGULATION REVIEW COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE ALL CURRENT REGULATIONS This bill would have required the legislative Regulation Review Committee to review all current agency regulations and recommend the repeal of outdated, burdensome or unnecessary regulations. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 593](#) AN ACT CONCERNING LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES This bill would have required that all direct social service programs being delivered by the Departments of Children and Families and Developmental Services be delivered by nonprofit community service providers. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 602](#) AN ACT REQUIRING STATE AGENCIES TO HONOR PROBATE COURT DECREES, RULINGS OR ORDERS This bill would have required state agencies to honor probate court decrees, rulings or orders. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [S.B. No. 986](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF PROBATE COURT ORDERS TO STATE AGENCIES.

Proposed [S.B. No. 614](#) AN ACT EXPANDING THE DUTIES OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATION OF ELDERLY PERSONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN PROBATE COURT MATTERS This bill would have expanded the duties of the Chief Public Defender to include the provision of legal services to elderly persons and persons with disabilities in probate court matters. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 621](#) AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IN-LAW APARTMENTS This bill would have allowed municipalities to facilitate and provide incentives for the construction of in-law apartments and structural modifications to allow seniors to age in their homes. The bill died in the Planning and Development Committee

[S.B. No. 653](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENT FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE PURVIEW OF SUCH AGENCY This

bill would have required the Department of Children and Families to conduct a study to evaluate its current practices regarding the out-of-state placement of children. The bill died in the Children's Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 687](#) AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY LABOR ISSUES IN CONNECTICUT This bill would have created a task force to study labor issues in the state. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 716](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GAP OF YOUTH IN STATE CARE OR CUSTODY This bill would have required the Department of Education, Department of Children and Families and the Court Support Services Division to collect data, monitor progress and develop strategies for eliminating the academic achievement gap of youth who are in state care or custody. The bill died in the Education Committee.

[S.B. No. 727](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST UNDER THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND STATE EMPLOYEES This bill would have amended what constitutes a substantial conflict of interest for public officials and state employees. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 766](#) AN ACT CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL TEST RESULTS TO PATIENTS This bill would have permitted laboratory test results to be given directly to patients. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 798](#) AN ACT ENHANCING STATE COMMUNICATION WITH ITS DIVERSE POPULATION This bill would have required the state to enhance its communication with its diverse population. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

[S.B. No. 810](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT TO CONSULT WITH THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE FOR RATES OR AMOUNTS FOR HEALTH PLANS OFFERED THROUGH SAID EXCHANGE This bill would have required the Insurance Department to consult with the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange prior to approving any rates or amounts for health plans that will be offered through Health Insurance Exchange. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[S.B. No. 855](#) AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN SOCIAL SERVICES STATUTES This bill would have repealed certain Department of Social Services' program reporting requirements, and revised the timeline to make disability determinations related to public assistance requests. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

[S.B. No. 892](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COST ESTIMATES FOR CERTAIN HEALTH CARE SERVICES This bill would have required a health care provider to provide advance notice to a patient when the health care provider expects to provide the patient with a service that will result in a cost to the patient that is more than one thousand dollars. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

[S.B. No. 982](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTHY CHILDREN This bill would have required the Department of Children and Families, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, to conduct a study to evaluate the health of the state's children. The bill died in the Children's Committee.

[S.B. No. 993](#) AN ACT CONCERNING DENTAL ASSISTANTS AND EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL AUXILIARY This bill would have modernized the practice of dental assisting by defining and

expanding the services that may be performed by certain dental professionals. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

S.B. No. 1009 AN ACT CONCERNING THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN This bill would have required the Department of Children and Families, in consultation with the Department of Social Services, to establish a program to evaluate the well-being of children throughout the state. The bill died in the Children's Committee.

S.B. No. 1022 AN ACT CONCERNING PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO MEET LONG-TERM CARE GOALS This bill would have required the Department of Social Services to increase the rate paid to a nursing facility in order to effectuate the strategic plan pursuant to the Money Follows the Person demonstration project whenever such facility voluntarily decreases its total licensed bed capacity by way of a temporary reduction or permanent decertification of licensed beds, including bed reductions associated with the voluntary closing of a facility. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 1038 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF SURGERY This bill would have defined surgery for purposes of the practice of medicine or surgery under licenses issued by the Department of Public Health. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

S.B. No. 1057 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN CONCERNING E-GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESERVATION, AUTHENTICATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC RECORDS This bill would have required the development and implementation of a state-wide electronic records management initiative for public records created and maintained by state agencies, municipalities and quasi-public agencies to ensure the continuity of government operations following a disaster or other emergency. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

S.B. No. 1064 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN NURSING HOMES BY CERTAIN NURSE'S AIDES This bill would have allowed a registered nurse to delegate the administration of medication to patients in nursing homes to a nurse's aide who is certified in medication administration. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

S.B. No. 1085 AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE PROVISION OF EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO YOUTH This bill would have required the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish a pilot program offering integrated emotional and behavioral health to youth in Hartford and New Haven counties. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 1104 AN ACT CONCERNING FORMULATION OF THE STATE BUDGET This bill would have required the Appropriations Committee to meet with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the director of the legislature's Office of Fiscal Analysis to review the process by which the biennial budget document and any document making adjustments to the biennial budget are prepared. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

S.B. No. 1105 AN ACT CONCERNING A RIGHT OF RECOVERY AGAINST THIRD PARTIES FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES PAID BY STATE-PROVIDED GROUP HOSPITALIZATION AND MEDICAL AND SURGICAL INSURANCE PLANS FOR COVERED INDIVIDUALS This bill would have permitted the Comptroller to recover medical expenses paid by state-provided group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plans for covered individuals from liable third parties. The bill died in the Appropriations

Committee.

S.B. No. 1128 AN ACT CONCERNING INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS FOR HEALTH CARE EMPLOYEES This bill would have required health care employees who have direct contact with patients or residents to be immunized against influenza. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

S.B. No. 1151 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECORDING OF TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS This bill would have amended statutory provisions concerning the illegal recording of telephonic communications. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed S.J. No. 5 RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY This resolution would have created term limits for members of the General Assembly and increased the term of state senators from two to four years. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed S.J. No. 6 RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REPLACE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH A UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE This resolution would have made the state legislature unicameral with 50 elected legislators. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed S.J. No. 17 RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION CONCERNING TERM LIMITS FOR STATE-WIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY This resolution would have limited the number of terms elected officials could serve in Connecticut. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed H.B. No. 5004 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME This bill would have prohibited certain public employees from receiving a state or municipal salary and collecting a state or municipal pension at the same time. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed H.B. No. 5006 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE This bill would have prohibited contributions made by state employees for retiree health insurance coverage from being held in the state's common cash pool. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed H.B. No. 5007 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FUNDS IN ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES This bill would have prevented funds in accounts established for designated purposes from being used for other purposes and to assure that such funds are spent for the purposes so designated. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed H.B. No. 5009 AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES This bill would have required a phase out of the current defined benefit pension plan for state employees and replaced it with a defined contribution retirement plan. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed H.B. No. 5010 AN ACT EXCLUDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES FOR MILEAGE OR OTHER EXPENSES FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME This

bill would have prohibited mileage reimbursement from the calculation of salary for purposes of determining retirement income. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5011](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION BENEFIT PLAN FOR UNCLASSIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES This bill would have required all state employees and officials exempt from classified service to participate in a defined contribution benefit plan rather than the current defined benefit system. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5013](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN AGREEMENTS OR STIPULATIONS REQUIRED TO BE APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY This bill would have required a vote by each chamber on all state employee collective bargaining agreements and all agreements or stipulated agreements under section 3-125a of the general statutes. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5015](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS SOLVENCY The bill would have required the establishment of a special purpose quasi-public entity to create a mechanism for funding the state's pension obligations by allowing such entity to use pension fund moneys to buy certain insurance premiums, the benefits of which would have been returned to the pension fund. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5028](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT This bill would have eliminated the earned income tax credit. The bill died in the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5030](#) AN ACT REQUIRING A TWO-THIRDS VOTE FOR ANY TAX INCREASE This bill would have required a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly before taxes could be raised. The bill died in the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5049](#) AN ACT CONSOLIDATING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONS This bill would have combined all of the existing legislative commissions into one commission. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

[H.B. No. 5051](#) AN ACT EXPANDING MUNICIPAL AND STATE REVERSE AUCTION AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF SERVICES This bill would have expanded the authority of municipalities, school districts and state agencies to use reverse auctions for the purchase of certain services. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5069](#) AN ACT REDUCING HEALTH CARE FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE This bill would have required the Commissioner of Social Services to enter into a contract for the establishment of a fraud detection and prevention system for the Medicaid program and the Children's Health Insurance Program. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5071](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL SERVICES BY PRIVATE PROVIDERS This bill would have required all state agencies engaged in the delivery of social services to state residents, including, but not limited to, the Departments of Social Services, Children and Families, Developmental Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services, and Correction, on or before July 1, 2014, to transfer not less than twenty per cent of the administrative and personnel responsibility associated with the delivery of such services to qualified private community-based providers with no reduction in the level of services provided. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5077](#) AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHO IS PHYSICALLY HELPLESS This bill would have redefined "physically helpless" with respect to sexual assault offenses to include physical or intellectual disabilities that render a person unable to verbalize lack of consent to sexual contact. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [H.B. No. 6641 Public Act 13-47](#) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHO IS PHYSICALLY HELPLESS OR WHOSE ABILITY TO CONSENT IS OTHERWISE IMPAIRED.**

Proposed [H.B. No. 5078](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "PHYSICALLY HELPLESS" WITH RESPECT TO SEXUAL ASSAULT OFFENSES This bill would have redefined "physically helpless" with respect to sexual assault offenses to include a physical or intellectual disability that renders an individual unable to verbalize a lack of consent. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [H.B. No. 6641 Public Act 13-47](#) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHO IS PHYSICALLY HELPLESS OR WHOSE ABILITY TO CONSENT IS OTHERWISE IMPAIRED.**

Proposed [H.B. No. 5090](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATURE'S IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE This bill would have required impact statements to accompany every legislative proposal on employment. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5095](#) AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE IMPACT STATEMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE This bill would have required a job impact statement on all legislation with an effect on employment. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5105](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND VACCINATIONS This bill would have repealed the requirement that health care providers receive vaccinations through the Department of Public Health. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5106](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CHARGES FOR PATIENT CARE BY NURSING HOMES This bill would have changed the current flat-rate system used by nursing homes to charge for patient care to a new system that calculates such charges based on each patient's individual health care needs. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5107](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE TRAINING OF HEALTH CARE EMPLOYEES CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL HIPPA LEGISLATION This bill would have required that health care facilities provide specific training to employees concerning the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA) in addition to training required under federal regulations. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5123](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY PARKING PERMITS ALLOWING PREGNANT WOMEN TO PARK IN SPACES DESIGNATED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES This bill would have provided temporary parking permits for pregnant women wishing to park a vehicle in a parking space designated for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities. The bill died in the Transportation Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5129](#) AN ACT CONCERNING LIFETIME PARKING PERMITS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES This bill would have required the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue a lifetime permit to utilize a parking space reserved for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities to any applicant for such permit who has a permanent disability. The bill died in the Transportation Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5137](#) AN ACT REDUCING THE SALARIES OF STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STATE EMPLOYEES This bill would have reduced the salaries of state elected officials and state employees by a non-specified percent. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5140](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR THE COLLECTION OF UNWANTED PHARMACEUTICALS This bill would have established a program for the collection and disposal of unused pharmaceuticals. The bill died in the Environment Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5152](#) AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF PROPOSED STATE AGENCY HOUSING FACILITIES This bill would have required state agencies to conduct public hearings on proposals for housing facilities and provide notice of such hearing to the municipality in which the site is located. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5168](#) AN ACT PREVENTING UNWILLING EMPLOYEES FROM JOINING A UNION OR PAYING UNION DUES This bill would have prohibited a union or an employer from requiring employees to join a union or pay any dues or fees to unions to represent them. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5169](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE EMPLOYERS FROM REQUIRING STATE EMPLOYEES TO JOIN A UNION OR PAY UNION DUES This bill would have prohibited state employers from requiring state employees to join a union or pay union dues as a prerequisite of their employment. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5171](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR GROUP HOMES This bill would have required public hearings on applications for new group homes. The bill died in the Planning and Development Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5175](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S PURCHASE OF GROUP HOMES This bill would have required that when the state purchases any group home, including, but not limited to, a group home operated by the Department of Developmental Services, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services or the Department of Children and Families, the state shall not be required to pay a purchase price that is above the median home price in the geographic area. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5187](#) AN ACT REQUIRING ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTIONS FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLES This bill would have required all motor vehicles to undergo annual safety inspections. The bill died in the Transportation Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5190](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION BENEFIT PLAN FOR NEW STATE EMPLOYEES This bill would have created a defined contribution pension plan for new state employees. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5191](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE EMPLOYEES TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM This bill would have required all state employees to contribute an amount equal to six per cent of their salaries annually to the state employee retirement system. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5217](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF LAND TO THE TOWN OF SOUTHBURY This bill would have conveyed a parcel of land known as personnel village to

the town of Southbury. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee. However, **Section 5 of [H.B. No. 6672 Special Act 13-23](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND, THE BOUNDARIES OF FENWICK, THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN TOWN ACTIONS, THE CITY POINT YACHT CLUB AND WHEELER LIBRARY** conveys a parcel of land at the Southbury Training School to the Town of Southbury. The bill provides that not earlier than October 1, 2014 (upon certification by DDS Commissioner that the property is no longer needed for residential purposes), the Commissioner of Administrative Services, on behalf of the Commissioner of Developmental Services, shall convey to the town of Southbury a parcel of land located in the town of Southbury, with an area of approximately 45 acres and identified as a portion of the parcel of land containing the Southbury Training School Personnel Village east of South Britain Road. The town of Southbury shall use this parcel of land for housing purposes. Effective Date: from passage

Proposed [H.B. No. 5219](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE REVIEW OF NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS This bill would have required the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee to conduct a program review of any new government program established by the legislature not later than two years after such program was established. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5222](#) AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM This bill would have required the development and implementation of an internship program for adults with autism. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5230](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FAILURE OF A WITNESS TO REPORT THE COMMISSION OF A SERIOUS CRIME This bill would have made it a criminal offense for a person who witnesses a murder, assault, sexual assault or child abuse to fail to report that crime to law enforcement officials. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5237](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE This bill would have placed a two-year moratorium on any increase to the state minimum wage. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5239](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM LONGEVITY REQUIREMENTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS This bill would have required that employees be employed for a period of thirty days before they become eligible to file a claim for unemployment benefits. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5256](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE VOTE REQUIRED TO ENACT A STATE BUDGET This bill would have required a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly to enact a state budget. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5257](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSUMED RATE OF RETURN ON THE FUND ESTABLISHED FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN POST-EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATIONS TO STATE EMPLOYEES This bill would have reduced the rate of return calculated on the fund for the payment of certain post-employment obligations to state employees. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5266](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT AND PREVENTION OF FRAUD IN SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS This bill would have required the Department of Social Services, in consultation with the Chief State's Attorney, to identify existing staff and resources that could be dedicated to additional detection, prevention and enforcement of fraud in social services programs. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5276](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A PENALTY FOR OPTOMETRISTS AND PHYSICIANS WHO FAIL TO REPORT INFORMATION CONCERNING BLIND PATIENTS This bill would have established a penalty for optometrists and physicians who do not follow the mandatory requirement of reporting blind persons in accordance with section 10-305 of the general statutes. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5294](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR EMERGENCY CALLS This bill would have prohibited municipalities from charging landlords fees for excessive emergency service calls made by tenants. The bill died in the Planning and Development Committee.

[H.B. No. 5299](#) AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF ANTIEPILEPTIC MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL SETTINGS This bill would have authorized certain school personnel to administer antiepileptic medication to students. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5316](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEDICALLY NEEDY INCOME LIMIT FOR MEDICAID COVERAGE This bill would have allowed individuals the option of making payments to the state in order to meet income eligibility guidelines for Medicaid coverage. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5321](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO VOTE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AND STIPULATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH A LAWSUIT This bill would have required a vote by each chamber of the General Assembly on all state employee collective bargaining agreements and all agreements and stipulations in connection with a lawsuit. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5339](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPEAL OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT This bill would have eliminated the earned income tax credit. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5351](#) AN ACT LIMITING ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES This bill would have provided that the administrative fee charged by an entity to the public to access government services electronically could not exceed ten per cent of the cost of the applicable statutory or regulatory fee being collected. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5360](#) AN ACT CONCERNING AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM This bill would have developed an internship program for adults with autism and provided a tax credit to businesses to create such internships. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5372](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EMPLOYERS' BILL OF RIGHTS This bill would have developed a regulatory mechanism to protect businesses throughout the state from fraudulent claims brought by employees. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5373](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS FROM POWER OUTAGES This bill would have required managed residential facilities to maintain back-up emergency electrical systems sufficient to ensure operation of emergency notification and fire sprinkler systems in the event of a power outage. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5394](#) AN ACT LOWERING THE EXCESS COST THRESHOLD FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS This bill would have reduced the reimbursement threshold for special education costs

from four and one-half times the average per pupil cost to three times the average per pupil cost and remove the cap so that the grant will be fully funded. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5397](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FULL STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS This bill would have required the state to provide for one hundred per cent funding of special education costs. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5399](#) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS This bill would have required the state to reimburse school districts for the funding of special education students who enter a school district after the school year has begun. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5418](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG LABELS This bill would have required a standardized, patient-centered prescription drug label on each prescription drug container that was dispensed to a patient to reduce the number of patients who incorrectly take their medication. The bill died in the General Law Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5422](#) AN ACT CONCERNING FEES FOR ELECTRONIC PUBLIC RECORDS This bill would have limited the fee for copies of public records that are scanned and sent electronically to the requester to not more than ten cents a page. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5431](#) AN ACT TRANSFERRING A PORTION OF SOCIAL SERVICE DELIVERY TO PRIVATE PROVIDERS This bill would have transferred a portion of the responsibility for delivery of state social services to qualified private community-based providers. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5433](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS This bill would have required health insurance coverage for hearing aids for individuals with a hearing loss of ninety per cent or greater and established a graduated deductible for such individual. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5442](#) AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS OBTAIN VACCINATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH This bill would have repealed the requirement that health care providers receive vaccinations through the Department of Public Health. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5453](#) AN ACT CONCERNING STREAMLINING APPROVAL FOR NURSING HOMES TO SHELTER VULNERABLE RESIDENTS This bill would have required the Department of Public Health to streamline the approval process for nursing homes to take in vulnerable residents during a declared state of emergency. The bill died in the Aging Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5454](#) AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AND STIPULATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH A LAWSUIT This bill would have required the General Assembly to vote on all collective bargaining agreements and agreements and stipulated agreements in connection with a lawsuit. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5470](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE BURDEN OF PROOF IN SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARINGS This bill would have shifted the burden of proof to parents in special education hearings. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5505](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RANDOM AUDITS OF SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS This bill would have required the Department of Social Services to perform random quarterly audits of fifteen per cent of program providers and beneficiaries for fraud. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5506](#) AN ACT DETERRING FRAUD IN SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS This bill would have required the Commissioner of Social Services and the Chief State's Attorney to identify existing staff and resources that could be dedicated to enforcement and prevention of fraud and abuse in state-sponsored social services programs. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5507](#) AN ACT WARNING STATE ASSISTANCE BENEFICIARIES OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF FRAUD This bill would have required that any state-funded advertisements or public service announcements promoting enrollment in state-administered assistance programs include warnings to recipients and providers about the consequences of fraudulently obtaining said assistance. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5511](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY TO PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE This bill would have allowed individuals with a family income greater than one hundred thirty-three per cent of the federal poverty level but not more than two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level and who were not eligible for a federal government-sponsored program to be eligible to purchase health insurance through the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5512](#) AN ACT EXPANDING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES This bill would have expanded health insurance coverage to cover mental health therapy services with any health care provider of the insured's choice and long-term hospitalization. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5525](#) AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION AND PART-TIME, TEMPORARY AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY This bill would have established a minimum threshold of not less than one thousand hours of work before part-time, temporary or seasonal employees were eligible for unemployment benefits. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5534](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING FOR CHILDREN This bill would have required annual pediatric mental health screening for children. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5536](#) AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH CARE EMPLOYEES TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST INFLUENZA This bill would have required all persons employed in a health care setting, including persons employed in a nursing home or other health care facility, persons employed by a hospice agency and emergency medical professionals, to be vaccinated against influenza. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5546](#) AN ACT CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF HANDICAPPED PARKING LAWS This bill would have required police to give a citation to violators of laws that are intended to reserve parking spaces for those with disabilities. The bill died in the Transportation Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5559](#) AN ACT REPLACING THE DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES WITH A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN This bill would have to replaced state employee pensions with a defined contribution plan. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5560](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET RESERVE FUND This bill would have increased the amount of surplus transferred into the Budget Reserve Fund from the current maximum of ten per cent of General Fund appropriations to a maximum of thirty per cent. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5563](#) AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAYMENTS FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME This bill would have excluded overtime payments from the calculation of state employees' retirement income. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5567](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH This bill would have established a comprehensive children's mental health plan to identify and manage mental health issues in children eighteen years old or less. The bill died in the Children's Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5575](#) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AID FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES This bill would have required state reimbursement to a school district for the total cost of its special education services when that school district's special education costs were greater than the average of all the state's school districts' special education costs. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5577](#) AN ACT LIMITING THE TIME LIMIT FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARINGS This bill would have limited the duration of certain special education hearings to a single day. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5621](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS BED BUG INFESTATIONS This bill would have required the establishment of guidelines and procedures to exterminate bed bugs in venues other than public housing and outline the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants. The bill died in the Housing Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5624](#) AN ACT REQUIRING ACCESSIBLE HOUSING IN SET-ASIDE DEVELOPMENTS This bill would have required that one-sixth of the affordable units in a set-aside development be built to accommodate persons with disabilities and to include wider doorways and hallways and ground-level entrances or ramps, and all sidewalks constructed in a set-aside development be wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs and sufficiently illuminated for safety. The bill died in the Housing Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5627](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MODERNIZATION OF CERTAIN MEDICAL FORMS This bill would have required the development of a uniform form for prior authorization of health care services by health care providers and insureds, permitted such form to be accessed, completed and submitted electronically, and allowed health care providers to access clinical criteria and protocols used by health insurers and utilization review companies electronically. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5643](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN MEDICAL FORMS AND ELECTRONIC ACCESS This bill would have required the development of a uniform form for prior authorization of health care services by health care providers and insureds, permitted such form to be accessed, completed and submitted electronically, and allowed health care providers to access clinical criteria and protocols used by health insurers and utilization review companies electronically. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5652](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT AUTHORITY TO ENTER ORDERS RELATING TO OUTPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT This bill would have provided the probate court with the authority to require certain persons to submit to outpatient psychiatric treatment. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5659](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COURT AUTHORITY TO ENTER ORDERS RELATING TO OUTPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT This bill would have given the probate court the authority to require certain persons to submit to outpatient psychiatric treatment. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5681](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT AUTHORITY TO ORDER A PERSON WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OR MENTAL DISABILITY TO SUBMIT TO AN INVOLUNTARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION This bill would have provided a probate court with the authority to order a person with a substance use disorder or mental disability to submit to an involuntary medical examination. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5683](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COURT ORDERED OUTPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT This bill would have authorized a probate court to issue orders that required persons meeting certain criteria to undergo outpatient psychiatric treatment. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5689](#) AN ACT CONCERNING UNION RECERTIFICATION This bill would have required recertification of a union at least once every five years so that employees have the option of choosing the same union or another union to represent them and to further require that any union election be conducted by secret ballot. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5690](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS FROM REQUESTING ACCESS TO THEIR EMPLOYEES' PERSONAL SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS This bill would have barred employers or potential employers from requiring employees to provide passwords to their personal accounts as a condition of employment. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5692](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECKS This bill would have prohibited an employer from requiring a temporary employee attempting to transition into a permanent position with the employer to consent to a background check as a prerequisite of permanent employment. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5698](#) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS This bill would have allowed newly hired state employees to choose between the current defined benefit plan or a defined contribution benefit plan as a part of such employees' benefit package. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5699](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PROPER EXPENDITURE OF UNION DUES This bill would have prevented a worker's union dues from being contributed to causes or entities that the employee does not support. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5700](#) AN ACT REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO PARAPROFESSIONALS This bill would have added school paraprofessionals to the list of workers who qualify for paid sick leave under Connecticut statute. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5701](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MONTHLY REDUCTIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION This bill would have gradually reduced the total amount of unemployment compensation benefits over the course of the payment of such benefits. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5702](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS, COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS AND DEFINED BENEFIT CONTRIBUTION PLANS This bill would have increased state employee pension contributions, calculated retirement income based on a five-year look back rather than a three-year look back, capped cost-of-living adjustments at lower levels, created a defined contribution plan for new state employees, increased the retirement age for state employees in Tier II and Tier IIA, and eliminated longevity payment amounts and overtime from the pension calculation formula. The bill would have been applicable to all state employees and officials exempt from classified service and employees included in any collective bargaining agreement negotiated after June 30, 2022. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

[H.B. No. 5703](#) AN ACT ELIMINATING LONGEVITY PAYMENTS FOR ALL STATE EMPLOYEES This bill would have created a task force to study the effects of longevity payments on the state economy. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5705](#) AN ACT CONCERNING UNION STEWARDS AND STATE COMPENSATION This bill would have prohibited a state employee from receiving any compensation from the state during the period of time that such state employee was performing in his or her capacity as a union steward conducting union-related business. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5706](#) AN ACT REQUIRING EMPLOYEE CONSENT FOR THE UTILIZATION OF UNION DUES UNRELATED TO THE UNION'S COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FUNCTIONS This bill would have prohibited an employee's union dues from being used for purposes unrelated to the union's collective bargaining functions, including, but not limited to, political contributions and expenditures, without that employee's written consent. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5707](#) AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND THE STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE This bill would have required the period of time that an individual may receive unemployment benefits to be related to the rate of unemployment in the state. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5708](#) AN ACT CREATING A ONE-WEEK WAITING PERIOD FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS This bill would have required a claimant for unemployment benefits to be unemployed for at least seven days before receiving such benefits. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5709](#) AN ACT CONCERNING UNION RECERTIFICATION, WORKER CHOICE AND SECRET BALLOTS This bill would have required recertification of a union at least once every five years giving employees the option of choosing the same union or another union to represent them and to further require that such an election be conducted by secret ballot. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5710](#) AN ACT CONCERNING NEWLY HIRED STATE EMPLOYEES AND PENSION OPTIONS This bill would have allowed newly hired state employees to choose between a traditional pension plan and a defined benefit contribution plan. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5711](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS This bill would have required individuals seeking unemployment benefits to appear in person at the state's unemployment offices in order to apply and access their unemployment benefits. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5712](#) AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION AND MINIMUM WEEKLY BENEFIT LEVELS This bill would have required an individual seeking unemployment benefits to have worked during the base period a number of weeks sufficient to qualify for a minimum weekly benefit of fifty dollars in order to be eligible for unemployment and to increase the minimum weekly benefit level to fifty dollars. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5726](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PATIENTS' ONLINE ACCESS TO MEDICAL TEST RESULTS This bill would have require clinical laboratories to post patients' medical test results online so that patients may directly access the results. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5734](#) AN ACT ALLOWING NATUREOPATHS TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN DRUGS This bill would have permitted licensed natureopaths the authority to prescribe and administer drugs, excluding controlled substances. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5737](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PATIENT HEALTH CARE INFORMATION IN THE ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE PROGRAM This bill would have allowed patients to refuse the use of their health care information as part of the all-payer claims database program. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5738](#) AN ACT REQUIRING NURSING HOME FACILITIES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING SAFETY INCIDENTS TO PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES This bill would have required nursing home facilities and chronic disease hospitals to provide patients and their family members with information concerning (1) the number of patient safety incidents that have occurred at the facility in the two calendar years preceding the patient's admission, (2) corrective actions taken as a result of such safety incidents, and (3) methods to access the Department of Public Health's records concerning safety violations at the facility. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5748](#) AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO PATIENTS OF SERVICES NOT COVERED UNDER THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT This bill would have required that health care providers give notice to their patients when the cost of certain services are not covered under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5749](#) AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE This bill would have require the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee to revise the State Building Code not less than six years, rather than eighteen months, following the date of first publication of the immediately preceding revision to the State Building Code. The bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5769](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND This bill would have prohibited the transfer of funds from the Teachers' Retirement Fund to the State Employees Retirement Fund. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5777](#) AN ACT REQUIRING JOB IMPACT STATEMENTS ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION This bill would have required a job impact statement on all proposed legislation. The bill died in the Commerce Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5823](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON LANDS THAT COMPRISE THE SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL This bill would have granted a conservation easement on farmland at the Southbury Training School. The bill died in the Environment Committee. However, **[H.B. No. 6542](#) [Public Act 13-90](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF FARMLAND AT THE SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL** establishes a procedure to preserve and manage state-owned property known as the "Farm at the Southbury Training School." It requires the Department of Developmental Services commissioner to transfer the care, custody, and control of the property to the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) commissioner, who must grant a permanent conservation easement on it to a nonprofit organization. The act specifies that the easement must (1) provide for conservation of the farm for agricultural use, conducted according to a federally prepared and DoAg-approved conservation plan, and (2) allow the DoAg commissioner to lease, permit, or license the property for such use. The proposed easement and any proposed DoAg lease, permit, or license is subject to State Properties Review Board review and approval. The board must complete its review within 30 days after receiving the proposal. The act exempts the leased, permitted, or licensed property from local property taxes and adds its value to the assessed value of state-owned land and buildings for calculating payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT). The law requires the state to reimburse towns for 45% of their lost revenue from state-owned property. Effective Date: Upon passage

Proposed [H.B. No. 5901](#) AN ACT PERMITTING A PERCENTAGE DECREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE CONTRACTS This bill would have permitted state contracts to contain a provision giving the state the authority to reduce the value of the contract up to a percentage delineated in such contract in the event there is a state budget deficit in the current year of the contract. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5917](#) AN ACT CONCERNING DELAYS IN MEDICAID APPLICATION PROCESSING This bill would have provided that eligible recipients and providers are not denied Medicaid coverage due to delays caused by the Department of Social Services in processing applications. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

[H.B. No. 5919](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE This bill would have established a system of presumptive Medicaid eligibility for the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5921](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSITIONAL CARE FOR MEDICAID PATIENTS This bill would have required the Commissioner of Social Services to establish a pilot program under which a transitional care facility would be created and funded for the care of Medicaid patients. Such facility would serve those whose medical needs exceed the level of care provided in a hospital but do not require a skilled nursing facility. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5923](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF FRAUD IN STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS This bill would have required applicants for state-administered assistance

programs to provide documentation concerning assets and all sources of income. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5929](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PART-TIME WORKERS This bill would have required employers to provide health insurance coverage for part-time workers. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5931](#) AN ACT REQUIRING MENTAL HEALTH PARITY This bill would have required parity in mental health coverage in line with coverage for medical, surgical or other physical health conditions. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5932](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS This bill would have required health insurance coverage to cover the treatment of autism spectrum disorders as currently defined. The bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in **[S.B. No. 1029 Public Act 13-84](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.**

Proposed [H.B. No. 5939](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLAINTS PENDING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AGAINST PHYSICIANS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS This bill would have required the Department of Public Health to provide a patient who has a petition pending against a health care provider, or the patient's representative, with: (1) Notice of their rights concerning investigation of the petition, (2) information, on a monthly basis, concerning the status of the review, inspection or investigation of the petition, (3) an opportunity to testify before the department prior to the dismissal of a petition and at any hearing held on the petition, and (4) notice of the results of the investigation. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5940](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE FEES This bill would have enacted the recommendations of the Probate Court Administrator with respect to probate court fees. It would have (1) Established a fee of two hundred fifty dollars for an individual to be admitted pro hac vice for a matter in the Probate Court; (2) repealed outdated probate fee schedules set forth in subsections (d) and (e) of section 45a-107 of the general statutes; (3) define the term "fiduciary acquisition value" and substitute such term for "book value" for the purpose of calculating the probate fee for accountings under section 45a-108 of the general statutes; and (4) made conforming and technical changes. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee. However, it was incorporated into **[H.B. No. 6448 Public Act 13-199](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE FEES.**

Proposed [H.B. No. 5947](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES OR DAMAGES INCURRED ON STATE PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE STATE IS AT FAULT This bill would have required the state to bear responsibility for all costs incurred by an insured motorist who suffers loss or damage, including the cost of increased insurance premiums, when the loss or damage occurred on state property and the state is at fault for the loss or damage. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5978](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING PATIENT INTERVIEWS IN COMMON AREAS OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES This bill would have prohibited hospitals and other health care facilities from allowing patients to be interviewed by staff members in common areas, such as the facility's waiting area. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5980](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND CHILDREN This bill would have required: (1) The Healthcare Advocate to assist persons with information concerning mental health services, including reimbursement for services and referrals, (2) professional development training for teachers and other school employees concerning the signs of children's

behavioral, social and emotional health issues that would warrant a referral for services, (3) school boards to establish a relationship with providers of community-based mental health services, (4) the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Children and Families to provide services for young adults including school-based mental health services, and (5) the Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Children and Families to identify hospital beds and supportive housing units available for children and young adults with mental health needs. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5984](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSFER OF HOME CARE PATIENTS TO EMERGENCY SHELTERS OR NURSING HOME FACILITIES DURING A SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY This bill would have required temporary emergency shelters and nursing home facilities to make accommodations for persons receiving home care during severe weather emergencies so that those persons may be transferred to the shelter or facility and are not required to incur the cost and health risk associated with staying in a hospital. The bill died in the Aging Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6001](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES This bill would have established a pilot program for supportive and sustainable residential communities for young adults with developmental disabilities, including, but not limited to, autism spectrum disorder. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6005](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON THE CLOSURE OF GROUP HOMES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES This bill would have prohibited the closing of any group home operated by the Department of Developmental Services, including the Hartford regional center group home located in Newington. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6012](#) AN ACT CONCERNING ENFORCEMENT OF FIRE CODE PROVISIONS REQUIRING SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS This bill would have added an enforcement mechanism for local building officials who discover that requirements pertaining to smoke and carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment have not been followed. The bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6067](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF OFFENDERS WHO PREY ON ELDERLY PERSONS This bill would have created a state registry of offenders who prey on elderly persons. The bill died in the Aging Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6106](#) AN ACT CONCERNING POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION OF A CLIENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES AS AN ELECTOR IN AN UPCOMING ELECTION This bill would have required the Department of Developmental Services to notify guardians of a client that the client may vote in an upcoming election. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6112](#) AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR FRAUDULENT VOTING, ABSENTEE BALLOT FRAUD AND VOTER REGISTRATION FRAUD This bill would have increased the penalties for fraudulent voting, absentee ballot fraud and voter registration fraud. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6113](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A SUNSET FOR STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS This bill would have required every agency regulation to sunset every two years, and required each agency to review its existing regulations and to seek legislative approval for those regulations the agency does not want to sunset. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6126](#) AN ACT CONCERNING SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHO IS PHYSICALLY HELPLESS This bill would have changed the definition of "physically helpless" with respect to a sexual assault offense to include any physical or intellectual disability that renders a person unable to verbalize lack of consent to sexual contact. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [H.B. No. 6641 Public Act 13-47](#) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHO IS PHYSICALLY HELPLESS OR WHOSE ABILITY TO CONSENT IS OTHERWISE IMPAIRED.**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6146](#) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES AND VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE This bill would have required the Department of Administrative Services to report the number of complaints of abusive conduct in the workplace between state employees to the General Assembly. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6150](#) AN ACT CONCERNING COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS AND THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE This bill would have required the application of an annual cost-of-living adjustment to the state minimum fair wage. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [S.B. No. 387 Public Act 13-117](#) **AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE.**

[H.B. No. 6162](#) AN ACT CONCERNING INELIGIBILITY FOR A PERMIT TO CARRY A PISTOL OR REVOLVER OR AN ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE BASED ON A PRIOR HOSPITALIZATION This bill would have expanded the mental health look-back period for permits to carry a pistol or revolver and eligibility certificates for a pistol or revolver to twenty-four months and eliminated the requirement that a probate court order a hospitalization in order for the hospitalization to disqualify a person for a permit or certificate. The bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6163](#) AN ACT CREATING A DATABASE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PROHIBITED FROM PURCHASING OR POSSESSING A FIREARM DUE TO PSYCHIATRIC OR PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDER This bill would have created a system that identifies individuals who should not be permitted to possess or purchase firearms due to psychiatric or psychological disorder. The bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6170](#) AN ACT REQUIRING BACK-UP POWER GENERATION IN HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY This bill would have required facilities that house the elderly to be equipped with back-up power generation to ensure the safety and well-being of elderly persons in the event of a power outage. The bill died in the Aging Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6172](#) AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAYMENTS FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME FOR STATE EMPLOYEES SUBJECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING This bill would have excluded overtime payments from the calculation of retirement income for state employees subject to collective bargaining. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6217](#) AN ACT CONCERNING DEATH WITH DIGNITY This bill would have allowed terminally ill patients to self-administer medication to end his or her life. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6220](#) AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS This bill would have enacted the Probate Court Administrator's proposed revisions to certain statutes concerning the Probate

Courts. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee. However, some provisions of this bill were incorporated into [S.B. No. 984 Public Act 13-81](#) **AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS.**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6231](#) AN ACT APPLYING COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE This bill would have required the application of an annual cost-of-living adjustment to the state minimum fair wage. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [S.B. No. 387 Public Act 13-117](#) **AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE.**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6232](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAID SICK LEAVE ANNUAL ACCRUAL DATE This bill would have allowed employers to use an alternate annual accrual date other than the calendar year in order to calculate an employee's accrued sick leave. The bill died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6239](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE TRAINING OF HEALTH CARE EMPLOYEES CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL HIPAA LEGISLATION This bill would have required health care facilities to provide specific training to employees concerning the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) that is in addition to training required under federal regulations. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6242](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF HOSPITAL READMISSIONS This bill would have aimed to reduce hospital readmissions. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6255](#) AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS REPAID BY STATE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE GRANTED MILITARY LEAVE TO PERFORM NATIONAL GUARD DUTIES This bill would have allowed state employees who are required to perform active duty service as members of the Connecticut National Guard to buy back time for retirement purposes by making contributions over the course of thirty-six months, rather than in one lump sum. The bill died in the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6258](#) AN ACT REQUIRING PAID LEAVE FOR MEMBERS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS WHO PERFORM SERVICES IN AN HONOR GUARD DETAIL This bill would have provided that an employer shall grant any employee who is a member of a bona fide Connecticut state veterans' organization, such as a local post of the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, paid leave to serve as part of an honor guard detail at the funeral of a deceased person who served in the armed forces of the United States. The bill died in the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6268](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS TO TOWNS AND TO SHIFT THE BURDEN OF PROOF IN SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARINGS This bill would have reduced the reimbursement threshold for special education costs and required the state to be financially responsible for one hundred per cent of the marginal costs for severe needs students. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6274](#) AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CLAIMS OF SCHOOL BULLYING This bill would have provided training for those persons responsible for investigating and managing claims of school bullying. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6280](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING PRIVATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS This bill would have required a private special education provider to disclose, on or before February first and upon the request of a local or regional board of education in which such private special education provider is providing special education and related services to a student in which such board would otherwise be responsible for educating, (1) a copy of such private special education provider's annual audit for the prior school year, and (2) the tuition rates charged by such private special education provider to other local or regional boards of education for the same special education and related services as provided to such requesting board of education. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6284](#) AN ACT SHIFTING THE BURDEN OF PROOF IN SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARINGS This bill would have shifted the burden of proof to parents in special education hearings. The bill died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6297](#) AN ACT REDEFINING "PHYSICALLY HELPLESS" WITH RESPECT TO THE VICTIM OF A SEXUAL ASSAULT This bill would have redefined the term "physically helpless" with respect to sexual assault offenses to include physical or intellectual disabilities that render a person unable to verbalize lack of consent to sexual contact. This bill died in the Judiciary Committee. Provisions of this bill were included in [H.B. No. 6641 Public Act 13-47](#) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON WHO IS PHYSICALLY HELPLESS OR WHOSE ABILITY TO CONSENT IS OTHERWISE IMPAIRED.**

Proposed [H.B. No. 6300](#) AN ACT ALLOWING CHARITABLE AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO USE "MONEY-WHEELS" AT BAZAARS This bill would have allowed charitable and nonprofit organizations to utilize "money-wheel" games during fundraising bazaars. The bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6301](#) AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE This bill would have required the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee to update the State Building Code not later than January 1, 2014, and to incorporate revisions to the National Electrical Code, as adopted by the National Fire Protection Association, and thereafter as deemed necessary, but in no event shall the State Building Code be updated more than twelve months after the date of first publication of subsequent revisions to the National Electrical Code. This bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6319](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PREFERENCE FOR CONNECTICUT COMPANIES FOR STATE CONTRACTS This bill would have established a preference for Connecticut companies bidding on state contracts. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

[H.B. No. 6382](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY TO PURCHASE A HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN OFFERED BY THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE This bill would have allowed eligible individuals, as defined in Section 1331 of the Affordable Care Act, to purchase health benefit plans offered by the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange. This bill died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[H.B. No. 6391](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES This bill would have removed the requirement that advanced practice registered nurses practice in collaboration with a licensed physician. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6409](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SET-ASIDE PROGRAM AND THE PERCENTAGE OF CONTRACTS RESERVED FOR MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES This bill would have reserved a percentage of state contracts for minority business enterprises owned by members of a minority. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

[H.B. No. 6410](#) AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR THE MEDICALLY NEEDY This bill would have given individuals the option of making lump sum or installment payments to the state to establish Medicaid income eligibility. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

[H.B. No. 6414](#) AN ACT CONCERNING NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS This bill would have provided partial reimbursement for providers of nonemergency medical transportation when Medicaid recipients fail to show up for scheduled pick-up appointments. The bill died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6415](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES This bill would have made various statutory revisions concerning the responsibilities and duties of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

[H.B. No. 6430](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL COUNCIL TO SUPPORT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT This bill would have established a regional council of educators, workforce development boards and agencies, business leaders and civic officials to encourage collaboration among leaders in early childhood education, primary and secondary education, higher education and workforce training, to develop an effective education and career pathway that maximizes the number of skilled persons in this state with a postsecondary degree or other credentials necessary for employment. The purpose of such regional council would have been the alignment of education with workforce needs. The bill died in the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee.

[H.B. No. 6579](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREQUALIFICATION OF SUBCONTRACTORS, REMOVING THE MUNICIPAL EXEMPTION FROM THE SET-ASIDE PROGRAM AND THE PERCENTAGE OF CONTRACTS RESERVED FOR MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES This bill would have modified the application fee range for subcontractors applying for prequalification, exempted subcontractors from the requirement to submit a statement of financial condition and bonding company letter for prequalification, removed the municipal exemption from the set-aside program requirements and modified the percentage of contracts reserved for minority business enterprises by distinguishing women from minorities. The bill died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

[H.B. No. 6588](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CONTRACTS This bill would have required certification or accreditation that an adequate provider network will exist after expiration of a contract between a hospital or physician-hospital organization and an insurer, health care center or medical service corporation and to require notice to patients when such contract is set to expire. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

[H.B. No. 6589](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS This bill would have established a task force to study the scope of practice for dental hygienists and other mid-level dental professionals. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

[H.B. No. 6592](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATION OF CLASSICAL HOMEOPATHS This bill would have required (1) the Commissioner of Public Health to publish a list of classical homeopaths certified by a national organization, (2) the commissioner to establish requirements for certification of classical

homeopaths, and (3) required persons who practice classical homeopathy in this state on and after July 1, 2014, to obtain a certification from the Department of Public Health. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 6593 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK This bill would have made changes to the statute concerning disclosure of personally identifiable information by state agencies to the Connecticut Health Information Network. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 6594 AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES AND DEFINITIONS OF "NURSING HOME FACILITY" AND "MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE" This bill would have clarified the definitions of "nursing home facility" and "residential care home" and statutory references to such terms and changed the definition of "medical review committee". The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 6615 AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS MAINTENANCE STANDARDS This bill would have required that fire departments maintain their fire apparatus in an operationally safe condition. The bill died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

H.B. No. 6616 AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S PREVENTION BUDGET This bill would have repealed provisions requiring the Governor to prepare a prevention budget. The bill died in the Appropriations Committee.

H.B. No. 6626 AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION This bill would have required the Department of Education to conduct a study regarding special education issues. The bill died in the Education Committee.

H.B. No. 6645 AN ACT CONCERNING COMPASSIONATE AID IN DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS This bill would have allowed a physician to prescribe medication at the request of a patient who is mentally competent that has a terminal illness that such patient may self-administer to bring about his or her death. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

H.B. No. 6647 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION OF DATA REGARDING RECIPIENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM BENEFITS This bill would have required certain state agencies to collect, maintain and review identifying information concerning the persons such agencies serve. The bill died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed H.J. No. 12 RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS VOTE FOR TAX INCREASES This resolution would have required a two-thirds vote of each chamber of the General Assembly before a tax could be increased. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed H.J. No. 13 RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE A VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR TAX INCREASES This resolution would have required a two-thirds vote of each chamber of the General Assembly before a tax may be increased. The bill died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed H.J. No. 17 RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES OF PROBATE This resolution would have provided that judges of probate be appointed by the Governor. The bill died in the Judiciary Committee.

We hope that this end of session summary is helpful. Copies of, or additional information on, any of the above mentioned or any other bills from this session can be found online at www.cga.ct.gov. Enter the bill number and click on “go”. This will bring you to the bill history page where you can see end results of any bills from the session including: if it passed both chambers, any amendments that passed, was it signed by the Governor, and any public act numbers that have been assigned. As always, please contact us at Rod.OConnor@ct.gov or Christine.Pollio@ct.gov with any questions.