



Governor Ned Lamont

Fact Sheet: 2025 Legislative Proposal

HOUSE BILL 6865

*An Act Implementing The Governor's Recommendations
For General Government*

The Current Situation

Implement the Governor's Budget recommendations related to general government.

Governor Lamont's Solution

Current law generally requires state agencies accepting credit, debit, or charge card payments to charge payors a service fee for doing so. Under this proposal, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary may authorize agencies to charge a service fee for these payments.

Add a designee from OPM to the State Health Information Technology Advisory Council.

Change responsibility for administering the Student Protection Account to the Department of Consumer Protection beginning in FY 2027, in consultation with the Office of Higher Education, for student teach-outs after the abrupt closure of a private career school.

Place responsibility for private career school student protection account to the Department of Consumer Protection beginning in FY 2027, recognizing the nexus between the administration of this fund and protection of student consumers.

Shift administration of tuition refund payments from the Student Protection Account to the Department of Consumer Protection beginning in FY 2027.



Repeal the expanded wage reporting provisions which allow employers subject to the state's unemployment law to report certain data about each employee in their quarterly wage reports to the Labor Department, due to implementation difficulties.

Reinstate the Public Defender Threshold to 200% of FPL. The Public Defender Services Commission (PDS) sets the eligibility threshold to receive services based upon the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The eligibility threshold was previously 200% of FPL, but was changed by PA 23-204 to 250% FPL.

Create a nonlapsing account to hold MIRA funds after it dissolves. Allow the Secretary of OPM to spend the funds on legacy MIRA activities and for remediation.

Align the Governor's Workforce Council membership with federal requirements.

Require the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to waive up to two additional background check application fees for individuals to review their Clean Slate eligible criminal record.

Allow submission of an appeal under the Clean Slate statutes without a copy of a background check from DESPP, require any information relied upon by DESPP to be given to the applicant no later than 15 days prior to any hearing, and require a written notice of decision within 15 days following such a hearing.

Clarify that a violation of probation does not reset the 7- or 10-year waiting period to receive Clean Slate erasure.

Revise the notice process related to certain Probate Court Elections in case of vacancies.

Direct \$250,000 in funds from the regional planning incentive account (RPIA) to each regional council of government to support positions for (1)

stormwater management and flood mitigation and (2) regional municipal solid waste and recycling.

Align salary increases for judges with comparable and approved executive branch salary increases.

Consolidate funding of cannabis regulation, enforcement, and prevention services within the General Fund. Establish a non-lapsing social equity and innovation account to ensure that the Social Equity Council can allocate funds for social equity initiatives. All revenue currently destined for the Cannabis Social Equity and Innovation Fund will now be directed to the social equity and innovation account.

Provide continued funding for the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund (MRSF). Adjust appropriations for Tiered PILOT and motor vehicle tax reimbursement to reflect the anticipated costs.

Repeal requirement that municipalities receive a minimum PILOT grant equal to FY 2021 total PILOT funding. Repeal specific allocations to Bridgeport, Branford, New London, and Voluntown. Reallocate provisions to the payment list for Supplemental Revenue Sharing grants to ensure there is no impact to total funding for impacted municipalities.

Repeal the requirement that surplus revenue in the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund be paid out as grants in the following fiscal year. Accrued funds will instead carry forward in the account for future appropriation by the legislature.

Amend the existing municipal spending cap to make the cap enforceable by penalty of a 10% reduction to the Supplemental Revenue Sharing grant for towns not in compliance.

Transfer the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities from the Department of Labor to the Department of Administrative Services for administrative purposes only, effective July 1, 2026.

Repeal the UConn Health Center fringe benefit subsidy.

Allow for the Attorney General to defend or provide outside counsel for state staff who, in the scope of their employment, are witnesses in a criminal investigation and are not targets of the investigation. Additionally, allow for defense of state staff who, in the scope of their employment, are targets of a federal criminal investigation for actions taken consistent with state law.