



# Governor Ned Lamont

## Fact Sheet: 2026 Legislative Proposal

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### HOUSE BILL 5030

*AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT*

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#### **The Current Situation**

To implement the Governor's budget for general government operations.

#### **Governor Lamont's Solution**

Sec. 1: The Department of Motor Vehicles currently has a Pizza State commemorative number plate. To raise awareness for food insecurity the plate is being formally established in statute so as to benefit Foodshare.

Governor Lamont celebrates Connecticut as the Pizza Capital of the US and proposes establishing the Pizza State commemorative number plate. Supporting Foodshare, the newly established "Pizza State commemorative account" will provide \$50 of the purchase price of a Pizza State plate to support Foodshare and raise awareness. When purchasing a plate, residents will also have the opportunity to voluntarily donate additional funds to support food security in the state through Foodshare.

Sec. 2: Enables the establishment of a third deputy commissioner for the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. The addition of a Deputy Commissioner is meant to support the Commissioner in managing the agency as a whole, rather than focusing on a single division

Sec. 3: Revises the distribution of marker plate fees collected from quarterly to annually for funds benefiting the Hispanic-American Veterans of Connecticut, Inc. This distribution schedule matches other specialty plate distributions.



Sec. 4: Removes outdated responsibilities from the Office of Policy and Management enabling statute.

Sec. 5: Addresses concerns with regards to neglected cemeteries and requires the Commissioner of Public Health to quarterly, beginning October 31, 2026, certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management the amount of fees collected and balance in the neglected cemetery account as of the last day of the immediately preceding quarter.

Sec. 6: Repeals a statutory provision requiring the Department of Labor (DOL) to provide administrative support to the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO). This change allows CHRO to establish an independent business office to strengthen operational capacity, while enabling DOL to reallocate resources amid declining federal funding.

Secs. 7 and 8: Repeal the establishment of the Office of the Educational Ombudsperson. The provisions establishing the Office raise concerns about data privacy, procedural safeguards, and compliance with federal education law. These include potential issues under FERPA and IDEA, overlap with existing state agencies, the scope of the Office's discretion, and possible implications under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

Secs. 9 through 101: Implement the dissolution of the Office of Health Strategy. This is proposed because for some time it has been unclear where responsibility lies for a comprehensive and cohesive vision for healthcare for the state and coordination of healthcare policy and alignment of federal and state efforts including for healthcare-related IT. To address this, the Governor is proposing to reorganize activities currently provided by the Office of Health Strategy (OHS) to separate operational and regulatory functions from policy analysis and planning functions (including 41 staff and \$16 million in the General Fund and Insurance Fund) to several state agencies in order to better align programmatic activities with agencies that share similar functions.

OHS Reallocations															
	General Fund			Insurance Fund					IAPD		AHEAD		Univ Home Visiting		
	PS	OE	Positions	PS	OE	Equipment	Fringes	Positions	PS	Positions	PS	Positions	PS	Positions	
ADS - Admin Support	(343,357)		(3)												
DPH - CON - Data	(2,016,104)	(13,042)	(19)	(411,252)	(51,784)		(320,982)	(4)							
OPM - HIE / Affordab	(538,392)	(1,157,213)	(6)	(601,303)	(9,446,996)		(469,317)	(6)	(419,682)	(1)					
DRS - Pharm Costs	(170,298)		(1)												
DSS - AHEAD				(179,478)			(140,083)	(1)			(195,979)	(2)			
OEC - Univ Home Visiting													(118,077)	(1)	
OEC - legs and regs	(96,705.00)		(1)												
	(3,164,856)	(1,170,255)	(30)	(1,192,033)	(9,498,780)	-	(930,382)	(11)	(419,682)	(1)	(195,979)	(2)	(118,077)	(1)	
<b>Revised Funding</b>	<b>3,370,606</b>	<b>1,170,255</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,382,150</b>	<b>9,498,780</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>1,169,468</b>	<b>12</b>							
<b>Savings</b>	<b>205,750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>190,117</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>239,086</b>	<b>1</b>							

Specifically:

The bill implements the transfer of Certificate of Need (CON) and Health System Planning Unit activities to the Department of Public Health.

It also implements the transfer of Benchmarking, Health Information Exchange (HIE) and All-Payers Claims Database (APCD) to the Office of Policy and Management.

Proposed language also implements the transfer of Community Benefit Program reporting, hospital financial reporting, Covered CT, and the Community Health Worker Advisory Body to the Department of Social Services.

The bill also aligns hospital and insurance fund assessments with program transfers.

And lastly, the bill makes technical changes such as removing OHS from various committees / workgroups, transferring responsibility for reports and other statutory assignments to other agencies.