

## DDS Legislative Update – April 27, 2017

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**Note:** All of the legislative committees now have reached their Joint Favorable (JF) Report deadlines. This legislative update has many proposed and raised bills that have died in committee. This does not mean that the concepts in the proposed bill may not show up in another bill or amendment but for this session that particular bill will not be moving forward.

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

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

As the legislative session goes forward, bills will be referred from legislative committees to the House or Senate. The House or Senate then may refer the bills to other committees or chose to vote on them. In these updates, the last action taken on a bill will be in **bold**. For a bill to become law, both the House and the Senate must vote favorably on it by June 7, 2017 at midnight, and the Governor must sign the bill into law.

### Key to Legislative Terminology:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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the House or Senate Calendar. If the bill is a House bill (H.B. 5000 or higher) or a Senate bill (S.B.1 to 4999) it first gets a Calendar Number from the chamber the bill originated in. Once a House bill is passed in the House, it goes on to the Senate where it receives a Senate Calendar Number. Likewise once a Senate bill (with a Senate Calendar Number) passes the Senate, it goes to the House and receives a House Calendar Number.

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

**[S.B. No. 839](#)** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO ITS STATUTES AND REFERENCES TO INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY' **[File No. 274](#)**, Senate Cal. No. 163, House Cal. No. 439, to implement the Department of Developmental Services' recommendations regarding technical and minor changes to its statutes and references to intellectual disability.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017 DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 839](#)** Public Health Committee JF to the Senate. **Senate passed on Consent.**

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

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

**S.B. No. 1** (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EARNED FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE' **File No. 236**, Senate Cal. No. 153, to establish a paid family and medical leave system in Connecticut.

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Public Hearing February 16, 2017 Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the Senate.**

**W S.B. No. 3** (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DONATION OF ORGANS AND BONE MARROW' **File No. 466**, Senate Cal. No. 247, to promote and facilitate the donation of life-saving organs and bone marrow.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Hearing February 17, 2017 Public Health Committee JF to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar.**

**W S.B. No. 6** (COMM) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX', to fully exempt Social Security benefits from the personal income tax.

**REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING Public Hearing March 3, 2017 S.B. No. 6 died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.**

**Proposed S.B. No. 10 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STRENGTHENING OF LAWS AGAINST HATE CRIMES'**, to strengthen laws against hate crimes.

**REF. JUDICIARY S.B. No. 10 died in the Judiciary Committee.**

**Proposed S.B. No. 18 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCE NOTICE OF GUIDELINES AND BULLETINS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES'**, to improve government transparency.

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES S.B. No. 18 died in the Human Services Committee.**

**S.B. No. 21** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS', to require health insurance policies that provide coverage for prescription drugs to provide coverage for intravenously administered drugs on a basis no less favorable than orally administered drugs.

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Public Hearing February 7, 2017 Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. S.B. No. 21 died in the Appropriations Committee.**

**S.B. No. 22** (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT LIMITING COST-SHARING FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to limit coinsurance, copayments, deductibles and other

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out-of-pocket expenses imposed on insureds for prescription drugs.

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE** [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 22](#) died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

[S.B. No. 27](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCLUDING CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL INJURY" UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES' [File No. 60](#), Senate Cal. No. 81, to expand workers' compensation coverage in certain situations that result in mental or emotional impairment.

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES** [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS to the Senate.

Proposed [S.B. No. 28](#) SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES TO CONCLUDE THAT A PERSON HAS PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES AND IS DANGEROUS TO HIMSELF OR HERSELF OR OTHERS FOR PURPOSES OF CONFINEMENT IN A HOSPITAL FOR PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES UNDER AN EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE', to allow advanced practice registered nurses to conclude that a person has psychiatric disabilities and is dangerous to himself or herself or others for purposes of confinement to a hospital for psychiatric disabilities under an emergency certificate.  
**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** [S.B. No. 28](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 29](#) SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES TO PRACTICE INDEPENDENTLY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN EXPERIENCED ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE', to allow new advanced practice registered nurses to collaborate with experienced advanced practice registered nurses.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** [S.B. No. 29](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 31](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PHYSICIANS' OFFICES AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES', to assist persons with disabilities in attaining medical care.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** [S.B. No. 31](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

**W** [S.B. No. 38](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY', to prevent disruption of services to persons with an intellectual or developmental disability.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 38](#) [S.B. No. 38](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

**W** [S.B. No. 39](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE QUALITY SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES' [File No. 602](#), Senate Cal. No. 323, to provide preference for respite care services, skills training and an array of support services to those persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have the most need for such services.

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REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017 DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 39](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate.

Proposed [S.B. No. 66](#) SEN. MARKLEY, 16th DIST.; SEN. SUZIO, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS OF PRINCIPALS OF PROSPECTIVE STATE CONTRACTORS', to require all principals of prospective state contractors to submit to criminal history records checks.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [S.B. No. 66](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 77](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHS ON REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS', to require photo identification on removable windshield placards to prevent abuse of such placards.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing January 30, 2017 S.B. No. 77](#) died in the Transportation Committee.

**W** [S.B. No. 85](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING OF INDIVIDUALS STAFFING RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH' [File No. 603](#), Senate Cal. No. 324, to ease the burden placed on residential care homes licensed by the Department of Public Health.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate.

Proposed [S.B. No. 86](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING COPAYS UNDER STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PLANS', to provide tax relief to Connecticut residents by decreasing the cost of state employee health insurance coverage.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 86](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 87](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE EMPLOYEES TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM', to reduce the unfunded pension liability of the state by increasing contributions made by state employees to the state employees retirement system.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 87](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 88](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST.; REP. WILMS, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES', to create state budgetary savings by placing nonunion state employees in health and retirement plans that are similar to those in the private sector.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 88](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 90](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES FOR MILEAGE AND PAYMENTS FOR OVERTIME FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to reduce the

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unfunded pension burden on the state by prohibiting the use of mileage reimbursements and overtime payments in the calculation of state employee pensions.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 90](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 91](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST.; SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING RECEIPT OF STATE RETIREMENT INCOME DURING TIMES OF REEMPLOYMENT WITH THE STATE'**, to prohibit the receipt of pension and salary payments from the state at the same time.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 91](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 92](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING LONGEVITY PAYMENTS AND OVERTIME COMPENSATION FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME FOR STATE EMPLOYEES'**, to achieve long-term savings by lowering state pension obligations.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 92](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 109](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYER ADHERENCE TO GUIDANCE BY THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'**, to ensure employers adhere to guidance issued by the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**REF. JUDICIARY [S.B. No. 109](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 113](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROFESSIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PROBATE COURT CONSERVATORS'**, to require the Probate Court Administrator to develop and implement a professional code of conduct applicable to any conservator appointed in a Probate Court matter.

**REF. JUDICIARY [S.B. No. 113](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 114](#) SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING NEW STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLANS'**, to achieve savings in future pension liabilities by making new state and municipal employees participate in defined contribution retirement plans.

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [S.B. No. 114](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 125](#) SEN. GERRATANA, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS'**, to permit naturopathic physicians to prescribe medication in certain circumstances.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [S.B. No. 125](#) died in the Public Health Committee**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 128](#) SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING NEW BUSINESSES FROM STATE REGULATIONS'**, to encourage business development by easing regulatory burden on new companies.

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REF. COMMERCE [Public Hearing February 23, 2017 S.B. No. 128](#) died in the Commerce Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 134](#) SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF ALL MEDICAID WAIVER RENEWALS AND EXTENSIONS', to rein in costs by requiring legislative review of all Medicaid waiver renewals and extensions.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 134](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 142](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIRNESS IN MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOME CARE', to provide Medicaid coverage retroactively for eligible home-care clients in accordance with federal law.

REF. AGING [S.B. No. 142](#) died in the Committee on Aging.

Proposed [S.B. No. 146](#) SEN. LINARES, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLANS FOR NEW STATE EMPLOYEES', to reduce state pension liability.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 146](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 147](#) SEN. LINARES, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENTS, LONGEVITY PAYMENTS AND OVERTIME COMPENSATION FROM THE CALCULATION OF PENSIONS FOR STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES', to reform the public pension calculation system.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 147](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 148](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF STATE EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS', to require legislative approval of all state employee collective bargaining contracts.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 148](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 149](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAYMENTS, LONGEVITY PAY AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES', to reform and reduce unfunded long-term pension liability in the state.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 149](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 150](#) SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAYMENTS, LONGEVITY PAY AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME OF STATE EMPLOYEES', to reduce the unfunded state pension liability.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 150](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.



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Proposed [S.B. No. 158](#) SEN. HARTLEY, 15th DIST.; SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT DEFINING "INSUFFICIENT FUNDS" FOR PURPOSES OF REJECTION OF STATE EMPLOYEE ARBITRATION AWARDS', to define "insufficient funds" for purposes of state employee arbitration awards.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 158](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 159](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAYMENTS, LONGEVITY PAY AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME OF STATE EMPLOYEES', to reduce the unfunded state pension liability.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 159](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 177](#) SEN. SUZIO, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CITIZENS IN NEED ACCOUNT', to establish a citizens in need account to pay for social services that have been reduced or eliminated due to budgetary constraints.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [S.B. No. 177](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 183](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE COST OF HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES', to encouraging aging in place by establishing a deduction against the personal income tax for the cost of medical supplies and home health care services.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [S.B. No. 183](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 188](#) SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS', to provide funding for social impact bonds.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing February 24, 2017 S.B. No. 188](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 214](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING FAIRNESS FOR FAMILIES IN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND REIMBURSEMENT DETERMINATIONS', to require fairness for families in Medicaid eligibility and reimbursement determinations.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 214](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 218](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID PENALTIES FOR AFTER-DISCOVERED ASSETS', to make state Medicaid law regarding after-discovered assets consistent with Social Security eligibility standards.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 218](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 220](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INACCESSIBLE ASSETS IN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS', to define inaccessible assets for Medicaid eligibility purposes.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 220](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

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Proposed [S.B. No. 223](#) SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE REFUSAL OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT TO HOME-CARE PROVIDERS WHO DO NOT USE A STATE CONTRACTOR FOR ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION', to reduce costly and inefficient administrative burdens on home-care providers.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 223](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 224](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MORE TIMELY ENROLLMENT OF MEDICAID PROVIDERS', to speed up provider enrollment in the Medicaid program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 224](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 225](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE DELIVERY OF HUMAN SERVICES', to improve the cost-effective delivery of human services and make sure such services are given only to those in need.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 225](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 226](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE', to create certain presumptive eligibility for home care benefits.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 226](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 227](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIRNESS IN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND REIMBURSEMENT DETERMINATIONS FOR HOME-CARE CLIENTS', to establish parity in Medicaid eligibility and reimbursement determinations for home care and institutional care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 227](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 229](#) SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS', to expand health insurance coverage for hearing aids to insureds beyond children twelve years of age or younger.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 7, 2017 S.B. No. 229](#) died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Proposed [S.B. No. 236](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS', to require state agencies to abide by orders entered by a Probate Court.

REF. JUDICIARY [S.B. No. 236](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 244](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVING SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to improve services for persons with developmental disabilities and increase public transparency and accountability for the provision of such services.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017 DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 244 S.B. No. 244](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

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Proposed [S.B. No. 245](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to improve services for and protect the interests of persons with developmental disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 245](#) [S.B. No. 245](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

**W** [S.B. No. 246](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE WAITING LIST FOR RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES' [File No. 604](#), Senate Cal. No. 325, to better serve persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities by developing a state-wide comprehensive residential waiting list.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 246](#) Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

Proposed [S.B. No. 268](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING STATE EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND ARBITRATION AWARDS TO BE APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY', to require legislative approval for all state employee collective bargaining agreements and arbitration awards.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 268](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 280](#) SEN. LOGAN, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS', to provide legislative oversight of state employee collective bargaining agreements.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 280](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 310](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE PROGRAM', to increase the number of persons who can receive assistance through the Alzheimer's disease respite program.

REF. AGING [S.B. No. 310](#) died in the Committee on Aging.

Proposed [S.B. No. 311](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ASSISTANT STATE OMBUDSMAN POSITION AND EXPANDING THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN', to create an Assistant State Ombudsman position and to expand the duties of the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

REF. AGING [S.B. No. 311](#) died in the Committee on Aging.

**W** [S.B. No. 316](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY REGARDING REFERRALS BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES' [File No. 434](#), Senate Cal. No. 236, to require a study of health care provider self-referrals.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 17, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

**W** [S.B. No. 345](#) (COMM) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIVERY SERVICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND ELDERLY PERSONS' [File No. 402](#), Senate Cal.

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No. 223, to allow temporary and permanent livery permit holders to use stretcher vans to transport elderly persons and persons with disabilities who must be transported on a stretcher.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 15, 2017](#) Transportation Committee JF to the Senate.

Proposed [S.B. No. 346](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES AND THE TRANSFER OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS', to allow state employee retirement benefits to be transferred to a significant other immediately upon the death of such state employee.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 346](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 347](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES', to create state budgetary savings by placing nonunion state employees in health and retirement plans that are similar to those in the private sector.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 347](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 348](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING COPAYS UNDER STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PLANS', to provide tax relief to Connecticut residents by decreasing the cost of state employee health insurance coverage.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 348](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 350](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL ABLE ACT AND ESTABLISHING A DEDUCTION AGAINST THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE FOR SUCH PROGRAM', to (1) establish a program that meets the requirements of the federal Achieving a Better Life Experience Act, (2) allow individuals to establish accounts pursuant to such program to make contributions to pay for disability-related expenses, and (3) establish a deduction against the personal income tax for such contributions.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [S.B. No. 350](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 367](#) SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAYMENTS, LONGEVITY PAY AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME OF STATE EMPLOYEES', to reduce the unfunded state pension liability.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 367](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 368](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST.; SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST.; SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT REMOVING PENSIONS FROM THE SCOPE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to save the state money and reduce the state's long-term liabilities by enacting comprehensive pension

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reform.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 368](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 369](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE HIRING OF FAMILY MEMBERS FOR STATE EMPLOYMENT', to remove nepotism from state employment.**

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS Appropriations Committee Change of Reference to the Labor and Public Employees Committee. [S.B. No. 369](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 371](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST.; SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST.; SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION BENEFITS', to end pension padding by providing that overtime pay may not be used to increase pension benefits for state employees.**

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 371](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 375](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST.; SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY OF HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCIES FOR PERSONS THEY SEND TO CLIENTS', to clarify that home health care agencies are liable for the acts of their agents.**

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 375](#) died in the Human Services Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 381](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ENHANCING THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE', to enhance diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease.**

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [S.B. No. 381](#) died in the Public Health Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 382](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST.; SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK OF EMPLOYEES AND SUBCONTRACTORS OF HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCIES AND HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCIES', to protect the residents of home health care agencies and homemaker-companion agencies.**

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [S.B. No. 382](#) died in the Public Health Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 386](#) SEN. KELLY, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE PROGRAM', to increase the number of persons who can receive assistance through the Alzheimer's disease respite care program.**

**REF. AGING [S.B. No. 386](#) died in the Committee on Aging.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 408](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS AND THE BURDEN OF PROOF IN SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARINGS', to reduce special education mandates on school districts.**

**REF. EDUCATION [S.B. No. 408](#) died in the Education Committee.**

**Proposed [S.B. No. 409](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME LIMIT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARINGS', to reduce special education mandates on school**

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districts.

REF. EDUCATION [S.B. No. 408](#) died in the Education Committee.

[S.B. No. 426](#) (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTS BETWEEN HEALTH CARRIERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AGENTS OR VENDORS, PARTICIPATING PROVIDER DIRECTORIES AND SURPRISE BILLS' [File No. 337](#), Senate Cal. No. 184, to (1) prohibit contracts between health carriers and health care providers, or agents or vendors of health care providers, from proscribing disclosure of certain information, (2) require that health carriers maintain accurate, current and detailed preferred provider directories, and (3) restrict surprise bills for health care services.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS to the Senate.

Proposed [S.B. No. 435](#) SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING ACCESS TO PRESCRIPTION BRANDS THAT ARE MEDICALLY NECESSARY FOR PEOPLE DIAGNOSED WITH EPILEPSY', to provide access to prescription drug brands that are medically necessary for the treatment of persons diagnosed with epilepsy.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [S.B. No. 435](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 440](#) SEN. WINFIELD, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND LOCAL POLICE HANDLING OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS OR INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY', to protect individuals with a mental illness or intellectual or developmental disability in their interactions with state and local police officers.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Public Safety and Security Committee. [S.B. No. 440](#) died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

**W** [S.B. No. 445](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIRNESS IN PHARMACY AND PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER CONTRACTS' [File No. 519](#), Senate Cal. No. 295, to increase public and government knowledge of pharmaceutical prices.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate.

**W** [S.B. No. 451](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROTECTING PATIENTS FROM UNREASONABLE MEDICAL BILLS' [File No. 610](#), Senate Cal. No. 331, to protect patients from unreasonable medical bills.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 17, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

Proposed [S.B. No. 464](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS', to require the legislature to vote on state employee contracts.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 464](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

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Proposed [S.B. No. 468](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENSES', to reduce the cost of special education to school districts.

REF. EDUCATION [S.B. No. 468](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 488](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCE NOTICE OF GUIDELINES AND BULLETINS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to improve government transparency.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 488](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 502](#) SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO APPLY FOR IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS', to require the Department of Motor Vehicles to allow a person with disabilities to make an appointment with the department to apply for an identification card or removable windshield placard.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing February 6, 2017 S.B. No. 502](#) died in the Transportation Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 517](#) SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING FINES FOR PERSONS WHO HARASS OR INTERFERE WITH SERVICE ANIMALS', to protect service animals and the persons they assist.

REF. ENVIRONMENT [S.B. No. 517](#) died in the Environment Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 533](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING STATE GROUP HOMES TO COMPLY WITH MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND ZONING REQUIREMENTS', to require all state group homes to comply with local planning and zoning requirements.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT [S.B. No. 533](#) died in the Planning and Development Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 537](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING HEALTH CARE AND PENSION BENEFITS FROM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to restore legislative authority and accountability with regard to state employee health and pension benefits and bring Connecticut into alignment with most other states.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 537](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 541](#) SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED BY PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS EMPLOYED DIRECTLY BY CONSUMERS IN STATE-FUNDED PROGRAMS', to extend workers' compensation protections to home care consumers and their personal care attendants.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 541](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 542](#) SEN. LARSON, 3rd DIST.; SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT SPECIAL EDUCATION PREDICTABLE COST

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COOPERATIVE', to establish the Connecticut Special Education Predictable Cost Cooperative to fund special education services and special education programs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 21, 2017 S.B. No. 542](#) died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 550](#) SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE STATE-ADMINISTERED RETIREMENT PLAN', to eliminate the state-administered retirement plan.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [S.B. No. 550](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 551](#) SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION', to provide financial relief to businesses.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [S.B. No. 551](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 555](#) SEN. CASSANO, 4th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR DENTISTS TO TREAT LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS', to increase the overall health of Connecticut residents.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [S.B. No. 555](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 578](#) SEN. HWANG, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE EMPLOYEES TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM', to reduce the unfunded pension liability of the state by increasing contributions made by state employee contributions to the state employees retirement system.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 S.B. No. 578](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 596](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEE', to clarify the definition of "managerial employee" in the general statutes.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 21, 2017 S.B. No. 596](#) died in the Labor and Public Employee Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 607](#) SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW AGENCY REGULATIONS', to create a business-friendly environment by requiring new regulations to contain a cost-benefit analysis and sunset provision and the repeal of two existing regulations for every new regulation adopted.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [S.B. No. 607](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

[S.B. No. 611](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHARGING OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO EMPLOYERS' [File No. 84](#), Senate Cal. No. 90, to prohibit charging the payment of unemployment compensation benefits to an employer when an employee voluntarily terminated his or her employment, and the employee is subsequently terminated by a second employer and paid unemployment compensation benefits.



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REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the Senate.

Proposed [S.B. No. 612](#) SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE PENSION PAYOUTS BASED ON RETIREE AGE', to prohibit reduced state employee pension payouts based on age unless approved in collective bargaining.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 612](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 624](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT EXTENDING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS TO EMPLOYEES OF BUSINESSES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE', to extend whistleblower protections to employees of businesses who receive economic development financial assistance from the state.

REF. COMMERCE Commerce Committee Change of Reference to the Labor and Public Employees Committee. [S.B. No. 624](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 688](#) SEN. MARTIN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES FROM TRANSFERRING LIABILITY FOR STUDENT RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT TO BOARDS OF EDUCATION', to prohibit the Department of Developmental Services from transferring liability for student residential placement to local and regional boards of education.

REF. EDUCATION [S.B. No. 688](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 706](#) SEN. SUZIO, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROPRIATE USE OF RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION ON STUDENTS', to protect children from the inappropriate use of restraint and seclusion in school.

REF. EDUCATION [S.B. No. 706](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 725](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT BENEFITS', to prohibit time spent earning severance pay from counting as state service for the purposes of vesting in state retirement benefits and prohibit such severance pay earnings from impacting retirement benefit calculations.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [S.B. No. 725](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 732](#) SEN. KENNEDY, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE ABLE ACT', to educate the families of persons with disabilities about the benefits of the ABLE Act.

REF. BANKING [S.B. No. 732](#) died in the Committee on Banking.

**W** [S.B. No. 734](#) (COMM) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CITIZENS IN NEED ACCOUNT', to establish a citizens in need account to receive charitable contributions to assist residents of this state who have had their benefits from state social services programs administered by the Department of Social Services reduced due to state budgetary constraints, and to provide a state tax deduction at the rate of

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two hundred per cent of the amount contributed to said account.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing February 24, 2017](#)

Proposed [S.B. No. 737](#) SEN. KENNEDY, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST TRANSPARENCY', to explore options to help reduce the high costs of prescription drugs and educate the public and state agencies that pay for prescription drugs as to the costs of such drugs.

REF. GENERAL LAW [S.B. No. 737](#) died in the General Law Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 741](#) SEN. KENNEDY, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS', to maximize federal dollars for expanded treatment options for Medicaid recipients in need of substance abuse and mental health treatment.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [S.B. No. 741](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

[S.B. No. 747](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING "ON-CALL" SHIFT SCHEDULING FOR EMPLOYEES' [File No. 271](#), Senate Cal. No. 162, to prohibit the unfair employment practice of on-call shift scheduling.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 16, 2016](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS to the Senate.

Proposed [S.B. No. 748](#) SEN. KENNEDY, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES TO REALLOCATE AN UNALLOCATED BUDGET SURPLUS TOWARD SERVING THOSE ON WAITING LISTS FOR DEPARTMENT SERVICES OR TO RETAIN SUCH UNALLOCATED SURPLUS FOR SERVICES EXPENDITURES', to allow the Department of Developmental Services to capture a certain percentage of its unallocated budget surplus when it achieves savings by providing cost-effective, community-based services for people with disabilities and to reallocate such surplus toward serving more families on department waiting lists.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. [S.B. No. 748](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[S.B. No. 758](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-FUNDED PROGRAMS' [File No. 35](#), Senate Cal. No. 70, to ensure that Medicaid-funded programs are effective and accessible.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Committee on Aging JF to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 760](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM' [File No. 19](#), Senate Cal. No. 51, to expand eligibility for the Alzheimer's disease respite care program.

REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) Committee on Aging JF to the Senate. Senate moved to the Foot of the Calendar.

[S.B. No. 776](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING FAIRNESS FOR FAMILIES IN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND REIMBURSEMENT DETERMINATIONS', to equalize compensation rates between family and non-family professional caregivers in programs

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administered by the Department of Social Services, use the same Medicaid reimbursement criteria for home care clients as is used for institutional clients and prohibit determinations of ineligibility for Medicaid based on an inaccessible asset or an asset discovered after a person applies for Medicaid.

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES** [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 776](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

[S.B. No. 786](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION MANDATE RELIEF AND THE TRANSPARENCY OF ENDOWED ACADEMIES' [File No. 525](#), Senate Cal. No. 274, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**REF. EDUCATION** [Public Hearing March 6, 2017](#) Education Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 787](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVENUE ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING** [Public Hearing March 9, 2017](#) Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 788](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING** [Public Hearing March 9, 2017](#) Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee JFS to the Senate.

**W** [S.B. No. 791](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UTILIZATION OF RECENT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA TO UPDATE HIRING GOALS' [File No. 671](#), Senate Cal. No. 353, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**REF. JUDICIARY** [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 795](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY AND IMPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM' [File No. 574](#), Senate Cal. No. 333, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** [Public Hearing March 20, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 796](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RESPECTFUL AND PERSON-FIRST LANGUAGE' [File No. 482](#), Senate Cal. No. 272, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 796](#) Public Health Committee JF to the Senate.

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**S.B. No. 797** SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 20, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 797](#) **S.B. No. 797** died in the Public Health Committee.

**S.B. No. 801** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING CLIENT-SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND EMPLOYEE TRANSITION PLANNING FOR HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE PROVIDERS', to protect the interests of clients receiving home and community-based services funded by Medicaid by requiring client-specific employee training and employee transition planning.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **S.B. No. 801** died in the Appropriations Committee.

**S.B. No. 802** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED BY PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS EMPLOYED DIRECTLY BY CONSUMERS IN THE COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE PROGRAM', to require the state to procure and administer workers' compensation coverage for personal care attendants employed directly by consumers in the Community First Choice program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **S.B. No. 802** died in the Appropriations Committee.

**S.B. No. 803** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESUMPTIVE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME CARE', to allow more persons to receive care at home and save the state the greater cost of institutional care by establishing a system for presumptive Medicaid eligibility for home care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) **S.B. No. 803** died in the Human Services Committee.

**S.B. No. 804** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SOCIAL WORK IN-HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM' [File No. 62](#), Senate Cal. No. 80, to rename a program offering community-based services to persons with disabilities and eliminate duplication of services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JF to the Senate.

**S.B. No. 839** (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TECHNICAL AND MINOR REVISIONS TO ITS STATUTES AND REFERENCES TO INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY' [File No. 274](#), Senate Cal. No. 163, House Cal. No. 439, to implement the Department of Developmental Services' recommendations regarding technical and minor changes to its statutes and references to intellectual disability.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 839](#) Public Health Committee JF to the Senate. Senate passed on Consent.

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**S.B. No. 859** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATE COURT ORDERS' **File No. 625**, Senate Cal. No. 318, to require each state agency to follow any order, denial or decree of a Probate Court that is applicable to a determination made by the state agency, and clarify that a state agency has standing to appeal any such order, denial or decree to the Superior Court with respect to such order's applicability to the state agency's determination.

REF. JUDICIARY **Public Hearing February 24, 2017** **Public Hearing February 27, 2017** **DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 859** Judiciary Committee JFS to the Senate.

**W S.B. No. 867** (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR HOME HEALTH CARE REGISTRIES' **File No. 88**, Senate Cal. No. 87, House Cal. No. 443, to provide an exception for emergency circumstances that prevent home health care registries from complying with notice requirements at the time a contract is entered into with a consumer.

REF. GENERAL LAW **Public Hearing March 2, 2017** General Law Committee JF to the Senate. Senate passed on Consent.

**S.B. No. 874** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' **File No. 440**, Senate Cal. No. 235, to ensure timely notice of bulletins, guidelines and other information affecting Department of Social Services programs.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing March 2, 2017** Human Services Committee JFS to the Senate.

**S.B. No. 891** (RAISED) TRANSPORTATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION OF ADULT STUDENTS IN TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS', to eliminate the requirement for the school children sign for vehicles transporting adult students in transitional programs.

REF. TRANSPORTATION **Public Hearing February 27, 2017** **S.B. No. 891** died in the Transportation Committee.

**S.B. No. 913** (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL TRAINING', to require annual training of school paraprofessionals.

REF. EDUCATION **Public Hearing March 1, 2017** Education Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **S.B. No. 913** died in the Appropriations Committee.

**S.B. No. 922** (RAISED) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY HEALTH CARE STRUCTURES' **File No. 529**, Senate Cal. No. 293, to allow municipalities to permit residents to install temporary health care structures on their property.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT **Public Hearing March 3, 2017** Planning and Development Committee JFS to the Senate.

**S.B. No. 929** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT EXTENDING WHISTLE-BLOWER PROTECTIONS TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES' **File No. 673**, Senate Cal. No. 355, to extend whistle-blower protections to an employee who objects, or refuses to participate in any activity that the employee reasonably believes to be a violation or suspected violation of any state or federal law or

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regulation, any municipal ordinance or regulation or any court order.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 6, 2017](#) Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 938](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE STATE-WIDE ADOPTION OF THE MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT PROGRAM' [File No. 615](#), Senate Cal. No. 334, to provide the Commissioner of Public Health with the authority to implement the medical orders for life-sustaining treatment program state-wide.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 20, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 958](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ACCESS TO MOTION PICTURE SCREENINGS IN THE STATE', to expand access to motion picture screenings by persons who are deaf, blind or hearing or sight impaired.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 958](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

[S.B. No. 976](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONSERVATOR ACCOUNTABILITY' [File No. 617](#), Senate Cal. No. 320, to provide the Probate Court Administrator with the authority to: (1) Audit an account of a conservator of the estate, and (2) adopt, in consultation with the Connecticut Probate Assembly, standards of practice that will provide guidance to court-appointed conservators in the performance of their duties.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) Judiciary Committee JF to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 985](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DUE TO AN EMPLOYER OTHER THAN THE STATE UNDER THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS' [File No. 618](#), Senate Cal. No. 313, to apply substantial conflict of interest provisions in the state code of ethics for public officials and state employees to conflicts involving the public official's or state employee's nonstate employer or spouse's employer.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the Senate.

[S.B. No. 989](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD AND REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS' [File No. 619](#), House Cal. No. 376, to redefine "privatization contract" and "state contracting agency", modify the quorum requirement of the State Contracting Standards Board, impose additional requirements on proposed privatization contracts and require the Auditors of Public Accounts to issue compliance reports regarding staffing levels of the State Contracting Standards Board.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) Government Administrations and Elections Committee Senate Favorable Report Failed. Government Administration and Elections Committee House Favorable Report to the House.

[S.B. No. 1007](#) (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF DATA RELATING TO SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES AND THE

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**INTENTIONAL UNDERBUDGETING OF SPECIAL EDUCATION' [File No. 568](#), Senate Cal. No. 302**, to require the Department of Education to annually collect and report on data relating to local special education expenditures and to permit the Commissioner of Education to withhold education cost-sharing grant funds to any board of education that intentionally underbudgets its estimated special education expenditures.

**REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing March 16, 2017](#)** Education Committee JFS to the Senate.

**[S.B. No. 1008](#) (RAISED) EDUCATION. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF BOARDS OF EDUCATION RESULTING FROM RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES'**, to require the Department of Developmental Services to be financially responsible for the costs associated with the residential placement of a student.

**REF. EDUCATION [Public Hearing March 16, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on S.B. No. 1008](#)** Education Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **[S.B. No. 1008](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

**[W S.B. No. 1031](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THRESHOLDS FOR STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, THE SHARING OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY DATA AND THE REPEAL OF A PROVISION CONCERNING APPRAISAL FEES'**, to increase the threshold for construction contracts requiring the approval of the Department of Administrative Services from five hundred thousand to two million dollars, to increase access to date by executive branch agencies by codifying the provisions of Executive Order 39 and to repeal a requirement that the Office of Policy and Management establish an appraisal fee schedule.

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing March 20, 2017](#) [S.B. No. 1031](#)** died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

**[S.R. No. 7](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES BARGAINING AGENT COALITION' [File No. 3](#)**

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing January 24, 2017](#)** Appropriations Committee Senate Favorable to the Senate.

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

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

Proposed [H.B. No. 5001](#) REP. PETIT, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT PREVENTING OVERTIME PAYMENTS FROM BEING USED TO CALCULATE THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF STATE EMPLOYEES', to help prevent the over-inflation of state employee pension obligations to the State of Connecticut.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5001](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5003](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BUDGETING FOR MEDICAID EXPENDITURES', to accurately reflect Medicaid expenditures in the state budget.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing April 3, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5003](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5006](#) REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE EXEMPT FROM CLASSIFIED SERVICE AND DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLANS', to help reduce the overall cost of the state employee workforce in Connecticut by shifting certain state employees to a defined contribution retirement plan.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5006](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5009](#) REP. BELSITO, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXCLUSIONS FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME', to prevent state pensions from being artificially inflated.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5009](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5010](#) REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE SALARIES OF ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED STATE OFFICIALS BY TEN PER CENT', to save money by reducing the salaries of state elected and appointed officials.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5010](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5012](#) REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENSION AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS EXEMPT FROM CLASSIFIED SERVICE', to help reduce the overall cost of the state employee workforce in Connecticut.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5012](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5013](#) REP. BETTS, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO VOTE ON ALL STATE EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING



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**AGREEMENTS AND STIPULATIONS'**, to require full disclosure of collective bargaining agreements and stipulations between the state and state employee organizations.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5013](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5015](#) REP. BELSITO, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE AND PENSION PAYMENTS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES INCLUDED IN CERTAIN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS'**, to address skyrocketing costs by limiting the payment of retirement benefits to retired state employees who have reached the age of sixty-five.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5015](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5016](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AND STIPULATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH A LAWSUIT'**, to require the General Assembly to vote on all collective bargaining agreements and agreements and stipulated agreements in connection with a lawsuit.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5016](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5017](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT PREVENTING OVERTIME PAYMENTS FROM BEING USED TO CALCULATE THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF STATE EMPLOYEES'**, to prohibit the calculation of a state employee's pension from including overtime pay.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5017](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

**[H.B. No. 5077](#) (COMM) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PHARMACIES' [File No. 64](#), House Cal. No. 76**, to allow pharmacies to accept and dispose of unused prescription drugs.

**REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) General Law Committee JF to the House.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5078](#) REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING PHARMACIES TO MAINTAIN DROP BOXES FOR THE COLLECTION OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS'**, to prevent the improper use of medications by providing safe and secure locations to drop off unused medications.

**REF. GENERAL LAW [H.B. No. 5078](#) died in the General Law Committee.**

**[H.B. No. 5087](#) (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE SUSPENSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES IMPOSED ON CERTAIN BUSINESS ENTITIES PURSUANT TO STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS'**, to permit businesses to remediate first-time regulatory violations without civil penalty if such remediation is done in a timely manner.

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REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 15, 2017 H.B. No. 5087](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5092](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN LOBBYING BY STATE EMPLOYEE UNIONS', to prohibit certain lobbying by state employee unions in order to prevent a conflict of interest.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [H.B. No. 5092](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5093](#) REP. BELSITO, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING', to eliminate overlapping state services and promote efficiency in government by undoing the prior transfer of functions from the Department of Social Services to the Department on Aging and by eliminating the Department on Aging.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [H.B. No. 5093](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5133](#) REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF JET INJECTORS FOR INDIVIDUALS DIAGNOSED WITH INSULIN-DEPENDENT DIABETES', to require health insurance coverage of jet injectors for individuals diagnosed with insulin-dependent diabetes.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [H.B. No. 5133](#) died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5147](#) REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES OR DAMAGES INCURRED ON STATE PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE STATE IS AT FAULT', to require the state 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.

REF. JUDICIARY [H.B. No. 5147](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5163](#) REP. BELSITO, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to provide supportive housing and easily accessible services to adults with developmental disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. [H.B. No. 5163](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5167](#) REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS FROM PRESCRIBING OPIOIDS', to help prevent the overprescribing of opioids.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [H.B. No. 5167](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5170](#) REP. TWEEDIE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS OUTSIDE OF A HOSPITAL SETTING TO ANY PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN', to combat the abuse of opioids.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [H.B. No. 5170](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 5177](#) REP. ROSARIO, 128th DIST. 'AN ACT INCORPORATING THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE INTO THE STATE BUILDING CODE', to incorporate the International Property Maintenance Code into the State Building Code to establish minimum maintenance standards for basic equipment, light, ventilation, heating, sanitation and fire safety.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5177](#) died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5181](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to require removable windshield placards to bear the name of the person who is blind or person with disabilities for whom the placard was issued and to establish penalties for the abuse of such placards.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing January 30, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5181](#) died in the Transportation Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5183](#) REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to permit a blind person or person with disabilities to obtain two removable windshield placards if such person owns two motor vehicles.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing January 30, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5183](#) died in the Transportation Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5202](#) REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING PHARMACISTS FROM MAKING CHANGES TO PRESCRIPTIONS WITHOUT PRESCRIBER CONSENT', to require prescriber consent prior to a pharmacist making any changes to a drug prescription.

REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5202](#) died in the General Law Committee.

[H.B. No. 5210](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS PAY EQUITY AND FAIRNESS MATTERS' [File No. 50](#), House Cal. No. 66, to strengthen provisions of the law concerning pay equity and fairness.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing January 31, 2017](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS to the House.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5221](#) REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AND STIPULATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH A LAWSUIT', to require the General Assembly to vote on all collective bargaining agreements and agreements and stipulated agreements in connection with a lawsuit.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5221](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5222](#) REP. CUMMINGS, 74th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FLUCTUATING WORK WEEK AGREEMENTS', to allow for a more flexible work week schedule

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for certain employees.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS** Appropriations Committee Change of Reference to the Labor and Public Employees Committee. [H.B. No. 5222](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5269](#) REP. YACCARINO, 87th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS'**, to require health insurance coverage for hearing aids for individuals with a hearing loss of ninety per cent or greater and to establish a graduated deductible for such individuals.

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [H.B. No. 5269](#) died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5284](#) REP. CUMMINGS, 74th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OF AN EMPLOYEE'**, to define "reasonable suspicion" required of an employer to test an employee for drug or alcohol use.

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing January 31, 2017 H.B. No. 5284](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5285](#) REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING WAGE INCREASES UNDER BINDING ARBITRATION AWARDS'**, to provide a reasonable cap on wage increases under binding arbitration awards.

**REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 5285](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5293](#) REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS'**, to relieve municipalities of burdensome affordable housing requirements.

**REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT [H.B. No. 5293](#) died in the Planning and Development Committee.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5300](#) REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PHOTOGRAPHS ON REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS'**, to prevent the abuse of removable windshield placards by requiring photo identification on such placards.

**REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing January 30, 2017 H.B. No. 5300](#) died in the Transportation Committee.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5318](#) REP. BETTS, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATIZING DELIVERY OF UP TO FIFTY PER CENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BY NONPROFITS'**, to provide higher quality social services at less expense.

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 5318](#) died in the Human Services Committee.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5328](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST PRACTICES BY STATE AGENCIES TO ACHIEVE COST SAVINGS'**, to review ways in which state agencies may implement best practices and cost savings.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS [H.B. No. 5328](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.**

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Proposed [H.B. No. 5329](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING THE SALARIES OF LEGISLATORS, COMMISSIONERS OF STATE AGENCIES AND THE GOVERNOR', to reduce the pay of legislators, commissioners and the Governor.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5329](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5330](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING STATE EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS TO BE APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY', to require the legislature to vote on all union contracts.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5330](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5331](#) REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT STUDYING A FORTY-HOUR WORK WEEK FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to study the feasibility of a forty-hour work week for state employees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5331](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5332](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT PHASING IN ZERO-BASED BUDGETING FOR STATE AGENCIES', to phase in zero-based budgeting for state agencies.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [H.B. No. 5332](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5333](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING OVERTIME PAYMENTS FROM BEING USED TO CALCULATE THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF STATE EMPLOYEES', to remove overtime pay from pension calculations for retiring state employees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5333](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5334](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO VOTE ON ALL STATE EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS', to require state employee collective bargaining agreements to be voted on by the legislature.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5334](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5335](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES TO STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PAYMENTS', to require cost-of-living increases to state employee pension payments to mirror those of Social Security.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5335](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5360](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING MEDICAID AUDIT TRANSPARENCY', to require greater accountability for Medicaid audits.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 5360](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 5361](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID AND MEDICARE FRAUD', to require that available information on Medicare fraud in the state be included in a joint annual report on Medicaid fraud.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 5361](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5363](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; SEN. MOORE, 22nd DIST.; SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INTERPRETERS FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PERSONS', to ensure that persons who are deaf and hard of hearing have access to adequate and effective interpreting services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 5363](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5368](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING BUSINESSES THREE ATTEMPTS TO COMPLY WITH STATE REGULATIONS', to promote businesses by providing "three strikes" to comply with state regulations.

REF. JUDICIARY [H.B. No. 5368](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5373](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING SMALL BUSINESSES THREE ATTEMPTS TO COMPLY WITH FINANCIAL REGULATIONS', to promote small businesses by providing "three strikes" to comply with financial statutes and regulations.

REF. JUDICIARY [H.B. No. 5373](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5375](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PROVIDED TO STATE EMPLOYEES', to require that state employee benefits be in line with those provided in private industry.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 5375](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5376](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REEVALUATION OF THE AMOUNT OF MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG COPAYS PAID BY STATE EMPLOYEES', to review current copayment amounts paid by state employees under state employee health care plans.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing January 31, 2017 H.B. No. 5376](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5378](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL', to close Southbury Training School and provide appropriate transfer and care to its residents.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [H.B. No. 5378](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5379](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN', to strengthen the provision of mental, emotional and behavioral health services to children.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Committee on Children [H.B. No. 5379](#) died in the Committee on Children.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 5397](#) REP. SIEGRIST, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES FOR MILEAGE FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to remove mileage reimbursement from pension calculations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5397](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5399](#) REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAYMENTS FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME OF STATE EMPLOYEES', to eliminate overtime in the calculation of a state employee's highest three years of pay when determining retirement calculations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5399](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5454](#) REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN ENGAGEMENT MODEL OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE', to utilize trained volunteers to improve outcomes and reduce the cost of mental health care in the state.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [H.B. No. 5454](#) died in the Public Health Committee

Proposed [H.B. No. 5463](#) REP. KLARIDES-DITRIA, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING SEPARATE LIVING AREAS IN MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HOUSING FOR ELDERLY PERSONS AND YOUNGER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to ensure the safety of elderly persons and younger persons with disabilities living in public housing.

REF. AGING Committee on Aging Change of Reference to the Committee on Housing [Public Hearing February 7, 2017 H.B. No. 5463](#) died in the Committee on Housing.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5464](#) REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE EMPLOYEES TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM', to increase the amount state employees contribute toward their pensions.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5464](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5469](#) REP. HARDING, 107th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF STATE EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS', to require legislative approval of state employee union contracts.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5469](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5479](#) REP. LAVIELLE, 143rd DIST.; REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENT RELATING TO THE RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION OF STUDENTS', to require only those educators who may have to perform restraint or seclusion of a student to complete training related to such restraint and seclusion.

REF. EDUCATION [H.B. No. 5479](#) died in the Education Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 5483](#) REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL PERSONNEL', to reduce costs to school districts related to the mandatory training of school personnel. REF. EDUCATION [H.B. No. 5483](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5486](#) REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT TO PARENTS FOR COSTS INCURRED FROM INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IDENTIFICATION', to provide reimbursement to parents and guardians who incur costs resulting from independent evaluations conducted for the purpose of special education identification for their children. REF. EDUCATION [H.B. No. 5486](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5489](#) REP. CHEESEMAN, 37th DIST. 'AN ACT LOWERING THE EXCESS COST THRESHOLD FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND FULL REIMBURSEMENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS', to revise the manner in which school districts receive reimbursement under the special education excess cost grant. REF. EDUCATION [H.B. No. 5489](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5515](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE TO MAKE STATE FACILITIES ACCESSIBLE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to authorize bonds of the state for the installation of accessible ramps, power assist doors, elevators and accessible bathrooms in state facilities in order to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities. REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [H.B. No. 5515](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5536](#) REP. YACCARINO, 87th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WAIVING BANK FEES FOR MEDICAID APPLICANTS SUBJECT TO ASSET TRANSFER REVIEWS', to reduce the financial burden on Medicaid applicants subject to a five-year look-back period for asset transfers. REF. HUMAN SERVICES Human Services Committee Change of Reference to the Committee on Banking [H.B. No. 5536](#) died in the Committee on Banking.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5539](#) REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; REP. VARGAS, 6th DIST.; REP. ROSARIO, 128th DIST.; REP. URBAN, 43rd DIST.; REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST.; REP. ALBIS, 99th DIST.; REP. ROSE, 118th DIST.; REP. ARCE, 4th DIST.; REP. STAFSTROM, 129th DIST.; REP. LESSER, 100th DIST.; REP. SANTIAGO, 130th DIST.; REP. REYES, 75th DIST.; REP. LEMAR, 96th DIST.; REP. SANCHEZ, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGALIZATION, TAXATION AND REGULATION OF THE RETAIL SALE AND USE OF MARIJUANA', to legalize and regulate the retail sale, personal growth and recreational use of marijuana in order to raise revenue for the General Fund and for substance abuse treatment, prevention, education and awareness. REF. JUDICIARY [H.B. No. 5539](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.



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Proposed [H.B. No. 5543](#) REP. YACCARINO, 87th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT AUTHORITY TO ORDER A PERSON TO SUBMIT TO AN INVOLUNTARY MEDICAL EVALUATION', to provide a Probate Court with the authority to order a person with a substance use disorder or mental disability to submit to an involuntary medical evaluation. REF. JUDICIARY [H.B. No. 5543](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5551](#) REP. LABRIOLA, 131st DIST.; REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING WAGE INCREASES IN ARBITRATION AWARDS', to amend the collective bargaining statutes to limit binding arbitration awards to not more than the Consumer Price Index. REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 5551](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5552](#) REP. CAMILLO, 151st DIST.; REP. BOCCHINO, 150th DIST.; REP. FLOREN, 149th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FROM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES', to bring state and municipal collective bargaining statutes into line with neighboring states by removing retirement benefits as a subject matter for such bargaining. REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 21, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5552](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

**W** [H.B. No. 5564](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESSIBILITY OF MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT', to require medical diagnostic equipment purchased by health care facilities to meet technical standards for accessibility by persons with disabilities. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 17, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5564](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5565](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to ensure that unexpended funds originally appropriated to the Department of Developmental Services are not transferred to the General Fund or used for any purpose other than the provision of services to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities. REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. [H.B. No. 5565](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5567](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; SEN. BYE, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE WAITING LIST FOR THE MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER PROGRAM', to use the savings generated from the privatization of group homes to move one hundred people off of the waiting list for the Medicaid home and community-based waiver program. REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 5567](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5587](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS' SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS', to provide tax relief to seniors. REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing March 3, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5587](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

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**H.B. No. 5591** (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAY EQUITY IN THE WORKFORCE' **House File No. 66**, **Senate File No. 626**, House Cal. No. 78, Senate Cal. No. 346, to help ensure pay equity in the workforce by requiring employers to provide equal pay to employees in the same workplace.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES **Public Hearing February 16, 2017** Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the House. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

Proposed **H.B. No. 5594** REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLANS FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES', to require state employee retirement plans for newly hired state employees to be defined contribution plans rather than defined benefit plans.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS **Public Hearing March 24, 2017** **H.B. No. 5594** died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed **H.B. No. 5595** REP. ZIOBRON, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING EXCESSIVE SPENDING BY STATE AGENCIES', to limit excessive spending by state agencies.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS **H.B. No. 5595** died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed **H.B. No. 5596** REP. PAVALOCK-D'AMATO, 77th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME', to revise state employee retirement calculations to exclude overtime payments.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS **Public Hearing March 24, 2017** **H.B. No. 5596** died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed **H.B. No. 5598** REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLANS FOR NEWLY HIRED STATE EMPLOYEES', to reduce state pension costs.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS **Public Hearing March 24, 2017** **H.B. No. 5598** died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed **H.B. No. 5609** REP. PAVALOCK-D'AMATO, 77th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REGIONALIZATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES', to create a task force to study the feasibility of regionalizing special education services and transportation.

REF. EDUCATION **H.B. No. 5609** died in the Education Committee.

Proposed **H.B. No. 5610** REP. PAVALOCK-D'AMATO, 77th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING PROTECTION FROM DISCRIMINATION TO CERTAIN STUDENTS', to protect students from discrimination in public schools.

REF. EDUCATION **H.B. No. 5610** died in the Education Committee.

Proposed **H.B. No. 5630** REP. BETTS, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OF THE STATE TO THE NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS', to provide financial assistance for the Nonprofit Grant Program.

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REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [H.B. No. 5630](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5642](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID INCOME ELIGIBILITY', to ensure that Medicaid income eligibility in Connecticut reflects the national average for Medicaid income eligibility.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 5642](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5654](#) REP. PAVALOCK-D'AMATO, 77th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HARASSMENT OF A SERVICE ANIMAL OR USER OF A SERVICE ANIMAL', to create a new crime of harming or harassing a service animal or an individual while using a service animal.

REF. JUDICIARY [H.B. No. 5654](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5658](#) REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS FROM PREVENTING THE STATE'S USE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES', to allow the state to utilize volunteers for assistance as needed.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 5658](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5660](#) REP. CARNEY, 23rd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELDER ABUSE REGISTRY', to provide senior citizens and their families with important information about the health care providers who care for them.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 10, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5660](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5661](#) REP. BETTS, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE OF ACCREDITED NONPROFIT COMMUNITY PROVIDERS OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES', to reduce costs and enhance administrative and operational efficiencies for accredited nonprofit community providers and the state.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5661](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5664](#) REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE INSTALLMENT OF VIDEO CAMERAS IN THE ROOMS OF NONVERBAL NURSING HOME RESIDENTS', to ensure the safety of nonverbal nursing home residents by requiring nursing homes to install video cameras in the rooms of such residents.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [H.B. No. 5664](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5665](#) REP. BETTS, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM', to encourage innovation and efficiency by allowing savings to be retained by a health or human services provider at the end of the provider's contractual term with a state agency to reinvest such savings into service delivery, provided the state agency determines that the provider has complied with its contractual and other service delivery requirements.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. [H.B. No. 5665](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 5668](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES', to provide an efficient and cost-effective method for the delivery of care.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [H.B. No. 5668](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5689](#) REP. MACLACHLAN, 35th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to replace state employee pensions with a defined contribution retirement plan.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5689](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5690](#) REP. WOOD, 141st DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR MILEAGE AND PAYMENTS FOR OVERTIME TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND LEGISLATORS FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to exclude overtime payments and mileage allowances from state pension calculations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5690](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5691](#) REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES FOR MILEAGE FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to exclude mileage reimbursements from state employee pension calculations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5691](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5692](#) REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES FOR MILEAGE AND PAYMENTS FOR OVERTIME FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to reduce state employee pension costs.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5692](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5693](#) REP. WILMS, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO VOTE ON STATE EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS', to require a vote by each chamber of the General Assembly on all state employee collective bargaining agreements and to prohibit such agreements from becoming effective until the General Assembly acts on them.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5693](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5695](#) REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME FOR NEWLY HIRED STATE EMPLOYEES', to reduce state employee pension costs.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5695](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 5696](#) REP. WOOD, 141st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLANS FOR NEWLY HIRED STATE EMPLOYEES', to reform state pensions and reduce costs.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5696](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5698](#) REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES FOR MILEAGE AND PAYMENTS FOR OVERTIME FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to prohibit mileage reimbursement and overtime pay from being included in pension calculations for state employees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5698](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5710](#) REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. RUTIGLIANO, 123rd DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING PROCESS', to make revisions to the special education hearing process.

REF. EDUCATION [H.B. No. 5710](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5735](#) REP. BETTS, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS IN THE STATE ARCHIVES', to improve efficiency within the state archives and executive branch agencies by eliminating the need for agency review of individual restricted files and to provide open access to restricted historic public records and files when a reasonable amount of time has passed after their creation or after a person's death.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [H.B. No. 5735](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

**W** [H.B. No. 5743](#) (COMM) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HATE CRIMES' [File No. 654, House Cal. No. 418](#), to increase penalties for hate crimes, provide that probation for hate crimes may include related community service, broaden threatening statutes to include threats directed against houses of worship, religious community centers and day care centers, broaden hate crimes to include bias against the gender of a person, establish a State-Wide Hate Crimes Advisory Council, establish text and telephone hotlines to provide assistance for persons inquiring about or reporting hate crimes with funding provided through a minimum fine structure for hate crimes and provide employees protections if they need limited time from work to care for a child whose school or day care center is evacuated or closed due to a threat of violence.

REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing March 27, 2017](#) Judiciary Committee JFS to the House.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5749](#) REP. MACLACHLAN, 35th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CAP ON STATE EMPLOYEE OVERTIME', to reduce overtime abuse.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 5749](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5763](#) REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE STREAMLINING OF HEALTH DATA COLLECTION', to streamline health data collection across state agencies.

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REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017 H.B. No. 5763](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5771](#) REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS', to permit veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or other qualifying mental impairment to receive a removable windshield placard allowing such veteran to utilize parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing January 30, 2017 H.B. No. 5771](#) died in the Transportation Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5780](#) REP. WILSON, 66th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLANS FOR NEWLY HIRED STATE EMPLOYEES', to address state employee pension costs.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5780](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5781](#) REP. WILSON, 66th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENTS TO LEGISLATORS FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to exclude overtime pay and legislative mileage allowances from the calculation of state pensions.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5781](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5782](#) REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS, AND AGREEMENTS AND STIPULATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH A LAWSUIT', to require the General Assembly to vote on all collective bargaining agreements, and agreements and stipulated agreements in connection with a lawsuit.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5782](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5783](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS EXEMPT FROM CLASSIFIED SERVICE', to help reduce the overall cost of the state employee workforce in Connecticut.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5783](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5787](#) REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST. 'AN ACT SHIFTING THE BURDEN OF PROOF IN SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARINGS', to shift the burden of proof to parents in special education hearings.

REF. EDUCATION [H.B. No. 5787](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5789](#) REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING PROCESS', to make revisions to the special education hearing process.

REF. EDUCATION [H.B. No. 5789](#) died in the Education Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 5804](#) REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION FOR HOME CARE PROVIDERS', to avoid unnecessary duplication and burdensome state regulation in the provision of home care services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 5804](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5808](#) REP. STANESKI, 119th DIST.; REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT STREAMLINING FILINGS ACROSS STATE AGENCIES OF FAMILIES RECEIVING SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to streamline filings concerning families served by the Department of Developmental Services and eliminate redundancy.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) [DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 5808](#) [H.B. No. 5808](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5816](#) REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to study the eligibility requirements for a removable windshield placard.

REF. TRANSPORTATION [Public Hearing January 30, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5816](#) died in the Transportation Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5823](#) REP. BYRON, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE TRANSPORTATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS AND THOSE WITH DISABILITIES', to create a task force to study the transportation of senior citizens, veterans and disabled individuals.

REF. AGING [H.B. No. 5823](#) died in the Committee on Aging.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5824](#) REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST. 'AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM', to expand eligibility for the Alzheimer's disease respite care program.

REF. AGING [H.B. No. 5824](#) died in the Committee on Aging.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5828](#) REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RESCISSION AUTHORITY', to limit the Governor's budget rescission authority to two per cent of the budget.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing April 3, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5828](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5829](#) REP. FREY, 111th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COPAYS UNDER STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PLANS', to increase certain copays paid by state employees for health care services.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 5829](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5833](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING COPAYS UNDER STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PLANS', to increase copays for all state employees

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**REF. APPROPRIATIONS** [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5833](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5838](#)** REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING RETIREMENT AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FROM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY STATE EMPLOYEES', to require that future state employee retirement and health care benefits be determined by the legislature.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS** [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5838](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5841](#)** REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CAP ON STATE EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to cap educational reimbursements for state employees to an in-state university tuition level.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS** [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5841](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5848](#)** REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXCLUSIONS FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT INCOME', to prevent state pensions from being artificially inflated.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS** [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 5848](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5850](#)** REP. HADDAD, 54th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTS', to allow for legislative rejection of certain state contracts if either house of the General Assembly determines there are insufficient funds for full implementation of the contract.

**REF. APPROPRIATIONS** Appropriations Committee Change of Reference to the Government Administration and Elections Committee. [H.B. No. 5850](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5875](#)** REP. FUSCO, 81st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAIRNESS IN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS FOR HOME CARE', to promote fairness in Medicaid eligibility determinations and prevent more costly institutionalizations by allowing persons to receive care longer in their homes.

**REF. AGING** [H.B. No. 5875](#) died in the Committee on Aging.

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5888](#)** REP. FOX, 148th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEDUCTIBILITY OF EXPENSES FOR SKILLED NURSING CARE OR HOME HEALTH CARE UNDER THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX', to allow a deduction for skilled nursing care or home health care under the state personal income tax to the same extent as provided under the federal income tax.

**REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING** [H.B. No. 5888](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.



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Proposed [H.B. No. 5927](#) REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE DROP-OFF OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS TO PHARMACIES', to allow for the proper disposal of unused medications.

REF. GENERAL LAW [H.B. No. 5927](#) died in the General Law Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5929](#) REP. WOOD, 141st DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING OR REDUCING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING FEES FOR LOW-INCOME OR DISABLED PERSONS', to encourage job growth by eliminating or reducing occupational licensing fees for low-income or disabled individuals.

REF. GENERAL LAW [H.B. No. 5929](#) died in the General Law Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5937](#) REP. WOOD, 141st DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING OR REDUCING PROFESSIONAL LICENSING FEES FOR LOW-INCOME OR DISABLED PERSONS', to eliminate or reduce professional licensing fees for low-income or disabled persons.

REF. GENERAL LAW [H.B. No. 5937](#) died in the General Law Committee.

[H.B. No. 5943](#) (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UTILIZATION OF BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES' [File No. 253](#), House Cal. No. 193, to require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to include in the annual inventories of state real property the number of state employees per square foot in buildings occupied by executive branch agencies.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 15, 2017](#) Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6077](#) REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd DIST.; REP. DEVLIN, 134th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETROACTIVE MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR HOME-CARE CLIENTS', to provide Medicaid coverage retroactively for eligible home-care clients in accordance with federal law.

REF. AGING [H.B. No. 6077](#) died in the Committee on Aging.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6079](#) REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS', to require legislative approval of collective bargaining agreements for state employees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6079](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6082](#) REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT DEFINING "INSUFFICIENT FUNDS" FOR PURPOSES OF LEGISLATIVE REJECTION OF STATE EMPLOYEE ARBITRATION AWARDS', to define "insufficient funds" for purposes of the state collective bargaining process.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6082](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6083](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING THE DURATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

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AGREEMENTS', to limit the duration of state employee collective bargaining agreements.  
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6083](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6084](#) REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES FOR MILEAGE FROM THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to remove mileage reimbursement payments from pension benefit calculations.  
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6084](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6085](#) REP. FREY, 111th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS', to require the General Assembly to vote on all collective bargaining agreements.  
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6085](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6086](#) REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th DIST. 'AN ACT REMOVING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME', to remove mileage reimbursements from the calculation of a state employee's pension benefit.  
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6086](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6087](#) REP. FREY, 111th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE PENSION CALCULATIONS', to ensure that state employee pension calculations are based only on income.  
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6087](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6088](#) REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME', to exclude overtime payments and mileage reimbursements from state employee pension calculations.  
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6088](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6089](#) REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLANS FOR NEW STATE EMPLOYEES', to reduce state pension costs.  
REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6089](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6090](#) REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO VOTE ON STATE EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS', to require the General Assembly to vote on all state employee union contracts.

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REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6090](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6093](#) REP. CAMILLO, 151st DIST.; REP. BOCCHINO, 150th DIST.; REP. FLOREN, 149th DIST.; SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FROM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES', to bring state and municipal collective bargaining statutes into line with neighboring states by removing retirement benefits as a subject matter for such bargaining.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6093](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6094](#) REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING OVERTIME PAYMENTS FROM BEING USED TO CALCULATE THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF STATE EMPLOYEES', to help prevent the overinflation of pension cost obligations to the state of Connecticut.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6094](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6098](#) REP. WILMS, 142nd DIST.; SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENSION AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS EXEMPT FROM CLASSIFIED SERVICE AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR STATE RETIREES', to help reduce the overall cost of the state employee workforce in Connecticut.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6098](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 6099](#) (COMM) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILD CARE FACILITY NEIGHBOR RELATIONS TASK FORCE' [File No. 69](#), House Cal. No. 81, to establish a task force to study strategies for the improvement of relationships between residents of child care facilities licensed by the Department of Children and Families and residents of the municipalities in which such facilities are located.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 7, 2017 DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 6099](#) Committee on Children JFS to the House.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6141](#) REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE COST OF HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES', to encourage aging in place by establishing a deduction against the personal income tax for the cost of medical supplies and home health care services.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [H.B. No. 6141](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

**W** [H.B. No. 6155](#) (COMM) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING DEEMED STATUS LICENSE RENEWALS FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS' [File No. 579](#), House Cal. No. 381, to reduce costs for nonprofit providers by providing a means for them to forgo duplicative state licensing requirements for certain license and certificate renewals if they are accredited by an accepted national accrediting body that has requirements more stringent than the state's.

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REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [Public Hearing February 15, 2017](#) Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6159](#) REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPEAL OF BURDENSOME AND OUTDATED REGULATIONS', to repeal burdensome and outdated regulations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [H.B. No. 6159](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6161](#) REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DISPUTES WITH STATE AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF REGULATIONS', to allow businesses to seek a declaratory ruling from the Attorney General in cases where the enforcement of state agency regulations is controversial.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [H.B. No. 6161](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6176](#) REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOME HEALTH CARE', to ensure that Medicaid rates adequately cover the increased costs to provide care to persons with acute medical needs who are leaving institutional settings for care at home or in a community-based setting.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 6176](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6178](#) REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID-FUNDED HOME HEALTH CARE', to allow home health care agencies to provide critical services to the Medicaid population.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 6178](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6179](#) REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROVIDING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR HOME TELEMONTORING SERVICES', to provide Medicaid coverage for home telemonitoring services by a home health care agency.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 6179](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6185](#) REP. ROJAS, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES', to encourage innovation and efficiency in the delivery of human services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 6185](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6186](#) REP. SLAP, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF RADIOLOGY AND IMAGING SERVICES', to restore Medicaid funding for radiology and imaging services needed to improve health outcomes.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 6186](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6187](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS', to encourage innovation and efficiency in the delivery of human services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 6187](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 6189](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS', to reduce unnecessary delays in the process by which wheelchairs are repaired for medical assistance recipients.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 6189](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6201](#) REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING MANDATING UNION MEMBERSHIP', to establish Connecticut as a "Right to Work" state.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 6201](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6202](#) REP. GUERRERA, 29th DIST.; SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION', to increase the threshold at which an individual may qualify for unemployment compensation.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6202](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6203](#) REP. ELLIOTT, 88th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM WAGE', to raise the minimum wage to fifteen dollars per hour over a five-year period.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 6203](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6205](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING WAGE INCREASES IN ARBITRATION AWARDS', to amend the collective bargaining statutes to limit binding arbitration awards to not more than the Consumer Price Index.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 6205](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

[H.B. No. 6206](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AGE DISCRIMINATION IN HIRING PRACTICES' [File No. 53](#), House Cal. No. 69, to reduce the incidence of age discrimination in hiring practices.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Judiciary Committee. [H.B. No. 6206](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

[H.B. No. 6208](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE' [File No. 23](#), House Cal. No. 51, to increase the minimum wage to fifteen dollars an hour over a five-year period.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 6209](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNION STEWARDS AND COMPENSATION FROM THE STATE', to prohibit the use of state funds to compensate union stewards for work performed on state time.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 21, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6209](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

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**H.B. No. 6212** (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EARNED FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE' **File No. 217**, House Cal. No. 170, to establish a paid family and medical leave system in Connecticut.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES **Public Hearing February 16, 2017** Labor and Public Employees Committee JF to the House.

Proposed **H.B. No. 6216** REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS AND PROVIDING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTIONS', to establish family and medical leave savings accounts and provide a tax deduction against the personal income tax for contributions made to such accounts by taxpayers.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES **H.B. No. 6216** died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed **H.B. No. 6233** REP. BYRON, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING MENTAL HEALTH SCREENINGS OF CHILDREN', to have children screened for mental health issues.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **H.B. No. 6233** died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed **H.B. No. 6238** REP. ELLIOTT, 88th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPTION TO DIE WITH DIGNITY', to provide end-of-life options for patients who are in severe physical pain.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH **H.B. No. 6238** died in the Public Health Committee.

**H.B. No. 6260** (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR STATE AND LOCAL POLICE REGARDING JUVENILES WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER OR NONVERBAL LEARNING DISORDER' **House File No. 316**, **Senate File No. 628**, House Cal. No. 231, Senate Cal. No. 348, to require the training program for state and local police to include training for the handling of cases involving the elopement or wandering of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY **Public Hearing February 16, 2017** Public Safety and Security Committee JF to the House. **House passed as amended by House Amendment A.**

**H.B. No. 6261** (COMM) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES ASSISTING IN A CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY' **File No. 171**, House Cal. No. 140, to permit state employees who volunteer with a local organization for civil preparedness to assist in a civil preparedness emergency or local civil preparedness emergency without loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave or earned overtime accumulation.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY **Public Hearing February 16, 2017** Public Safety and Security Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. **H.B. No. 6261** died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed **H.B. No. 6273** REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR CAUSING HARM TO A VULNERABLE USER OF A PUBLIC WAY', to increase the penalty for motor vehicle operators who cause the serious physical injury or death of a pedestrian, bicyclist or other vulnerable user of a public way.

REF. TRANSPORTATION **Public Hearing February 22, 2017** **H.B. No. 6273** died in the Transportation Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 6291](#) REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PROTECTED PERSON'S RIGHT TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS', to prevent a conservator from banning a conserved person's loved ones from interacting with the conserved person.

REF. AGING [H.B. No. 6291](#) died in the Committee on Aging.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6292](#) REP. FREY, 111th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM RECEIVING A STATE PENSION', to prohibit elected officials from receiving a state pension.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6292](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6293](#) REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING NONFEDERAL STATE HOLIDAYS', to save money by eliminating nonfederal state holidays.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6293](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6295](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS, COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS AND DEFINED BENEFIT CONTRIBUTION PLANS', to reduce the state's financial burden and to create parity between state and private pension plans.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6295](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 6297](#) 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY VOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' [File No. 119](#), House Cal. No. 114, to protect parental rights when a child is voluntarily placed in out-of-home care for the purpose of obtaining treatment for a mental health issue or developmental disability.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) Committee on Children JFS to the House.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6378](#) REP. FOX, 148th DIST.; REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR QUALIFIED MEDICAL EXPENSES', to establish a deduction against the personal income tax for qualified medical expenses.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [H.B. No. 6378](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6437](#) REP. SRINIVASAN, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CHANGES TO HEALTH INSURER NETWORK DIRECTORIES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES', to require health insurers to immediately and publicly disclose changes made to their listings of participating health care providers and facilities and prescription drug formularies.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [H.B. No. 6437](#) died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 6447](#) REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING GUARDIANS AD LITEM FROM FILING MOTIONS IN FAMILY RELATIONS MATTERS', to prohibit a guardian ad litem from filing a motion in a family relations matter.

REF. JUDICIARY [H.B. No. 6447](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6451](#) REP. MORRIS, 140th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES', to implement reforms that alleviate the backlog of cases at the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and to permit commission legal counsel to intervene as a matter of right in any suit or other proceeding in which civil or human rights are at issue.

REF. JUDICIARY [H.B. No. 6451](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6456](#) REP. ALBIS, 99th DIST.; REP. ADAMS, 146th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE', to establish a minimum wage of fifteen dollars per hour in the State of Connecticut.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 6456](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6457](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING WAGE INCREASES IN ARBITRATION AWARDS', to provide a cap on wage increases under binding arbitration awards.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 21, 2017 H.B. No. 6457](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6460](#) REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS', to exclude overtime payments and mileage reimbursements from pension calculations for state employees and elected officials.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Labor and Public Employees Committee Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. [H.B. No. 6460](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6469](#) REP. SOTO, 39th DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES TO DETERMINE THE PROPERTY TAX TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES', to allow municipalities to determine by vote of its legislative body whether property that becomes subject to section 12-81 of the general statutes due to a change in ownership or use of such property on or after the effective date of this act will be exempt from taxation.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Planning and Development Committee Change of Reference to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. [Public Hearing March 3, 2017 H.B. No. 6469](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

[H.B. No. 6483](#) (COMM) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE REGARDING THE IMPENDING SHORTAGE IN THE PSYCHIATRY WORKFORCE' [House File No. 317](#), [Senate File No. 682](#), House Cal. No. 232, Senate Cal. No. 377, to establish a task force to make recommendations regarding the projected shortage in the psychiatry workforce.



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REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 17, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JFS to the House. House passed as amended by House Amendment A.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6494](#) REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE DELEGATION OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION BY A REGISTERED NURSE TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS', to increase the number of individuals available to administer medication.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing February 22, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6494](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6507](#) REP. BYRON, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR DEPENDENT CARE', to reduce the burden on families providing care for dependents at home.

REF. AGING [H.B. No. 6507](#) died in the Committee on Aging.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6508](#) REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT EXCLUDING PAYMENTS OF OVERTIME FROM THE CALCULATION OF STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME', to prohibit the calculation of a state employee's pension from including overtime pay.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6508](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6509](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLANS FOR NEWLY HIRED STATE EMPLOYEES', to create a defined contribution pension plan for new state employees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6509](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6512](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AND STIPULATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH A LAWSUIT', to require the General Assembly to vote on all collective bargaining agreements and agreements and stipulated agreements in connection with a lawsuit.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6512](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6513](#) REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS AND STIPULATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH A LAWSUIT', to require the General Assembly to vote on all collective bargaining agreements and agreements and stipulated agreements in connection with a lawsuit.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 6513](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 6515](#) REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A LEGISLATIVE VOTE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS', to require the General Assembly to vote on collective bargaining agreements.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS [Public Hearing March 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6515](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6550](#) REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING A STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CHILD CARE COSTS', to provide relief to families burdened by the costs of day care.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [H.B. No. 6550](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6552](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING AN ANNUAL CAP ON BOND ISSUANCES', to reduce debt service by implementing an annual cap on bond issuances.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING [Public Hearing February 24, 2017 H.B. No. 6552](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6570](#) REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING BUSINESSES AND STATE AGENCIES TO SEEK A DECLARATORY RULING FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL', to ensure that regulations are interpreted accurately and quickly in order to provide businesses with regulatory predictability.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [H.B. No. 6570](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6594](#) REP. WOOD, 141st DIST.; REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BUILT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY', to help municipalities meet the affordable housing requirements under section 8-30g of the general statutes.

REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 16, 2017 H.B. No. 6594](#) died in the Committee on Housing.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6601](#) REP. CURREY, 11th DIST.; REP. ROJAS, 9th DIST.; REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST.; REP. TWEEDIE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT STUDYING THE MUNICIPAL FISCAL IMPACT OF GROUP HOMES', to study the fiscal impact to communities with more than thirty group homes.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT [Public Hearing February 22, 2017 H.B. No. 6601](#) died in the Planning and Development Committee.

[H.B. No. 6603](#) (COMM) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF CERTAIN TENANTS OF STATE-FUNDED PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS' [File No. 121](#), House Cal. No. 116, to ensure adequate and safe state-assisted housing for the elderly and younger persons with disabilities.

REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#) Committee on Housing JF to the House.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 6611](#) REP. FERRARO, 117th DIST.; REP. STANESKI, 119th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN ACUITY-BASED MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEM FOR NURSING HOME SERVICES', to provide nursing home Medicaid reimbursement commensurate with the cost of caring for residents with a variety of health conditions and diagnoses. REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 6611](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6612](#) REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING TIMELY ACCESS TO PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS', to increase timely access to providers, including, but not limited to mental health providers and specialists, for Medicaid recipients while reducing their transportation costs. REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 6612](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6615](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to improve communication between the Department of Social Services and the residents of Connecticut. REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 6615](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

**W** [H.B. No. 6619](#) (COMM) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING' [File No. 318](#), House Cal. No. 233, to require health carriers to: (1) Notify each insured who receives a previously used wheelchair as a covered benefit that the insured has received a previously used wheelchair and may return such wheelchair to the carrier; (2) cover the cost of repairing or replacing a damaged or defective wheelchair; and (3) process claims to repair or replace a damaged or defective wheelchair. REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS to the House. House referred to the Education Committee. [H.B. No. 6619](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6622](#) REP. COOK, 65th DIST.; REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST. 'AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO HEALTH INSURERS' PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES', to limit when health insurance policies may change prescription drug formularies during a policy term. REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [H.B. No. 6622](#) died in the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6640](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING PENALTIES FOR THE UNLAWFUL RELEASE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS', to protect the public from identity theft. REF. JUDICIARY [H.B. No. 6640](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6661](#) REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES', to help save the state money by allowing volunteers to work at state agencies. REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 6661](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 6665](#) REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UNION DUES', to prohibit the state from collecting dues for state employee unions.  
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 6665](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

[H.B. No. 6668](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE' [File No. 222](#), House Cal. No. 186, to improve workplace protections for pregnant women.  
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) Labor and Public Employees Committee JFS to the House.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6671](#) REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. HOYDICK, 120th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. O'NEILL, 69th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING EMPLOYEE CONSENT FOR THE UTILIZATION OF UNION DUES UNRELATED TO THE UNION'S COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FUNCTIONS', to prevent unionized workers from being forced to support causes with which they do not agree.  
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 6671](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6702](#) REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BY A LIVERY PERMIT HOLDER', to permit livery permit holders to transport persons with physical disabilities using a stretcher van.  
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Public Health Committee Change of Reference to Human Services Committee. [H.B. No. 6702](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6704](#) REP. MCCARTY, 38th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REDUCING WAITING LISTS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to require the Department of Developmental Services to create a strategy for reducing waiting lists.  
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [H.B. No. 6704](#) died in the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6708](#) REP. DAVIS, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE TO THE POLICE OF DATA SECURITY BREACHES INVOLVING THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION', to require that a person who owns, licenses or maintains computerized data that includes personal information notify the police in the event of a breach of security relating to such data.  
REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) Vote to Draft. [H.B. No. 6708](#) died in the Public Safety and Security Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6728](#) REP. BYRON, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT REDUCING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FARES FOR VETERANS, SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to provide reduced public transportation fares for senior citizens, veterans and persons with disabilities.  
REF. VETERANS' AFFAIRS [H.B. No. 6728](#) died in the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 6730](#) REP. HAMPTON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT WAIVING OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING FEES FOR VETERANS AND DISABLED INDIVIDUALS', to remove obstacles to employment or reemployment for veterans and disabled individuals by waiving occupational licensing fees for them.

REF. VETERANS' AFFAIRS [H.B. No. 6730](#) died in the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6818](#) REP. MILLER, 145th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PARENTS' AND GUARDIANS' RIGHTS RELATING TO SPECIAL EDUCATION', to assure that the parents and guardians of special education students know and understand their rights under the law relating to special education.

REF. EDUCATION [H.B. No. 6818](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6836](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AGE WHEN A SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT SHALL BEGIN RECEIVING TRANSITION SERVICES', to lower the age for when a special education student is to begin receiving transition services to fourteen years of age.

REF. EDUCATION [H.B. No. 6836](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6837](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A TRANSITIONAL SERVICES SYSTEM FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS', to create a system to bridge the transition from educational services to adult human services for students with disabilities.

REF. EDUCATION [H.B. No. 6837](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6838](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE WRITTEN PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES', to require that the written bill of rights for parents of children receiving special education services be included with the transition bill of rights given to all parents of special education students at a planning and placement team meeting.

REF. EDUCATION [H.B. No. 6838](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6841](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST.; REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to transfer the functions and responsibilities of the Office of Early Childhood to the Department of Social Services.

REF. EDUCATION [H.B. No. 6841](#) died in the Education Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6865](#) REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF STATE CONTRACTORS', to allow state contractors who have qualified to bid on one project to bid on all projects and to require the creation of a database of all qualified state contractors.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [H.B. No. 6865](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

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Proposed [H.B. No. 6868](#) REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. REYES, 75th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING AN ADDITIONAL REVIEW OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS', to require state agencies to conduct a review of their regulations and identify three regulations for repeal. REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [H.B. No. 6868](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6883](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS', to provide funding for nonprofit health and human services organizations to undertake capital improvements. REF. HUMAN SERVICES [H.B. No. 6883](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6885](#) REP. SANTIAGO, 84th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT LEVELS FOR PROVIDERS', to set Medicaid reimbursement levels high enough to ensure an adequate pool of providers. REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 2, 2017 H.B. No. 6885](#) died in the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6897](#) REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW PROBATE COURT PROCEDURES AND FEES IN MATTERS INVOLVING THE PARENT OF A CHILD WITH DISABILITIES', to establish a task force to review Probate Court procedures and fees in matters involving a parent of a child with disabilities. REF. JUDICIARY [H.B. No. 6897](#) died in the Judiciary Committee.

[H.B. No. 6901](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOUPMENT OF STATE COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO LOW WAGE EMPLOYEES', to recoup state costs relating to services provided to workers who earn a low wage. REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [Public Hearing February 16, 2017 H.B. No. 6901](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6904](#) REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BONUSES FOR STATE EMPLOYEES', to encourage state employees to cut costs and find efficiencies. REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES [H.B. No. 6904](#) died in the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6931](#) REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND MUNICIPAL COLLABORATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS', to require that the state collaborate with municipalities to develop a plan for the protection of vulnerable individuals. REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT [Public Hearing February 22, 2017 H.B. No. 6931](#) died in the Planning and Development Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6952](#) REP. KUPCHICK, 132nd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR ADULTS WITH AUTISM AND ALLOWING A BUSINESS TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT UTILIZE SUCH PROGRAM', to establish an internship program for adults with autism spectrum disorder and allow a tax credit for businesses that utilize such

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program.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** Public Health Committee Change of Reference to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. [H.B. No. 6952](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

**Proposed [H.B. No. 6977](#)** REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING A CENTRALIZED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICE', to integrate strategy and planning across administrative departments concerning information technology to achieve efficiencies and better coordination.

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS [H.B. No. 6977](#)** died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

[H.B. No. 6983](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME-CARE SERVICES' [File No. 7](#), House Cal. No. 35, to provide Medicaid coverage retroactively for eligible individuals.

**REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#)** Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. [H.B. No. 6983](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 6984](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE OMBUDSMAN TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING RECIPIENTS OF HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES' [File No. 8](#), House Cal. No. 36, to expand the oversight of the State Ombudsman to home and community-based services.

**REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#)** Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Appropriations Committee. [H.B. No. 6984](#) died in the Appropriations Committee.

[H.B. No. 6985](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CONSERVED PERSON'S RIGHT TO INTERACT WITH OTHERS' [File No. 9](#), House Cal. No. 37, to prevent a conservator from banning a conserved person's loved ones from interacting with the conserved person, except under limited circumstances.

**REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#)** Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Judiciary Committee. **Judiciary Committee JF to the House.**

[H.B. No. 6987](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FROM STATE INCOME TAX' [File No. 11](#), House Cal. No. 39, to exempt Social Security income includable for federal income tax purposes from the state income tax.

**REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 7, 2017](#)** Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. [H.B. No. 6987](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

[H.B. No. 7005](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT PROVIDING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS CARING FOR ELDERLY PERSONS, CHILDREN AND DISABLED PERSONS' [File No. 27](#), House Cal. No. 55, to provide a tax deduction for taxpayers caring for elderly persons, children and disabled persons.

**REF. AGING [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#)** Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee. [H.B. No. 7005](#) died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

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**H.B. No. 7007** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INNOVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT PROVIDERS OF HUMAN SERVICES' **House File No. 320**, **Senate File No. 479**, House Cal. No. 235, Senate Cal. No. 265, to encourage innovation and efficiency in the delivery of human services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 7, 2017** Human Services Committee JFS to the House. House passed as amended by House Amendment A.

**H.B. No. 7009** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DETERRING MEDICAID FRAUD', to ensure that a federally required electronic visit verification system for home and community-based services funded under Medicaid is implemented with minimum burdens or penalties for providers of home and community-based services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES **Public Hearing February 7, 2017** Human Services Committee JFS Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **H.B. No. 7009** died in the Appropriations Committee.

**H.B. No. 7021** (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY BEST PRACTICES TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR VETERANS, SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED PERSONS' **File No. 29**, House Cal. No. 57, to create a task force to study transportation issues facing veterans, senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

REF. AGING **Public Hearing February 14, 2017** Committee on Aging JF to the House. House referred to the Transportation Committee. **Transportation Committee JF to the House.**

**H.B. No. 7027** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS Public Hearings February 14 through February 24, 2017 **DDS Testimony on H.B. No. 7027** **H.B. No. 7027** died in the Appropriations Committee.

**H.B. No. 7032** (RAISED) BANKING. 'AN ACT REGARDING THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURY'S RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO THE ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE PROGRAM' **File No. 185**, House Cal. No. 154, to implement the Office of the Treasury's recommended revisions to the Achieving a Better Life Experience program.

REF. BANKING **Public Hearing February 14, 2017** Committee on Banking JFS to the House.

**H.B. No. 7035** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION' **File No. 503**, House Cal. No. 344, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. EDUCATION **Public Hearing March 1, 2017** Education Committee JFS to the House.

**H.B. No. 7038** (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO COMBINE RATES FOR HOMEMAKER AND COMPANION SERVICES' **File No. 425**, House Cal. No. 298, to authorize the Commissioner of Social Services to



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pay one rate for homemaker and companion services to a provider who provides both services in a single visit to the same client of a Medicaid-funded program.

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JFS to the House.**

**[H.B. No. 7039](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT REDUCING STATE CONSERVATORSHIP EXPENSES' [File No. 74](#), House Cal. No. 86, to secure payment for expenses related to conservatorships.**

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing February 14, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Judiciary Committee. **Judiciary Committee JF to the House.****

**[H.B. No. 7040](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS' [File No. 389](#), House Cal. No. 284, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.**

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES [Public Hearing March 2, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JFS to the House.**

**[H.B. No. 7042](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; REP. DUFF, 2nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONTROLLING CONSUMER HEALTH CARE COSTS' [File No. 226](#), House Cal. No. 178, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.**

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing February 23, 2017](#) Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF to the House.**

**[H.B. No. 7049](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES' [File No. 426](#), House Cal. No. 299, to make technical corrections to certain public health statutes.**

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JF to the House.**

**[H.B. No. 7052](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. DUFF, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT PREVENTING PRESCRIPTION OPIOID DIVERSION AND ABUSE' [File No. 186](#), House Cal. No. 155, to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.**

**REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing February 21, 2017](#) General Law Committee JF to the House. House referred to the Public Health Committee. **Public Health Committee JF to the House.****

**[H.B. No. 7057](#) (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AFFORDABLE HOUSING', to amend the affordable housing appeals procedure under section 8-30g of the general statutes.**

**REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 16, 2017](#) Committee on Housing JFS Change of Reference to the Planning and Development Committee. [H.B. No. 7057](#) died in the Planning and Development Committee.**

**[W H.B. No. 7060](#) (RAISED) HOUSING. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PROGRAM**

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**PARTICIPANTS' [File No. 187](#), House Cal. No. 156**, to prohibit the disclosure of identifying information of Department of Housing program applicants and participants other than for research or law enforcement purposes.

**REF. HOUSING [Public Hearing February 28, 2017](#)** Committee on Housing JFS to the House. House referred to the Judiciary Committee. **Judiciary Committee JFS to the House.**

**[H.B. No. 7075](#) (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCY SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS'**, to require homemaker-companion agencies to maintain surety bonds of not less than ten thousand dollars.

**REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing February 21, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 7075](#)** died in the General Law Committee.

**[H.B. No. 7082](#) (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT OPERATIONS' [File No. 287](#), House Cal. No. 217**, to make various revisions to statutes relating to the administration of the Probate Court system.

**REF. JUDICIARY [Public Hearing February 24, 2017](#) [Public Hearing February 27, 2017](#)** Judiciary Committee JFS to the House.

**[H.B. No. 7111](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESTRAINT, SECLUSION AND PLACING IN TIME OUT OF STUDENTS BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' [File No. 132](#), [File No. 505](#), House Cal. No. 127**, to (1) clarify the definition of physical restraint, (2) define time out, and (3) require local and regional boards of education to (A) establish policies regarding the use of time out, (B) provide certain additional training to school professionals, paraprofessional staff members and administrators regarding the physical restraint and seclusion of students, and (C) maintain a list of crisis intervention team members at each school.

**REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN [Public Hearing February 28, 2017](#)** Committee on Children JFS to the House. House referred to the Education Committee. **Education Committee JFS to the House.**

**[H.B. No. 7118](#) (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS' [File No. 189](#), House Cal. No. 158**, to add biological products to existing law regarding substitution of generic drugs.

**REF. GENERAL LAW [Public Hearing March 2, 2017](#)** General Law Committee JFS to the House. House referred to the Public Health Committee. **Public Health Committee JF to the House.**

**[H.B. No. 7123](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT LIMITING CHANGES TO HEALTH INSURERS' PRESCRIPTION DRUG FORMULARIES'**, to limit when an insurer may change prescription drug formularies during the term of certain group and individual health insurance policies.

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE [Public Hearing March 2, 2017](#)** Insurance and Real Estate Committee JF Change of Reference to the Appropriations Committee. **[H.B. No. 7123](#)** died in the Appropriations Committee.

**[H.B. No. 7136](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR ALTERING REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE BLIND AND PERSON WITH DISABILITIES' [File No. 291](#), House Cal. No. 221**, to

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establish a fine for the alteration of removable windshield placards for persons who are blind and persons with disabilities.

**REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY** [Public Hearing March 9, 2017](#) Public Safety and Security JF to the House. House referred to the Transportation Committee. [H.B. No. 7136](#) died in the Transportation Committee.

[H.B. No. 7165](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICES AND PUBLIC INFORMATION', to require that certain meeting schedules, agendas, notices, and minutes of public agencies of the state be electronically filed with the Secretary of the State and posted on an Internet web site designated by said Secretary.

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS** [Public Hearing March 6, 2017](#) [H.B. No. 7165](#) died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

[H.B. No. 7167](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS' [File No. 457](#), House Cal. No. 318, to require the licensure of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 7184](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE AND CLINICAL SERVICES PROVIDED AT STATE EXPENSE AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO MAXIMIZE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR COVERED BENEFITS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCIES' [File No. 294](#), House Cal. No. 224, to require that certain health carriers reimburse the state for covered benefits and services provided, directly or indirectly, by state agencies to insureds and enrollees under the Department of Children and Families' voluntary services program, and establish a task force to study and develop strategies to maximize reimbursements from health carriers for covered benefits and services provided by state agencies to insureds and enrollees.

**REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE** [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS to the House.

**W** [H.B. No. 7186](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING THE STATE COMPTROLLER' [File No. 507](#), House Cal. No. 347, to enhance the State Employee Campaign for charitable giving by providing flexibility in its administration.

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS** [Public Hearing March 13, 2017](#) Government Administration and Elections Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 7189](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MEDICAID-FUNDED PROGRAMS' [File No. 346](#), House Cal. No. 246, to ensure that Medicaid-funded programs are effective and accessible.

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES** [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House.

[H.B. No. 7190](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' [File No.](#)

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**331, House Cal. No. 247**, to ensure the efficiency and responsiveness of programs administered by the Department of Social Services.

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES** [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House.

**H.B. No. 7191 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL MEDICAID WAIVERS AND STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS'** [File No. 332](#), House Cal. No. 248, to determine the need for additional federal Medicaid waivers or Medicaid state plan amendments.

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES** [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JF to the House.

**H.B. No. 7222 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES'** [File No. 594](#), House Cal. No. 396, to implement the recommendations of the Department of Public Health concerning various revisions to the public health statutes.

**REF. PUBLIC HEALTH** [Public Hearing March 20, 2017](#) Public Health Committee JF to the House.

**H.B. No. 7237 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADVISORY BOARD FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING'** [File No. 335](#), House Cal. No. 251, Senate Cal. No. 267, to rename, reconstitute and revise the mission of an advisory board on issues concerning deaf and hard of hearing persons and establish oversight of complaints concerning interpreters.

**REF. HUMAN SERVICES** [Public Hearing March 7, 2017](#) Human Services Committee JFS to the House. House passed.

**H.B. No. 7256 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATUTES AND THE REPORTING OF THE DEATH OF ANY PERSON IN STATE CUSTODY'** [File No. 638](#), House Cal. No. 409, to provide notification to the state's attorney of the death of an individual in the care or custody of a state agency or department; to refine the law protecting health care workers from on-the-job violence; to correct oversights in public act 16-148; to address the issue raised in State v. Apt., 319 Conn. 494 (2015) concerning the disclosure of erased records, to make such disclosure mandatory, and to make such disclosure available for use in connection with collateral matters in which evidence of a nolle or dismissed criminal charge may become relevant when the petitioner challenges the validity of a guilty plea.

**REF. JUDICIARY** [Public Hearing March 15, 2017](#) Judiciary Committee JF to the House.

**W H.B. No. 7277 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION'** [File No. 597](#), House Cal. No. 399, to decrease the amount of state funds used for legislators to send mail, to decrease the membership of the Commission on Equity and Opportunity to thirty-three members, to permit state agencies to require regulated entities to e-file documents and other data required to be submitted to the agency under state or federal law or agency regulation and to require the Commissioner of Administrative Services to develop a plan for establishing kiosks in state parking areas.

**REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS** [Public Hearing March 20, 2017](#) Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House.

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**W H.B. No. 7278** (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND' File No. 598, House Cal. No. 400, to convey various parcels of state land.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS Public Hearing March 20, 2017 Government Administration and Elections Committee JFS to the House.

**W H.B. No. 7303** (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND THE RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS FILED WITH SAID COMMISSION' File No. 706, House Cal. No. 462, to make various revisions relating to the administration of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities to the processes utilized by said Commission when handling complaints that allege the commission of a discriminatory practice.

REF. JUDICIARY Public Hearing March 27, 2017 Judiciary Committee JFS to the House.

**W H.B. No. 7322** (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE', to (1) increase the rate of the sales and use taxes and repeal certain exemptions, (2) impose a rate of fifty-five per cent for state-owned real property and college and hospital property for the purposes of grants in lieu of taxes payments, (3) require regional councils of governments to submit collaboration plans and establish a regional collaboration account to fund such plans, (4) make various revisions to methods of funding municipalities and municipal projects, (5) make an allocation adjustment to the municipal revenue sharing account, (6) increase the uniform municipal assessment rate, and (7) increase certain municipal filing fees.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING Public Hearing April 25, 2017 H.B. No. 7322 died in the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

**H.J. No. 6** REP. SAMPSON, 80th DIST. 'RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN LOBBYING IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE CHAMBERS', to subject agency liaisons to the same rules as lobbyists regarding their presence on the House and Senate floor.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS H.J. No. 6 died in the Government Administration and Elections Committee.

**H.R. No. 8** REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES BARGAINING AGENT COALITION' File No. 4, House Cal. No. 23

REF. APPROPRIATIONS Public Hearing January 24, 2017 Appropriations Committee House Favorable to the House. House adopted.

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