

DDS Legislative Update – February 1, 2017

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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.

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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 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**

The department has developed several 2017 bill proposals for review and is waiting to move forward on these bill concepts. The approved bill concepts then will be submitted to the **Public Health Committee** for the committee leadership to review, approve and allow to move forward in the committee process.

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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.

Proposed [S.B. No. 1](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING A PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE SYSTEM IN THE STATE', to establish a paid family and medical leave system in Connecticut.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

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

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

Proposed [S.B. No. 21](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ORALLY AND INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED MEDICATIONS', to create equity between orally administered and intravenously administered medications.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Proposed [S.B. No. 22](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COST-SHARING FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS', to assist Connecticut citizens with prescription drug costs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Proposed [S.B. No. 27](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT INCLUDING CERTAIN MENTAL OR EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENTS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL INJURY" UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES', to expand workers' compensation coverage in certain situations that result in mental or emotional impairment.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Vote to Draft

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

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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

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

Proposed [S.B. No. 38](#) SEN. GERRATANA, 6th DIST. '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

Proposed [S.B. No. 39](#) SEN. GERRATANA, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE QUALITY SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to provide continuum of care options, improve jobs and reduce the waiting list for services and supports for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

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

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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing January 30, 2017](#)

Proposed [S.B. No. 85](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRAINING OF INDIVIDUALS STAFFING RESIDENTIAL HOMES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH', to ease the burden placed on certain residential facilities licensed by the Department of Public Health.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

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

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decreasing the cost of state employee health insurance coverage.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

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 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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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.
REF. COMMERCE Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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',

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to reform and reduce unfunded long-term pension liability in the state.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

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W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W 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

W 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

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provision of such services.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

W 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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W Proposed [S.B. No. 246](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST.; SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE WAITING LIST FOR RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to better serve persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities by developing a state-wide waiting list for services and projecting needs twenty years into the future.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W Proposed [S.B. No. 316](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FROM REFERRING PATIENTS TO CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES', to protect patients.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

W Proposed [S.B. No. 345](#) SEN. OSTEN, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIVERY SERVICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to allow livery permit holders to transport persons with physical disabilities using a stretcher van.

REF. TRANSPORTATION Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

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W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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 reform.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

W 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

W 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

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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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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 districts.

REF. EDUCATION

W Proposed [S.B. No. 426](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT PROTECTING PATIENTS FROM INAPPROPRIATE BILLING PRACTICES', to protect patients from inappropriate billing practices.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W 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

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**W 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**

**W Proposed [S.B. No. 445](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PHARMACEUTICAL PRICE TRANSPARENCY AND DISCLOSURE', to increase public and government knowledge of pharmaceutical prices.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

**W Proposed [S.B. No. 451](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT PROTECTING PATIENTS FROM UNREASONABLE MEDICAL BILLS', to protect patients from unreasonable medical bills.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

**W 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**

**W 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**

**W 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**

**W 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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing**

**W 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**

W Proposed [S.B. No. 533](#) SEN. SOMERS, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING STATE GROUP HOMES TO COMPLY WITH MUNICIPAL PLANNING AND ZONING REQUIREMENTS', to

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require all state group homes to comply with local planning and zoning requirements.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

W 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

W 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

W Proposed [S.B. No. 542](#) SEN. LARSON, 3rd DIST.; SEN. LEONE, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT SPECIAL EDUCATION PREDICTABLE COST COOPERATIVE', to establish the Connecticut Special Education Predictable Cost Cooperative to fund special education services and special education programs.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

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W 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

W Proposed [S.B. No. 611](#) SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CHARGING OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS TO EMPLOYERS', 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.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

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the benefits of the ABLE Act.

REF. BANKING

W Proposed [S.B. No. 734](#) SEN. SUZIO, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CITIZENS IN NEED ACCOUNT', to provide tax relief while restoring social services that have been reduced or eliminated due to budgetary constrictions.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

W 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

W 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

W Proposed [S.B. No. 747](#) SEN. KENNEDY, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING "ON-CALL" SHIFT SCHEDULING', to prohibit the unfair employment practice of on-call shift scheduling.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

W 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

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

REF. AGING

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

REF. AGING

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

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BARGAINING AGENT COALITION' [File No. 3](#)

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed [**H.B. No. 5013**](#) REP. BETTS, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO VOTE ON ALL STATE EMPLOYEE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND STIPULATIONS', to require full disclosure of collective bargaining agreements and stipulations between the state and state employee organizations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [**H.B. No. 5015**](#) REP. BELSITO, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE AND PENSION PAYMENTS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES INCLUDED IN

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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

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

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

Proposed [H.B. No. 5077](#) REP. RUTIGLIANO, 123rd DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PHARMACIES**', to allow for the proper disposal of unused prescription drugs by pharmacies.

REF. GENERAL LAW Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing January 30, 2017](#)

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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing January 30, 2017](#)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5202](#) REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING PHARMACISTS FROM MAKING CHANGES TO PRESCRIPTIONS

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WITHOUT PRESCRIBER CONSENT', to require prescriber consent prior to a pharmacist making any changes to a drug prescription.

REF. GENERAL LAW Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

Proposed [H.B. No. 5210](#) REP. SLAP, 19th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS PAY EQUITY AND FAIRNESS MATTERS**', to strengthen provisions of the law concerning pay equity and fairness.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing January 31, 2017](#)

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

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 for certain employees.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

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

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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing January 31, 2017](#)

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

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

Proposed [H.B. No. 5300](#) REP. ZAWISTOWSKI, 61st DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING PHOTOGRAPHS ON REMOVABLE WINDSHIELD PLACARDS**', to prevent the abuse of

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removable windshield placards by requiring photo identification on such placards.

REF. TRANSPORTATION Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing January 30, 2017](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing January 31, 2017](#)

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

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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

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

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

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

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 **Committee on Housing Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing**

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

Proposed [H.B. No. 5543](#) REP. YACCARINO, 87th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT AUTHORITY TO ORDER A PERSON TO SUBMIT TO AN INVOLUNTARY

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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

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

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

Proposed [H.B. No. 5564](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST. '**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

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

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

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

Proposed [H.B. No. 5591](#) REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 1st DIST.; et al. '**AN ACT CONCERNING PAY EQUITY IN THE WORKFORCE**', 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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

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

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

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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

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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Proposed [H.B. No. 5743](#) REP. TONG, 147th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING PENALTIES FOR HATE CRIMES', to deter and prevent hate crimes by increasing the penalties for hate crimes.
REF. JUDICIARY

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

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.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing January 30, 2017](#)

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

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education hearings.

REF. EDUCATION

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing [Public Hearing January 30, 2017](#)

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

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employees for health care services.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

W 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 by one per cent.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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-

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income or disabled individuals.

REF. GENERAL LAW

W 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

W Proposed [H.B. No. 5943](#) REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UTILIZATION OF BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES', to require the Office of Policy and Management to include in the inventories of state real property the number of state employees per square foot in buildings occupied by executive branch agencies.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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 AGREEMENTS', to limit the duration of state employee collective bargaining agreements.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6084](#) REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATE EMPLOYEES FOR MILEAGE FROM THE

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CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT INCOME', to remove mileage reimbursement payments from pension benefit calculations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

W 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

W 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

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REF. APPROPRIATIONS

W 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

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6099](#) REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF GROUP HOMES MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to provide for and promote the health and safety of group home residents and those persons who live in close proximity to the group home.

REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W 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

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6155](#) REP. DEMICCO, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING DUPLICATIVE AND BURDENSOME LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS', to reduce costs for nonprofit providers by providing a means for them to forgo duplicative and burdensome state licensing requirements if they can demonstrate accreditation from an accepted national accrediting body that has requirements more stringent than the state's.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W 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

W 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

W 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

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W 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

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

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W 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

W 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

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binding arbitration awards to not more than the Consumer Price Index.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6208](#) REP. VARGAS, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE', to increase the minimum wage to fifteen dollars an hour over a five-year period.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Vote to Draft

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6209](#) 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 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 Vote to Draft

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6212](#) REP. LESSER, 100th DIST.; REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST.; et al. 'AN ACT CREATING A PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE SYSTEM IN THE STATE', to create a system to compensate individuals who are out on family and medical leave.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W 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

W 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

W 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

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6260](#) REP. LINEHAN, 103rd DIST.; REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR STATE AND LOCAL POLICE REGARDING THE ELOPEMENT OR WANDERING OF CHILDREN DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to establish a training program for state and local police to handle cases involving the elopement or wandering of children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and improve the safety and well-being of such children and police.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6261](#) REP. MCGORTY, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES PROVIDING EMERGENCY RELIEF SERVICES', to permit state employees who volunteer with a community emergency response team to provide emergency relief services without loss of pay, vacation time, sick or earned overtime accumulation.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

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W 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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6297](#) REP. REBIMBAS, 70th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTARY PLACEMENT IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND PARENTAL RIGHTS', 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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W 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

W 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

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**W 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**

**W 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**

**W 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**

**W 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**

**W 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**

**W 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**

**W Proposed [H.B. No. 6483](#) REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE REGARDING THE IMPENDING SHORTAGE IN THE PSYCHIATRY WORKFORCE', to establish a task force to make recommendations regarding the impending shortage in the psychiatry workforce.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH**

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6494](#) REP. RITTER, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING THE DELEGATION OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION BY A REGISTERED NURSE TO

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS', to increase the number of individuals available to administer medication.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

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W 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

W 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

W 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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W 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 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6603](#) REP. BUTLER, 72nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF CERTAIN TENANTS OF STATE-FUNDED PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS', to research the state-funded public housing projects to ensure adequate and safe state-assisted housing for the elderly and younger persons with disabilities.
REF. HOUSING Vote to Draft

W 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

W 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

W 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

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of Connecticut.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6619](#) REP. CURREY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR USED WHEELCHAIRS', to require insurers and other entities providing coverage for used wheelchairs to notify any enrollee who receives a used wheelchair that the enrollee has received a used wheelchair, permit the enrollee to return the used wheelchair within seven days after the enrollee's receipt of such notice, and process any request for repair or replacement of a defective wheelchair.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W Proposed [H.B. No. 6668](#) REP. CONLEY, 40th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; REP. LINEHAN, 103rd DIST.; REP. LUXENBERG, 12th DIST.; REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST.; REP. PORTER, 94th DIST.; REP. SIMMONS, 144th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PREGNANT WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE', to improve workplace protections for pregnant women.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

W 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

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W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

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services to adult human services for students with disabilities.

REF. EDUCATION

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

W 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

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W 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

W 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

W 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 program.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

W 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

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

REF. AGING

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

REF. AGING

W [H.B. No. 6985](#) (RAISED) AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A CONSERVED 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, except under limited circumstances.

REF. AGING

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

REF. AGING

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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.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.

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- **Public Hearings and Committee Meetings of Interest**

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN: The Committee on Children will hold a committee meeting on **Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M.** in **Room 1C** of the LOB.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE: The Human Services Committee will hold a committee meeting on **Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 11:00 A.M.** in **Room 2E** of the LOB.

Governor Malloy is expected to release his Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 (FY18/FY19) Budget on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. The Governor also is expected to deliver his budget address to the General Assembly on February 8th.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE'S HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING - Thursday, February 23, 2017

Health Subcommittee (Room 2C of the LOB)

10:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.	Department of Public Health
11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.	Department of Developmental Services
12:00 P.M.-1:00 P.M.	Lunch Recess
1:00 P.M.-1:30 P.M.	Department of Veterans' Affairs
1:30 P.M.-2:00 P.M.	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
2:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Public Budget Hearings (Room 2C of the LOB) 4:30 P.M.

- ❖ **Information for Persons Wishing to Testify at the Appropriations Committee Public Hearing on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. on the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) FY18/FY19 proposed budget.**

The Appropriations Committee will hold state agency budget presentations and public hearings from Tuesday, February 14, 2017 through Friday, February 24, 2017. Public speaker order for the public hearings will be determined by a lottery system. Lottery numbers will be drawn from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 A.M. in the LOB First Floor Atrium and from 10:15 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. in Room 2700. Speakers arriving after the completion of the lottery will have their names placed at the end of the speaker list. The list of speakers registered through the lottery system will be posted outside the designated hearing room at least one hour prior to the start of the public hearing. On February 16 and February 23 the Committee will provide a separate sign-up sheet for persons with special needs, and on February 21 a separate sign-up sheet will be provided for elementary and secondary education students. Those speakers will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. The Committee Chairs will alternate between the specialized lists and the standard list until the specialized lists have been exhausted. For the February 23 public hearing, Room 2D will be reserved for individuals with special needs in need

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of a quiet space while waiting to testify. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. **Please submit 30 copies of written testimony at the time of sign-up, but not later than 2:00 P.M.** Testimony received after the designated time may not be distributed until after the hearing. **Please email written testimony in Word or PDF format to APPtestimony@cga.ct.gov.** The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. All public hearing testimony, written & spoken, is public information. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. **All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and will be indexed by internet search engines.** Unofficial sign-up sheets have no standing with the Committee.

For a full list of events at the Legislative Office Building and the State Capitol, the Connecticut General Assembly's Daily Bulletins may be accessed at: https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/Clerkdoclist.asp?house=X&doc_type=bul