



## **CRCOG Weekly Legislative Report**

### **2018 Legislative Session**

**March 22, 2018**

#### **Weekly Legislative Feature Issues:**

The Connecticut General Assembly has begun to wind down its public hearing phase, which means that the final committee deadlines are passing quickly. Once this transition concludes and the committees have completed their work, the General Assembly will begin the long and arduous process of debating and voting on committee bills.

Currently, the following committees have concluded their work and have passed their final committee deadline:

- Aging Committee (March 15, 2018)
- Banking Committee (March 22, 2018)
- Committee on Children (March 15, 2018)
- General Law Committee (March 20, 2018)
- Higher Education & Employment Advancement Committee (March 20, 2018)
- Housing Committee (March 15, 2018)
- Insurance and Real Estate Committee (March 22, 2018)
- Labor and Public Employees Committee (March 22, 2018)
- Public Safety & Security Committee (March 20, 2018)
- Veterans' Affairs Committee (March 15, 2018)

The committees listed below have not passed their final deadline:

- Appropriations Committee (April 5, 2018)
- Commerce Committee (March 27, 2018)
- Education Committee (March 26, 2018)
- Energy and Technology Committee (March 29, 2018)
- Finance, Revenue, & Bonding Committee (April 6, 2018)
- Government Administration and Elections Committee (March 28, 2018)
- Human Services Committee (March 27, 2018)
- Judiciary Committee (April 4, 2018)
- Planning and Development Committee (March 26, 2018)
- Public Health Committee (March 28, 2018)
- Transportation Committee (March 23, 2018).

**This past week has revealed new developments of particular interest to you:**

### **Despite Snowstorms, Town Road Grants Remained Stalled**

After the state faced several nor'easters in the past several weeks, municipalities have reminded state officials that strained local snow removal budgets need state aid badly, but the prospect of an immediate release of the stalled \$30 million in Town Aid Road grants is very unlikely since the state continues to struggle in funding the Special Transportation Fund.

Betsy Gara, Executive Director of the Council of Small Towns remarked that "the uncertainty regarding whether Town Aid Road grants will be released is forcing towns to defer needed road maintenance projects, which will lead to higher repair costs down the line." It is likely that such deferments will negatively impact the local construction industry in many of Connecticut's communities.

There are several factors that are impacting the release of the second payment of \$30 million in Town Aid Road grants, including:

- The legislature did not adopt a new budget for this fiscal year until late October.
- The Special Transportation Fund along with Connecticut's aging, overcrowded infrastructure is on the brink of fiscal crisis.

In the absence of additional funding, the administration says the state would need to scrap rail services, drive up rail and bus fares, suspend 40 percent of planned capital projects, including major highway rebuilds like the Hartford I-84 viaduct, and possibly the suspension of Town Aid Road grants to remain solvent over the next five years.

To offset these fiscal difficulties, the administration has suggested adding 7 cents to Connecticut's 25-cent per gallon retail gasoline tax and to implement electronic tolling on highways. Financing TAR grants will remain an ongoing issue for municipalities moving forward.

[CT Mirror: Despite Snowstorms, Town Road Grants Remained Stalled 3-15-2018.](#)

### **Towns Told to Make Up for State Education Cuts**

Following Governor Malloy's decision to cut \$58 million in state education aid to 130 communities last November, the superintendents impacted by these cuts were told that their districts would lose even more funding if they compensated by cutting their own budgets by more than the what the administration determined the law allows. True to the administration's word, six communities have been notified that they are facing penalties for cutting too much. The penalty is twice the amount of the cut deemed to be excessive. The following towns were notified of such violations.

- Killingly, one of the state's lowest-achieving districts, is on pace to reduce spending on its schools by almost 10 percent this school year. The town faces a penalty of \$7.9 million.
- Southington wants to cut its school budget by 3 percent and faces a \$3.2 million penalty.
- Watertown is slated to reduce school spending by 4 percent and faces a \$2 million fine.
- Canterbury wants to cut school spending by 5 percent and faces a \$502,000 penalty.
- Montville plans to cut spending by 3 percent, for which it faces a \$355,000 penalty.
- Groton, also one of the worst-achieving districts, planned to cut 2 percent and faced a \$3.1 million fine. The superintendent, however, said that the town has since made up for shortfall and expects the district not to face any penalties.

In districts where local spending was on pace to make up for the cut or local funding was diverted to fill the gap, there is a significantly lower chance that such penalties will be assessed. A bi-partisan letter including the leaders of both parties in the Senate and House Minority Leader Themis Klarides wrote a letter to the State Board of Education asking that they exempt towns from what is known as the Minimum Budget Requirement. This letter is expected to be discussed at the Board's next meeting scheduled for April 4, 2018.

Currently, state law allows towns to cut spending between 1.5 and 3 percent from year to year for several reasons including declining enrollment, school closures, documented savings by the district, or reductions in the Education Cost Sharing grant to a district.

The State Department of Education remains committed to working with the six districts to ensuring compliance moving forward.

[CT Mirror: Towns Told to Make Up for State Education Cuts 3-21-2018](#)

### **Labor Offers Harsh Critique of CEO-led Commission's Report**

A group of Connecticut's labor leadership, including Lori Pelletier, president of the Connecticut AFL-CIO; Sal Luciano, executive director of AFSCME Council 4; Jan Hochadel, president of AFT Connecticut; Thomas Bontly, president of UConn-AAUP; and Dan Livingston, chief negotiator of SEBAC, released a 15-page analysis panning the Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth's recently published recommendations. The report compares the commission's executive-heavy membership to "arrogant college freshmen who return home after a semester and think they have all the answers to the world's problems."

The analysis noted that the Commission’s report is multi-colored and slick—looking like a stock prospectus for a ‘can’t-lose purchase opportunity.’ Moreover, the leaders assigned a C-minus grade to the Commission’s findings about the state economic and fiscal situation and an F for its list of recommended actions.

While the leaders agree on raising the state’s minimum wage and implementing highway tolls, they squarely rejected the Commission’s call to modify collective bargaining parameters, including a recommendation to remove fringe benefits from the negotiating process. They argue that the Commission overstepped its mandate by addressing labor benefit issues. Their analysis is also critical of the assessment that the Teacher Retirement System is fiscally unsustainable arguing that the state failed to fully fund the pension system, while teachers have paid their share.

Commission co-chairs Robert Patricelli and James Smith released the following statement regarding this analysis:

"We are disappointed public sector labor leaders are taking this aggressively negative position. The Commission report has received endorsements and constructive response from a wide range of people and organizations in Connecticut including the CT Conference of Municipalities, the CT Realtors Association, the CT Construction Industries Association, and Governor Malloy."

[Hartford Business Journal: Labor Offers Harsh Critique of CEO-led Commission’s Report 3-21-2018.](#)

**Tracked Bills:**

<b>BILL STATUS LIST</b>					
<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>BA</b>	<b>Title &amp; Synopsis</b>	<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">HB 5045</a>	3		An Act Establishing Accountability For Fair And Affordable Housing Through Zoning Regulations.  To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.	Rep. Joe Aresimowicz (30); Sen. Bob Duff (S25); Sen. Martin M. Looney (S11); Rep. Matthew Ritter (1)	Committees: PD  Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/13)

<a href="#"><u>HB 5046</u></a>	3	<p>An Act Concerning The Sustainability Of Transportation Projects.</p> <p>To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.</p>	<p>Rep. Joe Aresimowicz (30); Sen. Bob Duff (S25); Sen. Martin M. Looney (S11); Rep. Matthew Ritter (1)</p>	<p>Committees: TRA</p> <p>Status: TRA Public Hearing: Wed 3/14 10:30 AM @ Room 1E (3/8)</p>
<a href="#"><u>HB 5051</u></a>	3	<p>An Act Concerning The Deposit Of Motor Vehicle Sales And Use Taxes Into The Special Transportation Fund.</p> <p>To accelerate the rate of deposit of motor vehicle sales and use taxes into the Special Transportation Fund and eliminate the phase-in.</p>	<p>Rep. Fred Wilms (142)</p>	<p>Committees: FIN</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding (2/9)</p>
<a href="#"><u>HB 5069</u></a>	3	<p>An Act Reimbursing Certain Municipalities For The Loss Of Motor Vehicle Tax Revenue.</p> <p>To reimburse three municipalities that conducted revaluations after 2015 for lost motor vehicle tax revenue.</p>	<p>Rep. Michael D'Agostino (91); Rep. Josh Elliott (88); Rep. Robyn A. Porter (94)</p>	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations (2/14)</p>

<a href="#"><u>HB 5072</u></a>	3		<p>An Act Reimbursing Certain Municipalities For The Loss Of Motor Vehicle Tax Revenue.</p> <p>To reimburse three municipalities that conducted revaluations after 2015 for lost motor vehicle tax revenue.</p>	Rep. Michelle L. Cook (65)	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations (2/14)</p>
<a href="#"><u>HB 5073</u></a>	3		<p>An Act Restoring Holdbacks To The State Budget.To restore budget holdbacks made by the Governor during the current fiscal year.</p>	Rep. Tim Ackert (8)	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status:Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations (2/14)</p>
<a href="#"><u>HB 5079</u></a>	3		<p>An Act Reducing The Subsidy For Ct Fastrack.</p> <p>To reduce the subsidy for CT Fastrack.</p>	Rep. Robin Green (55)	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations (2/14)</p>
<a href="#"><u>HB 5083</u></a>	3		<p>An Act Concerning The Full Funding Of Special Education.</p> <p>To require the state to pay the full cost of special education.</p>	Rep. Doug Dubitsky (47)	<p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Education (2/14)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5123</u></a></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>An Act Restoring Education Cost-sharing Grant Funding To Towns.</p> <p>To restore education cost-sharing grant funding to those towns whose grants were reduced by the executive branch.</p>	<p>Rep. Andrew M. Fleischmann (18)</p>	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations (2/15)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5143</u></a></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>An Act Lowering The Age Of Eligibility For Property Tax Relief For Elderly Persons.</p> <p>To lower the age an elderly person must be to obtain available property tax relief.</p>	<p>Aging Committee</p>	<p>Committees: AGE</p> <p>Status: Favorable Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Planning and Development (3/20)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5150</u></a></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Revisions To The General Statutes Concerning Municipal Health Authorities And District Departments Of Health.</p> <p>To implement the recommendations of the Department of Public Health regarding revisions to the general statutes concerning municipal health authorities and district departments of health.</p>	<p>Public Health Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PH</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/22)</p>

<a href="#"><u>HB 5167</u></a>	3	<p>An Act Increasing The Amount A Board Of Education May Deposit Into A Nonlapsing Account For Unexpended Education Funds.</p> <p>To increase the amount of unexpended funds that a board of education is allowed to deposit into a nonlapsing account at the end of the fiscal year.</p>	Education Committee	<p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/16)</p>
<a href="#"><u>HB 5171</u></a>	3	<p>An Act Prohibiting The Executive Branch From Making Rescissions Or Other Reductions To The Education Cost Sharing Grant During The Fiscal Year.</p> <p>To prohibit the Governor from making rescissions to a town's education cost sharing grant during the fiscal year.</p>	Education Committee	<p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/16)</p>
<a href="#"><u>HB 5183</u></a>	3	<p>An Act Requiring A Study Of The Planning, Development And Financing Of Municipal Entertainment Districts.</p> <p>To require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to conduct a study concerning the planning, development and</p>	Planning and Development Committee	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Mon 2/26 10:00 AM @ Room 2B (2/22)</p>



			financing of municipal entertainment districts.		
<a href="#">HB 5184</a>	3		<p>An Act Permitting The Amendment Of Municipal Charters For The Purpose Of Modifying Budget Adoption Dates.</p> <p>To permit the amendment of municipal charters for the purpose of modifying budget adoption dates.</p>	Planning and Development Committee	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/19)</p>
<a href="#">HB 5199</a>	3		<p>An Act Allowing Certain Municipalities To Create Property Tax Relief Programs For Graduates Of Certain Educational Institutions Located In Connecticut.</p> <p>To allow the eight municipalities with largest populations in this state to create a program providing property tax relief as an incentive for certain graduates to buy a first home in such municipalities.</p>	Housing Committee	<p>Committees: HSG</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/15)</p>

<a href="#">HB 5229</a>	3	<p>An Act Concerning Reimbursement For The Purchase Of Dashboard Cameras With A Remote Recorder And Digital Data Storage Devices Or Services.</p> <p>To expand a grant program that reimburses a municipality for the cost of dashboard cameras purchased during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2018, and digital data storage devices or services purchased during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.</p>	Public Safety and Security Committee	<p>Committees: PS</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/19)</p>
<a href="#">HB 5283</a>		<p>An Act Concerning Neighborhood Revitalization Zones.</p> <p>To require municipalities to defend and indemnify neighborhood revitalization zone planning committees and their members in certain civil actions.</p>	Planning and Development Committee	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/19)</p>
<a href="#">HB 5285</a>		<p>An Act Concerning Authority For Municipalities To Extend Their Budget Adoption Processes.</p> <p>To authorize municipalities to extend their budget adoption processes for fiscal year 2018.</p>	Planning and Development Committee	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/19)</p>

<a href="#"><u>HB 5286</u></a>		<p>An Act Establishing A Municipal Option To Provide Property Tax Relief To Certain Residents With Homes Damaged By Natural Disasters.</p> <p>To provide a municipal option to allow property tax relief for residents with homes damaged by natural disasters.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/19)</p>
<a href="#"><u>HB 5317</u></a>		<p>An Act Concerning Municipal Veterans' Representatives.</p> <p>To change references from "veterans' service contact person" to "municipal veterans' representative" and to permit volunteers to serve as such representatives.</p>	<p>Veterans' Affairs Committee</p>	<p>Committees: VA</p> <p>Status: Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/26/18 10:00 AM (3/19)</p>
<a href="#"><u>HB 5324</u></a>		<p>An Act Concerning Municipal Funding.</p> <p>To equitably provide state funding to municipalities.</p>	<p>Appropriations Committee</p>	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: Public Hearing 03/28 (3/19)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5325</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Prekindergarten To Grade Twelve Education Funding.</p> <p>To provide funding for prekindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, education by the most cost-efficient, equitable and effective means.</p>	<p>Appropriations Committee</p>	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: APP Public Hearing: Fri 3/9 01:00 PM @ Room 2C (3/2)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5339</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Public Schools.</p> <p>To require the Department of Education to study issues affecting public schools.</p>	<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/16)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5355</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Establishing Standards For The Adequacy Of Dog Shelter During Extreme Weather Conditions.</p> <p>To establish certain requirements for what constitutes adequate shelter for a dog during adverse weather conditions.</p>	<p>Environment Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ENV</p> <p>Status: Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/27/18 5:00 PM (3/22)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5362</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning The Registration And Inspection Of Municipal Pounds And Shelters.</p> <p>To require municipal pounds and shelters to register with the Department of Agriculture and follow the same sanitation and animal treatment standards as other registered facilities.</p>	<p>Environment Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ENV</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/15)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5391</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Transportation Infrastructure.</p> <p>To require the Commissioner of Transportation to conduct studies and satisfy other requirements pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act for the purposes of developing electronic tolling systems on the highways of this state.</p>	<p>Transportation Committee</p>	<p>Committees: TRA</p> <p>Status: TRA Public Hearing: Wed 3/14 10:30 AM @ Room 1E (3/8)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5436</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Certain Property Tax Agreements Between Municipalities And Prospective Purchasers Of Brownfields And Abandoned Properties And Establishing A Brownfield Remediation Tax Credit.</p> <p>To authorize municipalities and prospective purchasers of brownfields and abandoned properties to enter into certain agreements concerning property taxes and to establish a tax credit for costs associated with the remediation of a brownfield.</p>	<p>Commerce Committee</p>	<p>Committees: CE</p> <p>Status: CE Public Hearing: Tue 3/20 11:30 AM @ Room 1C (3/15)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5456</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Local Representation On The Connecticut Siting Council And The Language Of Property Owner Notices For Certain Facility Applications.</p> <p>To require a municipal representative be appointed for each application before the Connecticut Siting Council concerning an electric distribution company and to require certain Siting Council proceeding notices to abutting property owners to be written in layman's terms.</p>	<p>Environment Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ENV</p> <p>Status: ENV Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:00 AM @ Room 2B (3/9)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5482</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning The Recommendations Of The Fair Housing Working Group.</p> <p>To implement minor and technical revisions to zoning statutes, require that municipalities demonstrate compliance with certain zoning regulation requirements, implement certain zoning requirements regarding affordable housing, and establish a transit-oriented development planning task force.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/13)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5483</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Authorizing A Study Of The Creation Of A Land Bank Authority.</p> <p>To require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to conduct a study regarding the creation of a land bank authority.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/13)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5486</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning The Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority.</p> <p>To establish the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/13)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5488</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Transit-oriented Development.</p> <p>To require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to conduct a study regarding a transit-oriented development plan.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/13)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5493</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning A Study Of Residential Property Assessed Clean Energy.</p> <p>To require the Banking Commissioner to submit a report concerning the feasibility of establishing a residential property assessed clean energy program in this state.</p>	<p>Banking Committee</p>	<p>Committees: BA</p> <p>Status: BA Public Hearing: Thu 3/15 02:30 PM @ Room 1E (3/13)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5508</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Regulating The Erection Of Fences And The Planting Of Hedges And Trees That Obstruct Water Views.</p> <p>To allow municipalities to adopt ordinances regulating fences, hedges and trees that obstruct water views.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/12)</p>



<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5509</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Water Pollution Control Authorities.</p> <p>To protect consumers from unfair and abusive water pollution control authority proceedings and charges.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/12)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5510</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning The Zoning Of Group Homes.</p> <p>To limit the ability of municipalities to prohibit group homes that house disabled persons and individuals recovering from substance abuse.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/12)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5511</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning The Taxation Of A Tenant's Motor Vehicle Located On A Landlord's Property.</p> <p>To prohibit municipalities from collecting motor vehicle taxes from a landlord simply because a tenant's vehicle is parked on the landlord's property.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/12)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5517</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Executive Branch Data Management And Processes.</p> <p>To increase access to data by executive branch agencies by codifying the provisions of Executive Order 39, to create a Connecticut Board of Data Analysis Technology Advisory Board, to require the Office of Policy and Management to establish and oversee a state-wide process improvement initiative, to require towns to transmit certain property assess</p>	<p>Government Administration and Elections Committee</p>	<p>Committees: GAE</p> <p>Status: GAE Public Hearing: Mon 3/19 10:00 AM @ Room 2A (3/15)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5535</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning A Tax Credit For Certain Motor Vehicles.</p> <p>To authorize municipalities to allow a property tax credit for electric vehicles, hybrid electric vehicles and motor vehicles that run on biomass fuel.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Mon 3/19 11:15 AM @ Room 2B (3/15)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5536</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Contractors With Objective Records Of Prior Poor Performance.</p> <p>To authorize municipal planning, zoning and planning and zoning commissions to require contractors with objective records of prior poor performance to post bonds in amounts and durations specified by such commissions.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Mon 3/19 11:15 AM @ Room 2B (3/15)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5561</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Improving Code Enforcement Processes.</p> <p>To permit a municipality to issue on-site citations in order to improve the municipality's code enforcement process and reduce the rate of repeat offenders.</p>	<p>Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>Committees: JUD</p> <p>Status: JUD Public Hearing: Fri 3/23 10:00 AM @ Room 2C (3/19)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 5580</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning The Recommendations Of The Commission On Fiscal Stability And Economic Growth.</p> <p>To require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to conduct an analysis of the recommendations made by the Commission on Fiscal</p>	<p>Appropriations Committee</p>	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations (3/22)</p>

			Stability and Economic Growth.		
<a href="#"><u>SB 6</u></a>	3		An Act Implementing The Governor's Budget Recommendations For General Government.  To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.	Rep. Joe Aresimowicz (30); Sen. Bob Duff (S25); Sen. Martin M. Looney (S11); Rep. Matthew Ritter (1)	Committees: APP  Status: Public Hearing 03/28 (3/19)
<a href="#"><u>SB 8</u></a>	3		An Act Implementing The Governor's Budget Recommendations Concerning Education.  To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.	Rep. Joe Aresimowicz (30); Sen. Bob Duff (S25); Sen. Martin M. Looney (S11); Rep. Matthew Ritter (1)	Committees: ED  Status: ED Public Hearing: Mon 2/26 11:00 AM @ Room 1E (2/22)

<a href="#"><u>SB 25</u></a>	3	<p>An Act Concerning The Reimagining, Reinvesting And Linking Of Technical Education And Career Schools.</p> <p>To overhaul Connecticut's workforce pipeline and to provide training to students that will prepare them with the work skills needed to meet the state's growing workforce needs.</p>	Sen. Douglas McCrory (S2)	<p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Education (2/14)</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 161</u></a>	3	<p>An Act Exempting Certain Building Materials From The Sales And Use Taxes.</p> <p>To exempt from the sales and use taxes building materials that are used in connection with repairs of crumbling foundations of residential buildings.</p>	Sen. Anthony Guglielmo (S35)	<p>Committees: FIN</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding (2/16)</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 181</u></a>	3	<p>An Act Establishing A Pilot Program For The Preservation Of Open Space.</p> <p>To require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to establish a pilot program to permit certain municipalities to impose a buyer's fee on the conveyance of certain real property sales to generate funds for the purchase,</p>	Planning and Development Committee	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Mon 2/26 10:00 AM @ Room 2B (2/22)</p>

			preservation or stewardship of open space.	
<a href="#"><u>SB 182</u></a>	3		<p>An Act Concerning Municipal Tax Appeals And Contingency Agreements.</p> <p>To require persons representing property owners or lessors in certain appeals concerning real property assessments to be either attorneys or certified or provisionally licensed real estate appraisers and to prohibit certified or provisionally licensed real estate appraisers from entering into contingency fee agreements in such appeals.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p> <p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Mon 2/26 10:00 AM @ Room 2B (2/22)</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 184</u></a>	3		<p>An Act Concerning Authorization Of State Grant Commitments For School Building Projects.</p> <p>To authorize state grant</p>	<p>Education Committee</p> <p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: ED Public Hearing: Mon 2/26 11:00 AM @ Room 1E (2/22)</p>

			commitments for school building projects.		
<a href="#"><u>SB 199</u></a>	3		<p>An Act Concerning Special Education Funding.</p> <p>To alter the manner in which special education is funded in this state.</p>	Insurance and Real Estate Committee	<p>Committees: INS</p> <p>Status: INS Public Hearing: Tue 2/27 12:00 PM @ Room 2D (2/23)</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 263</u></a>			<p>An Act Eliminating Certain Unclaimed And Seldom Claimed Tax Credits.</p> <p>To eliminate the enterprise zone tax credit for qualifying corporations, the service facility tax credit and the manufacturing facility tax credit for facilities located in an enterprise zone.</p>	Commerce Committee	<p>Committees: CE</p> <p>Status: CE Public Hearing: Thu 3/8 11:00 AM @ Room 1C (3/2)</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 264</u></a>			<p>An Act Eliminating The Regional Tourism Districts.</p> <p>To eliminate tourism districts in an effort to concentrate on state-wide tourism funding.</p>	Commerce Committee	<p>Committees: CE</p> <p>Status: CE Public Hearing: Thu 3/8 11:00 AM @ Room 1C (3/2)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>SB 272</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Municipal Construction Projects.</p> <p>To require municipalities to hold public hearings on proposed construction projects with a value of more than twenty-five million dollars.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/19)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 274</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning The Assessment Of Municipal Taxes On Certain Residential Dwellings.</p> <p>To require that land on which a one, two, three or four-family residential dwelling is planned for construction, is under construction or has been constructed is assessed exclusive of the value of such dwelling until a certificate of occupancy is issued for such dwelling, the dwelling is used for its intended purpose or title to such dwelling is co</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/19)</p>



<p><a href="#"><u>SB 292</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Public-private Partnerships.</p> <p>To amend the current public-private partnership statutes and enhance the Department of Transportation's ability to utilize these agreements in designing, developing, financing, constructing, operating or maintaining projects.</p>	<p>Transportation Committee</p>	<p>Committees: TRA</p> <p>Status: TRA Public Hearing: Mon 3/5 10:30 AM @ Room 1E (3/1)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 334</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Municipal And State Competitive Procurement Of Electricity, Natural Gas, Renewable Energy, Telecommunications Service And Other Energy-related Products By Nonprofit Energy Buying Consortia.</p> <p>To permit certain municipalities, the state, and state entities to purchase electricity, natural gas, renewable energy, telecommunications services and other energy-related products using nonprofit energy buying consortia.</p>	<p>Energy and Technology Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ET</p> <p>Status: ET Public Hearing: Tue 3/6 01:00 PM @ Room 2E (3/2)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>SB 339</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Extending The Prohibition On Municipal Ordinances Concerning Invasive Plants.</p> <p>To extend the prohibition on municipal ordinances concerning invasive plants.</p>	<p>Environment Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ENV</p> <p>Status: ENV Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:00 AM @ Room 2B (3/9)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 343</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning The Effects Of Climate Change On The Safety Plans Of Certain Chemical Facilities In The State And Residents Of Distressed Municipalities.</p> <p>To require the updating of safety plans for certain chemical facilities in the state that are at risk of flooding and other severe weather events as reflected in updated sea level rise projections and to establish a Climate Justice Working Group within the Governor's Council on Climate Change.</p>	<p>Environment Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ENV</p> <p>Status: ENV Public Hearing: Wed 3/14 01:00 PM @ Room 2B (3/9)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 349</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Regional Animal Shelters.</p> <p>To provide funding for part of the cost of operating regional animal shelters.</p>	<p>Environment Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ENV</p> <p>Status: Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/27/18 5:00 PM (3/22)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>SB 356</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Licensing Requirements For Operators Of Certain Short-term Rental Properties.</p> <p>To require each municipality to adopt an ordinance or regulation concerning operators of certain short-term rental properties, and to require such operators to obtain a license.</p>	<p>Housing Committee</p>	<p>Committees: HSG</p> <p>Status: Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office (3/15)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 364</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Special Education Funding.</p> <p>To lower the excess cost threshold from four and one-half times to two times the average per pupil educational costs of a board of education.</p>	<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: ED Public Hearing: Thu 3/8 11:00 AM @ Room 1A (3/2)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 365</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Early Childhood Education Funding.</p> <p>To provide funding for early childhood education by the most cost-efficient, equitable and effective means.</p>	<p>Appropriations Committee</p>	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: APP Public Hearing: Fri 3/9 01:00 PM @ Room 2C (3/2)</p>

<a href="#"><u>SB 368</u></a>		<p>An Act Concerning Transportation Funding.</p> <p>To provide funding for public transportation and transportation projects by the most cost-effective, equitable and efficient means.</p>	Appropriations Committee	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: Public Hearing 03/28 (3/19)</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 386</u></a>		<p>An Act Concerning Legislative Approval Before The Department Of Transportation Increases Railroad Fare Or Decreases Services.</p> <p>To require legislative approval before the Department of Transportation may increase railroad fare or decrease services.</p>	Transportation Committee	<p>Committees: TRA</p> <p>Status: TRA Public Hearing: Wed 3/14 10:30 AM @ Room 1E (3/8)</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 389</u></a>		<p>An Act Establishing The Connecticut Transportation Authority.</p> <p>To establish the Connecticut Transportation Authority to develop and implement electronic tolling systems.</p>	Transportation Committee	<p>Committees: TRA</p> <p>Status: TRA Public Hearing: Wed 3/14 10:30 AM @ Room 1E (3/8)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>SB 418</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Requiring A Two-thirds Vote Of The General Assembly To Create Or Enlarge Municipal Mandates.</p> <p>To require a two-thirds vote of each house of the General Assembly to enact legislation that creates or enlarges a state mandate to local governments.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/12)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 421</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Municipal Budget Reserves For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2019.</p> <p>To revise municipal budget reserve language that was passed as part of the state budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2019.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/12)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 423</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Eliminating The Municipal Spending Cap.</p> <p>To eliminate the municipal spending cap.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/12)</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>SB 445</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning An Analysis Of The Recommendations Of The Commission On Fiscal Stability And Economic Growth.</p> <p>To require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to conduct an analysis of the recommendations made by the Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth.</p>	<p>Commerce Committee</p>	<p>Committees: CE</p> <p>Status: CE Public Hearing: Tue 3/20 11:30 AM @ Room 1C (3/15)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 450</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning Municipal Volunteer Services.</p> <p>To prohibit municipalities from entering into collective bargaining agreements that limit the ability of municipalities to permit volunteer services for the benefit of municipalities.</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/12)</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>SB 451</u></a></p>		<p>An Act Concerning The Minimum Budget Requirement.</p> <p>To allow a board of education to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to any reductions in its education cost sharing</p>	<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Education (3/7)</p>

			grant during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.		
<a href="#"><u>SB 482</u></a>			<p>An Act Concerning The Subdivision Of Land And Open Space.</p> <p>To limit the amount of land that shall be dedicated to open space to not more than twenty per cent of a proposed subdivision.</p>	Planning and Development Committee	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Fri 3/16 11:15 AM @ Room 1A (3/12)</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 490</u></a>			<p>An Act Concerning Shared Municipal Services And Local Governments.</p> <p>To make certain changes to the composition and duties of the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations; specify that the chief executive officer of a municipality shall provide for the manner in which zoning regulations are enforced; specify that a committee established pursuant to a cooperative arrangement agreed to by two or</p>	Planning and Development Committee	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Mon 3/19 11:15 AM @ Room 2B (3/15)</p>

<a href="#"><u>SB 491</u></a>		<p>An Act Concerning Municipal Resource Recovery Authorities.</p> <p>To subject real and personal property owned by municipal resource recovery authorities to municipal taxation.</p>	Planning and Development Committee	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Mon 3/19 11:15 AM @ Room 2B (3/15)</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 492</u></a>		<p>An Act Concerning The Zoning Of Solar Farms.</p> <p>To require solar farms to comply with local planning and zoning requirements.</p>	Planning and Development Committee	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Mon 3/19 11:15 AM @ Room 2B (3/15)</p>
<a href="#"><u>SB 518</u></a>		<p>An Act Concerning Additional Assistance For Homeowners With Crumbling Concrete Foundations.</p> <p>To provide additional assistance to homeowner's with crumbling concrete foundations.</p>	Judiciary Committee	<p>Committees: JUD</p> <p>Status: JUD Public Hearing: Mon 3/26 10:00 AM @ Room 2C (3/22)</p>