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2018 Legislative Session

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Weekly Legislative Feature Issues:

The Connecticut General Assembly remains in the public hearing stage of the legislative session with a number of committees holding hearings that have run late into the evening. Each morning, lobbyists, staff, and members of the public wait in line to sign-up for various public hearings as well as organizing testimony.

In addition to the public hearings, committees that have already held a public hearing on bills have begun to take final action on those bills. Once the bills are voted out of committee with a Joint Favorable or Joint Favorable Substitute Report, the bill will go to either the House or Senate for further action. A joint favorable report means that the committee has voted to support this bill without any changes to the language. On the other hand, a joint favorable substitute report means that the committee has voted to support this bill with substitute language that reflects changes not previously made available to the public. These changes are usually informed by testimony given or submitted during the public hearing.

Lastly, Representative Angel Arce, who represented parts of Hartford, announced that he would resign his office as a state representative and position on the Hartford Democratic Town Committee in the wake of revelations that he engaged in "inappropriate" text conversations with a minor. We have included additional information on this recent development below.

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

Plans to Revitalize CT Runs into Doubters of All Persuasions

The general consensus is that the state's financial situation will not be stabilized by the end of the legislative session despite the ongoing state fiscal crisis. Many political leaders including Rep. Rojas, D-East Hartford and Sen. Frantz R-Greenwich anticipate a lot of conflicts arising from the various attempts to resolve the financial issue. The current uncertainties come from a new plan to move the tax burden from the wealthy over to businesses and consumers. This plan includes raising the state minimum wage to \$15 per hour, ending collective bargaining for state employees after expiration of the contract in 2027, implementing a tax surcharge option to "promote cooperation between municipalities and ease burdens on property tax bases," develop a college campus focusing on science and engineering in major Connecticut cities, as well as making \$1 billion in unidentified reductions to Connecticut's budget annually. Governor Malloy promised to analyze the new plan thoroughly before making a decision.

Democrats will have difficulty asking consumers to pay an extra \$1 billion in sales taxes, or to cancel \$750 million in existing tax credits and exemptions in support of a tax cut that would benefit wealthy

households the most. Meanwhile, Senator Frantz has stated that the Commission's recommendations to raise \$475 million through tax hikes on corporations including electronic tolls and an increased fuel tax would be problematic for legislative Republicans. Moreover, labor leaders have rejected this tax shift away from the wealthy and changing state employees benefit plans. Industry stakeholders including the Connecticut Business and Industry Association rejected the suggested tax increase on business. Meanwhile, the Commission has urged immediate action.

[CT Mirror: Plan to Revitalize CT Runs into Doubters of All Persuasions 3-5-2018.](#)

CT Lottery Could Smooth Spiking Teacher Pension Contributions

Governor Malloy offered a proposal to use lottery assets to the fiscally stricken retirement benefit fund. Office of Policy and Management Secretary Ben Barnes told legislators Friday that a transfer of lottery revenues might hold the key to resolving complex legal rules governing pension contributions. The required payments to the teachers' pension fund are projected to grow exponentially over the next 10-15 years going rising to as much as \$6.2 billion a year. This is viewed by an untenable figure given current budgeting realities. As such, dedicating new revenues to that fund and extending the period of time during which Connecticut continues to make these payments could be a solution.

While briefing the Finance, Revenue, & Bonding Committee, Secretary Barnes stated that "this combination of actions could result in a significant reduction in risk in out-year, catastrophic payments. The state still would face steep pension payments for many years, but they could be much more easily affordable than they are likely to be under the current payment schedule. The administration projections show \$14 billion to \$21 billion in costs would be shifted until after 2032, and the state would not catch up on all deferred payments until 2047. The Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth recommended that legislators consider dedicating an asset, such as the annual proceeds it generates from the quasi-public Connecticut Lottery Corporation to a pension fund. This proposal is based on the potential for \$4.5 billion to \$5.5 billion in additional monies going into the pension fund. The ultimate result would be the teachers' pensions funded ratio increasing beyond 70 percent.

[CT Mirror: CT Lottery Could Smooth Spiking Teacher Pension Contributions 3-6-2018.](#)

Amid Text Message Controversy, Arce Says He Will Resign From Legislature

State Rep. Angel Arce resigned from his legislative seat after the emergence of Facebook messages between himself and a 16-year-old girl that were characterized as "inappropriate" and "not sexual" in character. Arce explained that he was resigning so as not to be a distraction at the Capitol. He was asked to step down by Governor Malloy, Speaker Aresimowicz, and Hartford's Mayor Bronin. Although the messages were sent in 2015, Arce was stripped of his committee assignments and title of assistant majority leader. A special election will be held to fill Arce's seat, but has yet to be scheduled.

[Hartford Courant: Amid Text Message Controversy, Arce Says He Will Resign from Legislature 3-7-2018.](#)

Tracked Bills:

BILL STATUS LIST					
Bill Number	Priority	BA	Title & Synopsis	Sponsors	Status
HB 5045	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: Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development (2/8)
HB 5046	3		An Act Concerning The Sustainability Of Transportation Projects. 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: TRA Status: Public Hearing 03/14 (3/8)
HB 5051	3		An Act Concerning The Deposit Of Motor Vehicle Sales And Use Taxes Into The Special Transportation Fund. To accelerate the rate of deposit of motor vehicle sales and use taxes into the Special Transportation Fund and eliminate the phase-in.	Rep. Fred Wilms (142)	Committees: FIN Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding (2/9)

HB 5069	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>
HB 5072	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. Michelle L. Cook (65)</p>	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations (2/14)</p>
HB 5073	3		<p>An Act Restoring Holdbacks To The State Budget.</p> <p>To restore budget holdbacks made by the Governor during the current fiscal year.</p>	<p>Rep. Tim Ackert (8)</p>	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations (2/14)</p>

HB 5079	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>
HB 5083	3		<p>An Act Concerning The Full Funding Of Special Education.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>
HB 5123	3		<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>	Rep. Andrew M. Fleischmann (18)	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations (2/15)</p>
HB 5143	3		<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>	Aging Committee	<p>Committees: AGE</p> <p>Status: AGE Public Hearing: Thu 3/1 10:00 AM @ Room 1B (2/23)</p>

<p>HB 5150</p>	<p>3</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: PH Public Hearing: Mon 3/5 11:00 AM @ Room 1D (3/1)</p>
<p>HB 5167</p>	<p>3</p>	<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>	<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: ED Public Hearing: Mon 2/26 11:00 AM @ Room 1E (2/22)</p>

<p>HB 5171</p>	<p>3</p>	<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>	<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: ED Public Hearing: Mon 2/26 11:00 AM @ Room 1E (2/22)</p>
<p>HB 5183</p>	<p>3</p>	<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 financing of municipal entertainment districts.</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>

<p>HB 5184</p>	<p>3</p>	<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>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public</p> <p>Hearing: Mon 3/5 11:15 AM @ Room 2D (3/1)</p>
<p>HB 5199</p>	<p>3</p>	<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>	<p>Housing Committee</p>	<p>Committees: HSG</p> <p>Status: HSG Public</p> <p>Hearing: Thu 3/1 01:00 PM @ Room 1C (2/23)</p>

<p>HB 5229</p>	<p>3</p>	<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>	<p>Public Safety and Security Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PS</p> <p>Status: PS Public Hearing: Tue 2/27 11:00 AM @ Room 2B (2/23)</p>
<p>HB 5283</p>		<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>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Mon 3/5 11:15 AM @ Room 2D (3/1)</p>

<p>HB 5285</p>		<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>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public Hearing: Mon 3/5 11:15 AM @ Room 2D (3/1)</p>
<p>HB 5286</p>		<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: PD Public Hearing: Mon 3/5 11:15 AM @ Room 2D (3/1)</p>
<p>HB 5317</p>		<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: VA Public Hearing: Tue 3/6 03:00 PM @ Room 1C (3/2)</p>

HB 5324		<p>An Act Concerning Municipal Funding.</p> <p>To equitably provide state funding to municipalities.</p>	Appropriations Committee	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations (3/1)</p>
HB 5325		<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>	Appropriations Committee	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: APP Public Hearing: Fri 3/9 01:00 PM @ Room 2C (3/2)</p>
HB 5339		<p>An Act Concerning Public Schools.</p> <p>To require the Department of Education to study issues affecting public schools.</p>	Education Committee	<p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: ED Public Hearing: Thu 3/8 11:00 AM @ Room 1A (3/2)</p>
HB 5355		<p>An Act Establishing Standards For The Adequacy Of Dog Shelter During Extreme Weather Conditions.</p> <p>To establish certain requirements for what constitutes</p>	Environment Committee	<p>Committees: ENV</p> <p>Status: ENV Public Hearing: Fri 3/9 11:00 AM @ Room 2B (3/2)</p>

		adequate shelter for a dog during adverse weather conditions.		
HB 5362		<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>	Environment Committee	<p>Committees: ENV</p> <p>Status: ENV Public Hearing: Fri 3/9 11:00 AM @ Room 2B (3/2)</p>
HB 5391		<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</p>	Transportation Committee	<p>Committees: TRA</p> <p>Status: Public Hearing 03/14 (3/8)</p>

		highways of this state.		
HB 5436		<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>	Commerce Committee	Committees: CE Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce (3/7)

<p>HB 5456</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: Public Hearing 03/16 (3/9)</p>
<p>HB 5482</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,</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development (3/7)</p>

		<p>implement certain zoning requirements regarding affordable housing, and establish a transit-oriented development planning task force.</p>		
HB 5483		<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: Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development (3/7)</p>
HB 5486		<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: Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development (3/7)</p>

<p>HB 5488</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: Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development (3/7)</p>
<p>HB 5493</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: Referred to Joint Committee on Banking (3/7)</p>
<p>SB 6</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>An Act Implementing The Governor's Budget Recommendations For General Government.</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: APP</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations (2/8)</p>

<p>SB 8</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>An Act Implementing The Governor's Budget Recommendations Concerning Education.</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: ED</p> <p>Status: ED Public Hearing: Mon 2/26 11:00 AM @ Room 1E (2/22)</p>
<p>SB 25</p>	<p>3</p>	<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>	<p>Sen. Douglas McCrory (S2)</p>	<p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Education (2/14)</p>
<p>SB 161</p>	<p>3</p>	<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</p>	<p>Sen. Anthony Guglielmo (S35)</p>	<p>Committees: FIN</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding (2/16)</p>

		foundations of residential buildings.		
SB 181	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, preservation or stewardship of open space.</p>	Planning and Development Committee	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: PD Public</p> <p>Hearing: Mon 2/26 10:00 AM @ Room 2B (2/22)</p>

<p>SB 182</p>	<p>3</p>	<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>
<p>SB 184</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>An Act Concerning Authorization Of State Grant Commitments For School Building Projects.</p> <p>To authorize state grant commitments for school building projects.</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>

SB 199	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</p> <p>Hearing: Tue 2/27 12:00 PM @ Room 2D (2/23)</p>
SB 263		<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>
SB 264		<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>SB 272</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: PD Public</p> <p>Hearing: Mon 3/5 11:15 AM @ Room 2D (3/1)</p>
<p>SB 274</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: PD Public</p> <p>Hearing: Mon 3/5 11:15 AM @ Room 2D (3/1)</p>

<p>SB 292</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>SB 334</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</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>

		energy-related products using nonprofit energy buying consortia.		
SB 339		<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>	Environment Committee	<p>Committees: ENV</p> <p>Status: Public Hearing 03/16 (3/9)</p>
SB 343		<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</p>	Environment Committee	<p>Committees: ENV</p> <p>Status: Public Hearing 03/14 (3/9)</p>

		<p>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>		
SB 349		<p>An Act Concerning Regional Animal Shelters.</p> <p>To provide funding for part of the cost of operating regional animal shelters.</p>	Environment Committee	<p>Committees: ENV</p> <p>Status: ENV Public Hearing: Fri 3/9 11:00 AM @ Room 2B (3/2)</p>
SB 356		<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>	Housing Committee	<p>Committees: HSG</p> <p>Status: HSG Public Hearing: Tue 3/6 12:00 PM @ Room 1C (3/2)</p>

<p>SB 364</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>SB 365</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>
<p>SB 368</p>		<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>	<p>Appropriations Committee</p>	<p>Committees: APP</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations (3/1)</p>

<p>SB 386</p>		<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>	<p>Transportation Committee</p>	<p>Committees: TRA</p> <p>Status: Public Hearing 03/14 (3/8)</p>
<p>SB 389</p>		<p>An Act Establishing The Connecticut Transportation Authority.</p> <p>To establish the Connecticut Transportation Authority to develop and implement electronic tolling systems.</p>	<p>Transportation Committee</p>	<p>Committees: TRA</p> <p>Status: Public Hearing 03/14 (3/8)</p>
<p>SB 418</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</p>	<p>Planning and Development Committee</p>	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development (3/6)</p>

		General Assembly to enact legislation that creates or enlarges a state mandate to local governments.		
SB 421		<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>	Planning and Development Committee	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development (3/6)</p>
SB 423		<p>An Act Eliminating The Municipal Spending Cap.</p> <p>To eliminate the municipal spending cap.</p>	Planning and Development Committee	<p>Committees: PD</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development (3/6)</p>
SB 445		<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</p>	Commerce Committee	<p>Committees: CE</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Commerce (3/7)</p>

		<p>Economic and Community Development to conduct an analysis of the recommendations made by the Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth.</p>		
SB 450		<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: Referred to Joint Committee on Planning and Development (3/7)</p>
SB 451		<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 grant during the fiscal year</p>	<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>Committees: ED</p> <p>Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Education (3/7)</p>

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