



CRCOG Weekly Legislative Report

2017 Legislative Session

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Weekly Legislative Feature Issues:

The Business of Governing Begins

After a tumultuous week of moving and internal restructuring, the 2017 Legislative Session continues to progress. Last Friday, January 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM was the deadline for proposed bills to be submitted by individual legislators. Moving forward, the committees are currently meeting to raise concepts and to vote to draft bills as committee bills. In the coming weeks, public hearings on these bills will begin.

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

Governor Malloy affirmed his commitment to finding a solution to the continuing problem of crumbling foundations that is plaguing Connecticut homeowners.

“Malloy told a group of small town officials Wednesday that he’s working on coming up with a program to test homes. He said once the scope of the problem is known then the state can try again to get help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.”

[CT NewsJunkie: Malloy Vows to Help Residents with Crumbling Foundations 1-12-2017](#)

State Representative Henry Genga, D-East Hartford, has submitted a bill that would bring electronic tolls to an unspecified number of highways.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, despite proposing to spend \$100 billion over 30 years to improve the state’s roads, rails and bridges, has not embraced tolls as a way of paying for his initiative. The governor last week said he will not call for highway tolls in his upcoming budget, and added it would take up to four years to install tolls.

State Senator Toni Boucher, Senate Republican Chair of the Transportation Committee opposes tolls stating, “it’s the worst possible time right now” to implement tolling.

[News Times: Tolls back on Legislature’s Table 1-17-2017.](#)

Legislators are looking to fix education funding in Connecticut.

“A right to education is not a federal constitutional right, but it is a state constitutional right,” said Senate Republican President Pro Tempore Len Fasano, R-North Haven, one of seven panelists hosted by

the Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now, an education advocacy group, Wednesday at Hamden Middle School.

Rep. Michael D’Agostino, D-Hamden, remarked that a major flaw in the original formula is its focus on overall per capita wealth. Instead he advocated a future model that emphasizes the student population and a municipality’s financial ability to contribute to local education.

“Instead of just looking at the free and reduced-price lunch population, you look at how many families are on SNAP, how many on government assistance, how many students are characterized as homeless, how many are special education, how many are (English language learners); you look at those metrics of a school system, and second should be town ability to pay, not per capita income. Things like the grand list. Also the mill rate,” [D’Agostino] said.

[New Haven Register: State Legislators, Education Leaders Talk Future of Connecticut School Funding 1-18-2017.](#)

Tracked Bills:

Bill	Title	Priority	Comment	History	Misc
HB05201	AN ACT CONCERNING A MORATORIUM ON NEW BOND AUTHORIZATIONS.	Proposed Bill		05-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN	
HB05211	AN ACT REQUIRING THAT CONCRETE BE TESTED FOR PYRRHOTITE.	Proposed Bill		05-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	
HB05212	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEDICATED TOWN ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.	Proposed Bill		05-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	
HB05214	AN ACT CONCERNING A CAP ON TRANSPORTATION SPENDING.	Proposed Bill		05-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA	
HB05218	AN ACT CONCERNING PORTIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET CONCERNING THE EDUCATION COST SHARING FORMULA AND OTHER AID TO MUNICIPALITIES.	Proposed Bill		06-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP	
HB05220	AN ACT CONCERNING UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.	Proposed Bill		06-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP	
HB05227	AN ACT DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STUDENT DATA PRIVACY ACT.	Proposed Bill		06-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05228	AN ACT CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT FORMULA.	Proposed Bill		06-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05229	AN ACT CONCERNING COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT FORMULA.	Proposed Bill		06-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	

HB05230	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY UNFUNDED EDUCATION MANDATES.	Proposed Bill		06-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05232	AN ACT DELAYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STUDENT DATA PRIVACY ACT FOR ONE SCHOOL YEAR.	Proposed Bill		06-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05233	AN ACT REPEALING THE STUDENT DATA PRIVACY ACT.	Proposed Bill		06-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05272	AN ACT ENSURING THAT LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FULLY COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW.	Proposed Bill		06-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD	
HB05282	AN ACT CONCERNING MODERNIZATION OF THE PREVAILING WAGE LAWS.	Proposed Bill		06-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB	
HB05285	AN ACT LIMITING WAGE INCREASES UNDER BINDING ARBITRATION AWARDS.	Proposed Bill		06-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB	
HB05288	AN ACT CONCERNING WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS.	Proposed Bill		06-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	
HB05309	AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING OF STATE MANDATES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.	Proposed Bill		09-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP	
HB05336	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BY BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.	Proposed Bill		10-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05337	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO ANALYZE STATE EDUCATION FUNDING.	Proposed Bill		10-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05338	AN ACT REDUCING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ON EDUCATORS.	Proposed Bill		10-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05339	AN ACT ALIGNING STATE AND FEDERAL EDUCATION MANDATES.	Proposed Bill		10-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05374	AN ACT CONCERNING WAGE PARITY UNDER MUNICIPAL BINDING ARBITRATION AWARDS.	Proposed Bill		10-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB	
HB05450	AN ACT ELIMINATING THE MUNICIPAL SPENDING CAP.	Proposed Bill		11-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	
HB05451	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL REVALUATION DEADLINES.	Proposed Bill		11-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	

HB05458	AN ACT ESTABLISHING ELECTRONIC TOLLS ON CONNECTICUT'S HIGHWAYS.	Proposed Bill		11-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA	
HB05466	AN ACT PROHIBITING UNFUNDED MANDATES ON MUNICIPALITIES.	Proposed Bill		12-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP	
HB05467	AN ACT CONCERNING PORTIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE EDUCATION COST SHARING FORMULA AND OTHER AID TO MUNICIPALITIES.	Proposed Bill		12-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP	
HB05550	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL PROJECTS AND THE PREVAILING WAGE.	Proposed Bill		12-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB	
HB05554	AN ACT CONCERNING THE POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL BODIES.	Proposed Bill		12-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	
HB05556	AN ACT ELIMINATING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET CAP.	Proposed Bill		12-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	
HB05558	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PASSAGE OF NEW STATE MANDATES TO MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS.	Proposed Bill		12-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	
HB05592	AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR MUNICIPAL REVITALIZATION PROJECTS.	Proposed Bill		12-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	
HB05599	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF EDUCATING NONRESIDENT STUDENTS.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON KID	
HB05600	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL IN CONNECTICUT.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05601	AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF LOCALLY GROWN FOOD IN SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05602	AN ACT LOWERING THE EXCESS COST THRESHOLD FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05603	AN ACT CONCERNING ASSAULT OF A SCHOOL TEACHER.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05604	AN ACT PROTECTING LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05605	AN ACT PROHIBITING BIAS AND DISCRIMINATION IN STATE MASTERY EXAMINATIONS.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05606	AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT LEARNING, ACHIEVEMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	

HB05607	AN ACT CONCERNING THE EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT FORMULA AND THE EQUITABLE FUNDING OF SMALL TOWNS.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05608	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPELLED STUDENTS BY BOARDS OF EDUCATION.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05609	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REGIONALIZATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05610	AN ACT EXPANDING PROTECTION FROM DISCRIMINATION TO CERTAIN STUDENTS.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05620	AN ACT REQUIRING PAINT STEWARDSHIP FEES TO BE PAID TO THE MUNICIPALITY WHERE PAINT IS RECYCLED.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV	
HB05623	AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO PROHIBIT THE ERECTION OF SPITE FENCES AND SPITE HEDGES AND TREES.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENV	
HB05624	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR LITERACY ITEMS PURCHASED BY TEACHERS.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FIN	
HB05632	AN ACT CREATING A PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION TAKE-BACK PROGRAM IN EACH MUNICIPALITY.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL	
HB05634	AN ACT PERMITTING TOWNS TO CREATE AN UNUSED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION COLLECTION PROGRAM.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GL	
HB05645	AN ACT EXEMPTING MUNICIPALITIES FROM LIABILITY FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED BY PERSONS WHILE USING MUNICIPAL LANDS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD	
HB05651	AN ACT REQUIRING CLERKS OF THE COURT TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF PROTECTIVE ORDERS TO SCHOOLS.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUD	
HB05683	AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE SCHOOL BUS SEAT BELT ACCOUNT.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA	

HB05701	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMING OF THE ADOPTION OF THE EDUCATION COST-SHARING GRANT AND MUNICIPAL AID FUNDING BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.	Proposed Bill		17-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP	
HB05711	AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN MAGNET SCHOOL OPERATORS FROM CHARGING TUITION TO BOARDS OF EDUCATION.	Proposed Bill		17-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05752	AN ACT CONCERNING PYRRHOTITE IN CONCRETE USED IN FOUNDATIONS.	Proposed Bill		17-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	
HB05753	AN ACT ALLOWING MUNICIPALITIES TO CONSOLIDATE BOARD OF EDUCATION NONEDUCATIONAL-RELATED SERVICES WITH TOWN SERVICES.	Proposed Bill		17-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	
HB05754	AN ACT ALLOWING FOR THE REGIONALIZATION OF CERTAIN HEALTH SERVICES.	Proposed Bill		17-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH	
HB05755	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES' LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLANS.	Proposed Bill		17-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH	
HB05757	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FROM REQUIRING THE CONSOLIDATION OF MUNICIPAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES.	Proposed Bill		17-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH	
HB05765	AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES.	Proposed Bill		17-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PH	
HB05773	AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL TO INCREASE RAIL OR BUS FARE OR REDUCE ANY TRANSIT SUBSIDY PROGRAM.	Proposed Bill		17-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA	
HB05778	AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPARENCY IN MUNICIPAL AID FUNDING.	Proposed Bill		18-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP	
HB05788	AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN MAGNET SCHOOL OPERATORS FROM CHARGING TUITION TO BOARDS OF EDUCATION.	Proposed Bill		18-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
HB05790	AN ACT CONCERNING THE FORMULA FOR THE EDUCATION COST-SHARING GRANT AND THE EQUITABLE FUNDING OF SMALL TOWNS.	Proposed Bill		18-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	

SB00015	AN ACT REQUIRING MUNICIPAL APPROVAL OF A SCHOOL CLOSURE.	Proposed Bill		09-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
SB00043	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF THE POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR CERTAIN TOWNS.	Proposed Bill		11-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
SB00045	AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENT LEARNING, ACHIEVEMENT AND OPPORTUNITY.	Proposed Bill		11-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
SB00054	AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WHEN A PARENT OR STUDENT DRIVES TO SCHOOL.	Proposed Bill		12-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
SB00102	AN ACT CREATING A THREE-TIERED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA SYSTEM.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
SB00103	AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF THE HISTORY AND MEANING OF VETERANS' DAY, MEMORIAL DAY AND THE FOUNDING DOCUMENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ED	
SB00114	AN ACT REQUIRING NEW STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLANS.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB	
SB00124	AN ACT CONCERNING EXCEPTIONS TO THE PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENT IN PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LAB	
SB00154	AN ACT CONCERNING PORTIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET APPROPRIATING AID TO MUNICIPALITIES.	Proposed Bill		18-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APP	
SB00239	AN ACT ELIMINATING THE MUNICIPAL SPENDING CAP.	Proposed Bill		18-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	
SB00240	AN ACT PERMITTING THE POSTING OF LEGAL NOTICES ON MUNICIPAL INTERNET WEB SITES.	Proposed Bill		18-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PD	
SB00255	AN ACT CONCERNING THE NEW BRITAIN-HARTFORD BUSWAY.	Proposed Bill		18-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA	
SJ00008	RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION LIMITING THE USE OF MONEYS IN THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND.	Proposed Bill		13-Jan-2017 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRA	