



CRCOG Weekly Legislative Report

2017 Legislative Session

May 11, 2017

Weekly Legislative Feature Issues:

After last week's deficit mitigation plan, Governor Malloy set the tone for the rest of the legislative session on Monday when he released a revised budget proposal that is designed to address falling state income tax revenues for the upcoming biennium. The next day, the legislative Democrats and Republicans released their own alternative plans. While the House and the Senate convened for session on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, the Governor and the legislative leaders of the two parties met to begin negotiations on a revised budget package with just three weeks remaining in the legislative session.

While the budget drama continued to drive the agenda, the General Assembly worked diligently through a number of bills with several of them achieving final passage. Given the current time constraints and the ever-developing budget, the next three weeks of session will be particularly interesting.

2017 Legislative Session in the News:

Malloy would cut local aid deeply to offset eroding CT tax receipts

On Monday, May 15, 2017, Governor Malloy released a revised budget proposal that recommended more than \$700 million in cuts to municipal aid to help compensate for a \$1.5 billion projected decline in state income tax revenue over the upcoming biennium. In addition to this recommendation, the governor suggested the addition of about \$80 million in annual tax hikes to the \$600 million in new yearly revenue he recommended in February with the release of his original budget proposal, which would be realized through the boosting of the real estate conveyance tax. Moreover, the revised budget package maintained the controversial provision that exposes nonprofit hospitals real property to local taxation and hold stick municipalities accountable for a significant portion of teachers' pension costs. Additionally, the Malloy's proposal gives Hartford a \$50 million increase next fiscal year, while more than 30 communities would lose all state education aid. Lastly, this proposal will continue the trend in recent years of cutting the social services safety net. The governor was clear that tough decisions will need to be made to bring Connecticut forward.

[CT Mirror: Malloy would cut local aid deeply to offset eroding CT tax receipts 5-15-2017.](#)

GOP asks far more of labor to offset eroding CT tax receipts

On Tuesday, May 16, 2017, the House and Senate Republicans released separate alternative budget proposals. They both called for Governor Malloy to get an extra \$650 million in concessions from state

employee unions to help solve the growing budget crisis, which would mean that the unions were conceding nearly \$2.2 billion up from \$1.57 billion. Additionally, the two Republican caucuses sought to counter eroding state income tax receipts that have dramatically worsened already formidable deficits in the next two-year budget.

The House Republicans recommended:

- Eliminating a sales tax revenue-sharing program with cities and towns;
- Dramatically reducing the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for the working poor;
- Capping state borrowing.

The Senate Republicans recommended:

- Sweeping \$160 million annually in surcharges from consumer electric bills to support the General Fund. These payments normally support energy conservation and efficiency programs.
- Cutting about \$20 million per year from magnet schools.

Both caucuses acknowledged that Tuesday's release of alternative budget proposals was a starting point in negotiating a revised balanced budget for the upcoming biennium.

[CT Mirror: GOP asks for more of labor to offset eroding CT tax receipts 5-16-2017.](#)

Dems Look to Marijuana, Gaming & Tolls to Fill Budget Hole; GOP Wants More Labor Savings

On Tuesday, May 16, 2017, the legislative Democratic leaders released a joint budget proposal that legalizes marijuana, expands casino gambling, creates a paid Family and Medical Leave system, and reduces funding for Connecticut clean election system. The Democratic plan would spend \$300 million more in the first fiscal year and \$200 million more in the second than Governor Malloy's revised budget plan. It is noteworthy that the Democrats are not asking municipalities to pay \$400 million to cover part of teachers' pension liabilities, but it does cut \$200 million in unspecified municipal aid and forces municipalities to find \$100 million in regional efficiencies. In achieving \$4.6 million per year, non-union state employees would be required to take three furlough days each year. The Board of Regents saw a \$50 million cut. The plan also calls for the closure of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, the Southbury Training School, and another prison.

Meanwhile, the Republicans rely heavily on changes to the state's relationship for labor savings. The House Republican proposal caps bonding at \$1.3 billion, stops the shifting of a portion of the sales tax revenue into the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account, among other structural changes. The Senate Republican plan looks to save \$958.1 million in labor savings in FY18 and \$405 million in labor savings in FY19.

[CT NewsJunkie: Dems Look to Marijuana, Gaming & Tolls to Fill Budget Hole: GOP Wants More Labor Savings 5-16-2017.](#)

Tri-partisan budget talks set CT budget framework

On Wednesday, May 17, 2017, a 90 minute closed-door budget negotiation session between Governor Malloy and the legislature’s Democrats and Republicans ended with the legislative leaders acknowledging that there’s a long way to go before they reach a compromise agreement for the upcoming biennial budget.

Governor Malloy remarked, “I think it was a useful meeting to have the leadership of the Legislature and myself sit down and talk about what are big issues.

Speaker of the House Joe Aresimowicz, a democrat, commented, “ I think it was a good session, we look forward to having more in the comings weeks.”

House Minority Leader, Themis Klarides was less optimistic. She said of Malloy, “He loves to use that 85 percent number and he knows how I feel about that.”

Senate Republican Leader Len Fasano, followed up, “And I don’t think we’re at 85 percent.”

[CT Post: Tri-partisan budget talks set CT budget framework 5-17-2017.](#)

Tracked Bills:

Bill	Title	Priority	Comment	History	Misc
HB07175	AN ACT CONCERNING THE TESTING OF NATURAL GRAVEL AGGREGATES FOR THE PRESENCE OF PYRRHOTITE.	1		15-May-2017 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APP 15-May-2017 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR	File#: 395Hse Cal#: 290
SB00002	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE EQUITABLE EDUCATION COST-SHARING GRANT FORMULA.	1		11-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 11-Apr-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 273	File#: 517Sen Cal#: 273
SB00905	AN ACT CONCERNING FAILING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS.	1		04-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 04-Apr-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 218	File#: 413Sen Cal#: 218
HJ00041	RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION LIMITING THE USE OF MONEYS IN THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND.	2		10-Apr-2017 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON GAE 10-Apr-2017 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR	File#: 297Hse Cal#: 227
HJ00100	RESOLUTION APPROVING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROTECT TRANSPORTATION FUNDS.	2		11-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 11-Apr-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 356	File#: 516Hse Cal#: 356
SJ00005	RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND.	2		29-Mar-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 29-Mar-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 165	File#: 311Sen Cal#: 165
HB05278	AN ACT CONCERNING PAID SICK LEAVE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCHERS AND CALL RECEIVING OPERATORS.	3		10-May-2017 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APP 16-Mar-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER	File#: 65Hse Cal#: 77

HB05298	AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND PATIENTS DURING EMERGENCIES.	3		29-Mar-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 29-Mar-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 208	File#: 278Hse Cal#: 208
HB05445	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESERVE BALANCES.	3		10-May-2017 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APP 11-Apr-2017 FILED WITH LCO	File#: 250Hse Cal#: 190
HB05554	AN ACT CONCERNING THE POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL POLITICAL BODIES.	3		25-Apr-2017 RPTD. OUT OF LCO 25-Apr-2017 FILED WITH LCO	File#: 488Hse Cal#: 329
HB05592	AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCING OF MUNICIPAL ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICTS.	3		12-May-2017 MOTION FAILED JF 10-May-2017 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APP	File#: 489Hse Cal#: 330
HB05755	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES' LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN.	3		22-Mar-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 22-Mar-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 110	File#: 115Hse Cal#: 110
HB06051	AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE HARTFORD-NEW BRITAIN BUSWAY.	3		04-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 04-Apr-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 281	File#: 386Hse Cal#: 281
HB06221	AN ACT CONCERNING RECOVERY OF PAYMENTS FROM COLLATERAL SOURCES BY A MUNICIPALITY WITH A SELF-INSURED HEALTH PLAN.	3		12-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 12-Apr-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 359	File#: 544Hse Cal#: 359
HB06356	AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC NOTICE OF TREE REMOVAL ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY.	3		12-May-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 12-May-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 452	File#: 756File#: 45Hse Cal#: 63Sen Cal#: 452
HB06482	AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT TRAUMA ADVISORY COMMITTEE.	3		04-May-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 04-May-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 405	File#: 718File#: 581Hse Cal#: 383Sen Cal#: 405
HB06675	AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL OPTION FOR PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS FOR ARTS AND CULTURE.	3		11-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 11-Apr-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 338	File#: 497Hse Cal#: 338
HB06941	AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL GRANT PORTAL.	3		21-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 21-Apr-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 374	File#: 500Hse Cal#: 341Sen Cal#: 374
HB06948	AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.	3		09-May-2017 RPTD. OUT OF LCO 09-May-2017 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON FIN	File#: 501Hse Cal#: 342
HB07034	AN ACT TRANSFORMING THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.	3		25-Apr-2017 RPTD. OUT OF LCO 25-Apr-2017 FILED WITH LCO	File#: 502Hse Cal#: 343
HB07035	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION.	3		11-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 11-Apr-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 344	File#: 503Hse Cal#: 344

HB07050	AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW BOARD AND DESIGNATED TIERS.	3		15-May-2017 FILE NO. 764 15-May-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER	File#: 764Hse Cal#: 509
HB07138	AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND PLANNING.	3		05-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 05-Apr-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 303	File#: 430Hse Cal#: 303
HB07218	AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.	3		09-May-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 09-May-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 494	File#: 733Hse Cal#: 494
HB07219	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT.	3		27-Mar-2017 RPTD. OUT OF LCO 27-Mar-2017 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM.ON FIN	
HB07269	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL REGULATION.	3		12-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 12-Apr-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 369	File#: 554Hse Cal#: 369
HB07275	AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT.	3		12-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 12-Apr-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 372	File#: 557Hse Cal#: 372
HB07276	AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION MANDATE RELIEF.	3		11-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 11-Apr-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 352	File#: 512Hse Cal#: 352
HB07278	AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND.	3		13-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 13-Apr-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 400	File#: 598Hse Cal#: 400
HB07294	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FINANCE.	3		11-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 11-Apr-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 354	File#: 514Hse Cal#: 354
HB07296	AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF UNFUNDED ACCRUED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM LIABILITIES BY MUNICIPALITIES.	3		11-May-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 11-May-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 441	File#: 754File#: 560Hse Cal#: 373Sen Cal#: 441
HB07317	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TOLL DISCOUNT PLAN FOR MOTORISTS RESIDING IN THE STATE.	3		10-May-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 10-May-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 500	File#: 743Hse Cal#: 500
SB00076	AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A MILEAGE TAX STUDY WITH STATE FUNDS.	3		04-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 04-Apr-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 221	File#: 399Sen Cal#: 221
SB00501	AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNELS FOR INTERSTATE ROUTES 84 AND 91 IN THE HARTFORD REGION.	3		17-May-2017 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON FIN 04-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.	File#: 403Sen Cal#: 224
SB00655	AN ACT INCREASING FEES REMITTED TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR MOVING VIOLATIONS.	3		05-May-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 05-May-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 469	File#: 338Hse Cal#: 469Sen Cal#: 187

SB00786	AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION MANDATE RELIEF AND THE TRANSPARENCY OF ENDOWED ACADEMIES.	3		11-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 11-Apr-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 274	File#: 525Sen Cal#: 274
SB00788	AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES.	3		15-May-2017 FILE NO. 760 15-May-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.	File#: 760Sen Cal#: 463
SB00805	AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION ISSUES.	3		03-May-2017 MOVED TO FOOT OF CAL., SENATE 04-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.	File#: 407Sen Cal#: 225
SB00806	AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CRUMBLING FOUNDATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND ASSISTING HOMEOWNERS WITH CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS.	3		17-May-2017 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A 683217-May-2017 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON FIN	File#: 301Sen Cal#: 174
SB00885	AN ACT CONCERNING RECOVERY OF PAYMENTS FROM COLLATERAL SOURCES BY A MUNICIPALITY WITH A SELF-INSURED HEALTH PLAN.	3		25-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 25-Apr-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 388	File#: 709Sen Cal#: 388
SB00907	AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF A THREE-YEAR ROLLING AVERAGE IN THE CALCULATION OF SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT REIMBURSEMENT PERCENTAGES.	3		12-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 12-Apr-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 299	File#: 564Sen Cal#: 299
SB00922	AN ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY HEALTH CARE STRUCTURES.	3		17-May-2017 SENATE PASSED 17-May-2017 ON CONSENT CALENDAR	File#: 529Sen Cal#: 293
SB00923	AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSSESSIONS OF DECEASED TENANTS.	3		17-May-2017 SENATE PASSED 17-May-2017 ON CONSENT CALENDAR	File#: 372Sen Cal#: 202
SB00941	AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING REVISIONS TO LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PLANS.	3		13-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 13-Apr-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 335	File#: 616Sen Cal#: 335
SB01026	AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.	3		05-May-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER 05-May-2017 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 489	File#: 540Hse Cal#: 489Sen Cal#: 284
SB01033	AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL FORECLOSURE ACTIONS ON TAX LIENS AND LIENS ON BLIGHTED REAL ESTATE.	3		17-May-2017 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON JUD 12-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.	File#: 572Sen Cal#: 309
SB01035	AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES.	3		11-Apr-2017 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN. 11-Apr-2017 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 288	File#: 541Sen Cal#: 288
SB01036	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF MUNICIPAL TAXES ON CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS.	3		08-May-2017 MOTION FAILED JF 03-May-2017 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APP	File#: 573Sen Cal#: 310
HB06608	AN ACT EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR REQUIRING CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO WAIVE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS FROM A HOUSING AUTHORITY.	4		10-May-2017 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APP 23-Mar-2017 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDER	File#: 176Hse Cal#: 145

