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The Connecticut General Assembly convened for the 2018 Legislative Session on February 7, 2018. The session will run through Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

After releasing his proposed budget on Monday and previously sharing his plan to shore up the state's Special Transportation Fund, Governor Malloy chose to break with tradition and focus his remarks exclusively on substantive policy proposals

under the umbrella term of “Connecticut Fairness.” Some highlights were:

- Preserving the most vital elements of the Affordable Care Act – including the individual mandate.
- Improving our paid sick leave laws.
- Mandating that by the year 2030, 75 percent of Connecticut energy is clean energy.
- Taking action to build more housing and incentivizing cities and towns to develop more inclusive options for their residents.
- Improving CT’s “second chance society” laws and ensuring that young adults who have not fully matured are not branded for the rest of their lives for mistakes they made when they were young.
- Raising Connecticut’s minimum wage.
- Providing a livable wage and workers compensation coverage for domestic workers.

The General Assembly has begun developing their own biennial budget adjustments proposal to address a projected \$244 million deficit for the current fiscal year and a \$165 million shortfall for FY19. This will remain the primary issue as the state’s leaders work to solve a difficult fiscal situation. The Appropriations Committee will begin hearings and deliberations in the coming days.

We will continue to provide you with daily updates on bills that we have marked for your review. In the even numbered years, individual legislators are limited to introducing budget-related bills while the legislative committees may raise bills on any subject. Some bills will have public hearings and others will die by lack of action. As we move through the session, we will continue to monitor all bills and update you with any pertinent information.

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