

Eastern Highlands Health District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Agenda
1712 Main Street, Coventry
Town Hall Annex
Thursday June 20, 2024, 4:30 PM*

Call to Order

Award Presentation – M. Deborah Walsh

Approval of Minutes (April 18, 2024)

Public Comments

Old Business - none

New Business

1. EHHD and Town of Tolland Employee Wellness Service Agreement - Authorization

Town Reports

Subcommittee Reports

2. Executive Committee – Appointment of Auditor
3. Finance Committee – Financial Report for period ending 3/31/24

Directors Report

4. Strategic Planning Update (no attachment)
5. Power Point Presentation – EHHD Scope of Services - updated
6. CADH - Legislative Session Bill Tracking report
7. CT Paid Leave Act
8. Home Water Treatment Waste Water Disposal System policy modification
9. EHHD Quarterly Activity Report – 1/1/24 to 3/31/2024
10. EHHD Staffing Update (no attachment)

Communications/other

11. CT DPH re: Evaluations for Existing Active Radon Mitigation Systems in Schools
12. US EPA re: Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Program
13. CDC re: Bridge Access Program Ending
14. KFF Health re: Four Ways Vaccine Sceptics mislead you on measles, more
15. DataHaven Press release re: "Answering the Call to Improve Your Community"
16. CT DOE/DPH re: Measles
17. Patch re: PFAS- What the Latest Data Shows About CT's Water
18. CT DPH re: EPA National Primary Drinking Water Rules for PFAS
19. CT DPH re: Reports TB cases in CT stable despite 16% increase nationally
20. CT Mirror re: State eyes easier access to methadone treatment

Other business

Adjournment

Next Board Meeting – August 15, 2024, 4:30 PM

***Virtual Meeting Option**

In accordance with PA 21-2 §149, meeting participants may also attend virtually. Please email mbrosseau@ehhd.org or call 860-429-3325 by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting to receive instructions for how to view, listen, or comment live. A video recording of the meeting will be available at EHHD.ORG within seven (7) days after the meeting.

Public comment will be accepted by email at mbrosseau@ehhd.org or by USPS mail at 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268 and must be received by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting to be shared at the meeting (public comment received after the meeting will be shared at the next meeting).

Eastern Highlands Health District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Members present: E. Anderson (Andover), R. Aylesworth (Mansfield - Virtual), M. Capriola (Mansfield – Virtual), J. Elsesser (Coventry), B. Foley (Tolland - Virtual), C. Silver-Smith (Ashford – Virtual), D. Walsh (Coventry), M. Walter (Columbia - Virtual)

Staff present: Director of Health R. Miller, Director of Finance A. Backhaus (Virtual), Medical Advisor Dr. K. Dardick, Office Manager M. Brosseau

J. Elsesser called the meeting to order at 4:34pm

Minutes

E. Anderson made a MOTION, seconded by M. Capriola to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2024 meeting as presented. MOTION PASSED with C. Silver-Smith abstaining.

Public Comments

Outreach was done per Executive order. No comments were received.

Strategic Planning – Process and Timeline to Update Plan

R. Miller outlined the rationale for updating the plan and the timeline.

J. Elsesser requested that R. Miller send out an email inviting Board members to participate in the strategic planning committee.

E. Anderson made a MOTION, seconded by D. Walsh to establish the Eastern Highlands Health District Strategic Planning Committee. Such members can be appointed by the Board Chair in consultation with the Director of Health, and may comprise board members, staff, or other interested parties. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

M. Walter joined the meeting

Finance Committee – Financial Report period ending 12/31/23

R. Miller presented an overview of the financial report for the period ending 12/31/2023 and noted the salient features.

E. Anderson made a Motion, seconded by R. Aylesworth to accept the financial report as presented. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Medical Advisor Report

Dr. Dardick reported there is nothing unusual in the community and noted the following:

- Ticks are out
- Respiratory infections are declining but still around
- Allergies are increasing

Dr. Dardick relayed an anecdote about a lead poisoning case that was difficult to determine the source of the lead. R. Miller noted that with the lowering of the blood level thresholds that trigger action by the

health department, staff is engaged with more cases and the exposure path is not always obvious during the investigative process.

J. Elsesser initiated discussion about the involvement of EHHD with the PFAS issue.

Town Reports

Tolland B. Foley reported on the sodium chloride issue of concern in Tolland. He expressed thanks to EHHD for their involvement.

Mansfield R. Aylesworth reported that Mansfield is in the final stages of getting approval for the new drinking water treatment system for the elementary school

Ashford C. Silver-Smith reported that they are making progress on the issues at the Senior Center. She expressed thanks to Lynette for her support.

Andover E. Anderson reported that the Community Center/Senior Center is nearing completion. E. Anderson informed the board that with e-bikes will be purchased for the community to use. Funds are from a DOT micro grant.

Coventry D. Walsh informed the board that Lakeview Restaurant is open. J. Elsesser reported that the study on the sewer treatment plant has been completed. The results are that the town will build a new system rather than tie into Willimantic. In addition, slow progress is being made on extending into the Bolton sewer system. J. Elsesser noted that a water tower will be built. This will provide extra water to the other side of the lake and allow hydrants to be installed in the village area. J. Elsesser informed the board that there are salt & well issues in Coventry as well. R. Miller noted that a public meeting was held to present information from a consultant study. There is a schedule in place for the project to extend the waterline.

D. Walsh inquired about remediation being done at the former "Dip & Strip". J. Elsesser addressed concerns.

Columbia M. Walter reported that the Hunt Road culvert project is completed. M. Walter informed the board on a recent random test from OSHA where there were multiple items. M. Walter recommended that towns invite OSHA in for a voluntary consultation, if violations are found, there will be fines.

Directors Report

Auditor Appointment

R. Miller informed the board that the auditor appointment will be delayed. The town of Mansfield is going out to bid for an auditor. Once the town chooses an auditor, the executive committee will need to reconvene on the issue.

CADH Legislative Session Report

R. Miller reported that CADH submitted testimony to increase the per capita grant.

R. Miller reported that the CADH is proposing modifications to the bill that makes private well data confidential. CADH has support from Senator Gordon and Representative Nuccio. Either an amendment to the floor this session or a separate bill next session will be introduced.

Sodium Chloride groundwater contamination letter to residents & other mitigation activities – update

R. Miller noted that a letter was sent to 150 residents informing them of the new electronic reporting system for homeowners to report damage caused by sodium chloride.

As part of efforts to educate the public, the workflow for reviewing water treatment wastewater systems by EHHD will be modified. A recent water test will be required with the submission of the application. This will be reviewed to determine if the water quality supports the system being installed. If it does not, educational material on water treatment options will be sent. In addition, the EHHD website will be upgraded to include additional educational materials.

Cosmetology Program Implementation Update – Second report

R. Miller provided an update on the cosmetology program. He noted that the second annual permitting cycle has been completed. 81 of 85 businesses are in complete compliance. The 4 that are not have timelines established to come into compliance.

R. Miller noted that the program is reasonably well received. No changes in the program are recommended at this time.

Health District Staffing Update- Job opening

R. Miller updated that board on the Public Health Nurse vacancy. Interviews will be held next week with anticipation of hiring someone within the next month.

Quarterly Activity Reports – 12/31/23

R. Miller reported that the Community Health and Wellness program has coordinated 3 harm reduction events. Additional grant money is expected from North Central District Health Department to allow EHHD to continue providing these events.

Communications

J. Elsesser initiated discussion about food contaminant issues seeming to be on the rise.

Adjournment

D. Walsh made a MOTION, seconded by E. Anderson to adjourn the regular meeting at 5:42 pm. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Next Board Meeting – June 20, 2024, 4:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Miller
Secretary




Eastern Highlands Health District

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Memo

To: Board of Directors
From: Robert Miller, Director of Health 
Date: 6/14/2024
Re: Tolland Employee Wellness – FY24/25 Contract

As you may recall, the Board in past years has authorized an agreement for the Health District to provide employee wellness services to the Town of Tolland employees (This agreement does not include the BOE). In this regard, attached for your information is the following document:

- Agreement between the Health District and Town of Tolland extending employee wellness program services to June 2024

Funding for this program is provided entirely by the Town of Tolland. The total amount paid by Tolland is \$7,870. There is no cost to the Health District, nor an adverse impact to existing programs and services. The presence of this program within our scope of services continues to benefit the health district with improved grant competitiveness, and an improved wellness programming presence in the community.

I respectfully recommend the Board authorize the execution of this agreement between the Town of Tolland and the Health District to provide employee wellness services.

Recommended Motion: Move, to authorize the Director of Health to execute the Town of Tolland/Eastern Highlands Health District Employee Wellness Service Agreement, as presented June 20, 2024.

Town of Tolland/ Eastern Highlands Health District Employee Wellness Service Agreement

This agreement is made this day of June, 2024 by and between the Eastern Highlands Health District (hereinafter the “DISTRICT”) and the Town of Tolland (hereinafter the “TOWN”) witness that:

Whereas the TOWN requires localized wellness services for employees and spouses and desires to retain the services of the Eastern Highlands Health District; and

Whereas the DISTRICT desires to provide such services to the TOWN for compensation and in accordance with the terms herein specified.

Now, therefore, the parties do mutually agree as follows:

1. The DISTRICT shall provide and/or coordinate in accordance with the terms herein, professional wellness services for the TOWN. Services to be provided and/or coordinated include:
 - Rewards kick-off event and quarterly on site wellness seminars, programs, and promotions targeting all town employees through Tolland Town Hall worksite location.
 - Coordination, implementation, promotion on on-line surveys (behavior & interest) for all town employees.
 - Report of survey results and analysis after receiving a minimum of 20 surveys completed by employees or at the request of the Tolland Director of Administrative Services.
 - Quarterly employee wellness e-newsletter.
 - Employee Wellness Web site with resources, tools and general information on health & wellness.
 - Personal nutrition consultations and assessments when requested by employees
 - Promotion and tracking of incentive programs for employee and spouse participation in wellness programs
 - On-site biometric screening event once during contract year
 - Other services as mutually agreed upon
2. The TOWN agrees to pay as full and complete compensation for these services for the term of this agreement the total amount of \$7,870.
3. The TOWN agrees to provide internal email address for Be Well program, and provide collaborative support for wellness programming, and on-site events.
4. The TOWN acknowledges that the DISTRICT has other Health Education Program obligations and the days and times that the DISTRICT performs work in service to the TOWN will, within reason, be flexible to allow for attending to the needs of the DISTRICT.
5. The TOWN agrees to hold the DISTRICT and any of the Health District’s officers, agents or employees harmless from any liability (including reasonable attorney’s fees and all costs) for any and all damages to persons and property resulting from the actions of the TOWN, unless such damages are caused by, or are the result of the misconduct of the Health District or any of the Health District’s officers, agents or employees.

6. The DISTRICT agrees to hold the TOWN and any of the Towns officers, agents or employees harmless from any liability (including reasonable attorney's fees and all costs) for any and all damages to persons and property resulting from the actions of the DISTRICT, unless such damages are caused by, or are the result of, the misconduct of the TOWN or any of the Town's officers, agents or employees.
7. The TOWN and DISTRICT also agree that:
 - a. The term of this Agreement shall be from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025;
 - b. This agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties for such periods to which the parties mutually consent;
 - c. This agreement may be terminated by either party. Such termination must be provided in writing 90 days in advance.
 - d. This agreement shall not be altered, changed or amended except for formal written amendment duly executed by both parties hereto. The performance by either party of its obligations under this Agreement shall not operate in any way as a waiver of non-compliance or breach by the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said TOWN OF TOLLAND, and the EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT have executed this Contract as of the date first above written:

Date
Tolland Town Manager

Date
Robert L. Miller
Director of Health



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To: Eastern Highland Health District – Executive Committee
From: Amanda L. Backhaus, CPA, Director of Finance
Date: May 8, 2024
Re: Appointment of Auditor to Conduct Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2023/24

Subject Matter/Background

Section 7-396 and 4-232 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, requires that each audited agency annually designate an independent public accounting firm to audit the books and accounts of that government. Services were put out to bid out in 2016/17 with the award going to CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (“CLA”) who have performed the annual audit for EHHD since.

A request for proposals for auditing services was released on Thursday April 4 requesting audit pricing for the Town, Regional School District 19, and Eastern Highland Health District for FY23/24 and two subsequent years. This was posted publicly on the Town’s website as well as emailed directly to the five audit firms who perform the highest percentage of municipal audits. Two firms submitted questions which were published publically on April 18. Bids were due on Thursday May 2 at 2:00 pm.

The following bids were received for audit services:

Firm	Year 1 (FY24)	Year 2 (FY25)	Year 3 (FY26)
CLA	\$139,400	\$144,900	\$150,700

Financial Impact

Funds are included in the proposed 24/25 budget to cover the audit fees of \$12,730. EHHD’s portion of the proposal was \$11,550. Additional funds to coverage the overage will be identified during FY2025.

Recommendation

The following motion is in order:

Move, effective May 23, 2024 to appoint CliftonLarsonAllen LLP as the auditing firm for Eastern Highland Health District for the Fiscal Year 2023/24 (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024).

EHHD Executive Committee

May 23, 2024

Special Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Via Zoom

Meeting call to order at 4:30pm.

Present: J Elsesser, Mark Walter, E Anderson

Staff present: R Miller, A Backhaus

E Anderson MOVED, M Walter seconded to approve the May 25, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion PASSED unanimously.

M Walter MOVED, E Anderson seconded to appointment CliftonLarsonAllen LLP as the auditing firm for the Eastern Highlands Health District for the Fiscal Year 2023/24. E Anderson friendly amendment: note the auditing fee of \$12,730. M Walter accepted the amendment. With amendment, motion PASSED unanimously.

E Anderson MOVED, M Walter seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion PASSED unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Miller

Secretary

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONPlease complete this fillable form and return by e-mail attachment to OPM.mfsforms@ct.gov

Entity Name: Eastern Highlands Health District

Entity Address: 4 South Eagleville Road
Storrs, CT 06268

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN): 06-1498232

Chief Fiscal Officer: Amanda L. Backhaus

Executive Director/CEO: Robert L. Miller

Telephone (w/ area code): 860-429-3325 **Email Address:** backhaus@mansfieldct.org

The following information is furnished in compliance with CT General Statutes 7-396 and/or 4-232

Audit Firm Name: CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Audit Firm Address: 29 South Main St. 4th Floor
West Hartford, CT 06017

State of CT CPA Firm Permit: CPAP.0005530 **Audit Firm FEIN:** 41-0746749

Contact Person: Vanessa Rossitto **Title:** Principal

Telephone (w/ area code): 860-561-6824 **Email Address:** vanessa.rossitto@claonnect.com

Fiscal Period of Audit: **From:** 7/1/2023 **To:** 6/30/2024
(beginning of fiscal year) (end of fiscal year)

Note: C.G.S. 7-396 and 4-232 require this form to be submitted on an annual basis no later than 30 days prior to the fiscal year end of the entity to be audited. This form will not be accepted without a complete and accurate federal employer identification number of the entity and its auditor.

Eastern Highlands Health District
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
March 31, 2024
(with comparative totals for March 31, 2023)

	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Percent of Amended		
	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenues					
Member Town Contributions	\$ 463,210	\$ 463,210	\$ 347,395	75.0%	\$ 341,916
State Grants	207,210	207,210	207,210	100.0%	206,500
Septic Permits	47,880	47,880	35,707	74.6%	41,760
Well Permits	12,090	12,090	9,925	82.1%	12,000
Soil Testing Service	43,050	43,050	29,660	68.9%	24,810
Food Protection Service	83,500	83,500	61,174	73.3%	65,126
B100a Reviews	20,710	20,710	17,560	84.8%	19,000
Septic Plan Reviews	30,280	30,280	22,905	75.6%	26,915
Other Health Services	4,700	4,700	1,835	39.0%	1,821
Cosm Insp	5,500	5,500	6,650	120.9%	6,575
Vaccine Adm	8,500	8,500	-	0.0%	-
Appropriation of Fund Balance	49,944	65,319	-	0.0%	-
Total Revenues	<u>976,574</u>	<u>991,949</u>	<u>740,021</u>	<u>74.6%</u>	<u>746,423</u>
Expenditures					
Salaries & Wages	666,723	680,693	458,881	67.4%	452,120
Grant Deductions	(63,088)	(63,088)	(77,363)	122.6%	(65,558)
Benefits	237,875	239,280	132,351	55.3%	154,842
Miscellaneous Benefits	14,130	14,130	5,391	38.2%	7,422
Insurance	15,050	15,050	15,390	102.3%	14,001
Professional & Technical Services	21,845	21,845	19,963	91.4%	19,338
Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	2,500	2,500	6,167	246.7%	4,580
Health Reg*Admin Overhead	33,890	33,890	25,418	75.0%	23,490
Other Purchased Services	31,049	31,049	27,807	89.6%	28,869
Other Supplies	10,000	10,000	3,406	34.1%	3,978
Equipment - Minor	3,600	3,600	2,662	73.9%	2,122
Total Expenditures	<u>973,574</u>	<u>988,949</u>	<u>620,072</u>	<u>62.7%</u>	<u>645,205</u>
Operating Transfers					
Transfer to CNR Fund	3,000	3,000	-	0.0%	125,000
Total Exp & Oper Trans	<u>976,574</u>	<u>991,949</u>	<u>620,072</u>	<u>62.5%</u>	<u>770,205</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	-	-	119,949		(23,782)
Fund Balance, July 1	601,782	601,782	601,782		675,309
Fund Balance plus Cont. Capital, Mar.31	<u>\$ 601,782</u>	<u>\$ 601,782</u>	<u>\$ 721,731</u>		<u>\$ 651,527</u>

Eastern Highlands Health District
General Fund
Balance Sheet
March 31, 2024
(with comparative totals for March 31, 2023)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 721,731	\$ 651,748
Accounts Receivable	-	-
	<u>721,731</u>	<u>651,748</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>721,731</u></u>	<u><u>651,748</u></u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	-	221
	<u>-</u>	<u>221</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>221</u>
Fund Balance	<u>721,731</u>	<u>651,527</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 721,731</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 651,748</u></u>

Eastern Highlands Health District
Capital Non-Recurring Fund
Balance Sheet
March 31, 2024
(with comparative totals for March 31, 2023)


	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>221,817</u>	\$ <u>207,195</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>221,817</u></u>	<u><u>207,195</u></u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance	<u>221,817</u>	<u>207,195</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ <u><u>221,817</u></u>	\$ <u><u>207,195</u></u>

**Eastern Highlands Health District
Capital Non-Recurring Fund
Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance**

March 31, 2024

(with comparative totals for March 31, 2023)


	2024	2023
Revenues		
General Fund	\$ 5,372	\$ 125,000
Total Revenues	5,372	125,000
Operating Transfers		
General Fund	-	-
Total Operating Transfers	-	-
Total Rev & Oper Trans	5,372	125,000
Expenditures		
Professional & Technical Services	-	-
Vehicles	-	47,917
Office Equipment	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	47,917
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues	5,372	77,083
Fund Balance, July 1	216,445	130,112
Fund Balance plus Cont. Capital, Mar. 31	\$ 221,817	\$ 207,195



Eastern Highlands Health District

Eastern Highlands Health District Programs and Services

**Using the 10 Essential Local Public
Health Services Framework**



Eastern Highlands Health District

Vision
Healthy people, healthy communities...healthier future


Mission
EHHD is committed to enhancing the quality of life in its communities through the prevention of illness, promotion of wellness and protection of our human environment

Ten Essential Local Public Health Services (CGS 19a-207a)

1. **Monitor** health status to identify and solve community health problems
2. **Investigating** and diagnosing health problems and health hazards in the community concerning health issues
3. **Informing**, educating and empowering persons in the community concerning health issues
4. **Mobilizing** community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems for persons in the community
5. **Developing** policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
6. **Enforcing** laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety
7. **Connecting** persons in the community to needed health care services when appropriate
8. **Assuring** a competent public health and personal care workforce
9. **Evaluating** effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based health services
10. **Researching** to find innovative solutions to health problems

Essential Service #1 - **Monitor** health status to identify and solve community health problems

- Regular review of health district public health data provided by local, state, federal, and non-governmental agencies
- Participated in HHC and ECHN community health needs assessment
- Corresponding Community Health Improvement Plans



Essential Service #2 - Investigating and diagnosing health problems and health hazards in the community concerning health issues

- **Complaint investigation program**
 - 140 – 180 complaints annually
 - Laboratory services
 - Provide 365/24/7 emergency response services (5 to 10 incidents annually)
- **Special Environmental Monitoring Projects**
 - Landfills, Road Salt, Farms, VOC's
- **Respond to school and town PH concerns, providing consultation, and subject matter expertise.**
 - IAQ, radon, lead, construction projects, regional water supply planning, individual water supplies, wastewater disposal, risk communication



Essential Service #2 - Investigating and diagnosing health problems and health hazards in the community concerning health issues

- **Communicable Disease Surveillance and Control**
 - 900 to 1200 case reports reviewed annually for over 70 reportable diseases
 - 20 to 30 cases interviewed/investigated annually
 - 6 to 12 outbreaks investigated annually
 - Controls implemented when necessary, e.g. restaurant closure, daycare and food worker exclusions, isolation and quarantine
- **Bathing Water Quality Monitoring Program**
 - weekly sampling from 26 locations during swimming season
 - 300 to 350 samples grabbed
 - 2-3 beach closures annually



Essential Service #3 - Informing, educating and empowering persons in the community concerning health issues

- **Media point of contact**
 - Press releases
 - Cable TV interviews
 - Local HAN
 - Social media FB, twitter, Instagram
 - Risk communication
- **Child hood Lead Protection Education**
 - 10 to 30 cases annually
 - Provide ed. material and consultation



Essential Service #3 - Informing, educating and empowering persons in the community concerning health issues

- **Ongoing Website topics, e.g. School initiatives tobacco free initiatives, sun safety, tick borne diseases, Asthma, Rabies, etc.**
- **EHHD responds to public's need for timely information, e.g. COVID-19, EEE, Ebola, Zika, seasonal Influenza, NaCl, Wild Fire Air Quality, Blue/Green Algae, localized responses**
- **Employee Wellness Program (contracted services)**
- **Hypertension prevention grant & Immunization grant**
- **Local Public Health resource and repository for a broad scope of educational material, and links to reference material, e.g. print, & electronic**



Essential Service #4 - Mobilizing community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems for persons in the community

- Leader and hub of local public health system, with established relationships with multiple community partners and stakeholders
- Convening school nurses for common interests
- Leveraging community partners to support hypertension prevention, and break barriers to vaccine uptake
- Convening schools, Towns, and other community stakeholders to support the local and regional response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Establishment of 200 volunteer strong EHHD MRC unit
- Substance Abuse in Our Communities Workgroup
 - Work group established (First responders, social services)
- Other community committees/groups
 - Early Childhood Committees
 - Health and Safety Committees
 - UConn SHS Infection prevention committee
 - LEPC's



Essential Service #5 - Developing policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts

- Review and comments on local codes, ordinances, policies, plans
 - P&Z, housing, septic pumping, facilities plan, Plan of C&D, relocation plans, public school health policies (TB, lice, ILI), school safety plans, tobacco free campus
- Public Health Advocacy to state, local leaders, boards, commissions, general public
 - CADH, CEHA
- Board of Directors
 - Strategic Planning
 - Annual budget
 - EHHD Sanitary Code adoption
 - Development and Adoption of Cosmetology Sanitary Code
- Lead Agency for Local Public Health Emergency Planning and Preparedness
 - Develop plans (pandemic, Anthrax, all Hazards), MRC, Local HAN, stockpiled supplies and equipment, staff/volunteer training



Essential Service #6 - Enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety

- Food Protection Regulations
 - 650 to 750 inspection annually
 - Licensing program for approximately 250 establishments
 - Temp event permitting
 - 160 - 200 permits issued annually
 - 100 to 150 temp vendor inspections annually
- Subsurface septic system program
 - 300 to 400 permits/plan reviews annually
 - 500 to 700 building permit reviews annually
 - 1000 to 1500 test pits/perc tests annually



Essential Service #6 - Enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety

- Well drilling permits
 - 100 to 200 permits issues annually
 - 80 to 120 site inspections annually
- Other mandated inspections (pools, group homes, daycares, camp grounds, cosmetology)
 - 120 to 150 annually
- Lead Protection Regulations
 - 4 to 6 inspections annually (approx 40 man hours/case)
 - 20 to 30 cases managed



Essential Service #6 - Enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety

- **Planning and Zoning Commission referrals**
 - 5 to 15 annually
- **Legal Orders Issued**
 - 4 to 8 annually
- **Special Projects**
 - town sewer projects, FOG, town/school building projects, others, community water expansion, Blue/Green Algae protocols, NaCl protocols
 - OpenGov online application, tracking, payments, complaints, updating FSE software



Essential Service #7 - Connecting persons in the community to needed health care services when appropriate

- Coordinate and host area flu and COVID1-9 clinics
- Promote and provide other community based health services when available, e.g. health screenings, dental clinics, wellness clinics
- Established relationships and maintain listing of area healthcare providers
- Link individuals to personal healthcare services
- Tick testing program
- Connect Latent TB cases to treatment, DOT
- Screen Migrants and make referrals
- Behavioral Health Training and support



Essential Service #8 - Assuring a competent public health and personal care workforce

- **Environmental Field Staff (Sanitarians)**
 - Certified Food Inspectors (CEUs required)
 - Certified Phase I & II subsurface sewage disposal
 - Qualified Lead Inspectors (CEUs required)
- Annual performance reviews/set performance goals
- Monthly staff meetings – standardization/training
- PHEP/MRC Exercises, drills, Trainings
- Professional development opportunities, e.g. customer service, code updates, best practices, de-escalation, etc.
- Workforce Development Plan



Essential Service #9 - Evaluating effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population-based health services

- Activity review of environmental health program areas
- Standardization of code enforcement/policy interpretation
- Evaluation protocols integrated in grant funded programs/initiatives
- Regulated Community Customer Service Survey
- OpenGov system measures



Essential Service #10 - Researching to find innovative solutions to health problems

- Support Public Health Research and development of evidence based best practices
 - PBRN/CADH
 - Plan4Health
 - Block grant objectives
 - Other research support
- Report/Present on experiences and practices at professional forums/events



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CADH - HIGH 5 Bills

SB199 - An Act Requiring Online Prevention Education For Electronic Nicotine Delivery System Dealer Registration.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. John A. Kissel (R);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Electronic nicotine delivery systems; Mental health and addiction services, department of;

Summary: To require the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish and administer, and the authorized owner of an applicant for an electronic nicotine delivery system dealer registration to successfully complete, an online prevention education program.

Complete History:

- 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW
- 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/29/24 12:00PM - GENERAL LAW
- 03/12/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
- 03/14/2024 FILED WITH LCO
- 03/19/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
- 03/26/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
- 03/26/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
- 03/26/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 101
- 03/26/2024 FILE NO. 114
- 05/06/2024 SENATE PASSED
- 05/06/2024 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17
- 05/07/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
- 05/07/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 492
- 05/08/2024 HOUSE PASSED
- 05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

Priority: CADH - High

SB222 - An Act Concerning Changes To The Paid Family And Medical Leave Statutes.

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. David T. Wilson (R); Rep. Maryam Khan (D); Rep. Kate Farrar (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Employees; Employers; Fraud; Paid family and medical leave program; Self-employment;

Summary: To (1) amend the provisions of the paid family and medical leave statutes relating to employer requirements, federally recognized tribes, concurrent payments, overpayments and penalties, and (2) make other minor and technical changes to the paid family and medical leave statutes.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/27/24 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

03/07/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/08/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/15/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/21/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/21/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/21/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 75

03/21/2024 FILE NO. 75

04/18/2024 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

04/18/2024 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. B

04/18/2024 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. C

04/18/2024 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. D

04/18/2024 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. E

04/18/2024 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

04/19/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/19/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 402

05/02/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/02/2024 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/02/2024 AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B

05/02/2024 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. C

05/02/2024 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/02/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

05/07/2024 PUBLIC ACT

05/08/2024 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE

05/08/2024 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR

05/09/2024 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Priority: CADH - High

SB343 - An Act Concerning Membership Of The Codes And Standards Committee And Battery-Charged Security Fences.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Codes and standards committee; Electric storage batteries; Electric vehicles; Fences; Parking facilities; State building code; State fire safety code; Swimming pools;

Summary: To (1) expand membership of the Codes and Standards Committee; (2) require revisions of the State Building Code within twenty-four, instead of eighteen, months of publication of revisions to the model code; (3) establish certain factors for consideration in adopting amendments to the State Building Code; (4) add a requirement for the fiscal note that must be completed for a proposed regulation; (5) require certain amendments to the State Building Code and Fire Safety Code related to residential occupancies served by a single exit stairway, construction of three-unit and four-unit residential buildings and gas detectors; (6) make various changes related to barriers around swimming pools; (7) impose certain requirements related to battery-charged security fences; and (8) prohibit parking electric vehicles in parking garages.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/7/24 10:30AM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

03/19/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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03/27/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/03/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 167

04/03/2024 FILE NO. 221

04/10/2024 SENATE PASSED

04/11/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/11/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 328

05/08/2024 HOUSE PASSED

05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

Priority: CADH - High

HB5236 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Consumer Protection's Recommendations Regarding Consumer Protection And Professional Licensing, Certification, Permitting And Registration.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Advertising; Appraisal management companies; Coal; Consumer contracts; Drinking water; Electronic pricing systems; Feed; Firewood; Health clubs; Home improvement contractors; Home improvement guaranty fund; Landscape architects; Mobile homes and mobile home parks; Packaging; Petroleum products; Professional licenses; Real estate appraisers; Refunds; Retail trade; Universal product coding; Weights and measures;

Summary: To: (1) Implement the Department of Consumer Protection's recommendations concerning (A) landscape architects, (B) home improvement contractors and salespersons, (C) the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund, (D) appraisal management companies, (E) mobile manufactured home parks, (F) applications for licenses, permits, certificates and registrations and payments for outstanding fees, (G) sales of consumer commodities, (H) the Uniform Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, (I) health clubs, contracts for health club services and the Connecticut Health Club Guaranty Fund, (J) well water, (K) unfair trade practices, (L) refund and exchange policies and practices, and (M) public weighmasters; (2) repeal various provisions concerning manufacturing, mixing, compounding, selling and offering for sale flour, white bread, rolls, corn meal, corn grits, macaroni and rice; and (3) make minor, technical and conforming changes to various statutes concerning (A) consumer protection, and (B) professional licensing, certification, permitting and registration.

Complete History: 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW
02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/27/24 12:00PM - GENERAL LAW
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03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **99**
03/25/2024 FILE NO. 103
04/02/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON BANKING
04/05/2024 Joint Favorable
04/05/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/05/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/05/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON BANKING
04/05/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
05/06/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. **A**
05/06/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. **A**
05/06/2024 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17
05/06/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/06/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **465**
05/08/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. **A**
05/08/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. **A**
05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

Priority: CADH - High

HB5290 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Travis Simms (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Ambulances; Anesthesia; Aquifers; Asbestos; Birth certificates; Cremation; Crematories; Dentists; Emergency medical technicians; Epinephrine; Grocery stores; Health care providers; Licenses; Medicine; Municipal health directors; Permits; Planning and zoning commissions; Public health, department of; Registrars of vital statistics; Sanitarians; School health services; Subsurface sewage disposal systems; Water companies; Water treatment facilities; Wells;

Summary: To implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations regarding various revisions to the public health statutes.

Complete History: 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
02/26/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/1/24 1:00PM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/10/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **260**
04/10/2024 FILE NO. 404
04/25/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
04/29/2024 Joint Favorable

04/29/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/29/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/29/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON JUDICIARY
04/29/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
05/06/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/06/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/06/2024 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17
05/06/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/06/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **459**
05/07/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
05/07/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
05/07/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

Priority: CADH - High

NO PRIORITY 35 Bills

SB1 - An Act Concerning The Health And Safety Of Connecticut Residents.

Introducers: Public Health Committee; Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Joan V. Hartley (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Douglas McCrory (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. Catherine A. Osten (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Joan V. Hartley (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Douglas McCrory (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. Catherine A. Osten (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D); Rep. Hubert Delany (D); Rep. Susan M. Johnson (D); Rep. Moira Rader (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D); Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D); Rep. Christopher Rosario (D); Rep. Joshua M. Hall (D); Rep. Robyn A. Porter (D); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D); Rep. Bobby G. Gibson, Jr. (D); Rep. Corey P. Paris (D);

Intro Date: 3/11/2024

Categories: Children and families, department of; Connecticut medical examining board; Controlled substances; Dementia; Drug abuse; Drug abuse prevention; Drug abuse treatment; Drugs; Emergency medical responders; Fraternal benefit societies; Hazardous conditions in workplace; Health care centers; Health insurance; Home health aides; Home health care; Hospital service corporations; Hospitals; Medical records; Medical service corporations; Mental health; Mental illness; Occupational safety and health; Occupational training; Opioid settlement fund; Parkinson's disease; Pervasive developmental disorders; Pharmacies; Pharmacists; Physicians; Police; Professional licenses; Residency;

Summary: To improve the health and safety of Connecticut residents.

Complete History: 02/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

02/16/2024 Vote to Draft

03/11/2024 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

03/12/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/20/2024 Joint Favorable

03/21/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/08/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/08/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/08/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **196**

04/08/2024 FILE NO. **315**

04/17/2024 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON JUDICIARY

04/18/2024 SENATE RECONSIDERED

04/30/2024 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

04/30/2024 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

04/30/2024 IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

05/01/2024 Joint Favorable

05/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO

05/01/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

05/01/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

05/01/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/02/2024 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. B

05/02/2024 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A,B

05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

05/03/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **461**

05/06/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A,B

05/06/2024 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A,B

SB178 - An Act Requiring The Education And Training Of Barbers, Hairdressers And Cosmeticians To Include Working With Textured Hair.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Rep. Fred Gee, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Barbers; Hairdressers and cosmeticians; Occupational training;

Summary: To require the education and training of barbers, hairdressers and cosmeticians to include working with textured hair.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/04/2024 Joint Favorable

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03/12/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/12/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/12/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 29

03/12/2024 FILE NO. 10

04/10/2024 SENATE PASSED

04/11/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/11/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 320

05/08/2024 HOUSE PASSED

05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

SB181 - An Act Concerning Emergency Department Crowding.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R);

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Hospital emergency rooms; Public health, department of;

Summary: To require the Commissioner of Public Health to report data regarding emergency department crowding.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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03/13/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/13/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/13/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 44

03/13/2024 FILE NO. 19

04/17/2024 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

04/17/2024 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

04/19/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/19/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 386

05/02/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/02/2024 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/02/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

05/07/2024 PUBLIC ACT

05/08/2024 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE

05/08/2024 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR

05/09/2024 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB215 - An Act Concerning Youth Camps.

Introducers: Committee on Children

Cosponsors: Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Early childhood, office of; Licenses; Public safety; Youth camps;

Summary: To impose requirements on how youth camps are inspected, to establish the Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council within the Office of Early Childhood, to require youth camps to submit annual reports and to permit the denial of a youth camp license if the applicant has had a license for a youth camp revoked in another state.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

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03/27/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/27/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 112
03/27/2024 FILE NO. 136
04/17/2024 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
04/17/2024 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
04/19/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/19/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 388
05/07/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
05/07/2024 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
05/07/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

SB217 - An Act Concerning A Universal Patient Intake Form For Recipients Of Behavioral Health Services For Children.

Introducers: Committee on Children

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Behavioral health services; Children; Health care providers;

Summary: To require providers of behavioral health services for children to utilize a universal patient intake form.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/29/24 10:00AM - CHILDREN

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03/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/18/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 61

03/18/2024 FILE NO. 47

04/10/2024 SENATE PASSED

04/11/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/11/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 321

05/08/2024 HOUSE PASSED

05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

SB224 - An Act Requiring Notice Of Revaluation To Certain Owners Of Residential Buildings With Defective Concrete Foundations.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Tom Delnicki (R);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Municipal taxation; Property tax assessors; Real estate; Valuation and revaluation;

Summary: To require municipal assessors to notify owners of residential buildings that have been reassessed due to defective concrete foundations of upcoming revaluation cycles, and make technical changes.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/15/2024 Joint Favorable

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04/02/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/02/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 137

04/02/2024 FILE NO. 185

04/10/2024 SENATE PASSED

04/11/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/11/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 322

05/08/2024 HOUSE PASSED

05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

SB226 - An Act Increasing The Threshold For Sealed Bidding On Certain Municipal Contracts.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Bids and bidding; Municipal contracts; Ordinances;

Summary: To increase the threshold for sealed bidding on municipal contracts for the purchase of real and personal property from twenty-five thousand dollars to fifty thousand dollars.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
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04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/02/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **139**
04/02/2024 FILE NO. **181**
04/10/2024 SENATE PASSED
04/11/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/11/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **323**
05/07/2024 HOUSE PASSED
05/07/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

SB292 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Pfas In Certain Products.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Keith Denning (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Rep. Robert Sanchez (D); Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Rep. Rachel Khanna (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D); Sen. Tony Hwang (R); Rep. Jennifer Leeper (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Agricultural liming materials; Chlorofluorocarbons; Fertilizers; High technology; Labeling; Pesticides;

Summary: To prohibit the use of PFAS in certain products.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT
03/20/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
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04/08/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/08/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/08/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **208**
04/08/2024 FILE NO. **306**
05/02/2024 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. **A**
05/02/2024 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. **A**
05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
05/03/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **466**
05/07/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. **A**
05/07/2024 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. **A**
05/07/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

SB293 - An Act Concerning The Redemption Of Out-Of-State Beverage Containers.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Motor vehicle weight; Solid waste assessments; Trucks;

Summary: To require a waste characterization study and needs assessment and increase certain transportation weight limits for vehicles hauling solid waste.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/15/24 12:00PM - ENVIRONMENT
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04/08/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/08/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **209**
04/08/2024 FILE NO. **307**
04/24/2024 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. **A**
04/24/2024 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. **A**
04/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **422**
04/29/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. **A**
04/29/2024 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. **A**

04/29/2024 IN CONCURRENCE
05/03/2024 PUBLIC ACT
05/06/2024 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE
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05/09/2024 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SB333 - An Act Concerning Local Charter Revisions.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Tom O'Dea (R); Rep. Anabel D. Figueroa (D); Sen. Ryan Fazio (R); Sen. Rob Sampson (R);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Eminent domain; Municipal charters; Municipal property; Planning and zoning commissions;

Summary: To remove prohibitions against a municipality modifying certain local charter provisions pertaining to (1) planning and zoning commissions, (2) the process of eminent domain, and (3) the disposition of municipal property.

Complete History: 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/10/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 249

04/10/2024 FILE NO. 387

05/03/2024 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/03/2024 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/03/2024 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANS. TO HOUSE

05/04/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

05/04/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 485

05/07/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/07/2024 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/07/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

SB342 - An Act Concerning The Confidentiality Of Communications Between Peer Support Team Members And Department Of Correction Officers.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Rep. Kurt Vail (R); Rep. Michael DiGiovancarlo (D); Rep. Michael D. Quinn (D); Rep. Greg Howard (R);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Confidentiality; Correction department; Peace officers;

Summary: To provide confidentiality for communications between peer support team members and Department of Correction officers.

Complete History: 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/7/24 10:30AM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

03/19/2024 Joint Favorable

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03/26/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/03/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 166

04/03/2024 FILE NO. 220

04/30/2024 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

04/30/2024 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

05/02/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 436

05/07/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/07/2024 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A

05/07/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

SB420 - An Act Concerning Illegally Passing A School Bus.

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Fred Gee, Jr. (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Electronic monitoring; Fees; Fines (penalties); Misconduct with a motor vehicle; Motor vehicle fines; Notices; Ordinances; School buses; Traffic violations;

Summary: To authorize municipalities to adopt an ordinance regarding illegally passing a school bus.
Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/12/24 1:30PM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
03/19/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/19/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/28/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/04/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/04/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/04/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 191
04/04/2024 FILE NO. 265
05/02/2024 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
05/02/2024 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
05/03/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 473
05/08/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
05/08/2024 HOUSE PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

SB435 - An Act Concerning The Designation Of Farm Land And Open Space Land And Revisions To The Connecticut Entity Transactions Act.

Introducers: Government Administration and Elections Committee

Intro Date: 3/12/2024

Categories: Agricultural lands; Consumer protection department; Damages; Health care providers; Insurance companies; Liability; Merger and consolidation; Nuisances; Open space lands; Patients; Pharmacy commission; Professional licenses; Public health, department of; Standards; Subpoenas;

Summary: To provide the approval of an operation as farm land or open space land by the Commissioner of Agriculture as prima facie evidence of such designation, to add reference to reproductive and gender-affirming health care services being provided to out-of-state patients and to make revisions to the Connecticut Entity Transactions Act.

Complete 03/13/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

History: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:30AM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
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03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/10/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 260
04/10/2024 FILE NO. 398
04/23/2024 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
04/29/2024 Joint Favorable
04/29/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/29/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/30/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
04/30/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/02/2024 SENATE PASSED
05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
05/03/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 475
05/08/2024 HOUSE PASSED
05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

HB5003 - An Act Concerning Child And Family Nutrition.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Jaime Foster (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Kathy Kennedy (R); Rep. Rachel Khanna (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Kevin Ryan (D); Rep. Christopher Rosario (D); Rep. Susan M. Johnson (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D); Rep. John-Michael Parker (D); Rep. Hubert Delany (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Rep. Farley Santos (D); Rep. Robert Sanchez (D); Rep. Amy Morrin Bello (D); Rep. Kara Rochelle (D); Rep. Patricia A. Dillon (D); Rep. Aimee Berger-Girvaldo (D); Rep. Aundre Bumgardner (D);

Intro Date: 3/11/2024

Categories: Agriculture, department of; Child care facilities; Child nutrition; Children; Early childhood, office of; Education department; Nutrition; Public health, department of; Reports; School districts; Schools; Social services, department of; Supplemental nutrition assistance program;

Summary: To ensure that children and families have increased access to all available nutrition programs in the state.

Complete 03/12/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/20/2024 Joint Favorable

03/21/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/08/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/08/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/08/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 215
04/08/2024 FILE NO. 320
04/16/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
04/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
04/22/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/25/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/30/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/30/2024 NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
04/30/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/30/2024 FILE NO. 624
04/30/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
04/30/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/02/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 413
05/02/2024 FILE NO. 645
05/08/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
05/08/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
05/08/2024 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB5005 - An Act Expanding Paid Sick Days In The State.

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Aimee Berger-Girvalo (D); Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D); Rep. Hubert Delany (D); Rep. Farley Santos (D); Rep. Robert Sanchez (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Labor department; Sick leave; Studies;

Summary: To require the Labor Commissioner to study the state's paid sick day statutes.

Complete History: 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/5/24 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

03/21/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/22/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/02/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/09/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/09/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/09/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 232
04/09/2024 FILE NO. 357
04/24/2024 AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
04/24/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B
04/24/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B
04/26/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/26/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 373
04/26/2024 FILE NO. 617
05/06/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. B
05/06/2024 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
05/06/2024 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. B
05/06/2024 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. C
05/06/2024 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. D
05/06/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. B
05/06/2024 IN CONCURRENCE
05/08/2024 PUBLIC ACT
05/09/2024 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE
05/09/2024 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR

HB5046 - An Act Promoting Nursing Home Resident Quality Of Life.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Rep. Jane M. Garibay (D); Rep. Christopher Poulos (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Tom Delnicki (R);

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Governor's bills; Nursing home patients; Nursing homes; Public health, department of;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON AGING

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/29/24 10:00AM - AGING

03/12/2024 Joint Favorable

03/13/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/21/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/27/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/27/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/27/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **121**

03/27/2024 FILE NO. **146**

04/02/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

04/05/2024 Joint Favorable

04/05/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/05/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/05/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON JUDICIARY

04/05/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/09/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

04/15/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

04/15/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/19/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/25/2024 NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

04/25/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/25/2024 FILE NO. **611**

05/06/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. **A**

05/06/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. **A**

05/06/2024 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17

05/06/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/06/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **461**

05/08/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. **A**

05/08/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. **A**

05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

HB5058 - An Act Adopting The Nurse Licensure Compact.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Cosponsors: Rep. Mary Welandar (D); Sen. Heather S. Somers (R); Rep. Jaime Foster (D); Rep. Tami Zawistowski (R); Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R);

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Governor's bills; Nurses; Professional licenses; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/11/2024 Joint Favorable

03/11/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/19/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/26/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/26/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/26/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **108**

03/26/2024 FILE NO. **122**

04/18/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. **A**

04/18/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. **A**

04/22/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/22/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **340**

04/22/2024 FILE NO. **601**

05/08/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. **A**

05/08/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. **A**

05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

HB5149 - An Act Concerning Cafe And Package Store Permittees.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Beer; Liquor sales; Manufacturing establishments; Package stores; Sales;

Summary: To allow (1) beer manufacturer permittees to sell and deliver kegs of beer at locations in this state that are within a five-mile radius of their permit premises, (2) package store permittees to provide fee-based spirits tastings, and (3) Connecticut craft cafe permittees to sell additional alcoholic beverages manufactured in this state.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW
History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/20/24 12:00PM - GENERAL LAW
03/07/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/07/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/15/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/21/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/21/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/21/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 79
03/21/2024 FILE NO. 76
04/23/2024 HOUSE PASSED
04/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/25/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 371
05/08/2024 SENATE PASSED
05/08/2024 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB5150 - An Act Concerning Cannabis And Hemp Regulation.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Travis Simms (D); Rep. Holly H. Cheeseman (R); Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D); Rep. Fred Gee, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Advertising; Hemp; Manufacturing establishments; Marijuana; Packaging; Retail trade; Unfair or deceptive trade practices;

Summary: To: (1) Redefine "high-THC hemp product" and "disproportionately impacted area"; (2) enable certain social equity applicants to engage in additional cultivation activities and apply for additional licenses; (3) modify certain common ownership requirements concerning equity joint ventures; (4) enable product packagers to expand their authorized activities; (5) limit the licensing period for certain provisional cultivator licenses; (6) modify requirements concerning the location of cultivation facilities; (7) authorize micro-cultivators to sell cannabis seedlings; (8) authorize hybrid retailers to provide access to pharmacists through telehealth; (9) establish additional requirements concerning dispensary facility and hybrid retailer relocations; (10) alter certain requirements applicable to packaging containing (A) multiple servings of cannabis, or (B) manufacturer hemp products; (11) provide that no cannabis establishment shall engage in certain advertising; and (12) make various minor, technical and conforming changes to statutes concerning cannabis and hemp regulation.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW
History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/22/24 1:30PM - GENERAL LAW
03/12/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/14/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/25/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/02/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/02/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 152
04/02/2024 FILE NO. 199
04/23/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
04/29/2024 Joint Favorable
04/29/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/29/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/29/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
04/29/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/30/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
04/30/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/02/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 414
05/02/2024 FILE NO. 646
05/08/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
05/08/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE
05/08/2024 IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE GOV.

HB5197 - An Act Concerning Social Workers.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Travis Simms (D); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D);

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Interstate compacts; Occupational licenses; Social workers;

Summary: To adopt the social work licensure compact.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History: 02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/04/2024 Joint Favorable

03/04/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/07/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/13/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/13/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/13/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 50
03/13/2024 FILE NO. 26
04/18/2024 HOUSE PASSED
04/22/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/22/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 339
05/07/2024 SENATE PASSED
05/07/2024 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB5198 - An Act Concerning Telehealth.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Travis Simms (D); Rep. Liz Linehan (D); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R); Rep. Jaime Foster (D);

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Health care providers; Telemedicine;

Summary: To extend telehealth provisions adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic until June 30, 2027.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/11/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/11/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/19/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/26/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/26/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/26/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 110

03/26/2024 FILE NO. 124

04/29/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

04/29/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/01/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/01/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 395

05/01/2024 FILE NO. 641

05/08/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

05/08/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

05/08/2024 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB5219 - An Act Concerning Standards For The Spraying Of Herbicides Along Railroad Right-Of-Ways.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Maria P. Horn (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Rep. David Michel (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Herbicides; Railroad rights of way;

Summary: To require railroad company vegetation management plans to be consistent with the requirements for such plans in the state of Massachusetts.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/15/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/15/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/22/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/28/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/28/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/28/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 143

03/28/2024 FILE NO. 169

04/03/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

04/08/2024 Joint Favorable

04/09/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/09/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/09/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON TRANSPORTATION

04/09/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

05/01/2024 AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/01/2024 HOUSE PASSED

05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 438

05/06/2024 SENATE PASSED
05/06/2024 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE
05/08/2024 PUBLIC ACT
05/09/2024 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE
05/09/2024 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR

HB5225 - An Act Concerning The Recommendations Of The Invasive Plants Council.

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Joseph P. Gresko (D); Rep. Aundre Bumgardner (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Invasive species; Plants;

Summary: To implement the recent recommendations of the Invasive Plants Council by prohibiting the sale and cultivation of certain plants determined to be invasive or potentially invasive.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/08/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/11/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/15/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/21/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/21/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/21/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 87

03/21/2024 FILE NO. 84

04/18/2024 HOUSE PASSED

04/22/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/22/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 345

05/06/2024 SENATE PASSED

05/06/2024 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

05/08/2024 PUBLIC ACT

05/09/2024 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE

05/09/2024 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR

HB5235 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Consumer Protection's Recommendations Regarding Cannabis Regulation.

Introducers: General Law Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Consumer protection department; Controlled substances; Hemp; Labeling; Marijuana; Packaging; Sales;

Summary: To: (1) Redefine "marijuana", "manufactured cannabinoid" and "synthetic cannabinoid" for the purposes of various statutes concerning cannabis regulation; (2) require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to designate any synthetic cannabinoid as a schedule I controlled substance; (3) provide that (A) cannabis shall not contain any synthetic cannabinoid, and (B) no cannabis establishment may sell any synthetic cannabinoid; (4) modify certain provisions that prohibit members of the Social Equity Council and certain employees of the council or the Department of Consumer Protection from holding certain interests in, or receiving certain moneys from, certain cannabis establishments or cannabis transactions; (5) specify that hemp that is lawfully produced under federal law may be transported or shipped through this state; and (6) make minor, technical and conforming changes to various statutes concerning cannabis regulation.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/27/24 12:00PM - GENERAL LAW

03/07/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/07/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/18/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 98

03/25/2024 FILE NO. 102

04/30/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

04/30/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/02/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 415

05/02/2024 FILE NO. 649

05/08/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

05/08/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

HB5262 - An Act Concerning Child Sexual Abuse.

Introducers: Committee on Children

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Child abuse and neglect; School districts; Sexual assault;

Summary: To include a sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention survey as part of the state-wide sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention program implemented by school districts.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/29/24 10:00AM - CHILDREN

03/05/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/06/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/11/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/18/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **63**

03/18/2024 FILE NO. **46**

03/27/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

04/01/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

04/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/05/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/11/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/11/2024 NEW FILE BY COMM. ON EDUCATION

04/11/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/11/2024 FILE NO. **439**

04/18/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

04/18/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

04/22/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/22/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **335**

04/22/2024 FILE NO. **604**

05/08/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

05/08/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

05/08/2024 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB5277 - An Act Amending The Charter Of The South Central Connecticut Water Authority.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Tom Delnicki (R);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Charters; South central connecticut regional water authority; Special acts;

Summary: To amend the charter of the South Central Connecticut Water Authority to (1) allow the authority to conduct noncore business outside the state, (2) increase the compensation to members, (3) increase the membership from five to seven, (4) adjust meeting and quorum requirements, (5) allow for the reduction of late charges to users, (6) increase the ability of the authority to conduct certain repairs without a vote of the members, (7) require the public posting of annual financial statements, and (8) alter the terms concerning the issue or acquisition of certain bonds of the authority.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/15/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/18/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/27/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/03/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/03/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **171**

04/03/2024 FILE NO. **230**

04/17/2024 HOUSE PASSED

04/19/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/19/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **328**

05/07/2024 SENATE PASSED

05/07/2024 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB5291 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Improved Opioid Monitoring.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Travis Simms (D); Sen. Heather S. Somers (R); Rep. Jaime Foster (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: District departments of health; Drugs; Emergency medical responders; Hospitals; Municipal health departments; Patients; Public health, department of;

Summary: To require each hospital that treats a patient for a nonfatal overdose of an opioid drug to administer a toxicology screening of such patient if medically appropriate.
Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History: 02/26/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/1/24 1:00PM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/11/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/11/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/18/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., Tabled FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 101
03/25/2024 FILE NO. 105
05/01/2024 HOUSE PASSED
05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 433
05/08/2024 SENATE PASSED
05/08/2024 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB5355 - An Act Concerning The Water Resources Of The Upper Farmington River Valley.

Introducers: Environment Committee
Cosponsors: Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Rep. Mark W. Anderson (R); Sen. Lisa Seminara (R); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D);
Intro Date: 2/28/2024
Categories: Energy and environmental protection, department of; Farmington river; Reports; Water conservation; Watersheds;
Summary: To examine issues related to the protection of certain waters of the Upper Farmington River Valley.
Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT
History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT
03/15/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/15/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/25/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/02/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., Tabled FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/02/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 160
04/02/2024 FILE NO. 193
05/01/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/01/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 429
05/03/2024 FILE NO. 659
05/06/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
05/06/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
05/06/2024 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE
05/08/2024 PUBLIC ACT
05/09/2024 TRANSMITTED TO SECRETARY OF THE STATE
05/09/2024 TRANSMITTED BY SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO GOVERNOR

HB5437 - An Act Concerning Education Mandate Relief, School Discipline And Disconnected Youth.

Introducers: Education Committee
Cosponsors: Rep. Christopher Poulos (D);
Intro Date: 3/6/2024
Categories: Alcoholism; Boards of education; Bullying; College course credits; Composting; Disabled children; Drug abuse; High school diploma; High school graduation; Law enforcement; Occupational training; Physical education; School discipline; School safety; School violence; Special education; State board of education; Student community services; Student financial aid; Student performance; Teacher education; Teachers; Veterans;
Summary: To (1) create an advisory council that provides analysis and recommendations concerning the imposition of new mandates regarding educator professional development and in-service training; (2) establish a state-wide educator professional development and in-service training records database; (3) repeal duplicative training mandates included in the in-service training requirements for educators; (4) add a twenty-mile radius limitation to the mandate that school districts send organic food waste to an authorized source-separated organic material composting facility; (5) allow local boards of education to directly deposit any unexpended education funds into the unexpended education funds account at the end of the fiscal year; (6) expand the reserve fund for regional school districts to include all educational expenditures; and (7) delay implementation of the FAFSA completion requirement.
Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON EDUCATION
History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 12:00PM - EDUCATION
03/20/2024 Joint Favorable Change of Reference APPROPRIATIONS
03/22/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/25/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
03/25/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
04/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
04/05/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/15/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/22/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/22/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/22/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 413
04/22/2024 FILE NO. 592
05/02/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/02/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/02/2024 IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE
05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 422
05/03/2024 FILE NO. 668
05/07/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
05/07/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
05/07/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

HB5467 - An Act Concerning Firearms Background Checks.

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Criminal history records; Firearms; Juvenile records;

Summary: To ensure employees and authorized agents of municipal, state or federal agencies involved in evaluating the proposed transfer of a firearm to a person under age twenty-one in this state or any other state have access to records of cases of juvenile matters involving delinquency proceedings.

Complete History: 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY
03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY
03/28/2024 Joint Favorable
04/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/09/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/16/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/16/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/16/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 354
04/16/2024 FILE NO. 516
04/25/2024 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
04/25/2024 HOUSE PASSED
04/29/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/29/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 379
05/07/2024 SENATE PASSED
05/07/2024 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB5474 - An Act Requiring Municipal Reports Concerning Residential Construction Approval To The Office Of Responsible Growth.

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Jason Rojas (D);

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Building permits; Municipalities; Reports; Responsible growth, office of;

Summary: To require municipalities to submit annual reports to the State Responsible Growth Coordinator concerning residential building permit applications submitted, approved and denied by such municipality.

Complete History: 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/10/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 274
04/10/2024 FILE NO. 418
05/03/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/03/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B
05/03/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. C
05/03/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A,B,C
05/03/2024 IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE

05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 451
05/08/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A,B,C
05/08/2024 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. A
05/08/2024 SEN. REJ. SEN. AMEND. SCH. B
05/08/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A,B,C
05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

HB5508 - An Act Concerning Recommendations From The Juvenile Justice Policy And Oversight Committee.

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Robyn A. Porter (D);

Intro Date: 3/13/2024

Categories: Child mental, emotional and behavioral health; Juvenile justice; Sex (gender); Trafficking in persons;

Summary: To enact the recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee.

Complete 03/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

History: 03/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/20/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY

03/26/2024 Joint Favorable

03/27/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/08/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/15/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/15/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/15/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 344

04/15/2024 FILE NO. 494

04/23/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

04/25/2024 Joint Favorable

04/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/25/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

04/25/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

05/01/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/01/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 441

05/03/2024 FILE NO. 658

05/08/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

05/08/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

HB5511 - An Act Concerning The Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee And The Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy And Planning Committee.

Introducers: Appropriations Committee

Intro Date: 3/14/2024

Categories: Education department; Electronic data; Opioid settlement fund; Reports; Students;

Summary: To expand the membership of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee and make the Legislative Commissioners' Office recommended technical revisions.

Complete 03/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History: 03/18/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/26/24 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS

04/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

04/05/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/12/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/18/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 383

04/18/2024 FILE NO. 563

05/07/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/07/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/07/2024 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17

05/07/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

05/07/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 480

05/08/2024 RULES SUSPENDED

05/08/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A

05/08/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A

05/08/2024 ON CONSENT CALENDAR /IN CONCURRENCE

HB5523 - An Act Concerning Allocations Of Federal American Rescue Plan Act Funds And Provisions Related To General Government, Human Services, Education And The Biennium Ending June 30, 2025.

Introducers: Rep. Matthew Ritter (D); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Jason Rojas (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D)

Intro Date: 5/6/2024

Complete 05/06/2024 EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION

History: 05/07/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/07/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/07/2024 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17
05/07/2024 RULES SUSPENDED
05/07/2024 SEN. ADOPTED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
05/07/2024 SEN. PASSED, HO. AMEND. SCH. A
05/07/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

HB5524 - An Act Authorizing And Adjusting Bonds Of The State And Concerning Provisions Related To State And Municipal Tax Administration, General Government And School Building Projects.

Introducers: Rep. Matthew Ritter (D); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Jason Rojas (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Robert Sanchez (D); Rep. Bobby G. Gibson, Jr. (D); Rep. Henry J. Genga (D);

Intro Date: 5/7/2024

Complete 05/07/2024 EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION

History: 05/07/2024 HOUSE PASSED
05/07/2024 TRANSMITTED PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 17
05/08/2024 SENATE PASSED
05/08/2024 IN CONCURRENCE

Dead Bills

CADH - HIGH 6 Bills

~~SB227 - An Act Concerning Municipal Internet Web Sites.~~

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. MD Rahman (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Internet; Municipalities;

Summary: To require each municipality to register and maintain a ".gov" top-level Internet domain.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/15/2024 Joint Favorable
03/18/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/25/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/02/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/02/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 140
04/02/2024 FILE NO. 196

Priority: CADH - High

~~SB274 - An Act Concerning Opioids.~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D);

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Alcohol and drug policy council; Drug abuse treatment; Drugs; Health insurance; Medicaid;

Summary: To require (1) the Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Policy Council to establish a standing subcommittee to examine programs and services for parents and caregivers impacted by substance use disorder and their children and make recommendations regarding such programs and services, and (2) the Commissioner of Social Services and the Insurance Commissioner to develop a plan to require Medicaid and private insurance coverage for opioid antagonists for certain hospital and emergency department patients.

Complete 02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/11/2024 Joint Favorable
03/11/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/18/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/25/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 82
03/25/2024 FILE NO. 93

Priority: CADH - High

~~SB337 - An Act Concerning Street Takeovers And The Illegal Use Of Certain Vehicles:~~

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Tony Hwang (R); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Michael DiGiovancarlo (D); Rep. Michael D. Quinn (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Greg Howard (R); Sen. Henri Martin (R); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Rep. John-Michael Parker (D); Sen. Paul Cicarella (R); Rep. Brian Lanoue (R); Rep. Kara Rochelle (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: All-terrain vehicles; Fines (penalties); Highways; Misconduct with a motor vehicle; Motor vehicle operator license suspension; Municipalities; Ordinances; Pocket bikes; State grants to municipalities;

Summary: To (1) revise provisions regarding forfeiture of certain illegally used vehicles, (2) authorize municipalities to adopt an ordinance related to street takeovers, (3) establish penalties for driving while a person's license is suspended or revoked due to a violation related to a street takeover, and (4) establish a grant program to provide funds to municipalities to enforce laws related to street takeovers and the illegal use of certain vehicles.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/7/24 10:30AM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

03/19/2024 Joint Favorable

03/19/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/27/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/03/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 162

04/03/2024 FILE NO. 216

Priority: CADH - High

~~SB340 - An Act Concerning Tobacco Dealer Licenses:~~

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Ronald A. Napoli, Jr. (D); Rep. Greg Howard (R);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Cigarettes; Law enforcement; Licenses; Municipalities; Ordinances; Reports; Revenue services, department of; Tobacco;

Summary: To (1) permit municipalities to adopt an ordinance requiring a person applying for renewal of a tobacco dealer's license to inform the chief law enforcement official, or such official's designee, of the application, (2) permit such chief or designee to submit comments regarding the application, and (3) require the Commissioner of Revenue Services to consider such comments prior to approving such an application.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/7/24 10:30AM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

03/19/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/19/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/27/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/03/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 164

04/03/2024 FILE NO. 218

Priority: CADH - High

~~HB5317 - An Act Requiring A Study Concerning The Funding For The Community Gun Violence Intervention And Prevention Program And A Report Concerning The Effectiveness Of The Program:~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D);

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Crime prevention; Firearms; Policy and management, office of; Public health, department of; Revenue services, department of; Studies; Violence;

Summary: To require a study concerning the funding for and effectiveness of the community gun violence intervention and prevention program.

Complete 02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/11/2024 Joint Favorable

03/11/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/18/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 103
03/25/2024 FILE NO. 107
04/23/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
04/23/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B
04/23/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A,B
04/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/25/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 370
04/25/2024 FILE NO. 616

Priority: CADH - High

~~HB5488 - An Act Concerning Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes.~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Susan M. Johnson (D); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D);

Intro Date: 3/11/2024

Summary: To make various revisions to the public health statutes.

Complete 03/12/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/10/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 279

04/10/2024 FILE NO. 423

Priority: CADH - High

NO PRIORITY 98 Bills

~~SB7 - An Act Concerning Connecticut Paid Sick Days.~~

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee; Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D); Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Kai J. Belton (D); Rep. Hubert Delany (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D); Rep. Robyn A. Porter (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Larry B. Butler (D); Rep. Bobby G. Gibson, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Sick leave;

Summary: To support paid sick days.

Complete 02/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

History: 02/08/2024 Vote to Draft

02/14/2024 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE

02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/22/24 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

03/21/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/22/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/02/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/09/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/09/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/09/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 225

04/09/2024 FILE NO. 339

~~SB9 - An Act Promoting Hospital Financial Stability.~~

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Cosponsors: Rep. Susan M. Johnson (D);

Intro Date: 2/7/2024
Categories: Hospital costs; Public health, department of;
Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/10/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **243**
04/10/2024 FILE NO. **381**

~~**SB10 – An Act Authorizing And Adjusting Bonds Of The State:**~~

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9
Intro Date: 2/7/2024
Categories: Governor's bills; State bond commission; State bonds, generally; State budget;
Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
History: 03/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/22/24 CANCELLED - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
03/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/28/24 11:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
04/03/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
04/04/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/15/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/22/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/22/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/22/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **346**
04/22/2024 FILE NO. **590**

~~**SB11 – An Act Concerning Connecticut Resiliency Planning And Providing Municipal Options For Climate Resilience:**~~

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9
Cosponsors: Sen. Martha Marx (D); Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D); Rep. Jennifer Leeper (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Rep. Amy Morrin Bello (D); Rep. Patricia A. Dillon (D); Rep. Richard A. Smith (R); Rep. Robin E. Comey (D); Rep. Hector Arzeno (D); Rep. Aundre Bumgardner (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Jason Doucette (D); Rep. Jonathan Steinberg (D); Rep. Robert Sanchez (D);
Intro Date: 2/7/2024
Categories: Administrative services, department of; Charter oak open space grant program; Civil preparedness; Climate change; Conservation easements; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Governor's bills; Greenways; Heritage areas; Insurance department; Municipal plans of conservation and development; Municipalities; Natural heritage, open space and watershed land acquisition review board; Protected open space and watershed land acquisition grant program; Public health, department of; Public utilities regulatory authority; State building code; State building inspector; State fire safety code; Water planning council; Water supply; Zoning;
Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT
History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT
03/15/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/15/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/25/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/02/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/02/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **134**
04/02/2024 FILE NO. **198**
04/23/2024 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
04/29/2024 Joint Favorable
04/29/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/29/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/30/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
04/30/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

~~**SB12 – An Act Expanding Access To Paid Sick Days In The State:**~~

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9
Cosponsors: Sen. Martha Marx (D);

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Employees; Employers; Governor's bills; Labor department; Service workers; Sick leave; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/22/24 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

03/21/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/22/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/02/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/09/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/09/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/09/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 226

04/09/2024 FILE NO. 340

~~**SB16 – An Act Concerning Revenue Items To Implement The Governor's Budget.**~~

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Advanced practice nurses; Biomedical research trust fund; Child day care; Comptroller; Federal income tax; General fund; Governor's bills; Housing, department of; Municipal revenue sharing fund; Municipalities; Nurses; Policy and management, office of; Property tax on motor vehicles; Public health, department of; Revenue sharing; Second injury fund; Special transportation fund; State aid programs; State board of education; State budget; State grants in lieu of taxes; State treasurer; Tobacco and health trust fund; Tobacco settlement fund;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History: 03/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/22/24 CANCELLED - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

03/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/28/24 11:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

~~**SB34 – An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For The Remediation Of Fill-Pile Waste Contamination In The Town Of Fairfield.**~~

Introducers: Sen. Tony Hwang (R)

Intro Date: 2/9/2024

Categories: Contaminated property; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Fairfield; State bond commission; State bonds for the environment;

Summary: To provide funding for the remediation of waste contamination associated with the fill pile in the town of Fairfield.

Complete 02/13/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History:

~~**SB48 – An Act Eliminating Licensing Fees For Social Workers.**~~

Introducers: Sen. Lisa Seminara (R)

Intro Date: 2/9/2024

Categories: Fees; Professional licenses; Social workers;

Summary: To increase the number of social workers by eliminating the financial burden of licensing fees.

Complete 02/13/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History:

~~**SB54 – An Act Concerning Funding For The State-Wide Narcotics Task Force.**~~

Introducers: Sen. Paul Cicarella (R)

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Emergency services and public protection, department of; General fund; State-wide narcotics task force;

Summary: To direct additional resources to combat the illegal manufacturing and sale of fentanyl in Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport and Waterbury.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History:

~~**SB55 – An Act Concerning Funding For The Easy Breathing Asthma Program.**~~

Introducers: Sen. John A. Kissel (R)

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Asthma; General fund; Public health, department of;

Summary: To reinstate funding for the Easy Breathing asthma program.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History:

~~SB57 – An Act Concerning Funding For School-Based Health Centers In Eastern Connecticut:~~

Introducers: Sen. Heather S. Somers (R); Rep. Greg Howard (R); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Catherine A. Osten (D); Rep. Aundre Bumgardner (D); Rep. Christine Conley (D); Rep. David T. Wilson (R); Rep. Kevin Ryan (D); Rep. Holly H. Cheeseman (R); Rep. Kathleen M. McCarty (R); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D); Rep. Brian Lanoue (R)

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: General fund; Public health, department of; School health services;

Summary: To ensure the continued operation of newly expanded school-based health centers in eastern Connecticut.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History:

~~SB74 – An Act Eliminating Application Review Fees And Capping Licensure Fees For Health Care Professionals Licensed By The Department Of Public Health:~~

Introducers: Sen. Ryan Fazio (R); Sen. Heather S. Somers (R); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Rep. Holly H. Cheeseman (R); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D)

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Fees; Professional licenses; Public health, department of;

Summary: To eliminate application review fees and set a maximum fee of two hundred dollars for the fee for licensure of health care professionals by the Department of Public Health.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History: 02/21/2024 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 10:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

~~SB128 – An Act Concerning Certain Flame Retardant Chemicals In Children's Products:~~

Introducers: Committee on Children

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Children; Inflammable substances; Products;

Summary: To require the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to enter into an interstate agreement with New York and the other New England states to prohibit the sale and distribution of children's products containing organohalogen flame retardant chemicals.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/22/24 1:00PM - CHILDREN

~~SB137 – An Act Concerning Gas, Electric, Sewer And Water Delivery Work:~~

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Aundre Bumgardner (D); Rep. Tom Delnicki (R);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Apprentices; Contractors; Employees; Labor department; Prevailing wages; Public utilities;

Summary: To require any contractor that enters into a contract for a public utility project to offer apprenticeship or preapprenticeship training programs and pay prevailing wage rates.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/22/24 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

03/19/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/08/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/08/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/08/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 198

04/08/2024 FILE NO. 303

04/24/2024 REF. BY SEN. TO COMM. ON JUDICIARY

~~SB140 – An Act Concerning The Sale And Use Of Consumer Fireworks:~~

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Kurt Vail (R); Rep. Mark W. Anderson (R);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Emergency services and public protection, department of; Fireworks; Licenses; Sales;

Summary: To expand the sale and use of consumer fireworks in the state.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/20/24 12:30PM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

02/29/2024 Joint Favorable

03/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/08/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/14/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/14/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/14/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 55
03/14/2024 FILE NO. 29

~~SB141 – An Act Concerning The Expansion Of The Crisis Initiative Pilot Program Throughout The State.~~

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Greg Howard (R); Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R); Rep. Brian Lanoue (R); Rep. Vincent J. Candelora (R); Rep. Devin R. Carney (R); Rep. Tom O'Dea (R); Rep. Jason Perillo (R); Rep. Tami Zawistowski (R); Rep. Lezlye Zupkus (R); Rep. Mark DeCaprio (R); Rep. Christopher Poulos (D); Rep. Jill Barry (D); Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Rep. Fred Gee, Jr. (D); Rep. Rick L. Hayes (R); Rep. Jaime Foster (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Mental health; Police training; State police;

Summary: To require the Division of State Police to expand the CRISIS Initiative pilot program to all areas of the state.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/20/24 12:30PM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

03/01/2024 Joint Favorable
03/04/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/07/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/13/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/13/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/13/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 39
03/13/2024 FILE NO. 14

~~SB145 – An Act Appropriating Funds For The Homeless Response System.~~

Introducers: Housing Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. David Michel (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Kai J. Belton (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D); Rep. Maryam Khan (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Housing for the homeless; Housing, department of; Mental health and addiction services, department of; Reports;

Summary: To (1) appropriate funds for certain homelessness and housing programs, and (2) require the Commissioners of Housing and Mental Health and Addiction Services to submit a report on the expenditure of such funds.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HOUSING

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/20/24 11:00AM - HOUSING

02/29/2024 Joint Favorable Change of Reference APPROPRIATIONS
03/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/05/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/06/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
03/06/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

~~SB149 – An Act Concerning Foreclosure, Assignment And Other Enforcement Actions For Unpaid Sewer Assessments And Other Fees And Charges.~~

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Antonio Felipe (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Delinquent taxes; Foreclosure; Public utilities; Sewer assessments; Tax collection; Tax liens;

Summary: To prohibit foreclosure, assignment and other enforcement actions for unpaid sewer assessment and other fees and charges in the case of owner-occupied real property for which the principal of such unpaid assessments, fees and charges is less than four thousand dollars.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/21/24 1:30PM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/01/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/04/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/11/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/18/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 59
03/18/2024 FILE NO. 39
05/03/2024 SENATE PASSED
05/03/2024 RULES SUSPENDED, TRANS. TO HOUSE

~~SB155—An Act Concerning The Use Of Tobacco Settlement Funds.~~

Introducers: Sen. Saud Anwar (D)
Intro Date: 2/20/2024
Categories: Tobacco settlement fund;
Summary: To authorize the use of twenty-two million seven hundred thousand dollars in tobacco settlement funds for tobacco prevention programs.
Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
History:

~~SB166—An Act Reducing The Initial Licensing Fee For Health Care Professionals By Twenty Per Cent.~~

Introducers: Sen. Saud Anwar (D)
Intro Date: 2/20/2024
Categories: Fees; Medical personnel; Professional licenses;
Summary: To reduce the initial licensing fee for health care professionals by twenty per cent.
Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
History:

~~SB175—An Act Concerning Funds For The Rare Disease Advisory Council.~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee; Sen. Saud Anwar (D)
Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R);
Intro Date: 2/28/2024
Categories: Advisory bodies; Diseases; General fund;
Summary: To fund operations of the Rare Disease Advisory Council.
Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History:
02/23/2024 Vote to Draft
02/27/2024 DRAFTED BY COMMITTEE
02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/11/2024 Joint Favorable Change of Reference PUBLIC HEALTH
03/11/2024 Joint Favorable Change of Reference APPROPRIATIONS
03/11/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/12/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/13/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
03/13/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

~~SB176—An Act Requiring A Plan To Establish A Hospice And Palliative Care Program For Children.~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee
Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R);
Intro Date: 2/20/2024
Categories: Children; Hospice services; Public health, department of;
Summary: To require the Department of Public Health to develop a plan to establish a hospice program for children in the state.
Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History:
02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/04/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/07/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/13/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/13/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/13/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 41
03/13/2024 FILE NO. 16

~~SB177—An Act Authorizing Naturopathic Physicians To Prescribe Medication.~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee
Intro Date: 2/20/2024
Categories: Alternative medicine; Physicians;
Summary: To authorize naturopathic physicians to prescribe medication.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History: 02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

~~SB198 – An Act Concerning The Use Of Neonicotinoids.~~

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Pesticides;

Summary: To prohibit the nonagricultural use of neonicotinoids.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

~~SJ193 – Resolution Proposing An Amendment To The State Constitution Regarding Environmental Rights.~~

Introducers: Government Administration and Elections Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (D); Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D); Rep. Aundre Bumgardner (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D);

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Environmental justice; State constitutional amendments;

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 11:00AM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

03/26/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/27/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/08/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/15/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/15/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/15/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 288

04/15/2024 FILE NO. 486

~~SB196 – An Act Concerning The Harvesting Of Rabbits For The Local Food Supply.~~

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Livestock;

Summary: To provide authority for the inspection and processing of rabbits in the state for the purpose of supplying local restaurants and consumers.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/20/2024 Joint Favorable

03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/28/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/04/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/04/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/04/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 173

04/04/2024 FILE NO. 247

~~SB197 – An Act Concerning The Availability Of Certain Butcher Operations Within The State.~~

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Agriculture; Meat;

Summary: To provide for meat processing operations for farmers in the state.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

~~SB207 – An Act Concerning Housing Authority Jurisdiction.~~

Introducers: Housing Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Maryam Khan (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Congregate housing for the elderly; Elderly persons; Eminent domain; Fair housing choice; Families; Housing authorities; Housing for the elderly; Housing partnership program; Housing projects; Housing, department of; Low and moderate income housing; Municipal developers of housing; Municipalities; Personal property; Special police;

Summary: To allow a housing authority to expand its jurisdiction to include other municipalities.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HOUSING

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/27/24 11:00AM - HOUSING
02/29/2024 Joint Favorable
03/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/11/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/18/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 60
03/18/2024 FILE NO. 40

~~SB208—An Act Revising A Statute Concerning Housing:~~

Introducers: Housing Committee
Intro Date: 2/21/2024
Categories: Housing; Housing for the disabled; VISIBLE housing;
Summary: To make technical changes to a statute concerning housing.
Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HOUSING
History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/27/24 11:00AM - HOUSING

~~SB209—An Act Concerning Nonresident Landlord Registration And Increasing Penalties For Repeat Building And Fire Code Violations:~~

Introducers: Housing Committee
Cosponsors: Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Rep. Maryam Khan (D); Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Antonio Felipe (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D);
Intro Date: 2/21/2024
Categories: Fines (penalties); Fire marshals; Landlord and tenant; State building code; State fire marshal; State fire prevention code; State fire safety code; Violations;
Summary: To (1) require certain nonresident landlords, project-based housing providers or agents in charge of rental properties to register certain personal identifying information, and (2) to increase penalties for repeat violations of building and fire codes.
Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HOUSING
History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/27/24 11:00AM - HOUSING
03/07/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference JUDICIARY
03/07/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/11/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/11/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON JUDICIARY
03/11/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON JUDICIARY
03/28/2024 Joint Favorable
04/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/09/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/16/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/16/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/16/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 290
04/16/2024 FILE NO. 502

~~SB255—An Act Concerning The Adoption Of Municipal Conflict Of Interest Provisions:~~

Introducers: Government Administration and Elections Committee
Intro Date: 2/27/2024
Categories: Ethics; Municipalities; State ethics, office of;
Summary: To require municipalities that do not have an adopted conflict of interest provision to adopt such a provision and all municipalities to submit a copy of such provision to the Office of State Ethics and post such provision on their Internet web site.
Complete 02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
History: 02/29/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/4/24 1:30PM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
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04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/10/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 246
04/10/2024 FILE NO. 384

~~SB287—An Act Concerning Indoor Air Quality In Schools:~~

Introducers: Education Committee
Cosponsors: Rep. Jennifer Leeper (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D);
Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Air conditioning; Boards of education; Heating; Indoor air pollution; Reports; Schools; Ventilation;
Summary: To (1) extend the reporting date of the indoor air quality within school buildings task force, (2) allow the cost of performing the uniform inspection and evaluation of HVAC systems to be a reimbursable cost under the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system grant program; and (3) provide boards of education flexibility when it comes to performing such uniform inspection and evaluations.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON EDUCATION
History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 12:00PM - EDUCATION
03/18/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/19/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/26/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/03/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **159**
04/03/2024 FILE NO. **213**

~~SB289 – An Act Concerning The Authority Of The Departments Of Energy And Environmental Protection And Transportation Over Vegetation Management.~~

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Arborists and arboriculture; Certificates and certification; Commissions; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Highways; Plants; Reports; State parks; Trees;

Summary: To establish a commission to have authority over vegetation management in state parks and to require certain certificates for the use of tree and vegetation removal machinery and equipment along state highways.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT
History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/15/24 12:00PM - ENVIRONMENT
03/20/2024 Joint Favorable
03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/08/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/08/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/08/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **207**
04/08/2024 FILE NO. **305**

~~SB290 – An Act Concerning Minor Revisions To Environment Related Statutes.~~

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Beverage containers; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Fees; Hydroelectric power;

Summary: To make minor revisions to environment-related statutes.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT
History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT
03/15/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
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03/22/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/28/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/28/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
03/28/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **128**
03/28/2024 FILE NO. **163**
04/17/2024 SEN. ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. **A**
04/17/2024 SEN. PASSED, SEN. AMEND. SCH. **A**
04/19/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/19/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **395**
05/08/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED SEN. AMEND. SCH. **A**
05/08/2024 BILL PASSED TEMPORARILY

~~SB291 – An Act Concerning The Sale Of Certain Balloons.~~

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Littering and dumping;

Summary: To prohibit the sale of helium and lighter-than-air gas balloons that are not biodegradable.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT
~~SB338 – An Act Expanding The Eligibility For Grants To Remove Pfas From Fire Apparatus:~~

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Tammy R. Exum (D); Rep. Greg Howard (R);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Chemicals; Fire departments; Fire equipment; State grants to municipalities;

Summary: To make independent fire companies and state entities eligible for grants to remove PFAS from fire apparatus and also allow grants to provide reimbursement for removals of PFAS that occurred prior to July 1, 2023.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/7/24 10:30AM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

03/12/2024 Joint Favorable

03/14/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/21/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/27/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/27/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/27/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 115

03/27/2024 FILE NO. 139

~~SB348 – An Act Eliminating Service In Time Of War As An Eligibility Criterion For Certain State And Municipal Veterans' Benefits:~~

Introducers: Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Christopher Poulos (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Children; Community colleges; Dependents; Disabled veterans; Itinerant vendors; Missing in action; Ordinances; Prisoners of war; State universities; Tuition waivers; University of connecticut; Veterans; Veterans' burials;

Summary: To eliminate service in time of war as an eligibility criterion for certain state and municipal veterans' benefits.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/7/24 1:00PM - VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

03/14/2024 Joint Favorable Change of Reference FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

03/14/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

03/18/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 62

03/18/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

03/18/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

~~SB369 – An Act Concerning Home Care Worker Safety:~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Categories: Employees; Fees; Grants by the state; Hazardous conditions in workplace; Health insurance; Home health aides; Home health care; Occupational training; Public health, department of;

Summary: To protect the safety of home health care agency and home health aide agency staff.

Complete 03/06/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

~~SB370 – An Act Concerning Peer-Run Respite Centers For Persons Experiencing A Mental Health Crisis:~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Jeff Currey (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Mary Welander (D); Rep. Kevin Ryan (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D);

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Categories: Mental health; Mental health and addiction services, department of; Reports; Respite care;

Summary: To require the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish peer-run respite centers.

Complete 03/06/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/20/2024 Joint Favorable

03/21/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/08/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/08/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/08/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 218

04/08/2024 FILE NO. 308

~~**SB381—An Act Concerning Revisions To The Mandated Reporter Requirements:**~~

Introducers: Education Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Boards of education; Child abuse and neglect reports of cases; Education department; Governor's workforce council; Labor arbitration; Teacher collective bargaining; Teacher collective bargaining agreements; Teacher evaluation; Teacher salaries; Teacher tenure; Teacher termination; Teachers' retirement board;

Summary: To (1) establish a minimum starting annual salary for teacher; (2) provide a state subsidy to school districts to cover the cost of implementing the new minimum starting salary for teachers; (3) provide COVID-19 recognition payments to teachers who were providing instruction during the pandemic; (4) include a certified teacher on the Governor's Workforce Council; (5) amend the charge of the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards; (6) make revisions to the process by which retired teachers are elected to the Teachers' Retirement Board; (7) add a just cause standard and require a neutral hearing officer in teacher contract termination hearings; (8) require a single arbitrator for arbitration hearings; and (9) provide teachers with some discretion in their responsibility as mandated reporters.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON EDUCATION

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 12:00PM - EDUCATION

03/20/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference APPROPRIATIONS

03/22/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/25/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

03/25/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

04/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

04/05/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/15/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/22/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/22/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/22/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **351**

04/22/2024 FILE NO. **572**

~~**SB397—An Act Expanding Medicaid Coverage Of School-Based Health Care:**~~

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Boards of education; Medicaid; School health services; Social services, department of;

Summary: To require the Commissioner of Social Services to seek federal approval to expand Medicaid coverage to all students in schools with a high percentage of students from low-income households and to establish an interagency coalition to maximize Medicaid funding of school health services.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HUMAN SERVICES

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/14/24 11:00AM - HUMAN SERVICES

03/19/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/08/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/08/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/08/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER **219**

04/08/2024 FILE NO. **337**

~~**SB401—An Act Concerning The Availability Of Telehealth Providers In Determining Network Adequacy And Extending The Telehealth Provisions Adopted During The Covid-19 Pandemic:**~~

Introducers: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Advanced practice nurses; Controlled substances; Health care providers; Health insurance; Insurance department; Marijuana; Patients; Physicians; State medical assistance program; Telemedicine;

Summary: To (1) allow the Insurance Commissioner to consider the availability of telehealth providers in determining the sufficiency of a health carrier's network, and (2) extend the telehealth provisions adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/12/24 1:00PM - INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

~~**SB402—An Act Concerning Mental Health Parity:**~~

Introducers: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Insurance department; Mental health; Reports;

Summary: To require the Insurance Commissioner to report on the effectiveness of the provisions of sections 38a-477ee, 38a-488c, 38a-488d, 38a-514c and 38a-514d of the general statutes.
Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/12/24 1:00PM - INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

~~**SB415 – An Act Concerning Municipal Agencies.**~~

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Appeal and review; Human rights and opportunities, commission on; Municipal employees;

Summary: To make technical changes to provisions concerning filing deadlines for certain appeals to the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable
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04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/10/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 255
04/10/2024 FILE NO. 393

~~**SB417 – An Act Concerning Planning And Development.**~~

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Notices; Planning and zoning commissions;

Summary: To clarify certain publication requirements of actions or decisions of a planning commission.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable
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04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/10/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 257
04/10/2024 FILE NO. 395

~~**SB418 – An Act Concerning Certain Sewage Disposal Systems.**~~

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Energy and environmental protection, department of; State regulations, specific; Subsurface sewage disposal systems;

Summary: To specify that certain regulations of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in effect as of July 1, 2024, shall apply to household and small commercial subsurface sewage disposal systems with a capacity of ten thousand gallons per day or less and make technical changes.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

~~**SB423 – An Act Improving Highway Safety By Prohibiting Driving While Ability Impaired And Studying Methods To Detect Cannabis-Impaired Driving.**~~

Introducers: Transportation Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Certificates and certification; Crimes; Drunken or drugged driving; Fines (penalties); Motor vehicle operator license suspension; Motor vehicle retraining program; Police;

Summary: To prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle while having a blood alcohol content that is five-hundredths of one per cent or more of alcohol, by weight, but less than eight-hundredths of one per cent of alcohol, by weight.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRANSPORTATION

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - TRANSPORTATION

03/18/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
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04/04/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/04/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/04/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 193
04/04/2024 FILE NO. 267

~~**SB424 – An Act Reducing The Blood Alcohol Limits For Impaired Driving And Boating And Studying Methods To Detect Cannabis-Impaired Driving.**~~

Introducers: Transportation Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Drunken or drugged boating; Drunken or drugged driving; Health insurance; Medical care; School bus operators; School transportation;

Summary: To lower the blood alcohol content for driving and boating under the influence from eight-hundredths to five-hundredths of one per cent of alcohol, by weight.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRANSPORTATION

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - TRANSPORTATION

03/18/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/19/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/27/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/03/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 170

04/03/2024 FILE NO. 224

~~**SB433 – An Act Implementing The Recommendations Of The Commission On Racial Equity In Public Health.**~~

Introducers: Government Administration and Elections Committee

Intro Date: 3/12/2024

Categories: Diversity training; Racial discrimination; State agencies; State employees;

Summary: To implement the recommendations of the Commission on Racial Equity in Public Health in its most recent report concerning increasing equity in state government.

Complete 03/13/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

History: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:30AM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

~~**SB440 – An Act Concerning Certificates Of Need.**~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Tom Delnicki (R); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Rep. Jason Doucette (D); Rep. Susan M. Johnson (D); Sen. Ryan Fazio (R); Sen. Heather S. Somers (R); Rep. Irene M. Haines (R);

Intro Date: 3/12/2024

Categories: Health care facilities; Health care facilities certificate of need process; Health strategy, office of; Health systems planning unit; Hospitals; Insurance companies; Mental health facilities; Notices; Outpatient clinics; Outpatient surgical facilities; State medical assistance program; Studies;

Summary: To make various revisions to the certificate of need process.

Complete 03/13/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/21/2024 Joint Favorable

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04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/08/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/08/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/08/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 224

04/08/2024 FILE NO. 314

~~**SB444 – An Act Concerning The Modification Of Sentences For Cannabis-Related Offenses.**~~

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Josh Elliott (D);

Intro Date: 3/13/2024

Categories: Crimes; Marijuana; Sentence and punishment;

Summary: To provide for a specific process for sentence modification in the case of cannabis-related offenses.

Complete 03/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

History: 03/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/20/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY

04/01/2024 Joint Favorable

04/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/11/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/17/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/17/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/17/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 306
04/17/2024 FILE NO. 528

~~SB445 – An Act Concerning A Jobs Program For Youth Impacted By The Juvenile Justice System, Review Of Probation Violations And State-Wide Expansion Of Truancy Clinics.~~

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Sen. John A. Kissel (R); Sen. Eric C. Berthel (R); Sen. Henri Martin (R); Sen. Paul Cicarella (R);

Intro Date: 3/13/2024

Categories: Children; Court support services division; Drunken or drugged driving; Jobs; Juvenile justice; Marijuana; Motor vehicle operation; Probate court administrator; Probation; Student truancy; Violations;

Summary: To establish a jobs program for youth impacted by the juvenile justice system, require a review of and report concerning probation violations, require and fund a state-wide expansion of the truancy clinic program and permit a peace officer to stop a motor vehicle solely because the driver or a passenger is using cannabis.

Complete 03/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY
History: 03/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/20/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY
03/26/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/27/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/05/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/11/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/11/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/11/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 270
04/11/2024 FILE NO. 434

~~HB5004 – An Act Concerning The Implementation Of Certain Climate Change Measures.~~

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Andre Bumgardner (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D); Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Jennifer Leeper (D); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Aimee Berger-Girvalo (D); Rep. Lucy Dathan (D); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (D); Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Jane M. Garibay (D); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Richard A. Smith (R); Rep. Joseph P. Gresko (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Rep. Mike Demicco (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Keith Denning (D); Rep. Kate Farrar (D); Rep. Rachel Khanna (D); Rep. Kerry S. Wood (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Rep. Susan M. Johnson (D); Rep. Corey P. Paris (D); Rep. Amy Morrin Bello (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Rep. Moira Rader (D); Rep. Jason Doucette (D); Rep. Maria P. Horn (D); Rep. Robyn A. Porter (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Rep. Hector Arzeno (D); Rep. Cristin McCarthy Vahey (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D); Rep. Julio A. Concepcion (D); Rep. Kevin Ryan (D); Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D); Rep. Christopher Rosario (D); Rep. Gregory Haddad (D); Rep. John-Michael Parker (D); Rep. Hubert Delany (D); Rep. Larry B. Butler (D); Rep. Bobby G. Gibson, Jr. (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Rep. Robert Sanchez (D); Rep. Christine Conley (D); Rep. Roland J. Lemar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Rep. Raghiv Allie-Brennan (D); Rep. Robin E. Comey (D); Rep. Jonathan Steinberg (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Clean energy; Climate change; Connecticut green bank; Dockets; Electric distribution companies; Electric storage batteries; Electric vehicles; Energy and environmental protection, department of; Global warming; Green jobs; Green technology; Greenhouse gases; Municipal plans of conservation and development; Natural gas; Public utilities regulatory authority; Renewable energy sources; Reports; Weatherization;

Summary: To implement certain measures relating to climate change including advancing and implementing the state's goals for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the phasing out of the use of natural gas, investment in renewable energy and green economy startup businesses, incentivizing sustainable purchasing by local governments and the enhancement of nature-based solutions to mitigate climate change.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT
History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT
03/20/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/08/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/08/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/08/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 216
04/08/2024 FILE NO. 321
04/16/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
04/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
04/22/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/25/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/25/2024 NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

04/25/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/25/2024 FILE NO. 613
05/01/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/01/2024 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B
05/01/2024 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. C
05/01/2024 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. D
05/01/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 428
05/03/2024 FILE NO. 661

~~HB5047 - An Act Implementing The Governor's Recommendations For General Government.~~

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9
Intro Date: 2/7/2024
Categories: Governor's bills; State budget;
Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/15/24 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS
04/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
04/05/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/15/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/22/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/22/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/22/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 408
04/22/2024 FILE NO. 595

~~HB5048 - An Act Adjusting The State Budget For The Biennium Ending June 30, 2025.~~

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9
Intro Date: 2/7/2024
Categories: Governor's bills; State budget;
Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
History: 02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/20/24 5:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS
02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/23/24 4:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS
02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/21/24 2:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS
02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 2:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS
02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/13/24 3:30PM - APPROPRIATIONS
02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING
02/13/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 2/16/24 5:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS

~~HB5049 - An Act Making Deficiency Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.~~

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9
Intro Date: 2/7/2024
Categories: Deficiency appropriations; Governor's bills; State budget;
Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
History: 03/12/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/22/24 1:00PM - APPROPRIATIONS
04/04/2024 Joint Favorable
04/05/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/12/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/18/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 373
04/18/2024 FILE NO. 553

~~HB5053 - An Act Concerning The Governor's Budget Recommendations For Health And Human Services.~~

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9
Cosponsors: Rep. David Michel (D);
Intro Date: 2/7/2024
Categories: Administrative services, department of; Emergency medical services; Governor's bills; Public health, department of; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations concerning public health and human services.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HUMAN SERVICES

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/5/24 11:00AM - HUMAN SERVICES
03/19/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference APPROPRIATIONS
03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/21/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/21/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
03/22/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS
04/04/2024 Joint Favorable
04/05/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/15/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/22/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/22/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/22/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **410**
04/22/2024 FILE NO. **597**

~~HB5054—An Act Addressing Health Care Affordability.~~

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Drugs; Governor's bills; Health strategy, office of; Medical care; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING

~~HB5056—An Act Facilitating The Expansion Of Shared Municipal Services.~~

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Cosponsors: Rep. Jason Rojas (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D);

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Governor's bills; Municipal employees; Municipal services; Municipalities; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Complete 02/08/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/21/24 1:30PM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/10/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER **256**
04/10/2024 FILE NO. **400**

~~HB5099—An Act Concerning Funding For Fire Departments To Electronically Track Health Data.~~

Introducers: Rep. Joe Hoxha (R)

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Emergency services and public protection, department of; Fire departments; Firefighters; Social services, department of;

Summary: To appropriate funding to fire departments to better electronically track relevant health data of firefighters in the state.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History:

~~HB5091—An Act Concerning Funding For Housing Services.~~

Introducers: Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Aimee Berger-Girvalo (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Robyn A. Porter (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D); Rep. Robert Sanchez (D); Rep. Mike Demicco (D); Rep. Mary Welander (D); Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D); Rep. Jillian Gilcrest (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Rep. Kevin Brown (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Aundre Bumgardner (D); Rep. Michelle L. Cook (D); Rep. Geoff Luxenberg (D)

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Housing for the homeless; Housing, department of; Mental health and addiction services, department of; Shelters; Shelters for the homeless;

Summary: To invest twenty million dollars to stabilize and strengthen the state's homeless response system.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History:

~~**HB5113 – An Act Increasing The Highest Marginal Rate Of The Personal Income Tax And Establishing A Capital Gains Surcharge To Provide Funding For Certain Child-Related, Municipal And Higher Education Initiatives:**~~

Introducers: Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Tom Arnone (D); Rep. Kevin Brown (D); Rep. Juan R. Candelaria (D); Rep. Brandon Chafee (D); Rep. Mike Demicco (D); Rep. Keith Denning (D); Rep. Jason Doucette (D); Rep. Kate Farrar (D); Rep. Antonio Felipe (D); Rep. Anne M. Hughes (D); Rep. Susan M. Johnson (D); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D); Rep. Roland J. Lemar (D); Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Robert Sanchez (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D)

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Capital gains and dividends tax; Income tax (state); Institutions of higher education; Municipalities; Tax credits;

Summary: To increase certain personal income tax marginal rates and establish a capital gains surcharge to provide funding for a child tax credit, a mill rate cap and municipal reimbursements for such cap and support of certain higher education programs and institutions.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History: 02/21/2024 Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing

03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 10:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

~~**HB5114 – An Act Establishing An Excise Tax On Ammunition To Provide Funding For Community Gun Violence And Intervention Program Grants:**~~

Introducers: Rep. Jillian Gilcrest (D); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Rep. Antonio Felipe (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Corey P. Paris (D); Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Roland J. Lemar (D); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Moira Rader (D); Rep. Kai J. Belton (D); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D); Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Hubert Delany (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Rep. Steven J. Stafstrom (D)

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Ammunition; Taxation;

Summary: To establish an excise tax on the purchase of ammunition by a business for sale at retail and dedicate the revenue generated from such tax to fund grants through the community gun violence intervention and prevention program, with the advice of the Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History:

~~**HB5121 – An Act Concerning Authorization Of Bonds Of The State To The Department Of Mental Health And Addiction Services For The Establishment Of Mental Health Urgent Care Crisis Centers:**~~

Introducers: Rep. Lucy Dathan (D)

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Mental health and addiction services, department of; Mental health services; Nonprofit organizations; State bond commission; State bonds;

Summary: To provide financial assistance to nonprofit providers of mental health care services to establish mental health urgent crisis centers in areas of need in the state.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

History:

~~**HB5129 – An Act Concerning Substance-Free Housing On College Campuses:**~~

Introducers: Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Rep. Devin R. Carney (R); Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R); Rep. Holly H. Cheeseman (R); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Institutions of higher education; Student housing;

Summary: To require institutions of higher education to provide options for substance-free housing on campus.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

History: 02/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING

02/29/2024 Joint Favorable

03/04/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/08/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/14/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/14/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/14/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 53

03/14/2024 FILE NO. 32

05/03/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/03/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B

05/03/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A,B

05/03/2024 IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE

05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

~~HB5130—An Act Concerning Peer Recovery Support Services.~~

Introducers: Rep. Lucy Dathan (D)

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Alcoholism; Drug abuse treatment; Mental health and addiction services, department of; Social services, department of;

Summary: To provide additional peer support services to residents suffering from substance use disorders.

Complete 02/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HUMAN SERVICES

History:

~~HB5148—An Act Concerning Grocery Store Beer Permitees.~~

Introducers: General Law Committee

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Beer; Grocery stores;

Summary: To redefine "grocery store" for purposes of the grocery store beer permit.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GENERAL LAW

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/27/24 12:00PM - GENERAL LAW

~~HB5166—An Act Expanding Paid Sick Days In The State.~~

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Employees; Employers; Labor department; Sick leave;

Summary: To expand the paid sick days statutes to (1) apply to more employers and employees, (2) expand the categories of family members an employee may use paid sick leave to care for, (3) expand the permitted purposes that an employee may use paid sick leave for, (4) modify the rate at which an employee may receive paid sick leave, and (5) make other conforming and clarifying changes.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/22/24 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

~~HB5169—An Act Concerning The Requirement To Install Swimming Pool Barriers.~~

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Travis Simms (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Public safety; Swimming pools;

Summary: To prohibit the issuance of a building permit for the construction or substantial alteration of a swimming pool unless certain barriers are included in the construction plan.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/21/24 1:30PM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/01/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/04/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/13/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/19/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/19/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/19/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 65

03/19/2024 FILE NO. 50

04/17/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

04/17/2024 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B

04/17/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

04/19/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/19/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 331

04/19/2024 FILE NO. 567

~~HB5177—An Act Concerning The Sale And Use Of Certain Nonaerial And Nonexplosive Consumer Fireworks.~~

Introducers: Public Safety and Security Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Travis Simms (D);

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Emergency services and public protection, department of; Fireworks; Sales;

Summary: To authorize the sale and use by consumers of certain nonaerial and nonexplosive consumer fireworks.

Complete 02/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

History: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/20/24 12:30PM - PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

02/29/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/11/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/18/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 61
03/18/2024 FILE NO. 45
04/08/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

~~HB5201 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Funds In The Tobacco Settlement Fund.~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Kevin Ryan (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R); Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (D); Rep. Aimee Berger-Girvalo (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Moira Rader (D); Rep. Mike Demicco (D); Sen. Tony Hwang (R); Rep. Jillian Gilcrest (D); Rep. Kathy Kennedy (R); Rep. Jonathan Steinberg (D); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D); Rep. John E. Piscopo (R);

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Tobacco settlement fund;

Summary: To require funding of tobacco control programs to prevent and reduce tobacco use at the amount recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Complete 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 02/22/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 2/26/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/04/2024 Joint Favorable Change of Reference APPROPRIATIONS

03/04/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/05/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/05/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

03/07/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

~~HB5217 - An Act Concerning The Use Of Certain Rodenticides.~~

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. David Michel (D); Rep. Aundre Bumgardner (D); Rep. Joseph P. Gresko (D); Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (D); Rep. Lucy Dathan (D); Rep. Richard A. Smith (R); Rep. Robert Sanchez (D); Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Devin R. Carney (R); Rep. Patricia A. Dillon (D); Rep. Hector Arzeno (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Rep. Moira Rader (D); Rep. Maria P. Horn (D); Rep. Kevin Ryan (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Pesticides; Rodents;

Summary: To restrict the use and sale of second-generation rodenticides in order to protect the health of hawks and other raptors.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 2/28/24 10:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

03/08/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/11/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/18/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

03/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 94

03/25/2024 FILE NO. 98

04/02/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

~~HB5221 - An Act Concerning The Operation Of Outdoor Wood-Burning Furnaces On Nonattainment Days.~~

Introducers: Environment Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Outdoor wood-burning furnaces;

Summary: To prohibit the use of outdoor wood-burning furnaces on certain nonattainment days.

Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT

~~HB5230 - An Act Concerning Smoke Detectors In The Solid Waste Stream.~~

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Jan Hochadel (D);

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Smoke detectors;

Summary: To require the installation of certain types of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in single-family homes.
Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT
History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT
03/20/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/08/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/08/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/08/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 221
04/08/2024 FILE NO. 326
04/16/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
04/23/2024 Joint Favorable
04/23/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/23/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/23/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY
04/23/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

~~HB5243 - An Act Revising A Statute Concerning Housing Development.~~

Introducers: Housing Committee
Intro Date: 2/21/2024
Categories: Housing development; Moderate rental housing;
Summary: To make technical changes to a statute concerning housing growth in the state.
Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HOUSING
History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/27/24 11:00AM - HOUSING

~~HB5249 - An Act Concerning Personal Opioid Drug Deactivation And Disposal Systems And The Opioid Settlement Fund.~~

Introducers: Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Intro Date: 2/21/2024
Categories: Opioid settlement fund; Pharmacies; Pharmacists;
Summary: To require pharmacies and pharmacists to provide personal opioid drug deactivation and disposal systems to patients, and dedicate moneys deposited in the Opioid Settlement Fund to reimburse pharmacies and pharmacists for expenses incurred in providing such systems to patients.
Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING

~~HB5253 - An Act Requiring A Feasibility Study Of Insurance Pooling For Nonprofit Entities.~~

Introducers: Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Intro Date: 2/21/2024
Categories: Liability insurance; Motor vehicle insurance; Nonprofit organizations; Studies;
Summary: To require that the Insurance Commissioner conduct a feasibility study of general liability and automobile liability insurance pooling for nonprofit entities.
Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING

~~HB5261 - An Act Concerning The Consumption Of Energy Drinks By Children.~~

Introducers: Committee on Children
Intro Date: 2/21/2024
Categories: Children; Sales; Soft drinks;
Summary: To prohibit the sale of energy drinks to individuals under sixteen years of age.
Complete 02/22/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON CHILDREN
History: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/29/24 10:00AM - CHILDREN
03/05/2024 Joint Favorable
03/06/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/08/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/14/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/14/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/14/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 58
03/14/2024 FILE NO. 37
04/18/2024 HOUSE DESIGNATED HO. AMEND. SCH. A
04/18/2024 BILL PASSED TEMPORARILY
04/25/2024 AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

04/25/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B
04/25/2024 HOUSE REJECTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. C
04/25/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. D
04/25/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. B,D
04/29/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
04/29/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 377
04/29/2024 FILE NO. 621

~~HB5315 – An Act Concerning Member Participation During Remote And Hybrid Municipal Public Agency Meetings Under The Freedom Of Information Act.~~

Introducers: Government Administration and Elections Committee

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Electronic equipment; Freedom of information; Meetings; Notices; State agencies; Town meetings;

Summary: To require members participating in a municipal public agency meeting by means of electronic equipment to be visible when debating or voting, with certain exceptions.

Complete 02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

History: 02/29/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/4/24 1:30PM - GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable

03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/05/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/11/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/11/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/11/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 289

04/11/2024 FILE NO. 445

04/16/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

04/22/2024 Joint Favorable

04/22/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/22/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/22/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

04/22/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

~~HB5318 – An Act Requiring The Licensure Of Lactation Consultants.~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Jennifer Leeper (D); Rep. Christopher Rosario (D); Rep. Aimee Berger-Girvalo (D); Rep. Matt Blumenthal (D); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Kate Farrar (D); Rep. Juan R. Candelaria (D);

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Breast feeding; Occupational licenses; Public health, department of;

Summary: To require licensure of lactation consultants.

Complete 02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/10/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 266

04/10/2024 FILE NO. 410

04/25/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

04/25/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

04/29/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.

04/29/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 376

04/29/2024 FILE NO. 622

~~HB5322 – An Act Concerning The Distribution Of Educational Materials Regarding Intimate Partner Violence Toward Pregnant And Postpartum Patients.~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Aimee Berger-Girvalo (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Mary Welander (D); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Julio A. Concepcion (D); Rep. Jane M. Garibay (D); Rep. Jason Rojas (D);

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Health care facilities; Hospitals; Intimate partner violence; Notices; Patients;

Summary: To require the distribution of educational materials regarding intimate partner violence toward pregnant and postpartum patients by

the Department of Public Health to birthing hospitals and providers of obstetrical care.
Complete 02/28/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
03/11/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
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03/18/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/25/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/25/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/25/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 104
03/25/2024 FILE NO. 108

~~HB5354 – An Act Concerning Terramation.~~

Introducers: Environment Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Christine Palm (D); Rep. Jillian Gilchrest (D); Rep. Josh Elliott (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D); Rep. Keith Denning (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Rep. Corey P. Paris (D); Rep. Amy Morrin Bello (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Rep. Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Burial; Cemeteries and cemetery associations;

Summary: To authorize the natural organic reduction of human remains as a final disposition of such remains.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT
History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/8/24 11:00AM - ENVIRONMENT
03/15/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute
03/15/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/22/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
03/28/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
03/28/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
03/28/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 148
03/28/2024 FILE NO. 174
04/09/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH
04/15/2024 Joint Favorable
04/15/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/15/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/15/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH
04/15/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

~~HB5389 – An Act Requiring State Employees In Human Service Roles To Work On-Site.~~

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Social services; State employee hours;

Summary: To require state employees who work in human service roles to work on-site under certain circumstances.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/5/24 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

~~HB5391 – An Act Establishing The Housing Density Rating Program.~~

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Housing development; Municipalities; Policy and management, office of; Zoning;

Summary: To establish the housing density rating program to encourage municipalities to adopt zoning regulations that allow for the development of greater housing density.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

~~HB5401 – An Act Concerning Credit For Military Service Under The Municipal Employees' Retirement System.~~

Introducers: Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Christopher Poulos (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D);

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Militia; Municipal employee retirement credit; Municipal employees;

Summary: To allow municipal employees, who served one or more days in the armed forces during a period of war, to purchase credit in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System for such period of service.

Complete 02/29/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

History: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/7/24 1:00PM - VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
03/14/2024 Joint Favorable
03/14/2024 FILED WITH LCO
03/25/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/02/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/02/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/02/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 161
04/02/2024 FILE NO. 194
04/09/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
04/15/2024 Joint Favorable
04/15/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/15/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/15/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
04/15/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

~~**HB5411 – An Act Concerning Requests For Health Records And The Fees Charged For Access To Such Records.**~~

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Michael D. Quinn (D); Rep. Tom O'Dea (R);

Intro Date: 2/29/2024

Categories: Copies and copying; Employees; Employers; Fees; Health care providers; Injuries; Medical records; Medical tests; Patients; Physical examinations; Workers' compensation;

Summary: To establish time and cost parameters relating to requests for health records.

Complete 03/01/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

History: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY

04/01/2024 Joint Favorable
04/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/09/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/16/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/16/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/16/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 352
04/16/2024 FILE NO. 514
05/03/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/03/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A
05/03/2024 IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO THE SENATE
05/03/2024 FAV. RPT., TAB. FOR CAL., SEN.
05/03/2024 SENATE CALENDAR NUMBER 447

~~**HB5423 – An Act Concerning Fertility Fraud.**~~

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Categories: Fraud; Infertility; Physicians;

Summary: To prohibit a physician from knowingly using the physician's own sperm to inseminate a patient without the patient's consent and create a cause of action against a physician who engages in such conduct.

Complete 03/06/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

History: 03/07/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/11/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY

~~**HB5424 – An Act Prohibiting Adverse Actions Against Health Care Providers For Providing Certain Health Care Services.**~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D); Rep. Gary A. Turco, Jr. (D);

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Categories: Adverse events (medical); Health; Health care providers; Sex (gender);

Summary: To prohibit adverse actions against health care providers for providing certain health care services.

Complete 03/06/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/20/2024 Joint Favorable
03/21/2024 FILED WITH LCO
04/01/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA
04/08/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO
04/08/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR
04/08/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 227
04/08/2024 FILE NO. 332

~~**HB5425 – An Act Concerning Men's Health.**~~

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Christopher Rosario (D); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Rep. Juan R. Candelaria (D); Rep. Robert Sanchez (D); Rep. Anabel D. Figueroa (D); Rep. Julio A. Concepcion (D); Rep. Sarah Keitt (D); Rep. Hector Arzeno (D); Rep. Aimee Berger-Girvalo (D); Rep. John-Michael Parker (D); Rep. Anthony L. Nolan (D); Rep. Bobby G. Gibson, Jr. (D); Rep. Larry B. Butler (D);

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Categories: Physical examinations; Pilots; Public health, department of;

Summary: To establish a pilot program to support community-based screening and education for common diseases affecting high-risk male populations.

Complete 03/06/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PUBLIC HEALTH

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/05/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/11/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/11/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/11/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 301

04/11/2024 FILE NO. 457

04/16/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

04/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

04/22/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/23/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/30/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/30/2024 NEW FILE BY COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

04/30/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/30/2024 FILE NO. 626

~~**HB5454—An Act Concerning Mental Health Services For Young Children, Their Caregivers, Expectant Mothers And Pregnant Persons.**~~

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Children; Mental health services; Pregnancy; Relative caregivers; Reports; Social services, department of;

Summary: To maximize federal resources for mental health services for young children, their caregivers and pregnant persons.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON HUMAN SERVICES

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 3/14/24 11:00AM - HUMAN SERVICES

03/19/2024 Joint Favorable Change of Reference APPROPRIATIONS

03/20/2024 FILED WITH LCO

03/21/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

03/21/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

03/22/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

04/04/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

04/05/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/12/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/18/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/18/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 379

04/18/2024 FILE NO. 559

~~**HB5471—An Act Concerning Local Government.**~~

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Municipal employees;

Summary: To clarify certain responsibilities of the civil service board.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable

03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/10/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 272

04/10/2024 FILE NO. 416

05/08/2024 HOUSE ADOPTED HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

05/08/2024 HOUSE PASSED, HOUSE AMEND. SCH. A

~~HB5472 – An Act Concerning Municipal Finance And Audits.~~

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Audits; Budgets; Fines (penalties); Municipal employee collective bargaining; Municipal finance; Municipal finance advisory commission; Municipalities; Policy and management, office of;

Summary: To amend certain conditions and procedures for changing the tier designation of municipalities referred to the Municipal Finance Advisory Commission and Municipal Accountability Review Board, specify that the Municipal Accountability Review Board's failure to approve certain collective bargaining agreements will not cause such agreements to be deemed approved, and authorize the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to impose certain penalties as reductions to grant awards.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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04/11/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/11/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/11/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 305

04/11/2024 FILE NO. 462

~~HB5473 – An Act Concerning The Expansion Of Municipal Sewerage Systems To Promote The Development Of Housing And Requiring The Majority Leaders' Roundtable Group On Affordable Housing To Study The Elimination Of Municipal Design Review Processes.~~

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Jason Rojas (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D);

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Affordable housing; Municipalities; Studies;

Summary: To require that the majority leaders' roundtable group on affordable housing conduct a study concerning the elimination of any municipal design review processes in connection with residential development.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

03/25/2024 FILED WITH LCO

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04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/10/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 273

04/10/2024 FILE NO. 417

~~HB5475 – An Act Concerning The Development Of Housing, Challenges To Certain Decisions Of Municipal Agencies, And The Conversion Of Vacant Nursing Homes Into Multifamily Housing.~~

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Jason Rojas (D);

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Affordable housing; Housing, department of; Inland wetlands agencies; Municipal plans of conservation and development; Notices; Nursing homes; Ordinances; Real estate; Studies; Zoning boards of appeals;

Summary: To (1) require that a person claiming to be aggrieved by certain decisions of municipal commissions, agencies or boards demonstrate actual damage or an impairment of right, title or interest to such person's real property, (2) remove the right of protest against certain zoning changes by persons who do not own lots affected by such changes, (3) allow municipalities to adopt ordinances which exempt developments in certain areas from review by the inland wetlands agencies of such municipalities, (4) allow the conversion of vacant nursing homes into multifamily housing as of right, and (5) require the Commissioner of Housing to conduct a study of certain unused real property owned by the state to determine the suitability of such real property to improve affordable housing opportunities.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable Substitute

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04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/10/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 275

04/10/2024 FILE NO. 419

~~HB5476 – An Act Concerning Municipal Issues.~~

~~HB5484 - An Act Concerning Municipal Issues~~

Introducers: Planning and Development Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Interlocal agreements; Municipalities;

Summary: To make technical changes to provisions concerning interlocal agreements between municipalities.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

03/22/2024 Joint Favorable

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04/10/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/10/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/10/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 276

04/10/2024 FILE NO. 420

~~HB5484 - An Act Concerning Tree And Vegetation Management Guidelines By The Department Of Transportation.~~

Introducers: Transportation Committee

Cosponsors: Sen. Tony Hwang (R); Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr. (D); Rep. Patricia A. Dillon (D);

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Categories: Highway beautification; Highway maintenance; Transportation department;

Summary: To require the Department of Transportation to submit guidelines governing tree and vegetation management to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and the environment for approval.

Complete 03/07/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON TRANSPORTATION

History: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/13/24 10:00AM - TRANSPORTATION

03/20/2024 Joint Favorable

03/21/2024 FILED WITH LCO

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04/08/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

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04/08/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 230

04/08/2024 FILE NO. 335

04/16/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

04/18/2024 Joint Favorable

04/18/2024 FILED WITH LCO

04/18/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/18/2024 NO NEW FILE BY COMM. ON ENVIRONMENT

04/18/2024 TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

~~HB5506 - An Act Concerning Families With Service Needs.~~

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Cosponsors: Rep. Craig C. Fishbein (R);

Intro Date: 3/13/2024

Categories: Children and families, department of; Civil commitment; Complaint; Court support services division; Family support; Family with service needs; Juvenile delinquents; Juvenile probation; Petitions; Police; Superior court;

Summary: To reestablish services for families with service needs, including those that include a child who is truant or habitually truant, and to permit a juvenile probation supervisor to refer the matter of alleged delinquency of a child to the court in the case of a child assigned to nonjudicial supervision following a nonjudicial disposition who violates the terms of such supervision.

Complete 03/14/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON JUDICIARY

History: 03/15/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/20/24 10:00AM - JUDICIARY

03/26/2024 Joint Favorable

03/27/2024 FILED WITH LCO

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04/15/2024 RPTD. OUT OF LCO

04/15/2024 FAV. RPT., TABLED FOR HOUSE CALENDAR

04/15/2024 HOUSE CALENDAR NUMBER 342

04/15/2024 FILE NO. 492

04/23/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

~~HB5510 - An Act Concerning Funding For Student Meals.~~

Introducers: Appropriations Committee

Intro Date: 3/14/2024

Categories: School meals:
Summary: To provide funding for student meals.

Complete 03/15/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

History: 03/18/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/26/24 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS

Robert L. Miller

From: Robert L. Miller
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 12:58 PM
To: 'Patrice Sulik'; doh@uncashd.org; Russell Melmed; 'Jennifer Muggeo'
Subject: FW: CT Paid Leave: new definition of municipality effective 10/1/24
Attachments: P.A. 24-5 CT Paid Leave Definition of Municipality.pdf

Anyone else get this email? It appears that we may be covered employers.

From: Granato, Madeline [mailto:Madeline.Granato@ct.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 3, 2024 12:21 PM
To: Granato, Madeline <Madeline.Granato@ct.gov>
Subject: CT Paid Leave: new definition of municipality effective 10/1/24

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

I'm reaching out on behalf of the CT Paid Leave Authority regarding changes to the CT Paid Leave Act passed during the 2024 legislative session of interest to your organization.

As you know, municipalities are not covered employers under CT Paid Leave unless their unionized employees collectively bargain to participate in the program; however, the term "municipality" was previously undefined in statute. *P.A. 24-5: An Act Concerning Changes to the Paid family and Medical Leave Statutes* establishes the following definition of municipality for both the CT Paid Leave Act and the CT Family & Medical Leave Act, effective 10/1/24: "municipality" means any metropolitan district, town, consolidated town and city, consolidated town and borough, city, borough, village, fire and sewer district, sewer district and each municipal organization having authority to levy and collect taxes.

Attached is a one pager with additional information. The CT Paid Leave Authority is available to meet one on one or to schedule a webinar or training with your organization. Please contact me with any questions or to discuss further.

Thank you,
Maddie

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P.A. 24-5: An Act Concerning Changes to the Paid Family and Medical Leave Statutes

Sec. 1 and Sec. 7: Definition of Municipality in CT Paid Leave and CT FMLA

Background:

Under the current CT Paid Leave Act, municipalities are not covered employers unless their unionized employees collectively bargain to participate in the program; however, the term “municipality” was not clearly defined in statute. Through its policy-making authority, the CT Paid Leave Authority previously adopted a definition of municipality that incorporates language from various statutes. That policy definition will be superseded by P.A. 24-5.

New changes in P.A. 24-5, effective October 1, 2024:

P.A. 24-5 defines “municipality” in CT Paid Leave and CT FMLA as *any metropolitan district, town, consolidated town and city, consolidated town and borough, city, borough, village, fire and sewer district, sewer district and each municipal organization having authority to levy and collect taxes.*

If an entity meets this definition:	If an entity does not meet this definition:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entity is not a covered employer under CT Paid Leave unless one or more of its bargaining units collectively bargains to be included. • If one or more bargaining units in a municipality collectively bargain to participate in the CT Paid Leave program, then all of the non-represented employees of that municipality will also become participants in the program. • The CT Paid Leave Authority has adopted a policy regarding the effective date of participation in the program via collective bargaining: <u>CTPL-002-ELIG (d) Municipal and Board of Education Employers Effective Date.</u> • Employees represented by any bargaining unit in that municipality that did not bargain for participation will continue to be excluded from the program. • Collectively bargaining for participation in the CT Paid Leave program does not automatically result in changing the employees’ rights to job-protected leave. • Employees cannot collectively bargain into coverage under the CT FMLA, as enforced by the CT DOL, but they may collectively bargain for a policy that adopts the provisions of CT FMLA, such as eligibility for job-protected leave after 3 months of employment and the broader definition of family for caregiver leave. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entity is a covered employer under CT Paid Leave and CT FMLA. • Beginning 10/1/24, employees will be covered under CT Paid Leave and CT FMLA and, if they meet the worker-specific eligibility requirements, may qualify to take job-protected leave under CT FMLA and receive income-replacement benefits while on leave from CT Paid Leave. • As a covered employer, the entity is required to register with the CT Paid Leave Authority; deduct the 0.5% contributions from its employees’ wages and remit those contributions quarterly. • Additional information on registering and employer responsibilities are available via <u>ctpaidleave.org</u>.



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Dear *Property Owner/Resident*,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to you regarding your recent application for the review of a proposed plan for the installation of a Water Treatment Waste Water disposal system on your property. Based on the information submitted with your application, we note that there may be alternatives to the installation of a water softening treatment system that may be considered.

Enclosed with this letter you will find helpful information on the issues associated with the proposed water softening treatment system. We believe that exploring this information could offer a more suitable solution for your water treatment needs that are more protective of the environment. These include a review of hardwater treatment considerations and options as well as an FAQ explaining the advantages and concerns that come with hardwater treatment.

We encourage you to carefully review the attached information to gain a comprehensive understanding of the available options and concerns associated with any potential decisions. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We further encourage you to speak with your home water treatment contractor about possible treatment options.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and your cooperation in supporting the health and safety of our community. Please call 860-429-3325 or email us at ehhd@ehhd.org with any questions.

Yours in Health,

The Eastern Highlands Health District Team



Home Water Softening

Answers and Issues

What is hard water?

Water naturally has a variety of minerals such as calcium and magnesium. Whether a water supply is considered “hard” or “soft” depends on how much of these minerals are in your water. Historic CT DPH guidelines have recommended that hard water contains higher levels of calcium and/or magnesium, > 150 mg/l calcium carbonate.

Do I need to soften my water?

There is no requirement to soften your water. The decision to soften is a personal choice that can affect your home and the environment. As indicate above there is not a strict standard, but if your total hardness exceeds, or is in the high end of the range of 80 to 150 mg/l, then you may need a water softener to ensure your appliances run well and to improve the taste, smell, or look of your water.

Understand the hardness of your water

To decide if you need a home water softener, learn about the hardness of your home’s water. You can measure the hardness of your water using a test kit or an independent laboratory. Search for labs at: [The CT Department of Public Health Website](http://www.ct.gov/dph)

[Labs - https://portal.ct.gov/dph/environmental-health/environmental-laboratory-certification/environmental-laboratory-certification](https://portal.ct.gov/dph/environmental-health/environmental-laboratory-certification/environmental-laboratory-certification)

[Treatment - https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/departments-and-agencies/dph/dph/environmental_health/private_wells/2024/29hardwatersoftenersfactsandissues-nov-2023.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/departments-and-agencies/dph/dph/environmental_health/private_wells/2024/29hardwatersoftenersfactsandissues-nov-2023.pdf)

If you get your water from a community water system, you can contact them directly for information about your water’s hardness.

Advantages of home water softening

- Prevents build-up of minerals (scale) on the inside of pipes, fixtures, and hot water heaters.
- Lengthens the life of some appliances.
- Reduces or prevents mineral spots on glassware.
- Prevents or reduces soap films and detergent curds in sinks, bathtubs, and washing machines.



Disadvantages of home water softening

- Can corrode your pipes. The corroded metal from the pipes can end up in your water. This can contribute to elevated lead and copper levels in drinking water.
- Potential health effects from additional sodium.
- Regular testing of the water and maintenance of the softener is necessary to make sure the softener is working properly.
- Negative impacts to the environment from salt use, added sodium.
- The water used to regenerate the softener beads ends up as waste.

If I have a home softener, how do I use it correctly?

Make sure you have your softener installed and maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions. Read the manufacturer's instructions before adding any chemicals to the unit. Maintaining your softener will keep your water quality stable. This will help prevent issues with corrosion. In addition:

- If you get your water from a community water system, check to see if your community already softens the water. Soft water provided by a utility does not need additional softening and may cause corrosion issues for your home.
- Make sure the softener is set to the hardness of your water supply. If the hardness is set too high, the softener will cost more to operate and waste water, costing you extra money.
- If your home has new copper plumbing, do not run the water softener for at least the first few weeks you use water at your house. This will help the plumbing form a protective mineral layer to reduce the risk of consuming excess copper.
- Ensure softeners are filled with sodium or potassium chloride per manufacturer's recommendations.
- Soften only what you need to. People often choose to soften showers, sinks, and laundry hookups. Toilets, hose bibs, basement sinks, and other cold water taps typically do not need to be connected to a softener. In many cases, people choose to soften only the hot water.
- Check your manufacturer's instructions for dealing with common issues like clogging, iron fouling, and bacteria and fungi.
- Depending on your water quality, some softeners may be able to fully or partially remove additional minerals like Iron and manganese. It is important to note, however, that treatment alternatives for these minerals are available which do not discharge salt laden waste water into the environment. Learn more at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/departments-and-agencies/dph/dph/environmental_health/private_wells/2022/iron-and-manganese-in-well-water_updated-042522.pdf



Additional resources

- [Chloride \(salts\) \(https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/departments-and-agencies/dph/dph/environmental_health/private_wells/2018-downloads/sodium-chloride-fs-aug-2015.pdf?la=en#:~:text=The%20Connecticut%20Maximum%20Contaminant%20Level,liter%20\(mg%2FL\).](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/departments-and-agencies/dph/dph/environmental_health/private_wells/2018-downloads/sodium-chloride-fs-aug-2015.pdf?la=en#:~:text=The%20Connecticut%20Maximum%20Contaminant%20Level,liter%20(mg%2FL).)
- [Home Water Treatment \(https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/departments-and-agencies/dph/dph/environmental_health/private_wells/2018-downloads/061218-pwtreatment-how-to-get-started-helpful-resources.pdf\)](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/departments-and-agencies/dph/dph/environmental_health/private_wells/2018-downloads/061218-pwtreatment-how-to-get-started-helpful-resources.pdf)
- [Water Softening \(https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/departments-and-agencies/dph/dph/environmental_health/private_wells/2024/29hardwatersoftenersfactsandissues-nov-2023.pdf\)](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/departments-and-agencies/dph/dph/environmental_health/private_wells/2024/29hardwatersoftenersfactsandissues-nov-2023.pdf)



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Activity Report

January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024

Highlighted Accomplishments/Activities

- Working with the Board of Directors, adopted the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Operating and CNR Budgets authorizing a total spending package of \$1,010,076, which represents a total spending increase of 1.8%.
- Working actively on the CADH Advocacy Committee during this spring legislative session to advance local public health interests. Highlighted activities during this quarter include participation in a legislative breakfast at the LOB, development of a master list of unfunded or underfunded state mandates, drafting of public hearing testimony regarding private well data confidentiality.
- We continue to support the Coventry's effort to address sodium and chloride contamination in private water supply well. This office attended and spoke at public forum updating the community on efforts to extend public water to the affected areas on Plains Road.
- We continue to provide significant support to the Town of Tolland in their efforts to address NaCl ground water contamination. This includes but is not limited to:
 1. Participated in a number of meetings including a public meeting in which we presented information updating the community on agency efforts to address the issue.
 2. Spearheaded the coordination and deployment of resources to collect and analyze private well water samples from 31 properties.
- District wide efforts to mitigate impacts of NaCl on the environment include creating a posting an online form that residents can use to report private property damage caused by NaCl; and, beginning the development of internal protocols to distribute educational information to property owners applying for approvals to install water treatment systems.
- Attended and participated as active member of the UConn Institutional Bio-safety Committee, community member at-large.
- This office continues incremental progress the quarter towards enrolling and credentialing for 3rd party billing of vaccines and vaccinations. Currently working with Anthem, Cigna, and Connecticare.
- We effectively completed the annual permitting renewal process for 85 cosmetology businesses during this quarter.
- Staff is currently managing 27 cases of Elevated Blood Lead Levels in children. Three of these cases involved in depth investigations on the causes of their environmental lead exposures.
- Conducted 2 infectious disease outbreak investigations during this period.



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- The Health District distributed approximately 1130 free COVID-19 self-test kits to area schools, Town Halls, and the general public.
- *Community Health and Wellness Programs:* Conducted weekly vaccination clinics at the EHHD main office; Provided QPR training to MRC Volunteers; Organized and hosted education session for area school nurses. (See separate CHWC quarterly report attached for more details. Selected highlights include lead case management, Chronic Disease activities, and other outreach initiatives.)
- *Emergency Preparedness Program:* Highlighted EP activities for this period include active support and participation in the development of the Region 3 Project Public Health Ready application; updated the main content of the EHHD mass vaccination plan. (See separate EHHD PHPP report attached.)

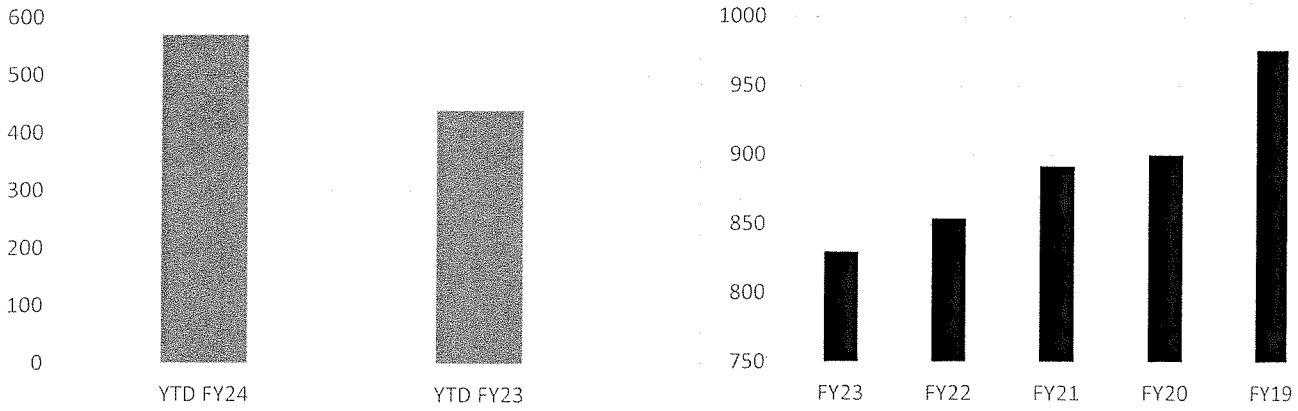
Plans for the Next Quarter

- Initiate and complete operating license renewals for all food service establishments. Pursuant to the FDA Food Code this includes for the first time all establishments providing Temperature Controlled for Safety (TCS) foods.
- Continue efforts to enroll and credential with 3rd party payers for vaccinations and vaccine.
- Continue to support Coventry and Tolland in their efforts work with DEEP on the NaCl private well contamination matter.
- Begin work on the Preventive Health and Human Services Block Grant (\$150,000) to prevent hypertension.
- Begin work on the Health District immunization promotion initiative funded by the newly awarded Immunization grant (\$185,000).
- Hire summer intern and initiated the summer bathing water monitoring program.
- Prepare and schedule deployment of staff and resources for the summer temporary food event season.
- Issue and RFP to select and engage a consultant to facilitate the agency strategic planning process.

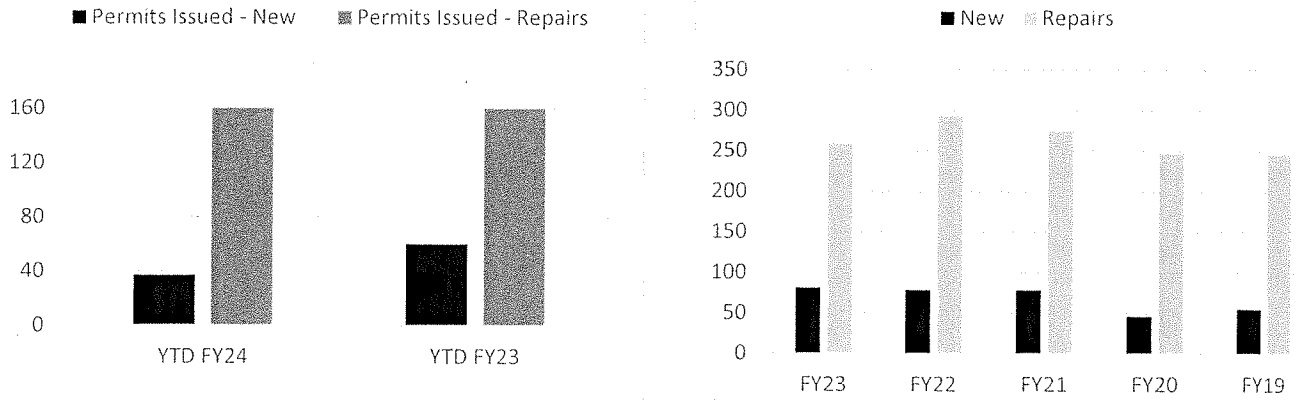
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 Year to Date Histograms with 5 Year Trend Comparisons for Selected Activity Indicators

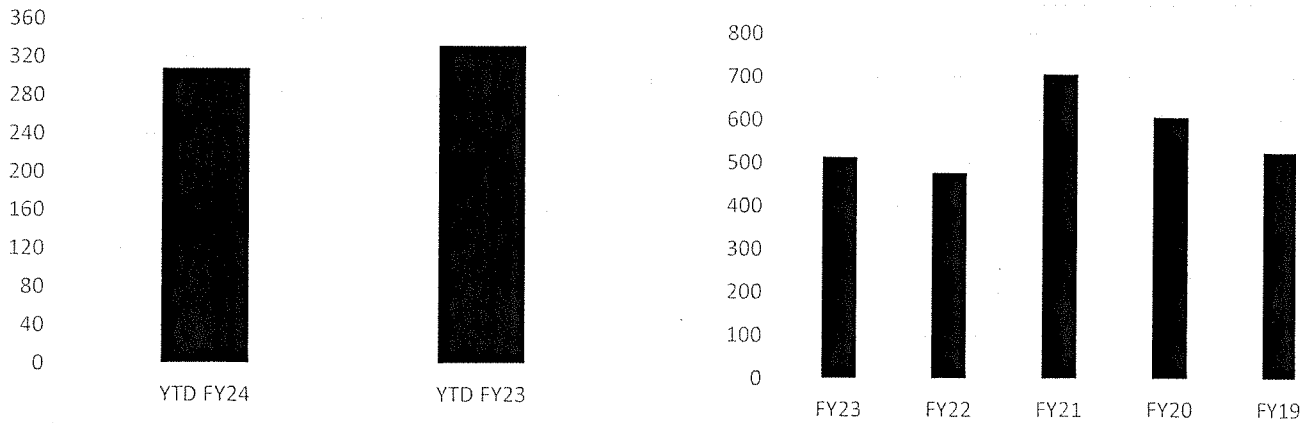
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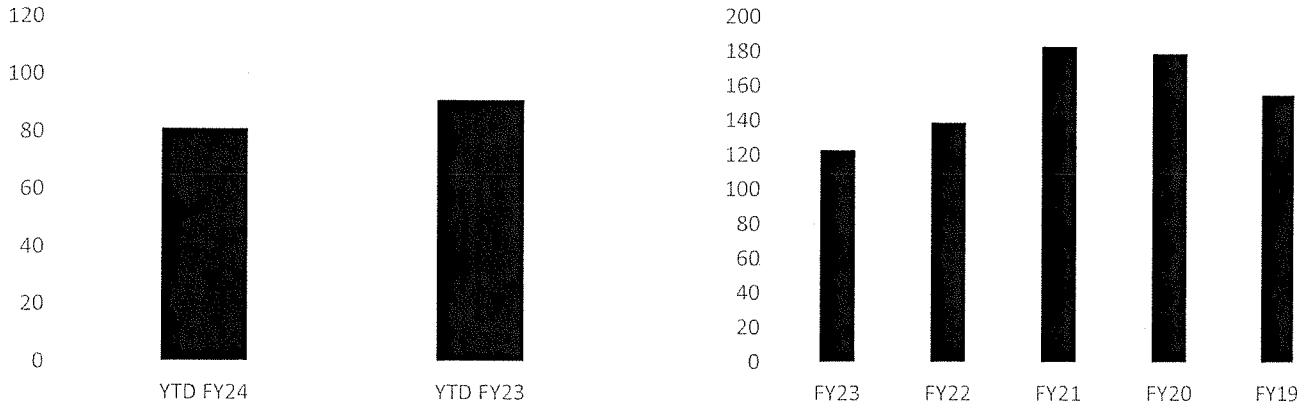


Public Health Reviews

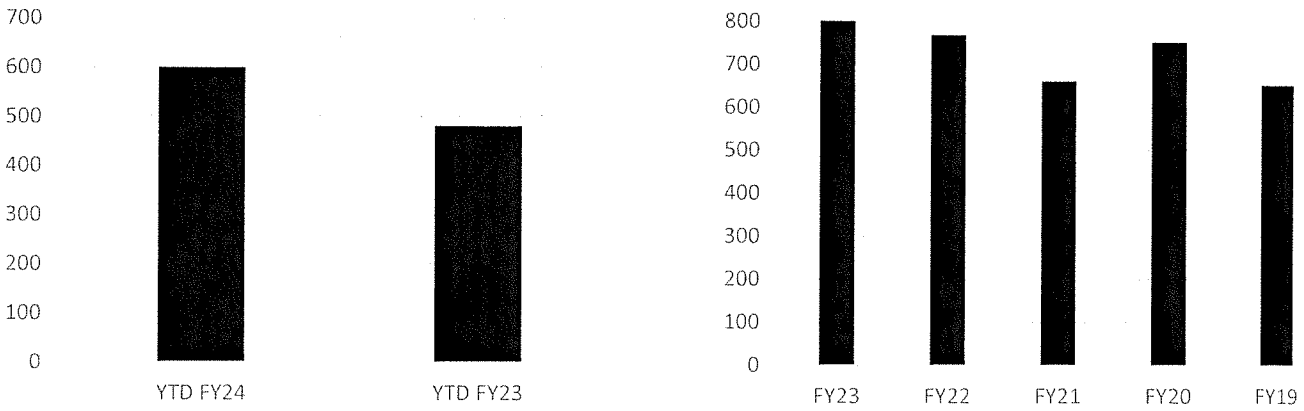


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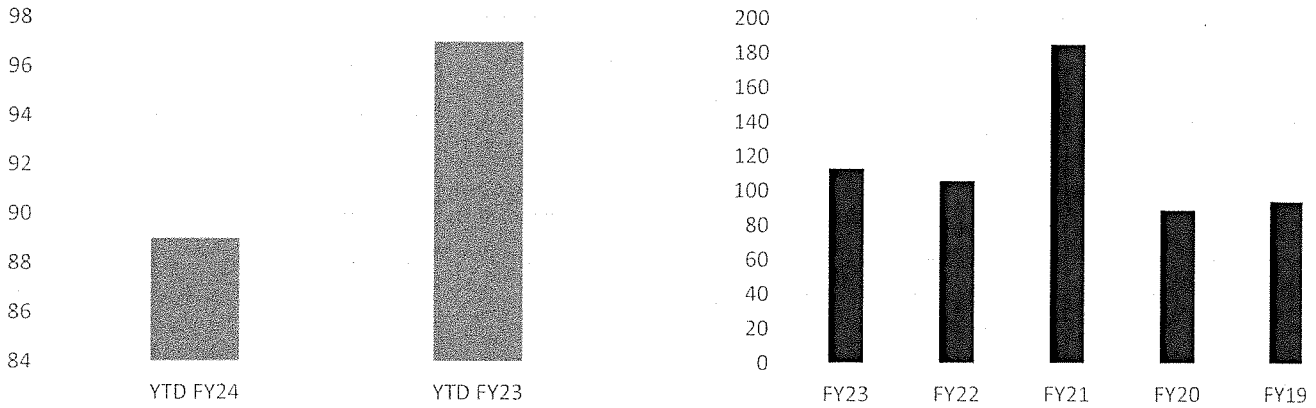
Complaints



Food Service Inspections



Well Permits



EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT THIRD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Activity Indicators	MONTHS				Total	Current YTD FY24	Previous YTD FY23
	January	February	March				
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES							
<i>Complaints</i>							
Air Quality	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Animals/Animal Waste	0	0	0	0	2	2	
Activity without Permit	0	0	1	1	2	2	
Food Protection	1	0	2	3	5	5	
Housing Issues	7	1	3	11	21	35	
Emergency Response	0	1	1	2	4	1	
Refuse/Garbage	1	0	0	1	3	5	
Rodents/Insects	3	0	0	3	8	8	
Septic/Sewage	2	1	3	6	21	16	
Other	1	1	0	2	9	7	
Water Quality	2	0	0	2	6	8	
COVID-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	17	4	10	31	81	91	
<i>Health Inspection</i>							
Group homes	0	0	1	1	4	0	
Day Care	2	1	1	4	10	4	
Camps	0	0	2	2	4	0	
Public Pool	0	0	0	0	4	5	
Other	7	0	6	13	13	3	
Schools	0	0	0	0	0	6	
Mortgage, FHA, VA	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bathing Areas	0	0	0	0	0	11	
Cosmetology	45	4	6	55	96	88	
Total Health Inspections	54	5	16	75	131	117	
<i>On-site Sewage Disposal & Wells</i>							
Site inspection	42	54	26	122	566	621	
Deep hole tests	46	60	89	195	571	441	
Percolation tests	9	15	17	41	135	114	
Permits issued, new	2	2	3	7	37	60	
Permits issued, repair	18	16	14	48	192	197	
Site Plans Reviewed	25	22	18	65	238	201	
Public Health Reviews	24	21	43	88	308	332	
<i>Wells</i>							
Well sites inspected	8	8	6	22	96	65	
Well permits issued	13	5	10	28	89	97	
<i>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</i>							
Potable water	2	0	40	42	43	5	
Surface water	0	0	0	0	213	184	
Ground water	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rabies	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lead	72	0	0	72	137	2	
Other	0	1	3	4	14	9	
<i>Food Protection</i>							
Inspections	33	53	48	134	383	343	
On Site inspection violation follow up	10	6	8	24	66	42	
Documented inspection violation follow up	3	11	16	30	92		
Temporary permit	10	31	15	56	189	115	
Temporary inspections*	0	0	18	18	42	80	
Plan review	0	1	2	3	17	15	
Pre-operational inspections	1	1	2	4	16	16	
Total Inspections	47	71	92	210	599	481	
<i>Lead Activities</i>							
Housing inspection	4	0	0	4	7	2	
Abate plan reviewed	0	0	0	0	0	2	
<i>Miscellaneous Activities</i>							
Planning and Zoning referrals	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Subdivision reviewed (# of lots)	0	0	0	0	1	5	

ANDOVER QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Activity Indicators

	January	February	March	Total	District Total
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES					
<i>Complaints</i>					
Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection				0	3
Housing Issues				0	11
Emergency Response				0	2
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage				0	6
Other				0	2
Water Quality				0	2
COVID-19				0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	31
Group homes				0	1
Day Care				0	4
Camps				0	2
Public Pool				0	0
Other	1		1	2	13
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology				0	55
Total	1	0	1	2	75
<i>On-site Sewage Disposal</i>					
Site inspection -- all site visits	3	3		6	122
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	5		3	8	195
Percolation tests -- number of holes	1	1	1	3	41
Permits issued, new	1			1	7
Permits issued, repair	1	1	1	3	48
Site plans reviewed		1	2	3	65
Public Health Reviews	1	1	2	4	88
<i>Wells</i>					
Well sites inspected				0	22
Well permits issued				0	28
<i>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</i>					
Potable water				0	42
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	0
Lead				0	72
Other				0	4
<i>Food Protection</i>					
Inspections			1	1	134
On Site inspection violation follow up	1			1	24
Documented inspection violation follow up				0	30
Temporary permits	1	1		2	56
Temporary inspections				0	18
Plan reviews				0	3
Pre-operational inspections				0	4
<i>Lead Activities</i>					
Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES					
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0

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1	ASHFORD QUARTERLY REPORT								
2	January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024								
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4	Activity Indicators								
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6					<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>District Total</u>
7	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES								
8	<i>Complaints</i>								
9		Air Quality						0	0
10		Animals/Animal Waste						0	0
11		Activity Without Proper Permits						0	1
12		Food Protection						0	3
13		Housing Issues		3				3	11
14		Emergency Response						0	2
15		Refuse/Garbage						0	1
16		Rodents/Insects						0	3
17		Septic/Sewage		1				1	6
18		Other						0	2
19		Water Quality						0	2
20		COVID-19						0	0
21		Total		4	0	0		4	31
22	<i>Health Inspection</i>								
23		Group homes						0	1
24		Day Care						0	4
25		Camps				1		1	2
26		Public Pool						0	0
27		Other						0	13
28		Schools						0	0
29		Mortgage, FHA, VA						0	0
30		Bathing Areas						0	0
31		Cosmetology		3				3	55
32		Total		3	0	1		4	75
33	<i>On-site Sewage Disposal</i>								
34		Site inspection -- all site visits				3	7	10	122
35		Deep hole tests -- number of holes		6		3	22	31	195
36		Percolation tests -- number of holes		1		1	3	5	41
37		Permits issued, new					1	1	7
38		Permits issued, repair		1		3	4	8	48
39		Site plans reviewed		3		3	3	9	65
40		Public Health Reviews		6		1	5	12	88
41	<i>Wells</i>								
42		Well sites inspected					1	1	22
43		Well permits issued					4	4	28
44	<i>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</i>								
45		Potable water						0	42
46		Surface water						0	0
47		Ground water						0	0
48		Rabies						0	0
49		Lead						0	72
50		Other						0	4
51	<i>Food Protection</i>								
52		Inspections				1	1	2	134
53		On Site inspection violation follow up						0	24
54		Documented inspection violation follow up						0	30
55		Temporary permits					2	2	56
56		Temporary inspections						0	18
57		Plan reviews						0	3
58		Pre-operational inspections						0	4
59	<i>Lead Activities</i>								
60		Housing inspection						0	4
61		Abate plan reviewed						0	0
62	MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES								
63		Planning and Zoning referrals						0	0
64		Subdivision reviewed (per lot)						0	0

BOLTON QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Activity Indicators

	January	February	March	Total	District Total
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES					
<i>Complaints</i>					
Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection				0	3
Housing Issues	1			1	11
Emergency Response				0	2
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage				0	6
Other	1			1	2
Water Quality				0	2
COVID-19				0	0
Total	2	0	0	2	31
<i>Health Inspection</i>					
Group homes				0	1
Day Care			1	1	4
Camps				0	2
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	13
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology	3		1	4	55
Total	3	0	1	4	75
<i>On-site Sewage Disposal</i>					
Site inspection -- all site visits				0	122
Deep hole tests -- number of holes			3	3	195
Percolation tests -- number of holes			1	1	41
Permits issued, new				0	7
Permits issued, repair	1		1	2	48
Site plans reviewed	2		1	3	65
Public Health Reviews	2	1	3	6	88
<i>Wells</i>					
Well sites inspected				0	22
Well permits issued			1	1	28
<i>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</i>					
Potable water				0	42
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	0
Lead				0	72
Other			1	1	4
<i>Food Protection</i>					
Inspections		3	3	6	134
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	24
Documented inspection violation follow up				0	30
Temporary permits	3	7	3	13	56
Temporary inspections				0	18
Plan reviews				0	3
Pre-operational inspections			1	1	4
<i>Lead Activities</i>					
Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES					
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0

CHAPLIN QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Activity Indicators

	January	February	March	<u>Total</u>	<u>District Total</u>
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES

Complaints

Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection				0	3
Housing Issues				0	11
Emergency Response				0	2
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage				0	6
Other				0	2
Water Quality				0	2
COVID-19				0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	31

Health Inspection

Group homes				0	1
Day Care		1		1	4
Camps				0	2
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	13
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology				0	55
Total	0	1	0	1	75

On-site Sewage Disposal

Site inspection -- all site visits				0	122
Deep hole tests -- number of holes			6	6	195
Percolation tests -- number of holes			2	2	41
Permits issued, new				0	7
Permits issued, repair			1	1	48
Site plans reviewed			2	2	65
Public Health Reviews				0	88

Wells

Well sites inspected	1			1	22
Well permits issued	1			1	28

Laboratory Activities (samples taken)

Potable water				0	42
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	0
Lead				0	72
Other				0	4

Food Protection

Inspections	1	4	1	6	134
On Site inspection violation follow up	1			1	24
Documented inspection violation follow up	1		3	4	30
Temporary permits				0	56
Temporary inspections				0	18
Plan reviews			1	1	3
Pre-operational inspections				0	4

Lead Activities

Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0

COLUMBIA QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Activity Indicators

	January	February	March	Total	District Total
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES					
<i>Complaints</i>					
Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection				0	3
Housing Issues				0	11
Emergency Response				0	2
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage				0	6
Other				0	2
Water Quality				0	2
COVID-19				0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	31
<i>Health Inspection</i>					
Group homes				0	1
Day Care				0	4
Camps				0	2
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	13
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology	5		1	6	55
Total	5	0	1	6	75
<i>On-site Sewage Disposal</i>					
Site inspection -- all site visits	11	10	1	22	122
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	3	9	3	15	195
Percolation tests -- number of holes	1	3	1	5	41
Permits issued, new				0	7
Permits issued, repair	4	1	1	6	48
Site plans reviewed	4	2	2	8	65
Public Health Reviews	1	1	4	6	88
<i>Wells</i>					
Well sites inspected	1			1	22
Well permits issued	3			3	28
<i>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</i>					
Potable water				0	42
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	0
Lead				0	72
Other			1	1	4
<i>Food Protection</i>					
Inspections	4	1	4	9	134
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	24
Documented inspection violation follow up		1	1	2	30
Temporary permits				0	56
Temporary inspections				0	18
Plan reviews				0	3
Pre-operational inspections				0	4
<i>Lead Activities</i>					
Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES					
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0

COVENTRY QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Activity Indicators						
	January	February	March	Total	District Total	
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES						
<i>Complaints</i>						
Air Quality				0	0	
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0	
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1	
Food Protection			1	1	3	
Housing Issues	2			2	11	
Emergency Response				0	2	
Refuse/Garbage				0	1	
Rodents/Insects				0	3	
Septic/Sewage			1	1	6	
Other				0	2	
Water Quality				0	2	
COVID-19				0	0	
Total	2	0	2	4	31	
<i>Health Inspection</i>						
Group homes			1	1	1	
Day Care				0	4	
Camps				0	2	
Public Pool				0	0	
Other				0	13	
Schools				0	0	
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0	
Bathing Areas				0	0	
Cosmetology	6			6	55	
Total	6	0	1	7	75	
<i>On-site Sewage Disposal</i>						
Site inspection -- all site visits	15	20	5	40	122	
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	6	11	18	35	195	
Percolation tests -- number of holes	2	3	1	6	41	
Permits issued, new			1	1	7	
Permits issued, repair	3	6		9	48	
Site plans reviewed	3	6	2	11	65	
Public Health Reviews	5	6	10	21	88	
<i>Wells</i>						
Well sites inspected				0	22	
Well permits issued			1	1	28	
<i>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</i>						
Potable water				0	42	
Surface water				0	0	
Ground water				0	0	
Rabies				0	0	
Lead				0	72	
Other		1		1	4	
<i>Food Protection</i>						
Inspections	5	7	3	15	134	
On Site inspection violation follow up		1	1	2	24	
Documented inspection violation follow up			1	1	30	
Temporary permits	1	2	7	10	56	
Temporary inspections				0	18	
Plan reviews				0	3	
Pre-operational inspections		1		1	4	
<i>Lead Activities</i>						
Housing inspection	1			1	4	
Abate plan reviewed				0	0	
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES						
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0	
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0	

MANSFIELD QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Activity Indicators

	January	February	March	Total	District Total
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES					
<i>Complaints</i>					
Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits			1	1	1
Food Protection	1		1	2	3
Housing Issues	1		2	3	11
Emergency Response			1	1	2
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects	1			1	3
Septic/Sewage		1	1	2	6
Other				0	2
Water Quality				0	2
COVID-19				0	0
Total	3	1	6	10	31
<i>Health Inspection</i>					
Group homes				0	1
Day Care	1			1	4
Camps				0	2
Public Pool				0	0
Other	6		5	11	13
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology	12	2	2	16	55
Total	19	2	7	28	75
<i>On-site Sewage Disposal</i>					
Site inspection -- all site visits	7	10	3	20	122
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	6	9	9	24	195
Percolation tests -- number of holes	2	2	2	6	41
Permits issued, new	1			1	7
Permits issued, repair	3		2	5	48
Site plans reviewed	3		2	5	65
Public Health Reviews	3	4	8	15	88
<i>Wells</i>					
Well sites inspected	2	4	1	7	22
Well permits issued	4	3	3	10	28
<i>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</i>					
Potable water	2			2	42
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	0
Lead	72			72	72
Other				0	4
<i>Food Protection</i>					
Inspections	14	24	17	55	134
On Site inspection violation follow up	6	4	5	15	24
Documented inspection violation follow up	1	7	7	15	30
Temporary permits	5	18	2	25	56
Temporary inspections			18	18	18
Plan reviews				0	3
Pre-operational inspections	1		1	2	4
<i>Lead Activities</i>					
Housing inspection	3			3	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES					
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0

SCOTLAND QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Activity Indicators

	January	February	March	Total	District Total
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES					
<i>Complaints</i>					
Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection				0	3
Housing Issues				0	11
Emergency Response				0	2
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage				0	6
Other				0	2
Water Quality	1			1	2
COVID-19				0	0
Total	1	0	0	1	31
<i>Health Inspection</i>					
Group homes				0	1
Day Care				0	4
Camps				0	2
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	13
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology				0	55
Total	0	0	0	0	75
<i>On-site Sewage Disposal</i>					
Site inspection -- all site visits	1	2		3	122
Deep hole tests -- number of holes		8		8	195
Percolation tests -- number of holes		2		2	41
Permits issued, new		1		1	7
Permits issued, repair				0	48
Site plans reviewed			1	1	65
Public Health Reviews				0	88
<i>Wells</i>					
Well sites inspected	1	1	1	3	22
Well permits issued				0	28
<i>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</i>					
Potable water				0	42
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	0
Lead				0	72
Other				0	4
<i>Food Protection</i>					
Inspections	1			1	134
On Site inspection violation follow up				0	24
Documented inspection violation follow up	1			1	30
Temporary permits				0	56
Temporary inspections				0	18
Plan reviews				0	3
Pre-operational inspections				0	4
<i>Lead Activities</i>					
Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES					
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0

TOLLAND QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Activity Indicators

	January	February	March	Total	District Total
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES					
<i>Complaints</i>					
Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection				0	3
Housing Issues			1	1	11
Emergency Response				0	2
Refuse/Garbage				0	1
Rodents/Insects				0	3
Septic/Sewage	1		1	2	6
Other		1		1	2
Water Quality	1			1	2
COVID-19				0	0
Total	2	1	2	5	31
<i>Health Inspection</i>					
Group homes				0	1
Day Care	1			1	4
Camps			1	1	2
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	13
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology	16	2	2	20	55
Total	17	2	3	22	75
<i>On-site Sewage Disposal</i>					
Site inspection -- all site visits	2	3	7	12	122
Deep hole tests -- number of holes	20	13	11	44	195
Percolation tests -- number of holes	2	3	3	8	41
Permits issued, new		1	1	2	7
Permits issued, repair	4	3	3	10	48
Site plans reviewed	8	8	3	19	65
Public Health Reviews	3	5	8	16	88
<i>Wells</i>					
Well sites inspected	1	3	3	7	22
Well permits issued	2	1	1	4	28
<i>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</i>					
Potable water			40	40	42
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	0
Lead				0	72
Other			1	1	4
<i>Food Protection</i>					
Inspections	4	8	13	25	134
On Site inspection violation follow up	1	1	1	3	24
Documented inspection violation follow up		1	2	3	30
Temporary permits		1		1	56
Temporary inspections				0	18
Plan reviews		1	1	2	3
Pre-operational inspections				0	4
<i>Lead Activities</i>					
Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES					
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0

WILLINGTON QUARTERLY REPORT

January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024

Activity Indicators

	January	February	March	Total	District Total
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES					
<i>Complaints</i>					
Air Quality				0	0
Animals/Animal Waste				0	0
Activity Without Proper Permits				0	1
Food Protection				0	3
Housing Issues		1		1	11
Emergency Response		1		1	2
Refuse/Garbage	1			1	1
Rodents/Insects	2			2	3
Septic/Sewage				0	6
Other				0	2
Water Quality				0	2
COVID-19				0	0
Total	3	2	0	5	31
<i>Health Inspection</i>					
Group homes				0	1
Day Care				0	4
Camps				0	2
Public Pool				0	0
Other				0	13
Schools				0	0
Mortgage, FHA, VA				0	0
Bathing Areas				0	0
Cosmetology				0	55
Total	0	0	0	0	75
<i>On-site Sewage Disposal</i>					
Site inspection -- all site visits	3	3	3	9	122
Deep hole tests -- number of holes		7	14	21	195
Percolation tests -- number of holes			3	3	41
Permits issued, new				0	7
Permits issued, repair	1	2	1	4	48
Site plans reviewed	2	2		4	65
Public Health Reviews	3	2	3	8	88
<i>Wells</i>					
Well sites inspected	2			2	22
Well permits issued	3	1		4	28
<i>Laboratory Activities (samples taken)</i>					
Potable water				0	42
Surface water				0	0
Ground water				0	0
Rabies				0	0
Lead				0	72
Other				0	4
<i>Food Protection</i>					
Inspections	4	5	5	14	134
On Site inspection violation follow up	1		1	2	24
Documented inspection violation follow up		2	2	4	30
Temporary permits		2	1	3	56
Temporary inspections				0	18
Plan reviews				0	3
Pre-operational inspections				0	4
<i>Lead Activities</i>					
Housing inspection				0	4
Abate plan reviewed				0	0
MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES					
Planning and Zoning referrals				0	0
Subdivision reviewed (per lot)				0	0

**Eastern Highlands Health District
Community Health and Wellness Coordinator
3rd Quarter Report January 1, 2024 –March 31, 2024**

Programs and services provided through the EHHD Community Health and Wellness Coordinator efforts were extended to minimally 1,207 individuals in member towns this quarter primarily through the *Be Well* newsletter and additional activities provided this quarter.

Action Item	Progress this quarter	Outcome
<p>1b (1) Refine/update grant monitoring network</p>	<p>CHWC applied for radon kits through the CT Partnership with DPH . 50 kits were granted.</p>	<p>CHWC organized a campaign and distributed all 50 radon kits. CHWC followed up with residents and verified that 40/50 kits were deployed.</p>
<p>1g (1) Explore and expand partnership opportunities</p>	<p>CHWC is part of the Immunization Coalition and attended 2 meetings The CHWC attended 1 quarterly meeting of the Coventry Worker’s Safety and Wellness meeting.</p> <p>CHWC organized a meeting of school nurses with a training from Connecticut Poison Control.</p>	<p>CHWC provided feedback to the meetings.</p>
<p>2a (2) Effective communication of health district programs and news with staff and member towns officials</p>	<p>Updated bulletin boards were provided to Tolland and Mansfield Town Hall buildings.</p> <p>CHWC continues to produce quarterly newsletters.</p> <p>CHWC oversees the COVID-19 clinical staff and volunteers for vaccination clinics.</p> <p>CHWC is a voting member of the Chaplin School Readiness Committee.</p>	<p>Bulletin boards with health and safety messages were updated.</p> <p>Topics included: Physical activity information, seasonal affective disorder, tick-borne illness, and oral health.</p> <p>Newsletters are distributed to member town officials, UConn Be Well Tolland members and residents.</p> <p>CHWC attended one meeting of the Chaplin School Readiness Committee.</p>
<p>3c (1) Engage in advocacy events and activities</p>	<p>CHWC is a source for the public on immunization information, including Covid-19</p>	<p>CHWC will continue to explore ways to support community events</p>

Childhood Lead Activities	CHWC continues to monitor the DPH lead surveillance system (MAVEN) and contact families, medical providers, labs, and DPH as necessary to support the monitoring of elevated lead in resident children.	There were 27 cases followed in this reporting period. 3 events were closed. 12 phone calls were made to families and providers. 11 correspondences completed to families. CHWC worked with the Chief Sanitarian on 3 investigations for elevated lead levels. CHWC completed the paperwork and submission for DPH reimbursement of these investigations.
Communicable Disease Control	CHWC interviews and follow-up as needed for enteric diseases and f/u on other communicable disease such as TB. Documenting and faxing information to DPH as necessary.	please see chart below
CHWC Training and Continued Education	02/29/24- COCA Call: Overdoses Involving Xylazine Mixed with Fentanyl: Clinical and Public Helth Implications (1 contact hr) 03/12-03/13/24- TEEEX MGT 341 Disaster Preparedness for Healthcare Organizations Within The Community Infrastructure (16 hours, 1.6 contact hrs)	CHWC will continue to explore opportunities to participate in continuing education when appropriate
Vaccine Program	CHWC attended 3 monthly meetings of the Immunization Coalition. EHHD performed biweekly vaccine clinics one for adults and one for children. EHHD provided vaccine clinics (some Covid-19 and others flu) at,	CHWC will continue to maintain and update the vaccine program and will attend the Immunization Coalition meetings. CHWC will participate in regional meetings to coordinate mass vaccination. CHWC will continue to coordinate COVID-19 vaccination.

Emergency Preparedness/Response

CHWC continues to provide information to the MRC volunteers and on-boarded new volunteers via the CTResponds system. In total, in this reporting period there are 128 volunteers. CHWC provided telephone support to residents and stakeholders about COVID-19, including schools. CHWC continues to support contact tracing for COVID-19 cases. CHWC also provides important information to the Covid-19 Project Staffer to circulate on social media and on EHHD bulletin boards. **CHWC also coordinated the distribution of Covid-19 test kits to schools, the community, senior centers: 1131 test kits were distributed during this period**

CHWC trains clinic staff and supervises clinical operations. EHHD performed weekly vaccination clinics in Mansfield. CHWC provided QPR Suicide Training to MRC volunteers on February 21, 10 people attended. CHWC sends emails to MRC volunteers to staff the upcoming clinics and then assigns the volunteers to the clinics. CHWC submits the MRC activation paperwork for the MRC and follows up with the final rosters. CHWC keeps standing orders updated with the Medical Director.

CHWC continues to attend PHEP/Region 4 MRC and Statewide MRC meetings and to maintain the National MRC activity log.

CHWC organized a District School Nurse Meeting. 5 school nurses attended. CT Poison Control provided education on services for school nurses. EHHD information on current respiratory illness numbers and vaccination were provided.

Employee Wellness Programs

Activities to meet contract deliverables for the current employer groups (Town of Tolland) continue as planned.

Tolland

The CHWC conducted the 3rd Quarterly Educational Event, on for the Tolland Town employees **Importance of Oral Health, 16** attended in person and an online version was posted to the Be Well website for people unable to attend.

Community Outreach

CHWC provided information to individuals and stakeholders regarding respiratory illness in phone calls and emails.

CHWC participated in 1 meeting of the Coventry Safety and Wellness Committee.

Communicable disease*	January	February	March	Quarter
Number of reported cases	17	9	10	36
Interviews	1	8	0	9
Investigations	1	1	0	2

*These numbers do not include SAR-Covid-19 cases.

Date	Description	# served	Community
Spring 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter (UConn) 201	202	UConn
Spring 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Andover
Spring 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Ashford
Spring 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 200	200	Bolton
Spring 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 30	30	Chaplin
Spring 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Columbia
Spring 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Coventry
Spring 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 60	60	Scotland
Spring 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 435	435	Tolland
Spring 2024	Employee Wellness Newsletter 40	40	Willington
Meetings/events		Number of meetings	
Tolland Local Prevention Council/Youth Advisory Board	Monthly meetings of Tolland stakeholders for the prevention of harm to youth and the reduction of substance abuse. The council includes: Social Services, high school staff, librarians, children's counseling services, and local religious leaders.	Will resume in January	
Immunization Coalition	Monthly meeting with: DPH, American Lung Association, LHDs, vaccine makers and others stakeholders to improve vaccination rates in CT	2	
Region 4 MRC	Monthly meetings to discuss MRC volunteer training, deployments, and pandemic response.	2	
UCONN Bike Friendly Campus	UCONN staff and students along with other stakeholders working on improving biking on UCONN campus. The goal of the group is to obtain the League of American Bicyclists Bike Friendly Status.	0	
R-4 ESF 8 meeting	Region 4 emergency response meeting	0	
Bolton Health and Wellness		0	
Coventry Safety and Wellness		1	
Chaplin School Readiness Program		2	

Eastern Highlands Health District Public Health Preparedness Program

January – March 2024

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EHS Circular Letter # 2024-20

To: Superintendents of Connecticut Public Schools
Local Health Directors

From: Amanda Parkins, Epidemiologist 3 *AP*
Coordinator, Indoor Environments Unit

Date: 6/10/2024

Subject: Evaluations for Existing Active Radon Mitigation Systems in Connecticut Public Schools

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Radon Program oversees radon measurement activities in all public schools and provides technical guidance and assistance to private industry, school officials, and local health departments.

To promote the quality of radon-related activities and to ensure the health and wellbeing of Connecticut's children who attend K-12 public schools within the state, the Radon Program is offering appointments for a courtesy evaluation of existing active radon mitigation systems. Evaluations will include an assessment of operability and an analysis of the radon in air concentration using a Continuous Radon Monitoring (CRM) device, if warranted.

This appointment is also an opportunity for Radon Program staff to educate relevant school staff on how to conduct regular internal evaluations to ensure optimal performance of your system(s).

Appointments are available weekdays between June 24th and August 28th, 2024.

**For questions, or to schedule an on-site visit from Radon Program staff,
please email DPH.RadonReports@ct.gov or call (860) 509-7300.**

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Robert L. Miller

From: Robert L. Miller
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2024 3:21 PM
To: Robert L. Miller
Cc: Robert L. Miller
Subject: FW: Addressing Wastewater Challenges in CT through EPA's Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Program

Hello Everyone – I am passing on the below information at the request of the US EPA. Please review it to see if this service may be of use to your agency or community.

Regards,
Rob

Hello Robert,

My name is Carolina Cantu, and I work in the Office of Wastewater Management at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I'm reaching out to make you aware of an EPA program, Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap, that could potentially benefit communities in your state that are struggling with failing septic systems or inadequate wastewater infrastructure. Originally launched as a pilot in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the initiative partners with EPA contractors and/or local technical assistance providers to help underserved communities access federal wastewater infrastructure funding. The pilot initiative has been assisting 11 communities since 2022 and will now serve an additional 150 communities. This program, supported by historic funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will advance environmental justice and help Americans access the wastewater infrastructure they need to thrive.

Our team has already contacted your state's onsite permitting agency; however, we are conducting further outreach in the state to raise awareness of the program and help identify communities that might be interested in receiving free technical assistance to find much needed wastewater solutions. If you know of communities that would qualify based on the following criteria, we encourage you to direct them to the [WaterTA Request Form](#), where a community representative or member can request no-cost technical assistance. Your organization can also submit the form on their behalf.

Who Can Qualify? If any of these conditions apply, assistance may be available. Communities – including homeowners and utilities – and all states, Tribes, and territories can request no-cost technical assistance.

- Do septic systems back up into homes or cause sewage to pool in yards?
- Does the town struggle to provide adequate sanitation services to their residents?
- Does the community struggle to rebuild wastewater and septic systems damaged by natural disasters?

Examples of technical assistance provided through the Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Program:

- Conduct an assessment of the community's wastewater needs.
- Evaluate the feasibility of wastewater solutions, including performing a rate study.
- Identify funding options, such as grants and financing.
- Help with completing the preliminary engineering and paperwork requirements for funding applications.
- Assist community/county with establishing an ordinance for wastewater management.

Request no-cost assistance by completing the [WaterTA request form](#)

For questions, email SepticHelp@epa.gov

Communities will be selected on a rolling basis; there is no deadline to apply. Language translation services may be available; please reach out directly with your needs.

Important Links:

EPA Press Release: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-expands-epa-program-bring-wastewater-services-150-more>

The latest webpage with information regarding the types of technical assistance available, how to apply, Solutions Plans from the pilot communities, fact sheets, and other pertinent information can be found here:

<https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/closing-americas-wastewater-access-gap>

We encourage you to share these materials within your networks. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

Carolina Cantu

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CDC's Bridge Access Program

This page has content that may be inconsistent with new CDC Respiratory Virus Guidance. The content of this page will be updated soon.

Vaccines Home > Programs

What You Need to Know

CDC's Bridge Access Program provides free COVID-19 vaccines to adults without health insurance and adults whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs. This program will end in August 2024. Use these resources to promote the program and expand equitable access for COVID-19 vaccination.

Free Updated COVID-19 Vaccines Available to Adults

Free updated COVID-19 vaccines are available to most adults living in the U.S. through their private health insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid plans. However, there are 25-30 million adults without health insurance and additional adults whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs.

Check your health insurance plan for coverage details to see if your plan covers a COVID-19 vaccine without cost-sharing at an in-network provider. Adults whose insurance plan does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs at an in-network provider can get a free COVID-19 vaccine through the Bridge Access Program.

Free COVID-19 Vaccines for Adults Without Health Insurance

Adults 18 years and older without health insurance and adults whose health insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs at an in-network provider can get free updated COVID-19 vaccines through the Bridge Access Program.


Get Free COVID-19 Vaccines Near You

You can get free COVID-19 vaccines at healthcare providers, federally supported health centers, and pharmacies participating in the Bridge Access Program. Visit vaccines.gov to find providers that offer free COVID-19 vaccines through the Bridge Access Program. Providers participating in the Bridge Access Program are contractually obligated to add vaccine availability to vaccines.gov. We expect reported availability to increase in the coming weeks.

Local Healthcare Providers

- State and local health departments are working with local healthcare providers to distribute free COVID-19 vaccines through providers in network.

Local Health Centers

- State and local immunization programs are working with HRSA-Supported Health Centers  to provide free COVID-19 vaccines. Health Resources & Services Administration is providing funding to HRSA-Supported Health Centers to support services that will help ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines.

Pharmacies

- CDC established new contracts with CVS, Walgreens, and eTrueNorth through existing Increasing Community Access to Testing (ICATT) contracts to provide free COVID-19 vaccines.

For Immunization Partners

Immunization partners play important roles in COVID-19 vaccination, particularly among adults without health insurance.

- Help expand access for COVID-19 vaccinations by partnering with community-based programs.
- Use program resources and promotional materials to share information on free COVID-19 vaccines through the Bridge Access Program.
- Use COVID-19 vaccination coverage data to prioritize vaccination support and outreach in communities with lower coverage.

For Healthcare Providers

Healthcare providers, including pharmacists, play important roles in COVID-19 vaccination, particularly among adults without health insurance.

- Share clear and accurate information about the latest COVID-19 vaccination recommendations.
- Use proven strategies to encourage patients to stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Use program resources to share information on free COVID-19 vaccines through the Bridge Access Program.
- Use promotional materials to let patients how they can find free COVID-19 vaccines through the Bridge Access Program.
- Talk to patients about finding a provider that offers free COVID-19 vaccines. Patients can visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a provider near them that offers free COVID-19 vaccines through the Bridge Access Program.

Promotional Materials

Use these graphics and share program resources to help promote free COVID-19 vaccination on various social media platforms and websites.

English

Four ways vaccine skeptics mislead you on measles, more



This photo illustration created in Washington on July 26, 2023, shows the homepage of "Unjected," a dating platform for unvaccinated people, in front of the cover image of a Facebook group for unvaccinated singles. (Stefani Reynolds/AFP/Getty Images/TNS)

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Measles is on the rise in the United States. In the first quarter of this year, the number of cases was about 17 times what it was, on average, during the same period in each of the four years before, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Half of the people infected— mainly children — have been hospitalized.

It's going to get worse, largely because a growing number of parents are deciding not to get their children vaccinated against measles as well as diseases like polio and pertussis. Unvaccinated people, or those whose immunization status is unknown, account for 80% of the measles cases this year. Many parents have been influenced by a flood of misinformation spouted by politicians, podcast hosts, and influential figures on television and social media. These personalities repeat decades-old notions that erode confidence in the established science backing routine childhood vaccines. KFF Health News examined the rhetoric and explains why it's misguided:

The no-big-deal trope

A common distortion is that vaccines aren't necessary because the diseases they prevent are not very dangerous, or too rare to be of concern. Cynics accuse public health officials and the media of fear-mongering about measles even as 19 states report cases.

For example, an article posted on the website of the National Vaccine Information Center — a regular source of vaccine misinformation — argued that a resurgence in concern about the disease “is ‘sky is falling’ hype.” It went on to call measles, mumps, chicken pox, and influenza “politically incorrect to get.”

Measles kills roughly 2 of every 1,000 children infected, according to the CDC. If that seems like a bearable risk, it's worth pointing out that a far larger portion of children with measles will require hospitalization for pneumonia and other serious complications. For every 10 measles cases, one child with the disease develops an ear infection that can lead to permanent hearing loss. Another strange effect is that the measles virus can destroy a person's existing immunity, meaning they'll have a harder time recovering from influenza and other common ailments.

Measles vaccines have averted the deaths of about 94 million people, mainly children, over the past 50 years, according to an April analysis led by the World Health Organization. Together with immunizations against polio and other diseases, vaccines have saved an estimated 154 million lives globally.

Some skeptics argue that vaccine-preventable diseases are no longer a threat because they've become relatively rare in the U.S. (True — due to vaccination.) This reasoning led Florida's surgeon general, Joseph Ladapo, to tell parents that they could send their unvaccinated children to school amid a measles outbreak in February. "You look at the headlines and you'd think the sky was falling," Ladapo said on a News Nation newscast. "There's a lot of immunity."

As this lax attitude persuades parents to decline vaccination, the protective group immunity will drop, and outbreaks will grow larger and faster. A rapid measles outbreak hit an undervaccinated population in Samoa in 2019, killing 83 people within four months. A chronic lack of measles vaccination in the Democratic Republic of the Congo led to more than 5,600 people dying from the disease in massive outbreaks last year.

The 'you never know' trope

Since the earliest days of vaccines, a contingent of the public has considered them bad because they're unnatural, as compared with nature's bounty of infections and plagues. "Bad" has been redefined over the decades. In the 1800s, vaccine skeptics claimed that smallpox vaccines caused people to sprout horns and behave like beasts. More recently, they blame vaccines for ailments ranging from attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder to autism to immune system disruption. Studies don't back the assertions. However, skeptics argue that their claims remain valid because vaccines haven't been adequately tested.

In fact, vaccines are among the most studied medical interventions. Over the past century, massive studies and clinical trials have tested vaccines during their development and after their widespread use. More than 12,000 people took part in clinical trials of the most recent vaccine approved to prevent measles, mumps,

and rubella. Such large numbers allow researchers to detect rare risks, which are a major concern because vaccines are given to millions of healthy people.

To assess long-term risks, researchers sift through reams of data for signals of harm. For example, a Danish group analyzed a database of more than 657,000 children and found that those who had been vaccinated against measles as babies were no more likely to later be diagnosed with autism than those who were not vaccinated. In another study, researchers analyzed records from 805,000 children born from 1990 through 2001 and found no evidence to back a concern that multiple vaccinations might impair children's immune systems.

Nonetheless, people who push vaccine misinformation, like candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr., dismiss massive, scientifically vetted studies. For example, Kennedy argues that clinical trials of new vaccines are unreliable because vaccinated kids aren't compared with a placebo group that gets saline solution or another substance with no effect. Instead, many modern trials compare updated vaccines with older ones. That's because it's unethical to endanger children by giving them a sham vaccine when the protective effect of immunization is known. In a 1950s clinical trial of polio vaccines, 16 children in the placebo group died of polio and 34 were paralyzed, said Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and author of a book on the first polio vaccine.

The too-much-too-soon trope

Several bestselling vaccine books on Amazon promote the risky idea that parents should skip or delay their children's vaccines. "All vaccines on the CDC's schedule may not be right for all children at all times," writes Paul Thomas in his bestselling book "The Vaccine-Friendly Plan." He backs up this conviction by saying that children who have followed "my protocol are among the healthiest in the world."

Since the book was published, Thomas' medical license was temporarily suspended in Oregon and Washington. The Oregon Medical Board documented how Thomas persuaded parents to skip vaccines recommended by the CDC, and reported that he "reduced to tears" a mother who disagreed. Several children in

his care came down with pertussis and rotavirus, diseases easily prevented by vaccines, wrote the board. Thomas recommended fish oil supplements and homeopathy to an unvaccinated child with a deep scalp laceration, rather than an emergency tetanus vaccine. The boy developed severe tetanus, landing in the hospital for nearly two months, where he required intubation, a tracheotomy, and a feeding tube to survive.

The vaccination schedule recommended by the CDC has been tailored to protect children at their most vulnerable points in life and minimize side effects. The combination measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine isn't given for the first year of a baby's life because antibodies temporarily passed on from their mother can interfere with the immune response. And because some babies don't generate a strong response to that first dose, the CDC recommends a second one around the time a child enters kindergarten because measles and other viruses spread rapidly in group settings.

Delaying MMR doses much longer may be unwise because data suggests that children vaccinated at 10 or older have a higher chance of adverse reactions, such as a seizure or fatigue.

Around a dozen other vaccines have discrete timelines, with overlapping windows for the best response. Studies have shown that MMR vaccines may be given safely and effectively in combination with other vaccines.

'They don't want you to know' trope

Kennedy compares the Florida surgeon general to Galileo in the introduction to Ladapo's new book on transcending fear in public health. Just as the Roman Catholic inquisition punished the renowned astronomer for promoting theories about the universe, Kennedy suggests that scientific institutions oppress dissenting voices on vaccines for nefarious reasons.

"The persecution of scientists and doctors who dare to challenge contemporary orthodoxies is not a new phenomenon," Kennedy writes. His running mate,

lawyer Nicole Shanahan, has campaigned on the idea that conversations about vaccine harms are censored and the CDC and other federal agencies hide data due to corporate influence.

Claims like “they don’t want you to know” aren’t new among the anti-vaccine set, even though the movement has long had an outsize voice. The most listened-to podcast in the U.S., “The Joe Rogan Experience,” regularly features guests who cast doubt on scientific consensus. Last year on the show, Kennedy repeated the debunked claim that vaccines cause autism.

Far from ignoring that concern, epidemiologists have taken it seriously. They have conducted more than a dozen studies searching for a link between vaccines and autism, and repeatedly found none. “We have conclusively disproven the theory that vaccines are connected to autism,” said Gideon Meyerowitz-Katz, an epidemiologist at the University of Wollongong in Australia. “So, the public health establishment tends to shut those conversations down quickly.”

Federal agencies are transparent about seizures, arm pain, and other reactions that vaccines can cause. And the government has a program to compensate individuals whose injuries are scientifically determined to result from them. Around 1 to 3.5 out of every million doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine can cause a life-threatening allergic reaction; a person’s lifetime risk of death by lightning is estimated to be as much as four times as high.

“The most convincing thing I can say is that my daughter has all her vaccines and that every pediatrician and public health person I know has vaccinated their kids,” Meyerowitz-Katz said. “No one would do that if they thought there were serious risks.”

(KFF Health News is a national newsroom that produces in-depth journalism about health issues and is one of the core operating programs of KFF — the independent source for health policy research, polling and journalism.)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

“Answer the Call to Improve Your Community”: DataHaven and Partners Urge Residents to Participate in Landmark Wellbeing Survey of Connecticut

Thousands of randomly-selected residents from all 169 Connecticut towns will participate in the 2024 DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey, the seventh wave of a large survey on happiness and quality of life that has been fielded since 2012

HARTFORD, CT, May 7, 2024 - How happy are you? Are the public parks in your area in excellent, good, fair, or poor condition? When was the last time you saw a dentist?

These are just a few of the types of questions included in interviews by friendly survey-takers helping DataHaven and dozens of leading community, health care, and charitable groups across Connecticut complete what is believed to be the nation’s largest neighborhood-level well-being survey.

"We include well-established questions that people like to answer," says Mark Abraham, Executive Director of DataHaven. "They are answering questions about their own happiness and well-being, their experiences and relationships within their community, and how their neighborhoods are doing. These questions show that we care deeply about the aspects of life that are most important to everyone’s day-to-day happiness and quality of life."

DataHaven, the nonprofit group that leads the collection and sharing of public data about Connecticut, said that the 2024 program will track trends on key issues such as economic security, institutional trust, access to healthcare, and public safety. The latest data will allow DataHaven to create even more granular portraits of Connecticut towns and neighborhoods, as well as statistical data for groups that share specific demographics or life experiences.

Over time, 45,000 randomly-selected adults in every Connecticut ZIP code have participated in the DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey, which was also fielded in 2012, 2015, 2018, 2020, 2021, and 2022. This year, thousands more will participate in in-depth, multilingual interviews.

As with prior years, Connecticut’s leading hospitals, non-profits, and charitable organizations are supporting the program (see below). To ensure that the survey topics reflect the interests of communities, an Advisory Council of representatives from 300 different organizations around the state once again helped choose the questions to include this year. For example, the parents and caregivers who are selected to take the survey may receive a significantly expanded set of questions about child well-being and mental health, which emerged as a top issue of concern during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the spring and summer, randomly-selected residents in each town will receive phone calls from survey-takers at the Siena College Research Institute - typically appearing as a 203, 860, or 518 area code – and in some cases, may receive a letter, package, or text message with information on how to participate. Beginning this fall, survey results will be included in many local and statewide publications and community health needs assessments, including DataHaven’s widely-used Town Equity Reports.

"Make a difference: Pick up your cell phone, help your community learn more about your needs, and tell us what you want to see to promote greater happiness and well-being in your neighborhood," says Abraham.

"UNITED BY DATA": SPONSORS OF THE 2024 DATAHAVEN COMMUNITY WELLBEING SURVEY

Many organizations throughout Connecticut, including those listed below, provide funding to support the 2024 DataHaven Community Wellbeing Survey. Major sponsors are highlighted in bold font.

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- **Fairfield County's Community Foundation**
- **Community Foundation for Greater New Haven**
- **Connecticut Health Foundation**
- **The Connecticut Project**
- **Connecticut Community Foundation**
- **Valley Community Foundation**
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About DataHaven

DataHaven is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with a 30-year history of public service to Connecticut. DataHaven is a formal partner of the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership, a collaborative national effort by the Urban Institute and approximately 40 local partners. For more information, visit www.ctdatahaven.org.



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TO: Superintendents of Schools
School Medical Advisors
School Nurses and Supervisors

FROM: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner
Connecticut State Department of Education

Manisha Juthani, MD, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Public Health

DATE: May 2, 2024

SUBJECT: Measles

There has been a concerning rise in the number of measles cases reported in the United States and abroad starting in late 2023. As of April 26, 2024, reported measles cases have risen to 128 in 19 states and New York City. This is especially concerning given that measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccination rates have been decreasing in kindergarten students nationally. In Connecticut, through the work and support of school leaders, school nurses, and laws that promote public health, MMR vaccination rates among kindergarteners have risen to more than 97 percent. A measles outbreak is less likely to occur at schools where high numbers of students are immunized.

Importantly, to achieve herd immunity for measles, 95 percent of the population must be vaccinated or have had the disease. Despite Connecticut’s high overall MMR vaccination rates, there are still some schools with a rate under 95 percent among kindergarteners. More information on school immunization compliance and exemption rates, as measured by the annual immunization survey, are available on the Department of Public Health’s (DPH) web site at: <https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/n5kk-6ext>. This page contains a summary of the results from the 2022-2023 school year. At the bottom of this page are searchable tables with immunization rates for kindergarten and seventh grade. You can utilize the “search in table” feature to look for a specific town or school. Additionally, this data is available for download and analysis here:

- [2022-23 Kindergarten School-Level Data](#)
- [2022-23 Seventh Grade School-Level Data](#)
- [2022-23 Vaccine Exemptions School-Level Data – All Grades](#)

Understanding the risk for measles cases is higher when the disease is circulating more broadly, as it has been this year, we are urging school leaders to review the following information to prepare for a possible exposure:

- Review the immunization status of students to ensure that all are up to date on their MMR vaccines. For non-exempt students in kindergarten through grade 12, two doses of MMR vaccine are required; one dose of MMR is required for non-exempt students in preschool.
- Engage parents and caregivers of children who are not up to date, to encourage them to schedule appointments with their health care provider as soon as possible.
- Encourage parents to contact the school nurse supervisor or School Based Health Centers (if available) for guidance or administration of vaccines.
- Connect and coordinate with local health directors/districts regarding municipal action plans in cases of exposure or outbreak.
- Develop or review your existing communication plans.
- Proactively communicate with parents and caregivers about measles disease, including the possible actions the district may take in the case of a measles exposure or outbreak. This could include a recommendation from public health that all students who are not up to date with MMR vaccines be excluded from school for as many as 21 days. DPH will offer guidance and can provide a template letter for schools to use for general communication.

State of Connecticut regulations ([R.C.S.A. §§ 10-204a-1—10-204a-4](#)) detail the specific immunizations and number of doses that are required for all students prior to school entrance (a simplified version of the requirements is available [here](#)).

There are no work-related vaccine requirements for staff. However, adults who do not have presumptive evidence of immunity to measles should get at least one dose of MMR vaccine (for most people evidence of immunity means having written documentation of having received at least one MMR dose or birth before 1957). MMR recommendations for adults can be found [here](#).

Each year the DPH Immunization Program works with school health administrators statewide to increase awareness of current immunization related issues, including updates to regulations, the school immunization survey, and best practices. We also work with schools to support disease control activities related to cases of vaccine preventable disease when they occur.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has engaged the Yale School of Public Health to provide consultation to districts on school policies and practices related to indoor air quality, environmental health, and infectious disease prevention and mitigation that support optimal school learning environments. The Yale team has specific expertise in the development and implementation of policies and practices on infection risk and control of transmission including highlighting the importance of vaccination when available. School leaders are encouraged to contact them directly at: sten.vermund@yale.edu. There is no cost to districts for this consultation, which can include building visits and walk-throughs.

Thank you for all you do to educate Connecticut's children and your continued partnership to ensure their health and safety. If you have questions, you may contact the DPH Immunization Program at (860) 509-7929 or email at dph.immunizations@ct.gov, or the CSDE School Health and Family Services Unit Manager, Chlo-Anne Bobrowski at chlo-anne.bobrowski@ct.gov.

Health & Fitness

PFAS 'Forever Chemicals': What The Latest Data Shows About CT's Water

New testing results shows that levels of PFAS in public water systems are scattered throughout the state.

 Alfred Branch, Patch Staff

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Connecticut has some levels of PFAS in public water systems, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. (Shutterstock)

CONNECTICUT — Residents of Connecticut are among 89.3 million people nationwide who have drinking water that has tested positive for toxic “forever chemicals,” known collectively as PFAS, according to new data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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In April, the EPA finalized landmark drinking water standards that establish strict limits on PFOA and PFOS, two of the most toxic of the forever chemicals. In the most recent round of testing, at least one of the 29 kinds of PFAS were found in one-third of 4,750 public water systems tested in 2023 and 2024.

According to the EPA, 39 of the state's public water systems have tested positive for PFAS.

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An analysis of the PFAS data by the Environmental Working Group that includes the new testing results shows that the problem is scattered throughout the

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system are Stamford, Norwalk, Bridgeport, New Haven, Meriden, Hartford, Manchester, Bristol, New Milford, Enfield, New London and Norwich.

The true extent of PFAS contamination in public drinking water supplies is likely much greater, as the latest testing was done on only one-third of water systems serving 90 percent of the U.S. population.

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Any public water utility with more than 3,000 customers is required to test for the 29 individual PFAS chemicals between now and 2026. The new rules require public water utilities to eventually reduce PFAS to near-zero levels.

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The rule is the first national drinking water limit on toxic PFAS, which are widespread, long-lasting in the environment and have been linked to cancer and a host of other health problems. They're ubiquitous, found in everything from food packaging and cookware to dental floss and other personal care items to children's toys and firefighting foams.

- [Related: 12 Ways To Get PFAS 'Forever Chemicals' Out Of Your Home And Life](#)

Water providers are entering a new era with significant additional health standards that the EPA says will make tap water safer for millions of consumers — a Biden administration priority. The agency has also proposed forcing utilities to remove dangerous lead pipes.

Utility groups warn the rules will cost tens of billions of dollars each and fall the hardest on small communities with fewer resources. Legal challenges are sure to follow.

EPA Administrator Michael Regan said in April that the rule is the most important action the EPA has ever taken on PFAS.

“The result is a comprehensive and life-changing rule, one that will improve the health and vitality of so many communities across our country,” Regan said at the time.

Environmental and health advocates praised the rule, but said PFAS manufacturers knew decades ago the substances were dangerous yet hid or downplayed the evidence. Limits should have come sooner, they argue.

"Reducing PFAS in our drinking water is the most cost-effective way to reduce our exposure," said Scott Faber, a food and water expert at the Environmental Working Group. "It's much more challenging to reduce other exposures such as PFAS in food or clothing or carpets."

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The EPA has dramatically shifted its health guidance for forever chemicals in recent years as more research into health harms has emerged. Less than a decade ago, the EPA issued a health advisory that PFOA and PFOS levels combined shouldn't exceed 70 parts per trillion. Now, the agency says no amount is safe.

— *The Associated Press contributed reporting.*

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EHDW Circular Letter #2024-17

To: All Community and Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems, Certified Operators, Directors of Health

From: Patricia Bisacky, Supervising Environmental Analyst, Emerging Contaminants Unit

Date: April 18, 2024 PPT

Subject: EPA National Primary Drinking Water Rule for PFAS

On April 10, 2024, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) announced the Final National Primary Drinking Water Rule (NPDWR) for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS): <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-finalizes-first-ever-national-drinking-water-standard>

The new EPA NPDWR for PFAS sets regulatory limits called maximum contaminant levels (MCL) for six (6) PFAS in public drinking water through individual values and a Hazard Index. It also requires that public water systems monitor for PFAS, provide customer notification, and report to the CT Department of Public Health (DPH) if PFAS are detected. Water companies are also required to reduce customers' exposure to PFAS in drinking water if levels exceed the MCL.

EPA has set individual MCL's as shown below:

Analyte	EPA MCL (parts per trillion, ppt, ng/L)
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	4.0
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS)	4.0
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	10
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS)	10
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA / GenX)	10



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The EPA has also set a Hazard Index for mixtures of two or more of the following PFAS:

Analyte	Health Based Water Concentration (ppt)	Hazard Index* (HI)
PFNA	10	1
PFHxS	10	
Gen X	10	
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS)	2000	

*Hazard Index (HI): The Hazard Index is a long-established approach that EPA regularly uses to understand health risk from a chemical mixture (i.e., exposure to multiple chemicals). The HI is made up of a sum of fractions. Each fraction compares the level of each PFAS measured in the water to their respective health-based water concentration. For additional information on the HI please see the following link from EPA: https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-ndpwr_fact-sheet_hazard-index_4.8.24.pdf

The new NPDWR requires public water systems to conduct initial sampling within three (3) years and comply with the MCL within five (5) years of the date of the final rule promulgation.

EPA has scheduled three informational webinars for communities, water systems and other drinking water professionals about the final PFAS NPDWR. They are as follows:

- April 16, 2024 (2:00-3:00 pm EDT) [Webinar Registration: General Overview of PFAS NDPWR for Communities](#)
- April 23, 2024 (2:00 - 3:00 pm EDT) [Webinar Registration: Drinking Water Utilities and Professionals Technical Overview of PFAS NPDWR](#)
- April 30, 2024 (2:00 - 3:30 pm EDT) [Webinar Registration: Small Drinking Water Systems Webinar Series on Final PFAS NPDWR and PFAS Drinking Water Treatment](#)

In the coming weeks, CT DPH will provide an estimated timeline for adopting this rule in Connecticut and recommendations to public water systems to prepare for implementation. CT DPH will also update our web pages for PFAS Frequently Asked Questions: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Environmental-Health/PFAS/PFAS> and PFAS Information for Public Water Systems: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/DWS/Per--and-Polyfluoroalkyl-Substances> and guidance acknowledging the difference between the new MCLs and the CT Drinking Water Action Levels for these compounds.

If you have any questions regarding this Circular Letter, please contact Pat Bisacky at 860-509-7356 or email the DPH Emerging Contaminants Unit at DPH.EmergingContaminants@ct.gov.

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Department of Public Health reports tuberculosis cases in Connecticut stable despite 16% increase in TB cases nationally

HARTFORD, Conn. — Officials from the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) announced today that 66 tuberculosis (TB) cases were reported in Connecticut in 2023, (one case fewer than in 2022), corresponding to an incidence rate of 1.8/100,000, similar to 2022.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2023, the U.S. had 9,615 TB disease cases with an incidence rate of 2.9/100,000 population. These data represent an increase of 16% in cases and an increased incidence rate of 15% compared to 2022. Although TB disease case numbers have remained steady for the last two years in Connecticut, the cases have presented as more complex to manage. These national and Connecticut trends highlight the need for consistent support for public health in general, and vigilance regarding TB disease and infection, in particular.

“While TB continues to be a major cause of disease and death worldwide, TB is both treatable and preventable. We have the tools to identify and treat people before they get sick. This is the key to eventually eliminating TB in Connecticut and throughout the world,” said **Connecticut Department of Public Health Commissioner Manisha Juthani, MD.**

In March 1882, Dr. Robert Koch announced that he had discovered *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacterium that causes tuberculosis. At the time of Dr. Koch’s announcement, TB was raging through Europe and the Americas, causing the death of one out of every seven people. Dr. Koch’s discovery opened the way toward diagnosing and curing TB.

CDC encourages all health providers to help prevent active TB disease by communicating with patients about latent TB infection. CDC’s [Think. Test. Treat TB campaign](#) includes an on-line hub for resources to help inform and guide conversations between patients and providers, as well as [directions](#) about how to order supporting materials.

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The DPH TB Control Program is responsible for TB control efforts in the state and works with health care providers and local health departments in a variety of activities including monitoring for new cases, assuring completion of treatment of disease, investigating and treating contacts that have been recently exposed, and promoting screening for infection in a variety of settings.

For more information, please go to <https://www.cdc.gov/tb/default.htm>, <https://www.cdc.gov/tb/worldtbday/default.htm>. You also can visit the DPH TB Control Program website at <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Tuberculosis/Tuberculosis-Control-Program>, or call (860) 509-7722.

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State eyes easier access to methadone treatment

New centers in works would cut down travel time

BY ANDREW BROWN CT MIRROR

State officials and nonprofit providers are spending millions of dollars to increase access to methadone in Connecticut and to eliminate one of the biggest barriers to that opioid treatment medication: travel times.

Several of the state's methadone providers are in the process of siting and opening new methadone treatment centers in Connecticut, including the first clinic of its kind in Middlesex County.

At the same time, state officials are preparing to spend more than \$4 million from a pool of opioid settlement funds to outfit two new methadone vans, which will be capable of dispensing the vital medication to patients in more isolated corners of the state.

Those investments are key to Connecticut's larger goal of expanding medication-assisted treatment in the state, including methadone, which is widely considered to be the most effective treatment for people with a history of using heroin, fentanyl or prescription painkillers.

There are roughly 30 inpatient clinics located throughout Connecticut that dispense methadone to individuals seeking treatment for opioid use disorders.

But with many of those federally licensed centers located in the state's larger cities, there is concern that pockets of Connecticut still don't have a level of access that is necessary to combat the ongoing opioid epidemic, which claimed the lives of more than 6,300 Connecticut residents in the

past five years. To highlight that point, a team of researchers from Yale University and Virginia Tech University recently completed a study for Connecticut that calculated how long it takes for residents in every part of the state to travel by car, bus or train to the nearest methadone clinic.

That analysis showed that for people living in and around cities like Waterbury, Hartford, Danbury, New Haven, Bridgeport, Stamford, Torrington, Norwich and New London, it often takes less than 15 minutes by car to get to the nearest methadone clinic.

But in other sections of Connecticut, it can take more than 45 minutes to drive to the closest treatment center, which can be a major impediment for people who are undergoing methadone treatment while also attempting to maintain a job or care for their families.

“Imagine being stuck in traffic, knowing you have to get dosed and you have to get back to work or you have to get your kid on the school bus,” said Nancy Navaretta, the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Unsurprisingly, the time commitment is even bigger for people who don’t have access to a car.

Large swaths of Connecticut have no public transportation, and even in places that do, the researchers found, it can take more than two hours in some instances for people to get from their homes to a methadone clinic via public transit.

During the early stages of methadone treatment, patients are often required to travel to the clinics daily for therapy and their liquid dose of methadone, which helps to reduce the most severe symptoms of opioid withdrawal.

Benjamin Howell, one of the Yale researchers who conducted the travel study for the state, said that means some people who are in the initial phases of treatment could spend three to four hours per day on a bus just to receive their medication.

That can be a major deterrent for people suffering from the most serious opioid use disorders, Howell said, because illicit narcotics like heroin and fentanyl can be more easily available to those individuals than the medication-assisted treatment.

Doug Schumann knows all too well the burden that travel times can present when attempting to access methadone treatment in Connecticut.

From 2015 to earlier this year, Schumann has been making the journey from his home in Middletown to a clinic in Hartford operated by the Root Center, the state's largest methadone treatment provider.

Schumann wasn't excited about making the 20-mile commute six days a week. He did so because, for the past nine years, the Root Center's clinic in downtown Hartford was the closest medication-assisted treatment center available to him.

Schumann, who became dependent on opioids after initially being prescribed painkillers to treat the symptoms of pancreatitis, said during the first couple months of his methadone treatment in 2015, the distance between his home and the Hartford clinic was extremely difficult to overcome.

The car he was using broke down shortly after he began making the half-hour commute. That setback resulted in him taking a three- to four-hour round-trip bus ride to Hartford for more than a month, which was a major hassle while he was in the nascent stages of recovery.

Schumann said he was able to overcome the significant commute time by forming a daily routine, which required him to get up before dawn so that he could reach the treatment center by 5:30 a.m.

But other Middletown residents who sought out treatment did not have the same success that Schumann did when faced with the prospect of traveling to clinics in Hartford, New Britain or Manchester every day.

The commute for Schumann and other people living in and around Middletown got easier in April, after the Root Center began accepting patients at the first methadone clinic in Middlesex County.

The opening of that new center, along Washington Street in Middletown, will fill one of the biggest geographic gaps in methadone treatment in the state and ensure every county in Connecticut has at least one clinic capable of dispensing the highly regulated medication.

The travel study produced earlier this year showed that residents who lived along the lower Connecticut River valley in towns like Chester,

Haddam and Lyme previously faced more than half an hour in a car or two hours on a bus to get to the nearest methadone clinics.

Steven Zuckerman, the executive director of the Root Center, said those travel times should be dramatically reduced now.

The creation of the new clinic was not easy, however. It took more than five years and a lawsuit against Middletown's Planning and Zoning Commission to get permission.

The Root Center committed a substantial amount of time and money to building the treatment center, Zuckerman said, because the organization knew there was an unmet need for opioid treatment in the region.

That is reflected in the Root Center's current list of patients. Zuckerman said his organization has 180 patients with Middlesex County addresses who have been travelling to the organization's other clinics in Hartford County.

Some of those patients, he said, testified during earlier meetings of the Middletown Planning and Zoning Commission about the need for a clinic in Middlesex County and benefits it could provide.

But in return, Zuckerman said, those patients were met with "brutal comments" from other members of the public, who openly disparaged people who were receiving treatment for an opioid use disorder.

That type of local opposition to methadone treatment centers in Connecticut has not gone away.

A group of residents in Guilford is fighting a proposed clinic being constructed in that town by the APT Foundation, a nonprofit treatment provider headquartered in New Haven.

Despite local zoning laws allowing the center to operate there, opponents of the new clinic continue to complain about its proximity to homes and schools.

In response, Guilford's first selectman and the executive director of the APT Foundation said the patients who will access that clinic already live in Guilford and surrounding communities. But that has done little to quiet the opposition.

The recurring complaints are representative of the wider stigma that surrounds the opioid treatment drug, several providers and methadone patients told The Connecticut Mirror.