

DDS Legislative Update – February 11, 2009

This legislative update is divided into three sections:

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Note: This update is not a comprehensive list of bills before the Connecticut General Assembly. DDS is tracking and assessing the bills listed below for their potential impact on DDS consumers, families and guardians, DDS employees and DDS providers.

This legislative update shows the bills that are being tracked by DDS this session.

As the legislative session goes forward, bills will be referred from legislative committees to the House or Senate. The House or Senate then may refer the bills to other committees or chose to vote on them. In these updates, the last action taken on a bill will be in **bold**. For a bill to become a law, both the House and the Senate must vote favorably on it by June 3, 2009 at midnight and the Governor must sign the bill into law.

Key to Legislative Terminology:

Vote to Draft means a Proposed Bill will be drafted as a Committee Bill.

Reserved for Subject Matter Public Hearing means a bill will have a Public Hearing but the date of the Public Hearing is still to be determined.

Change of Reference means that the original committee is moving the bill to another committee without a Joint Favorable action.

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A File Number (**File No.**) is a unique number given to a bill once it has reached the House or Senate Floor. A file copy of a bill with the file number has a plain-language description of what the bill's provisions do, written by the Office of Legislative Research and a fiscal note that explains what a bill would cost or save to implement, written by the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

A House or Senate Calendar Number (**House or Senate Cal. No.**) is also a unique number that is given to a bill once it reaches the House or Senate Floor. This number is used to hold the bill's place on either the House or Senate Calendar. If the bill is a House bill (H.B. 5000 or higher) or a Senate bill (S.B.1 to 4999) it first gets a Calendar Number from the chamber the bill originated in. Once a House bill is passed in the House, it goes on to the Senate where it receives a Senate Calendar Number. Likewise once a Senate bill (with a Senate Calendar Number) passes the Senate, it goes to the House and receives a House Calendar Number.

- **Bills Proposed by the Department of Developmental Services**

S.B. No. 756 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY CHECK FOR APPLICANTS OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OR THE DEPARTMENT'S PROVIDERS', to provide the Commissioner of Developmental Services with the authority to require an applicant seeking an employment position in the department or seeking employment with a provider licensed or funded by the department, to submit to a check of the Department of Children and Families child abuse and neglect registry.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on S.B. No. 756 and other bills.

S.B. No. 789 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHARING OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to allow the Department of Children and Families to share limited information with the Department of Developmental Services that will be used to facilitate enrollment and the planning of services for children in the Department of Developmental Services voluntary services program.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on S.B. No. 789 and other bills.

S.B. No. 872 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT PROVIDING STATE-FUNDED MEDICAL COVERAGE TO CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to expand eligibility for state-funded medical assistance to include children under the care and supervision of the Department of Developmental Services who are ineligible for Medicaid.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on S.B. No. 872 and other bills.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) submitted this concept to the Human Services Committee. **S.B. No. 872** expands eligibility for state-funded medical assistance to include children under the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS) voluntary services program who (1) are not receiving Medicaid, (2) have not yet qualified for Medicaid, or (3) are ineligible for Medicaid.

H.B. No. 6309 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to make various minor changes concerning the internal administration of the Department of Developmental Services and entities under the auspices of the

department.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6309](#) and other bills.

The following concepts for bills have been submitted by DDS and are awaiting further action:

1. **An Act Concerning Sexual Assault Against Persons Placed Or Treated Under The Direction Of The Commissioner Of Developmental Services.** Judiciary Committee voted to raise this concept as a bill.
2. **An Act Concerning Volunteer Programs Within State Agencies.** Concept submitted to the Government Administration and Elections Committee to be raised as a bill.

- **Senate Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

Proposed [S.B. No. 1](#) SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR CONNECTICUT FAMILIES', to enhance the economic security of Connecticut families.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 4](#) SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING FOR NURSES PURSUING ADVANCED DEGREES', to address the state's nursing shortage by increasing scholarship assistance to those nurses who pursue advanced degrees in order to qualify for nursing educator positions at the state's colleges and universities.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

(Vote to draft)

Proposed [S.B. No. 5](#) SEN. PRAGUE, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UTILIZATION OF UNSPENT STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FUNDS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS', to provide improved health care coverage to families having children with special health care needs through utilization of unspent state children's health insurance plan funds.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 6](#) SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COPAYMENTS', to prohibit the imposition of a higher copayment for prescription drugs obtained through a retail pharmacy than through a mail order pharmacy.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 6](#) and other bills.

Proposed [S.B. No. 7](#) SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR UNINSURED PERSONS', to provide health insurance to uninsured persons not eligible for coverage under Medicaid or Medicare.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 7](#) and other bills.

Proposed [S.B. No. 11](#) SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR NURSES PURSUING ADVANCED DEGREES IN ORDER TO TEACH NURSING AT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES', to address the state's nursing shortage by establishing a loan forgiveness program that encourages nurses to obtain advanced degrees in order to qualify for nursing educator positions at the state's colleges and universities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 16](#) SEN. DEFRONZO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR LONG-TERM CARE', to provide a personal income tax deduction for certain long-term care expenses.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

(Vote to draft)

Proposed [S.B. No. 34](#) SEN. COLAPIETRO, 31st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CANCELLED DOCTORS' APPOINTMENTS', to prohibit doctors from charging a fee for a missed appointment, provided the patient or a representative of the patient contacts the doctor's office to cancel the appointment.

REF. GENERAL LAW

The General Law Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 34](#) and other bills.

Proposed [S.B. No. 38](#) SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST.; REP. NAFIS, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT FOR SPECIALTY CARE TRANSPORTS', to have the Department of Social Services recognize and pay for specialty care transports.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 38](#) and other bills.

Proposed [S.B. No. 49](#) SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN ANNUAL SUMMARY OF THE LONG-TERM FISCAL CONDITION OF THE STATE', to make members of state government more aware of current state spending and revenue patterns and of the long-term fiscal impact on the state, including the possibility of a major fiscal calamity, if state spending exceeds long-term revenue projections.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 66](#) SEN. GAFFEY, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AGENDA OF THE STATE BOND COMMISSION', to provide some differentiation in the State Bond Commission agendas between priority projects and second-tier projects.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 81](#) SEN. GUGLIELMO, 35th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPTIONAL EMPLOYER PREPAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TAXES', to support the solvency of the unemployment compensation fund and give employers flexibility in managing the payment of their unemployment compensation taxes.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 82](#) SEN. GUGLIELMO, 35th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE AND THE CARE OF RETURNING SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN', to provide for the use of family and medical leave to

family members caring for injured or ill servicemen and women.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 91](#) SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ALL SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS', to require schools and public buildings to have at least one centrally located automatic external defibrillator available in the event of an emergency.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 92](#) SEN. GUGLIELMO, 35th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A REDUCTION TO STATE LICENSING FEES FOR NURSES', to reduce the state licensing fee for nurses.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 94](#) SEN. GAFFEY, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANDED ACCESS TO THE STATE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN', to allow greater access to the state employees' health insurance plan and to require pooling of federal health care funds in order to expand and enhance preventative health care.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 100](#) SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY-BASED HOME CARE PROVIDED IN PRIVATE RESIDENCES', to encourage community-based alternative home care in private residences.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 103](#) SEN. MCDONALD, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES', to make long-term care more accessible to all individuals in the state.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

Proposed [S.B. No. 107](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS', to provide comprehensive health insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 108](#) SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NURSING HOME FACILITY PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS', to strengthen the protections afforded under the nursing home facility patients' bill of rights.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

Proposed [S.B. No. 114](#) SEN. PRAGUE, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CORPORATIONS TERMINATING EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES FOR TAKING LONG MEAL BREAKS', to prevent corporations from terminating

employees with learning disabilities for taking long meal breaks.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 125](#) SEN. PRAGUE, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEARING AIDS FOR CHILDREN', to expand insurance coverage for hearing aids for children.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [S.B. No. 130](#) SEN. HANDLEY, 4th DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL RETIREMENT INCOME OPTION UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM', to allow state employees an additional retirement income option to better address the needs of their families.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 141](#) SEN. HANDLEY, 4th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM FEES AND EXPENSES', to allow an interested party to obtain an independent review of guardian ad litem fees and expenses.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 143](#) SEN. HANDLEY, 4th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILLING OF PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ANTIEPILEPTIC DRUGS', to limit substitution of a prescribed antiepileptic drug by a pharmacist to those situations where the pharmacist has received prior written authorization for the substitution from the patient's practitioner.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 144](#) SEN. HANDLEY, 4th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to: (1) Promote the health and well being of a parent who stays at home to care for a child who would otherwise be placed in a Department of Developmental Services residential placement by ensuring that such parent has health insurance coverage; and (2) incentivize such parent to provide at home care.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 145](#) SEN. HANDLEY, 4th DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A FACILITY IN MANCHESTER FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in an amount not to exceed five million dollars to the Department of Developmental Services to be used to provide a grant-in-aid to MARC, Inc. for the construction of a facility that will provide services to persons with developmental disabilities.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 158](#) SEN. DEBICELLA, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF CHILD POVERTY', to provide programs and services to

reduce child poverty.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Select Committee on Children change of reference to the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 163](#) SEN. DEBICELLA, 21st DIST.; REP. ROWE, 123rd DIST.; REP. HWANG, 134th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRIVATE ADMINISTRATION OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS', to transfer to private, community-based providers all social services provided by the Department of Social Services, the Department of Developmental Services and other state agencies.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 168](#) SEN. DEBICELLA, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING A CORPORATE TAX DEDUCTION FOR TAXPAYERS PROVIDING WELLNESS AND PREVENTATIVE CARE PROGRAMS TO EMPLOYEES AT THE WORKPLACE', to permit employers to deduct from corporate tax the cost of wellness and preventative care programs offered at the workplace.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 172](#) SEN. MCLACHLAN, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT REDEFINING TERMS CONCERNING THE SPENDING CAP', to implement the constitutional spending cap as required by article third, section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 201](#) SEN. CALIGIURI, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING APPLICABILITY OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT TO GROUP HOMES AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE STATE', to acknowledge that state funded group homes perform an important government function and that the public has a right to know how such homes are being managed and operated under the purview of the Freedom of Information Act.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 209](#) SEN. CALIGIURI, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF GROUP HOMES AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE STATE', to protect the public's right to the peaceable enjoyment of their property and neighborhood by requiring that group homes licensed by or under contract with the state be legally obligated to maintain the peace in their neighborhood.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

[S.B. No. 210](#) (COMM) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STREAMLINED APPLICATION FOR STATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES', to simplify and standardize the application process utilized by residents to obtain state-offered health and human services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 219](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE COST OF LIVING INCREASES AND BUDGET DEFICITS', to prohibit cost of living increases for state employees when the state budget is in deficit.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 220](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COPAYS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE', to increase the copays for state employee health insurance coverage.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 227](#) SEN. DEBICELLA, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HEALTH CARE DATABASES', to develop databases that promote effective medical record keeping and cost transparency.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 229](#) SEN. DEBICELLA, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE OF FOREIGN NURSES', to help address the nursing shortage by easing requirements for foreign nurses to be licensed in the state.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 230](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY ON THE INCREASING INCIDENCE OF AUTISM', to require a legislative study on the increasing incidence of autism in the state.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 231](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS', to permit small employers to obtain health insurance policies with fewer state mandates.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 232](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY BY THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON STATE HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES', to require the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee to study all state health insurance mandates utilizing a cost benefit analysis.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 237](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF LIGHT RAIL SERVICE IN CONNECTICUT', to conduct a feasibility study concerning the use of light rail service in certain regions of the state.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [S.B. No. 246](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING A COMMISSION ON FEDERAL STIMULUS DISTRIBUTION', to establish a mechanism for the prioritization and distribution of federal stimulus program grants to the state.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 247](#) SEN. CALIGIURI, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL CREDIT IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM', to permit the purchase of additional credit in the state employees' retirement system for military service and to permit the purchase of additional credit in the system where the state erroneously excluded a member from enrollment in the system.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 275](#) SEN. MUSTO, 22nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE INCOME TAX FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS', to exempt Social Security payments from state income tax.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 277](#) SEN. CALIGIURI, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING TALKING PRESCRIPTION CONTAINERS FROM THE SALES TAX', to exempt talking prescription containers from the state sales tax.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 280](#) SEN. HARRIS, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DEDUCTION FROM THE INCOME TAX FOR PREMIUMS PAID ON LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE', to provide an incentive for people to purchase long-term care insurance.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 301](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST.; REP. DONOVAN, 84th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS', to provide comprehensive health insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 301](#) and other bills.

Proposed [S.B. No. 326](#) SEN. GAFFEY, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF STATE-OWNED VEHICLES FOR COMMUTING PURPOSES', to prohibit the use of state-owned vehicles for commuting purposes.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 340](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EXAMINATION OF STATE CONTRACTS', to enable easier public

examination of all state contracts.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 344](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF PODIATRY SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM', to include podiatry services among the services available under the Medicaid program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 344](#) and other bills.

Proposed [S.B. No. 346](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION TO COMMUNITY PROVIDERS', to transfer the delivery of social services from the state to community providers by 2012.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 346](#) and other bills.

Proposed [S.B. No. 347](#) SEN. HARRIS, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED ACCESS TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR THE MEDICALLY NEEDY', to provide increased access to health care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

[S.B. No. 360](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM', to encourage the employment of individuals on the autism spectrum who have received state-funded training or educational benefits.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [S.B. No. 362](#) SEN. CALIGIURI, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK', to require equal pay for equal work.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [S.B. No. 363](#) SEN. DEFRONZO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE', to improve access to health care for people who have pending cases with the Workers' Compensation Commission.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [S.B. No. 364](#) SEN. DEBICELLA, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS TAX CREDITS FOR RETRAINING AND HIRING DISPLACED WORKERS', to expand the tax credits for retraining and hiring displaced workers.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Labor and Public Employees Committee change of reference to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

S.B. No. 365 (COMM) **LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS'**, to prohibit an employer from coercing employees into attending or participating in meetings sponsored by the employer concerning the employer's views on religious or political matters.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed S.B. No. 366 SEN. CALIGIURI, 16th DIST. **'AN ACT CONCERNING A TAX CREDIT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES'**, to establish a tax credit incentive for small businesses to provide health insurance for their employees.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Labor and Public Employees Committee change of reference to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed S.B. No. 367 SEN. FRANTZ, 36th DIST. **'AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT AND JOB IMPACT STATEMENTS'**, to require legislative proposals to be accompanied by a job impact statement.
REF. JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 368 SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. **'AN ACT CONCERNING NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT HEAD POSITIONS AND THE BALANCE OF EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE POWER'**, to require confirmation of executive branch nominations in both houses of the General Assembly rather than one.
REF. JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Proposed S.B. No. 403 SEN. STILLMAN, 20th DIST.; SEN. PRAGUE, 19th DIST.; SEN. MAYNARD, 18th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 38th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. REYNOLDS, 42nd DIST.; REP. JUTILA, 37th DIST.; REP. HEWETT, 39th DIST.; REP. COUTU, 47th DIST.; REP. MOUKAWSHER, 40th DIST.; REP. OLSON, 46th DIST.; REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. WRIGHT, 41st DIST.; REP. MIKUTEL, 45th DIST.; REP. URBAN, 43rd DIST. **'AN ACT CONCERNING A DEDUCTION FROM THE STATE INCOME TAX FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES'**, to allow taxpayers to deduct their eligible, unreimbursed medical and dental expenses from their state income tax as they are allowed on their federal returns.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Committee change of reference to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed S.B. No. 409 SEN. RORABACK, 30th DIST. **'AN ACT CONCERNING DRUG TESTING AND CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CERTAIN NURSING HOME EMPLOYEES'**, to expand the criminal background check

requirement for nursing home employees.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 428](#) SEN. MCDONALD, 27th DIST. 'AN ACT ENSURING THE SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY STATE AGENCIES', to ensure the safety of persons being transported by any state agency.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [S.B. No. 444](#) SEN. DEFRONZO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS', to improve parking for persons with disabilities.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

(Vote to Draft)

[S.B. No. 450](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME OVERSIGHT', to provide greater oversight of nursing home facilities.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 450](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 454](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOME STAFFING LEVELS', to improve the quality of care for nursing home residents by increasing staffing levels.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 454](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 455](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE NURSING HOME BILL OF RIGHTS', to enhance the rights of residents of nursing home facilities and chronic disease hospitals.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 455](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 459](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING COPAYMENTS FOR PREVENTIVE CARE', to promote the health of Connecticut residents by prohibiting copayments, deductibles or other out-of-pocket expenses for preventive care services.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 459](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 460](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR DEPENDENTS', to

provide access to dependent coverage for employees.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 460](#) and other bills.

Proposed [S.B. No. 486](#) SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST.; REP. DAVIS, 117th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND THE STATE'S SHARE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING', to provide property tax relief to towns through complete state reimbursement of special education costs.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [S.B. No. 488](#) SEN. PRAGUE, 19th DIST.; SEN. HARP, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE METHOD OF STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO NURSING HOMES', to establish payment rates for nursing homes that more accurately reflect the needs of residents.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

[S.B. No. 489](#) (COMM) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR LONG-TERM CARE', to develop a single point of entry system for persons seeking information on long-term care.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 489](#) and other bills.

Proposed [S.B. No. 490](#) SEN. DEBICELLA, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION EFFECTIVENESS', to study, through cost-benefit analysis, all state regulations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 491](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PRERETIREMENT SPOUSAL BENEFIT UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM', to provide preretirement surviving spouse benefits under tier II of the state employees retirement system where the member's death is the result of cessation of life support.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 509](#) SEN. BOUCHER, 26th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING ALL PENSION INCOME AND MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY FROM THE INCOME TAX', to exempt all pension income and military retirement pay from the state income tax.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 512](#) SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE INCOME TAX FOR WAGES EARNED AT A SECOND JOB', to exempt from the income tax wages earned from second jobs by

persons employed full-time.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [S.B. No. 519](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. RORABACK, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING A MORE EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY', to create a more efficient state government.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 520](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. RORABACK, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BIPARTISAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT AND A BIPARTISAN HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT', to require the formation of both a House and a Senate Bipartisan Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 521](#) SEN. CALIGIURI, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DATABASE FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RECIPIENTS OF STATE CONTRACTS', to have full disclosure and transparency in state contracting.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 523](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE GOVERNMENT WEB SITE FOR THE AWARD OF STATE GRANTS AND CONTRACTS', to increase transparency in state government.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 526](#) SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT FRAUD HOTLINE', to create a government fraud hotline.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 527](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL', to establish an Office of Inspector General.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 528](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS', to increase access to health care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 528](#) and other bills.

Proposed [S.B. No. 529](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSIDERATION OF RETIREMENT ACCOUNT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY', to treat a spouse's individual

retirement account in the same manner as a pension in determining a person's Medicaid eligibility for long-term care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [S.B. No. 548](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT OF ADULT AUTISTIC CHILDREN', to provide advance notice of placement in residential facilities to parents of adult autistic children.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 550](#) SEN. KISSEL, 7th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A WAIVER OF NURSING LICENSURE FEES FOR NURSES AGE SIXTY-FIVE OR OLDER WHO WORK LESS THAN FORTY HOURS PER WEEK', to establish an exemption from the professional licensing fees paid by nurses for those nurses age sixty-five or older who work less than forty hours per week.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 561](#) SEN. DEFRONZO, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM MOTOR VEHICLES', to eliminate the risk to the public health and safety of motor vehicle operators and passengers posed by motor vehicles that are being operated with snow and ice present on such vehicles.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [S.B. No. 576](#) SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE UNIFORM ADULT GUARDIANSHIP AND PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS JURISDICTION ACT', to adopt provisions of the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act to clarify requirements with respect to interstate conservatorships.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 582](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; SEN. FASANO, 34th DIST.; SEN. RORABACK, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING A STRONGER STATE ECONOMY AND BETTER BUSINESS CLIMATE', to strengthen the state economy and create a better business climate.

REF. COMMERCE

(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [S.B. No. 583](#) SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT IN TIER IIA OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR SERVICE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT', to permit state employees to purchase credit in tier Iia of the state employees retirement system for past service with the federal government.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 609](#) SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUDITING OF STATE AGENCIES', to provide for accountability in the

management of state agencies.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [S.B. No. 611](#) SEN. LEBEAU, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FULL-TIME UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE', to reform the state legislature and make it more effective and efficient.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 614](#) SEN. MEYER, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE', to create a structure to deal with legislator misconduct.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 616](#) SEN. MEYER, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY', to improve the performance of the legislative branch.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.B. No. 655](#) SEN. HARP, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING CULTURAL COMPETENCY INSTRUCTION FOR PHYSICIANS', to require cultural competency as part of physician training.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 655](#) and other bills.

Proposed [S.B. No. 656](#) SEN. CALIGIURI, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF CERTAIN DISRUPTIVE EVENTS AT STATE-FUNDED GROUP HOMES AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES', to protect the public's right to know when a dangerous or disruptive event occurs at a state-funded group home or residential facility in their city or town.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [S.B. No. 658](#) SEN. HARP, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES', to ensure that only disabled persons are eligible to use handicapped parking spaces.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

[S.B. No. 664](#) (COMM) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BILLING FOR ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES COVERED BY LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE', to permit direct billing of long-term care insurance companies for assisted living expenses and services that are covered under policies issued by such companies.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

Proposed [S.B. No. 665](#) SEN. LEBEAU, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUPPORTED LIVING IN GROUPS HOMES', to establish a fund to aid supported living in group homes.

REF. COMMERCE

Commerce Committee change of reference to the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [S.B. No. 675](#) SEN. LOONEY, 11th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCURACY OF STATE CRIMINAL RECORDS RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC', to ensure the accuracy of state criminal records released with respect to background checks by designating the Judicial Department as the sole agency responsible for providing such records.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [S.B. No. 678](#) SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST.; SEN. HARRIS, 5th DIST.; SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST.; SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT', to provide affordable, quality health care to state residents.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [S.B. No. 690](#) SEN. HARP, 10th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING INTERNET AND WORD PROCESSING USE IN MOTOR VEHICLES', to promote safety on Connecticut roads.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

[S.B. No. 710](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING UPDATES TO THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT', to amend the family and medical leave act to allow for additional time for family members to help injured soldiers, prevent supervisors from viewing employee medical records, and prevent family and medical leave and light duty work from running concurrently.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 710](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 713](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DISCRIMINATORY LABOR PRACTICES AND THE DEADLINE FOR FILING COMPLAINTS', to clarify the deadline for filing a complaint based upon unfair or discriminatory employment practices.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

[S.B. No. 714](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETALIATION FOR USE OF PAID SICK LEAVE', to prevent retaliation from employers for an employee's use of their accumulated paid sick leave.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 714](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 715 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO CITE A REASON FOR TERMINATION OF THEIR EMPLOYEES', to require employers to provide a reason, in writing, for terminating their employees.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on **S.B. No. 715** and other bills.

Proposed S.B. No. 717 SEN. LEBEAU, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IN-KIND DONATIONS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS PROVIDING FREE RENT TO CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS', to provide mutual benefits for certain nonprofit organizations and property owners with unrented space.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed S.B. No. 724 SEN. HARRIS, 5th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN VOLUNTEERS', to encourage volunteerism by providing immunity for negligence that occurs while an individual is assisting a nonprofit organization or state agency on a voluntary basis.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed S.B. No. 736 SEN. LEBEAU, 3rd DIST. 'AN ACT IMPROVING STATUTORY AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS CONCERNING PARKING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to ensure that only persons with disabilities have access to parking spaces, permits and stickers meant for such persons.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

S.B. No. 749 (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CABINET', to allow the Children's Trust Fund to contribute to and benefit from the Early Childhood Education Cabinet.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on **S.B. No. 749** and other bills.

Select Committee on Children JF Change of Reference to the Human Services Committee.

S.B. No. 752 (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING ASSESSMENT OF THE NEEDS OF AGING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to implement the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning assessment of the needs of aging individuals with developmental disabilities.

REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS

The Program Review and Investigations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 752](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 753](#) (RAISED) PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING PLANNING FOR THE NEEDS OF AGING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES', to implement the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning planning for the needs of aging individuals with developmental disabilities.

REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS

The Program Review and Investigations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 2E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 753](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 756](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY CHECK FOR APPLICANTS OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OR THE DEPARTMENT'S PROVIDERS', to provide the Commissioner of Developmental Services with the authority to require an applicant seeking an employment position in the department or seeking employment with a provider licensed or funded by the department, to submit to a check of the Department of Children and Families child abuse and neglect registry.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 756](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 757](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILLING OF PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ANTIEPILEPTIC DRUGS', to prohibit a pharmacy upon the initial filling or renewal of a prescription for the treatment of epilepsy or prevention of seizures from substituting an antiepileptic drug or formulation of an antiepileptic drug, brand name or manufacturer of a generic name using the National Drug Code system without first obtaining the consent of the patient's practitioner to do so.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [S.B. No. 757](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 768](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS', to provide additional protection to whistleblowers.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 768](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 769](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES', to require a study of the Department of Administrative Services.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 769](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 770](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ETHICS', to require a study of the ethics statutes.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 770](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 771](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNANCE OF THE CITIZEN'S ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD', to allow justices of the peace and notaries public to serve on the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board and to stagger the member's terms.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 771](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 772](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT', to revise the requirement that minutes from a public agency's sessions be posted on such agency's web site within seven days of such session.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 772](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 773](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CODES OF ETHICS', to make technical and conforming changes to the codes of ethics.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 773](#) and other bills.

S.B. No. 774 (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE CONTRACTING', to require a study of contracting statutes.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on **S.B. No. 774** and other bills.

S.B. No. 778 (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT AMENDING THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT', to allow a professional license renewal applicant to certify to having obtained required workers' compensation insurance.

REF. GENERAL LAW

The General Law Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on **S.B. No. 778** and other bills.

Proposed **S.B. No. 782** SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY', to promote the enhanced use of health information technology and to facilitate health information exchange.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 788 (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE BUILDING CODE BE REVISED TO INCORPORATE REVISIONS TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE', to require the State Building Code to be updated to incorporate revisions to the National Electrical Code, and to require the state to continually adopt such revisions.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Public Safety and Security Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1C of the LOB on **S.B. No. 788** and other bills.

S.B. No. 789 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHARING OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to allow the Department of Children and Families to share limited information with the Department of Developmental Services that will be used to facilitate enrollment and the planning of services for children in the Department of Developmental Services voluntary services program.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on **S.B. No. 789** and other bills.

S.B. No. 805 (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION', to provide additional protection for individuals who provided information regarding waste or fraud against the state.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 805](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 808](#) (RAISED) FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING. 'AN ACT INCREASING FEES AND FINES', to increase revenues to the state.
REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.B. No. 808](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 813](#) (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT', to require a study of issues concerning workforce development.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

The Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [S.B. No. 813](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 828](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE REVENUE', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

[S.B. No. 829](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONNEL MATTERS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

[S.B. No. 830](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING EDUCATION', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. EDUCATION

[S.B. No. 833](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER PURPOSES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

[S.B. No. 836](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

[S.B. No. 839](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS OF VARIOUS

STATE AGENCIES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

[S.B. No. 840](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF THE OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL, THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTHCARE ADVOCATE, THE OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS AND CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

[S.B. No. 841](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON AGING', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

[S.B. No. 843](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING SOCIAL SERVICES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES

[S.B. No. 845](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF NURSING HOMES', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

[S.B. No. 847](#) SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST.; REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.
REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

[S.B. No. 854](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES', to ensure that information gathered by, received and stored with, the Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities is kept confidential to the full extent required by federal law.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 854](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 872](#) (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT PROVIDING STATE-FUNDED MEDICAL COVERAGE TO CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to expand eligibility for state-funded medical assistance to include children under the care and supervision of the Department of Developmental Services who are

ineligible for Medicaid.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 872](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 876](#) (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY OF NURSING HOME OWNERS FOR NEGLECT AND ABUSE OF NURSING HOME RESIDENTS AND CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS', to put nursing home licensees and owners on notice that they may be held criminally liable for abuse or neglect perpetrated by nursing home employees against residents and to require criminal history background checks for certain nursing home facility employees.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [S.B. No. 876](#) and other bills.

[S.B. No. 890](#) (RAISED) ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUTING', to improve high-speed broadband access across the state to facilitate telecommuting.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

The Energy and Technology Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 1B of the LOB on [S.B. No. 890](#) and other bills.

Proposed [S.J. No. 17](#) SEN. DEBICELLA, 21st DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM', to place the power of initiative and referendum in the hands of the people.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [S.J. No. 18](#) SEN. CALIGIURI, 16th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM EXCEPT FOR MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE STATE BUDGET', to provide the right of initiative and referendum to state voters, except for matters relating to the state budget.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

[S.R. No. 8](#) SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A STIPULATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, P-4, BARGAINING UNIT' File No. 1, Senate Cal. No. 24

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

The Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [S.R. No. 8](#) and other resolutions. Appropriations Committee filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office.

S.R. No. 9 SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN ARBITRATION AWARD BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME)' File No. 4, Senate Cal. No. 65
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

The Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, January 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on S.R. No. 9 . Appropriations Committee filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office.

- **House Proposed, Raised and Committee Bills Being Followed by the Department of Developmental Services**

Proposed [H.B. No. 5009](#) REP. NARDELLO, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF MINUTES FROM PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS ON TOWN WEB SITES', to allow towns more time to post minutes from public agency meetings on their web sites.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5018](#) REP. NARDELLO, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS MANDATED IN THIS STATE', to establish an independent working group to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of existing health insurance benefits mandated in this state and to require that a cost-benefit analysis be conducted prior to the implementation of any new health insurance mandate.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5018](#) and other bills.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5019](#) REP. NARDELLO, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG HISTORY AS AN UNDERWRITING TOOL TO DENY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE', to prohibit the use of an individual's prescription drug history as a criteria for underwriting to deny such individual health insurance coverage if there is no definitive diagnosis.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5019](#) and other bills.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5057](#) REP. VILLANO, 91st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SINGLE POINT OF ENTRY FOR LONG-TERM CARE', to establish a single point of entry system for individuals seeking long-term care.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5057](#) and other bills.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5060](#) REP. VILLANO, 91st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES', to provide legislative oversight of the Department of Social Services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5061](#) REP. VILLANO, 91st DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY PROVIDER RESCUE FUND ACCOUNT AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES COMMISSION', to establish a community provider rescue fund account and community-based services commission.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5075](#) REP. FLEISCHMANN, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON STATE SPENDING', to reduce long-term growth of state expenditures and promote policies that will increase the efficiency and efficacy of state programs.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5084](#) REP. SERRA, 33rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECEIPT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS WHILE RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION BENEFITS', to allow unemployed individuals to collect full unemployment compensation benefits while receiving Social Security pension benefits.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5093](#) REP. GERAGOSIAN, 25th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROSTHETIC PARITY', to require coverage for prosthetic devices that is equal to coverage provided for medical or surgical benefits under insurance policies, the Medicaid program and other state-administered health care programs.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5093](#) and other bills.**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5096](#) REP. HAMZY, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION CONCERNING THE LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY', to implement the constitutional limitation on the amount of expenditures that may be authorized by the General Assembly by enacting legislation defining the terms "increase in personal income", "increase in inflation" and "general budget expenditures", provided such legislation is enacted with the approval of three-fifths of the members of each house of the General Assembly, as required by Article XXVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the state of Connecticut.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5097](#) REP. HAMZY, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ONLINE ACCESS TO THE STATE BUDGET', to promote transparency in state government by providing online access to the state budget.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS**

**Proposed [H.B. No. 5098](#) REP. HAMZY, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT REDEFINING TERMS CONCERNING THE SPENDING CAP', to implement the constitutional limitation on the amount of expenditures that may be authorized by the General Assembly by redefining, with the approval of three-fifths of the members of each house, certain terms related to the spending cap.
REF. APPROPRIATIONS**

Proposed [H.B. No. 5120](#) REP. VILLANO, 91st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE ACT OF 2006', to permit the Department of Social Services to contract with nonprofit organizations that promote the purposes of the federal Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2006.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5121](#) REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR HEALTH CARE CONTRACTS', to establish standards for contracts between health care providers and managed care organizations or preferred provider networks.
REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [H.B. No. 5123](#) REP. GREEN, 1st DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR USING A CELLULAR TELEPHONE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE', to increase the fine for operating a motor vehicle while using a hand-held mobile telephone or a mobile electronic device and to require that a portion of that fine be remitted to the town where the violation occurred.
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5125](#) REP. ALTOBELLO, 82nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM TO ASSIST DISABLED INDIVIDUALS IN COURT PROCEEDINGS', to provide a guardian ad litem for disabled individuals involved in court proceedings.
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5126](#) REP. ALTOBELLO, 82nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COUNSELORS AT STATE COURTHOUSES', to provide state courthouses with additional Americans with Disabilities Act counselors trained to handle concerns related to various disabilities, hidden and obvious, that affect individuals involved in court cases.
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5127](#) REP. ALTOBELLO, 82nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN A FAMILY MATTER', to require, in any family matter, a judge to offer to appoint a guardian ad litem for any minor child or any adult with a disability.
REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5140](#) REP. D'AMELIO, 71st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN TRAINING IN ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES', to allow members of Tier II of the state employees retirement system, who were engaged in training in the armed forces during certain times of war, to obtain retirement credit for such period in training.
REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5146](#) REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS OF CAMP EMPLOYEES WHO TRANSPORT CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS', to ensure the safety of children with special health care needs who attend licensed youth camps.
REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5146](#) and other bills.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5172](#) REP. SCHOFIELD, 16th DIST.; REP. O'CONNOR, 35th DIST.; REP. MIOLI, 136th DIST.; SEN. CRISCO, 17th DIST.; SEN. WITKOS, 8th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHY STEPS PROGRAM', to expand the availability and affordability of health insurance benefits to all Connecticut residents.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5093](#) and other bills.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5173](#) REP. ROY, 119th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CONTRACTS', to prevent the unilateral changing of any terms or provisions of contracts between health care providers and insurers, health care centers, hospital or medical service corporations or other organizations that provide health care to the residents of this state by such company or organization.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [H.B. No. 5183](#) REP. ROY, 119th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A REDUCTION IN STATE EMPLOYEE PAY', to use a salary reduction on all state employees to help balance the state budget.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

[H.B. No. 5185](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY PERMISSIVE IN-STATE CONTRACTING PREFERENCES', to give a state agency discretion to award additional points to contractors that exclusively employ Connecticut residents in the completion of the contract.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5191](#) REP. D'AMELIO, 71st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE PURCHASES OF GROUP HOMES', to limit state costs incurred in purchasing group homes.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5195](#) REP. SAYERS, 60th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF INTERRAI ASSESSMENT TOOLS TO PROMOTE LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING AND BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR OLDER

INDIVIDUALS', to promote greater use of evidence-based assessment tools that ensure that older individuals are allowed to age in place when possible and assist in transitioning individuals out of nursing home facilities into less restrictive residential settings.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5195](#) and other bills.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5219](#) REP. FLEISCHMANN, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MAXIMIZATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS', to reduce state expenditures by maximizing federal funds available to support state programs.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [H.B. No. 5233](#) REP. VILLANO, 91st DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED ACCESS TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR THE MEDICALLY NEEDY, ELDERLY AND DISABLED', to require the Commissioner of Social Services to exercise existing federal options that permit the use of a less restrictive methodology in determining the income limit when making Medicaid eligibility determinations for persons who are aged, blind or disabled so that the Medicaid eligibility for such persons shall be increased in two stages to equal the income eligibility for adults under the HUSKY Plan, Part A.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5241](#) REP. ALTOBELLO, 82nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF DISABLED PERSONS WITH RESPECT TO COURT AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCY MATTERS', to protect physically and mentally disabled persons in courtroom settings and other settings with respect to public agencies in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5243](#) REP. CONROY, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING', to eliminate the statutory requirement that an advanced practice registered nurse work in collaboration with a physician.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5245](#) REP. O'BRIEN, 24th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS PAID BY A STATE OR MUNICIPAL AGENCY', to save taxpayers money by lowering the pharmaceutical costs paid by state or municipal agencies.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

[H.B. No. 5248](#) (COMM) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATURE'S IMPACT ON EMPLOYMENT IN THE STATE', to require impact statements to accompany every legislative proposal that has

an effect on employment.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

H.B. No. 5249 (COMM) **LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TIMELY MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR INJURED WORKERS'**, to create penalties for an employer's delay of necessary medical treatment for injured workers.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed **H.B. No. 5269** REP. HURLBURT, 53rd DIST. **'AN ACT CONCERNING FULL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING'**, to provide property tax relief and education funding relief to towns.

REF. EDUCATION

Proposed **H.B. No. 5292** REP. CONROY, 105th DIST. **'AN ACT REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NURSE'S AIDES AND HOME HEALTH AIDES'**, to ensure the safety of state residents by requiring that nurse's aides and home health aides be subject to criminal history background checks.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5297 (RAISED) **SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON PROJECT'**, to require the Commissioner of Social Services to file semiannual reports with the General Assembly on the status of the Money Follows the Person demonstration project.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on **H.B. No. 5297** and other bills.

Proposed **H.B. No. 5303** REP. O'BRIEN, 24th DIST. **'AN ACT CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE PROVIDER CONTRACTS WITH THE STATE'**, to require the Governor's budget proposal to disclose the number and aggregate dollar amount of private provider contracts with the state, and to identify the type of work being performed under each.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed **H.B. No. 5305** REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; REP. HAMZY, 78th DIST.; REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. **'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE XXVIII OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT CONCERNING THE LIMITATION ON EXPENDITURES AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'**, to implement the constitutional limitation on the amount of expenditures that may be authorized by the General Assembly by enacting legislation defining the terms "increase in personal income", "increase in inflation" and "general budget expenditures", provided such legislation is enacted with the approval of three-fifths of the members of each house of the General Assembly, as required by Article XXVIII of the

Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Connecticut.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5308](#) REP. MIKUTEL, 45th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL PRIOR STATE SERVICE', to credit all prior state service for the purposes of state employee retirement benefits.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5309](#) REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE SPENDING CAP', to reduce the tax burden on state residents and to expand state services.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5340](#) REP. CANDELARIA, 95th DIST.; REP. DILLON, 92nd DIST.; REP. MEGNA, 97th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CREATION OF A MUNICIPAL OVERBURDEN FUND', to reimburse municipalities that provide a disproportionate number of regional services, such as homeless services, support of regional transportation assets or services to the re-entry population.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [H.B. No. 5351](#) REP. MILLER, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF PENSION INCOME', to exempt pension income from the state personal income tax.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [H.B. No. 5372](#) REP. D'AMELIO, 71st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL HEARINGS PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF PROPOSED STATE AGENCY HOUSING FACILITIES', to require a public hearing on proposals for housing facilities by state agencies.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Government Administration and Elections Committee change of reference to the Planning and Development Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5415](#) REP. MOUKAWSHER, 40th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF PRIVATE SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS', to attain greater efficiency and cost containment in the delivery of social services provided by private nonprofit providers by eliminating excessive executive and administrative costs incurred by the state due to the number of such providers and their individual executive and administrative personnel and salaries.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5416](#) REP. VILLANO, 91st DIST.; REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSITION OF CARE AND TREATMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL RETARDATION AND

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES', to provide for the development and implementation of interagency agreements between the Department of Children and Families and the Departments of Mental Retardation and Mental Health and Addiction Services for the transition of care of children and youth in the custody of the Department of Children and Families.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5418](#) REP. AYALA, 128th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING COVERAGE OF SPECIALIST SERVICES FOR MEDICAID AND HUSKY RECIPIENTS'**, to provide HUSKY and Medicaid recipients with expanded access to specialist physician services.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5420](#) REP. WALKER, 93rd DIST. '**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO MANAGE AND IMPROVE SERVICES FOR MEDICAID RECIPIENTS'**, to improve the quality of services provided to recipients of state services under federal Medicaid waivers by coordinating care, certifying and tracking providers, improving provider training and reducing turn-over of providers' employees.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5422](#) REP. MAZUREK, 80th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES ON GROUP HOMES'**, to require that group homes with six or fewer clients pay the host community property taxes on the house.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5423](#) REP. LESSER, 100th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR AGED, BLIND AND DISABLED ADULTS'**, to make the Medicaid income limit for aged, blind and disabled adults the same as for all other adults.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5424](#) REP. TERCYAK, 26th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID INCOME LIMITS FOR AGED, BLIND AND DISABLED PERSONS'**, to require the Commissioner of Social Services to exercise existing federal options that permit the use of a less restrictive methodology in determining the income limit when making Medicaid eligibility determinations for persons who are aged, blind or disabled so that the Medicaid eligibility income limits for such persons shall be increased in two stages to equal the income eligibility limits for adults under the HUSKY Plan, Part A.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5470](#) REP. O'BRIEN, 24th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF FREE FISHING LICENSES FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PEOPLE'**, to require that any free sports fishing license issued to a person

with a physical disability not identify the physical disability of the holder of such license.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

The Environment Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 13, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5470](#) and other bills.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5474](#) REP. SCHOFIELD, 16th DIST.; REP. BYE, 19th DIST.; REP. ROY, 119th DIST.; REP. ARESIMOWICZ, 30th DIST.; REP. FRITZ, 90th DIST.; REP. O'CONNOR, 35th DIST.; REP. NAFIS, 27th DIST.; REP. FAWCETT, 133rd DIST.; REP. HURLBURT, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PRIVATE, MUNICIPAL AND STATE RECYCLING', to encourage private, municipal and state recycling.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

The Environment Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5474](#) and other bills.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5514](#) REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT MANDATING PAID SICK LEAVE', to improve the health of residents of Connecticut and to limit the transfer of infectious diseases in the workplace.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5517](#) REP. CONROY, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A REST BREAK FOR EMPLOYEES FOR EVERY FOUR HOURS OF WORK', to reduce employee fatigue to prevent accidents and to improve productivity.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5520](#) REP. CARSON, 108th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND JOB IMPACT STATEMENTS', to require legislation to include a job impact statement.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5566](#) REP. HETHERINGTON, 125th DIST.; REP. STRIPP, 135th DIST. 'AN ACT POSTPONING REVISIONS TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE', to postpone the requirement that the State Building Code be revised regarding energy efficient standards for construction and renovation to January 1, 2012.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

[H.B. No. 5600](#) (COMM) SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE FACTUAL INFORMATION REGARDING LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES', to ensure that patients of nursing home facilities receive comprehensive factual information concerning the care administered by the facility.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

Public Health Committee change of reference to the Select Committee on Aging. **The Select Committee on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5600](#) and other bills.**

Proposed [H.B. No. 5602](#) REP. CONROY, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS FROM DISPOSING MEDICATIONS INTO THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY', to prevent health care institutions from disposing medications into the public water supply so as to promote the health, safety and well-being of state residents.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5605](#) REP. SAYERS, 60th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A WAIVER OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE FEES FOR CERTAIN RETIRED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHO PROVIDE VOLUNTARY SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY', to waive license renewal fees for retired chiropractors, podiatrists, natureopaths and optometrists who provide voluntary services in public health facilities assisting underserved populations.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5609](#) REP. CONROY, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS', to promote the safe disposal of prescription medications by prohibiting direct or indirect placing of such medications in a public sewer system or a private septic system.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5613](#) REP. CONROY, 105th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE THAT SHALL STUDY WAYS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF NURSING EDUCATORS IN THE STATE', to establish a task force that shall study ways to increase the number of nursing educators in the state.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Committee change of reference to the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee. **The Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5613](#) and other bills.**

Proposed [H.B. No. 5630](#) REP. NARDELLO, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LICENSURE FOR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTITIONER', to increase access to dental care for underserved populations.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5640](#) REP. HENNESSY, 127th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO TRANSIT STOPS', to improve public access to transit stops.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5642](#) REP. REYNOLDS, 42nd DIST.; SEN. MAYNARD, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE IN SUPPORT OF

PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)', to increase programs for and awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

REF. TRANSPORTATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5659](#) REP. FLEISCHMANN, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT TO DISCOURAGE ABUSE OF DISABLED PARKING PRIVILEGES', to discourage abuse of disabled parking privileges.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

[H.B. No. 5669](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENTS FOR TERMINATED EMPLOYEES', to provide that employers may elect not to be responsible for the payment of the premium for group health insurance plans for employees who are terminated or who voluntarily terminate their employment, after the date of such employees' termination.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5669](#) and other bills. **Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS to the House Floor.**

[H.B. No. 5671](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF PROSTHETIC DEVICES', to expand health insurance coverage to include prosthetic devices.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5671](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 5672](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT EXPANDING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS FOR CHILDREN', to expand health insurance coverage for hearing aids for children.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 5672](#) and other bills. **Insurance and Real Estate Committee JFS to the House Floor.**

Proposed [H.B. No. 5685](#) REP. CLEMONS, 124th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS VENDOR SET-ASIDE PROGRAM FOR STATE CONTRACTS', to allow small local businesses access to the state purchasing system.

REF. COMMERCE

Proposed [H.B. No. 5690](#) REP. GIANNAROS, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER', to establish a program that will provide supports and services, not otherwise provided through a program administered by a state agency, to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other developmental disabilities.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [H.B. No. 5713](#) REP. O'ROURKE, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REIMBURSEMENT THRESHOLD FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS', to reduce the burden on towns and cities caused by unanticipated special education costs.
REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5723](#) REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EXCESS COSTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION', to ensure that special education funds are used for their intended purpose.
REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5724](#) REP. BYE, 19th DIST.; REP. JARMOC, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION PROGRAMS RECEIVING STATE FUNDING', to improve the quality of state-funded early childhood education programs.
REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5732](#) REP. FONTANA, 87th DIST.; REP. URBAN, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FULL FUNDING OF SPECIAL EDUCATION', to reduce the cost of special education on municipalities.
REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5736](#) REP. URBAN, 43rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE FUNDING OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES', to reduce the cost of special education on municipalities.
REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5741](#) REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING', to create a uniform system for special education and to reduce unpredictable expenses for towns.
REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5742](#) REP. HOVEY, 112th DIST. 'AN ACT PERMITTING PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OFFER A COURSE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN GRADE SIX', to encourage schools to offer a course in child development in order to begin building parenting skills and to minimize the achievement gap.
REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5755](#) REP. HURLBURT, 53rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FULL STATE FUNDING OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES', to reduce the cost of special education on municipalities.
REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5764](#) REP. BYE, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER CREDENTIALS', to reflect the work of the early childhood workforce committee in defining early childhood education qualifications.
REF. EDUCATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 5815](#) REP. ROY, 119th DIST.; SEN. MEYER, 12th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GREEN BUILDINGS AND THE STATE BUILDING CODE', to clarify provisions requiring the revision of the State Building Code to ease implementation of green building requirements.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

Proposed [H.B. No. 5822](#) REP. CONWAY, 61st DIST. 'AN ACT ENCOURAGING THE REUSE AND RECYCLING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG BOTTLES', to reduce the amount of solid waste generated in the state.
REF. ENVIRONMENT

Proposed [H.B. No. 5824](#) REP. OLSON, 46th DIST.; REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. RITTER, 38th DIST.; REP. RYAN, 139th DIST.; REP. REYNOLDS, 42nd DIST.; REP. URBAN, 43rd DIST.; REP. WRIGHT, 41st DIST.; REP. HEWETT, 39th DIST.; REP. JUTILA, 37th DIST.; REP. MIKUTEL, 45th DIST.; SEN. PRAGUE, 19th DIST.; SEN. STILLMAN, 20th DIST.; SEN. MAYNARD, 18th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS', to ensure that personal service contractors, including those who provide health and human services, receive timely payment for their services and have a means of recourse if payment is not timely.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5830](#) REP. HAMZY, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF SALARIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY', to cut state spending by reducing the salaries of members of the General Assembly.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5831](#) REP. NAFIS, 27th DIST.; REP. O'BRIEN, 24th DIST.; SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT STATUS FOR DISABLED VOTERS', to remove obstacles to voting for persons who are permanently disabled.
REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5836](#) REP. FONTANA, 87th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS', to require the Department of Higher Education to study the recruitment and training of physical therapist assistants and occupational therapist assistants.
REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed [H.B. No. 5840](#) REP. REYNOLDS, 42nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR PRIVATE PROVIDERS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND FOR COMMUNITY PROVIDERS TO MAKE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS', to increase the ability of private providers to meet the health and human service needs of state residents.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

Proposed [H.B. No. 5848](#) REP. DREW, 132nd DIST.; REP. MIOLI, 136th DIST. '**AN ACT PERMITTING RETIRED PROBATE JUDGES TO PERFORM CERTAIN PROBATE COURT DUTIES'**, to permit retired probate judges to assist with the work of the probate courts.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 5880](#) REP. HARKINS, 120th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY BY THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION ISSUES INVOLVING STATE FUNDING'**, to require the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee to study the cost to the state of fully funding special education and to study the cost to the state for replacing the ECS formula with a new needs-based grant system.

REF. PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5884](#) REP. SAYERS, 60th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING RETURN OF UNUSED MEDICATIONS FROM HEALTH CARE FACILITIES'**, to reduce waste in the distribution of medications and realize savings in state administered drug programs by safely redispensing unused drugs.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5885](#) REP. SAYERS, 60th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING PROPER DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS'**, to reduce the volume of medications that enter into water treatment systems.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5886](#) REP. SAYERS, 60th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF AUTOMATED DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS BY LICENSED HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS'**, to permit health care institutions to save money through the use of automated drug delivery systems.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5888](#) REP. SAYERS, 60th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A MULTI-YEAR PLAN TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE'**, to develop a multiyear plan to improve the quality of health care and improve health outcomes by promoting organized care.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 5889](#) REP. SAYERS, 60th DIST. '**AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF STATE-PURCHASED HEALTH CARE'**, to require the Department of Social Services to develop a plan for improving the

quality of state-purchased health care while reducing overall costs.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Committee change of reference to the Human Services Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 5902](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM MOTOR VEHICLES', to promote public safety by creating penalties for operating a motor vehicle that has not been cleared of accumulated snow and ice.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [H.B. No. 5914](#) REP. HAMM, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF PREVENTION WITHIN THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN', to redirect and reallocate funds from other state prevention programs into one agency so prevention services are focused and coordinated.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [H.B. No. 5916](#) REP. HAMM, 34th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BY REALLOCATING EXISTING RESOURCES', to reorganize the Department of Children and Families by reallocating certain services and functions to other state agencies.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Proposed [H.B. No. 5941](#) REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING RETIREES' HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FROM THE INCOME TAX', to help maximize health insurance benefits for retirees.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [H.B. No. 5942](#) REP. PERILLO, 113th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING PENSIONS AND SOCIAL SECURITY FROM THE INCOME TAX', to remove pension and Social Security income from personal income tax calculations.

REF. FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed [H.B. No. 5950](#) REP. NAFIS, 27th DIST.; SEN. DOYLE, 9th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTING BY PERSONS WHO ARE PERMANENTLY DISABLED', to remove obstacles from the procedures surrounding absentee voting for persons who are permanently disabled.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5954](#) REP. HAMZY, 78th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY WEB SITE', to enable the public to track state spending and to promote transparency.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5955](#) REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING STATE CONTRACTORS TO REVEAL TRADE SECRET PRICING', to provide for transparency in state contracts.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5957](#) REP. FONTANA, 87th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PORTABLE SCANNERS TO COPY PUBLIC RECORDS', to accommodate warrant scanning technology by permitting the copying of public documents using a portable scanner.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5959](#) REP. HAMZY, 78th DIST.; REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ON-LINE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE BUDGET', to promote transparency in state government.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5960](#) REP. LEONE, 148th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS ON AGENCY WEB SITES', to have state agencies post their regulations on their web sites.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5962](#) REP. GIANNAROS, 21st DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEARCHABLE DATABASE FOR STATE EXPENDITURES', to increase transparency in state spending.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5974](#) REP. TONG, 147th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SIZE AND COST OF STATE GOVERNMENT', to reduce the size and cost of state government.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5983](#) REP. LABRIOLA, 131st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN AUTISM THERAPIES', to provide health insurance coverage for Applied Behavioral Analysis and Relationship Development Intervention autism therapies.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Proposed [H.B. No. 6027](#) REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PROBATE COURT REFORMS', to implement a strategic plan for the probate court system and thereby improve the efficiency and strengthen the professionalism of the probate courts.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6045](#) REP. SAYERS, 60th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSING FEES', to revise certain license renewal fees that shall be payable through an on-line renewal system on a biennial basis.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6051](#) REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTS FOR RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR PERSONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION, CARE OR CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES', to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the placement of a residential facility for persons under the supervision, care or custody of the Department of Children and Families or the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and to require municipal approval of any contract to operate such a facility.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6059](#) REP. MILLER, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR CAUSING AN ACCIDENT WHILE USING A HAND-HELD MOBILE TELEPHONE', to keep our drivers safe.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 6060](#) REP. MILLER, 122nd DIST. 'AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE FROM TYPING A TEXT MESSAGE WHILE OPERATING SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE', to prohibit a motor vehicle operator from typing a text message while operating such motor vehicle.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

Proposed [H.B. No. 6066](#) REP. ROBLES, 6th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING THE FINE FOR USING A CELLULAR TELEPHONE WITHOUT A HANDS-FREE DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE', to promote public safety by increasing the fine for using a cellular telephone without a hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle.

REF. TRANSPORTATION

(Vote to Draft)

Proposed [H.B. No. 6086](#) REP. NOUJAIM, 74th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE VETERANS', to allow state and municipal employees to purchase credit toward retirement for time served in the armed forces.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6086](#) and other bills. (Vote to Draft)

Proposed [H.B. No. 6089](#) REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING DIAL-A-RIDE WITH REIMBURSEMENT FOR MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION OUTSIDE THE DIAL-A-RIDE AREA', to provide greater choice in medical services and greater access to medical care for the disabled and seniors.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING

Proposed [H.B. No. 6112](#) REP. BACKER, 121st DIST. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS BY HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES', to prevent the disposal of medications to waste water treatment facilities so they do not pass through the aquatic environment and enter the food chain.

REF. ENVIRONMENT

Environment Committee change of reference to the Public Health Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6122](#) REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TOLL-FREE CALLING BETWEEN CERTAIN TELEPHONE EXCHANGES', to provide savings for residents and provide greater economic opportunities for area businesses.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6124](#) REP. BACKER, 121st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUTING', to reduce fuel consumption.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6129](#) REP. BACKER, 121st DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING VEHICLE CONVERSION TO HYBRID TECHNOLOGY', to promote fuel efficiency in the state fleet.

REF. ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6152](#) REP. SCHOFIELD, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT CREATING A CATASTROPHIC COST POOL FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES', to create a catastrophic cost pool that shall pay for medical expenses that exceed a threshold percentage of family income for persons who have catastrophic medical expenses that exceed their health insurance coverage limits.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6152](#) and other bills.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6163](#) REP. ROY, 119th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FORFEITURE OF PENSIONS AND OTHER STATE BENEFITS BY CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES', to prevent the state from having to support those state employees who use their position to commit a criminal act.

REF. JUDICIARY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6169](#) REP. ALTOBELLO, 82nd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF DISABLED PERSONS WITH RESPECT TO COURT AND OTHER PUBLIC AGENCY MATTERS', to protect physically and mentally disabled persons in courtroom settings and other settings with respect to public agencies in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

REF. JUDICIARY

**Proposed [H.B. No. 6183](#) REP. GRAZIANI, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE STATUS', to amend the general statutes in the areas of collective bargaining clauses and professional service status.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

**[H.B. No. 6184](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT PRESERVING GOOD CAUSE FOR LATE FILING OF CERTAIN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION APPEALS', to preserve right of the Labor Department to afford good cause for late filing of certain unemployment compensation appeals.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6184](#) and other bills.

**[H.B. No. 6185](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL FILES STATUTES', to create civil penalties for employers who do not provide access to personnel files to their employees.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6185](#) and other bills.

**[H.B. No. 6186](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF CONN-OSHA INVESTIGATIONS', to protect the integrity of occupational safety and health investigations by allowing additional witnessing employees to make confidential statements to investigators without disclosing their identities to the employer.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6186](#) and other bills.

**[H.B. No. 6187](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT MANDATING EMPLOYERS PROVIDE PAID SICK LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES', to require employers with fifty or more employees provide six paid sick days to their employees for use for the employee's sickness, the employee's child's sickness, or to deal with sexual assault or family violence issues.
REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES**

[H.B. No. 6188](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES AND VIOLENCE AND BULLYING IN THE WORKPLACE', to codify the existing policies and procedures for state employees

for handling violence in the workplace and add language concerning abusive conduct in the workplace.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6188](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6189](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REPORTING STATISTICS BASED UPON GENDER IN WAGE REPORTS', to provide for data collection on pay equity and hiring practices based upon gender.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6189](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6190](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN EMPLOYER DATA', to allow for the sharing of certain employer data to an entity which is under contract with the United States Department of Labor when it is beneficial to the state.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6190](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6191](#) (RAISED) LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR MAJOR LAYOFFS OR DISMISSALS OF STATE EMPLOYEES', to require the submission of impact statements to the General Assembly prior to any major layoff or dismissal of state employees.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Labor and Public Employees Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6191](#) and other bills.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6195](#) REP. JOHNSON, 49th DIST. 'AN ACT ENABLING THE WINDHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO PLAN MORE EFFECTIVE MASS TRANSIT FOR EASTERN CONNECTICUT', to increase mass transit in eastern Connecticut.

REF. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Proposed [H.B. No. 6201](#) REP. LYDDY, 106th DIST.; REP. ESTY, 103rd DIST.; REP. ORANGE, 48th DIST.; REP. COOK, 65th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING RETURN OF UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO PHARMACIES', to encourage the return of unused prescription drugs so as to: (1) Remove unused prescription drugs from residential settings to prevent misuse or abuse; (2) promote the safe disposal of unused prescription drugs to prevent contamination of Connecticut water

supplies; and (3) lower the cost of the state's supported prescription drug programs.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6202](#) REP. HOVEY, 112th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A DEDUCTION FROM THE PERSONAL INCOME TAX FOR UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL BILLS', to provide assistance to families in covering the costs of unreimbursed medical expenses.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Public Health Committee change of reference to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6203](#) REP. SAYERS, 60th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF THE DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS', to reduce the pollution of the state's rivers and streams and the Long Island Sound.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

Proposed [H.B. No. 6204](#) REP. GRAZIANI, 57th DIST. 'AN ACT DELAYING REVISIONS TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE', to achieve consistency with various statutory requirements concerning home builders.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Proposed [H.B. No. 6240](#) REP. ABERCROMBIE, 83rd DIST.; REP. BYE, 19th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR PERSONS WITH AUTISM', to help families with the cost of prescription drugs for the treatment of autism.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6240](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6265](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY', to revise the definition of "the practice of speech and language pathology".

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6265](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6277](#) (RAISED) INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SMALL EMPLOYERS', to amend the definition of "eligible employee" for purposes of small employer health plans.

REF. INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

The Insurance and Real Estate Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 2A of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6277](#) and other bills.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6281](#) REP. JARMOC, 59th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COVERAGE OF PODIATRY SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM', to require the Commissioner of Social Services to amend the Medicaid state plan to include podiatry services as a covered service under the Medicaid program.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES

[H.B. No. 6284](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADOPTION OF A MODEL ENERGY CODE AND GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS', to require the State Building Inspector and Codes and Standards Committee to revise the State Building Code to include a model energy code and green building standards for certain new construction or renovation projects.

REF. PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Public Safety and Security Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6284](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6293](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS UNDER THE CODE OF ETHICS', to require additional individuals to file statements of financial interests with the Office of State Ethics.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6293](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6294](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTING RELATED MATTERS AND THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS', to provide greater clarity as to the ethics enforcement standards applied to contractors and bidders pursuing state contracts.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6294](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6295](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME PERIOD FOR DEBARMENT OF CERTAIN STATE CONTRACTORS', to increase the time period for disqualifying a state contractor from bidding on contracts from two years to five years.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6295](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6296](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND STATE EMPLOYEES', to expand conflict of interest provisions for public officials and state employees under the code of

ethics to include employers of such public officials and state employees, other than the state.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6296](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6298](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS', to provide greater clarity to various sections of the code of ethics for public officials and lobbyists and increase the threshold for designation as a lobbyist.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6298](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6299](#) (RAISED) GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FRAUD AGAINST THE STATE', to establish a right of action by the state or a private individual for the recovery of treble damages against any person who knowingly commits fraud against the state and authorize the Attorney General to intervene and take over the prosecution of any civil action brought by such private individual.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

The Government Administration and Elections Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6299](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6301](#) (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY AND ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS', to allow Connecticut pharmacies to maintain prescriptions electronically and to allow Connecticut physicians to transmit schedule II drugs to pharmacies electronically, subject to provisions of the federal Controlled Substances Act.

REF. GENERAL LAW

The General Law Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6301](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6309](#) (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES', to make various minor changes concerning the internal administration of the Department of Developmental Services and entities under the auspices of the department.

REF. PUBLIC HEALTH

The Public Health Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, February 6, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1D of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6309](#) and other bills.

Proposed [H.B. No. 6332](#) REP. ROWE, 123rd DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HOME HEALTH CARE AIDES AND THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT', to provide that a person who hires a home health care aide is not an "employer" for the purposes of workers' compensation.

REF. LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

(Vote to Draft)

[H.B. No. 6336](#) (RAISED) HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING NURSES PURSUING ADVANCED DEGREES', to require a study of issues concerning nurses pursuing advanced degrees.

REF. HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

The Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1E of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6336](#) and other bills.

[H.B. No. 6363](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT, CONSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION, PROTECTION, JUDICIAL AND CORRECTIONS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

[H.B. No. 6364](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

[H.B. No. 6365](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2011, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. APPROPRIATIONS

The Appropriations Committee will hold Public Hearings on February 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20 and 23, 2009 in Room 2C of the LOB on [H.B. No. 6365](#).

[H.B. No. 6374](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

[H.B. No. 6375](#) REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW AND TERMINATION OF CERTAIN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations and to eliminate unnecessary or obsolete boards and commissions.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6377 REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GREEN BUILDING REGULATIONS', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations and to more accurately identify state projects for which enhanced environmental design principles should apply.

REF. GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

H.B. No. 6385 REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REFORM OF THE PROBATE COURT SYSTEM', to implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

REF. JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 6400 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE STRENGTHENING OF NURSING HOME OVERSIGHT', to provide greater state oversight of nursing home administration and management.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on **H.B. No. 6400** and other bills.

H.B. No. 6402 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MAXIMIZATION OF MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGES (FMAP)', to maximize the use of federal Medicaid funds.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

The Human Services Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on **H.B. No. 6402** and other bills.

H.B. No. 6403 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO RECORDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to revise and update laws related to the confidentiality of and access to records concerning the Department of Children and Families.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. 6411 (RAISED) SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REDUCTION IN CHILD POVERTY AND INVESTMENT IN PREVENTION', to reduce child poverty and invest in prevention services while reducing spending for children, youth and families in crisis.

REF. SELECT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

The Select Committee on Children will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2B of the LOB on **H.B. No. 6411** and other bills.

H.B. No. 6417 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES', to improve administration of the Medicaid program.

REF. HUMAN SERVICES

H.B. No. 6443 (RAISED) HUMAN SERVICES. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DIRECT BILLING FOR HOME CARE NURSING SERVICES PROVIDED TO MEDICAID RECIPIENTS', to permit Medicaid recipients to hire an advanced practice registered nurse to provide services to the recipient at home and allow the nurse to directly bill the state for such services.
REF. HUMAN SERVICES

H.R. No. 6 REP. DONOVAN, 84th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A STIPULATED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE CONNECTICUT STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, P-4 BARGAINING UNIT' File No. 2, House Cal. No. 44
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

The Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on **H.R. No. 6** and other resolutions. Appropriations Committee filed with the Legislative Commissioners Office.

H.R. No. 9 REP. DONOVAN, 84th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN ARBITRATION AWARD BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME)' File No. 3, House Cal. No. 45
REF. APPROPRIATIONS

The Appropriations Committee will hold a Public Hearing on Friday, January 30, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2C of the LOB on **H.R. No. 9**. Appropriations Committee filed with the Legislative Commissioners Office.

H.J. No. 45 REP. CAFERO, 142nd DIST.; SEN. MCKINNEY, 28th DIST. 'RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THAT SEVENTY PER CENT OF ANY BUDGET SURPLUS BE USED TO FUND A BUDGET RESERVE FUND OR REDUCE BOND INDEBTEDNESS AND THAT NO PORTION OF ANY REMAINING SURPLUS FUNDS BE USED TO PAY FOR RECURRING EXPENDITURES'
REF. APPROPRIATIONS