

2020 Selected Health and LTC-Related Legislative Bill Update By Category **CGA Reported Thru February 13, 2020AM**

Nursing Home-Focused Legislation

SB 64, 69, 71, 72 - Increasing Personal Needs Allowance for Certain Long-Term Care Facility Residents, HS
SB 68 - Increase Nursing Home Rates of Payment, HS
SB 70 - Reversal of Nursing Home Rate Reductions, HS
SB 81 - Permit a Community Spouse of an Institutionalized Spouse to Retain Maximum Amount of Allowable Assets, AGE
HB 5098 - Raising Personal Needs Allowance For Certain Long-Term Care Residents, AGE

Assisted Living Legislation

RCH Legislation

HB 5020 - Implementing Governor's Budget Recommendations Regarding Public Health, PH (new RCH transfer-discharge protections included)

Life Plan Communities/CCRC Legislation

Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

SB 82 - Establish Task Force to Review Voluntarism Needs of State Ombudsman's Nursing Home Program, AGE

Elder Abuse and Other Abuse Including Children and Possible Parallels to Elder Abuse-Bullying

HB 5145 - Annual Reporting of the Number of Verified Acts of Bullying in Schools, KID

Sexual Assault-Domestic Violence-Victims Rights-Trafficking

SB 7 - Increasing Funds for Legal Representation of Victims of Domestic Violence, JUD
SB 87 - Eligibility for Office of Early Childhood's Child Care Subsidy Program for Victims of Domestic Violence, KID

Financial Exploitation

Ageing and Long Term Care

SB 1 - Manufacture and Distribution of Insulin, INS
SB 22 - Financial Assistance for Grandparents and Other Non-Parent Relatives Raising Children, APP
SB 85 - Deterring Age Discrimination in Employment Applications, AGE
SB 86 - Establish Revolving Loan Fund to Assist Elderly Homeowners, AGE
SB 120 - Exempt Senior Citizens and Veterans From Paying the Passport to the Parks Motor Vehicle Registration Fee, ENV

HB 5022, 5023, 5031, 5106 - Exempting Senior Citizens From Passport to Parks Motor Vehicle Registration Fee, ENV

HB 5095 - Establish Task Force to Study A Conserved Person's Right to Interact With Others, AGE

HB 5097 - Increasing Financial Assistance for Grandparents and Other Nonparent Relatives Raising Needy Children, AGE

Transportation

Home and Community-Based Services

SB 65 - Expand Access to the CT Home-Care Program for Elders, HS

SB 83 - Reducing Participant Costs and Expanding Eligibility for CT Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE), AGE

SB 84 - Retroactive Medicaid Eligibility for Home Care Services, AGE

Senior Centers and Community Centers

Alzheimer's and Dementia

SB 66, 67 - Expand Access to Alzheimer's Disease Respite Care Program, HS

HB 5096 - Expanding Eligibility for the Alzheimer's Disease Respite Care Program, AGE

Hospice and End-of-Life Planning

HB 5095 - Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients, PH

Disabilities-Brain Injury-Autism

Interpreters and Hearing Impaired

Opioid Treatment

Behavioral Health-Mental Health-Sober Living Homes

Group Homes – Developmental Services

Privatization of State Social and Human Services

Public-Private Partnership for Human Services

Citizens in Need Account–Able Accounts–Charitable Organizations-Community Investments

Affordable Health Care/Essential Health Benefits

Hospitals and Healthcare Providers/System

Insurance

HB 5018 - Health Care Cost Growth in CT, INS

Legal, Fair Hearings and Probate

SB 2 - Attorney Debt Collection Practices-Strengthen Oversight, JUD

SB 6 - Legalization and Taxation of Retail Sale of Marijuana, JUD

SB 16 – Adult Use of Cannabis, JUD

SB 73 - Repeal Prohibition Against Ridicule of Another Person On Account of Creed, Religion, Color, Denomination, Nationality, or Race, JUD

SB 113 - Access to Original Birth Certificates By Adult Adopted Persons, PD

HB 5019 - Fair Futures Following Erasure of Criminal Records-Implement Gov's Budget Recommendations, JUD

HB 5050 - Duration and Release of Estate and Probate Fee Liens and Repeal of Chapter 216 of General Statutes, JUD

HB 5130 - Taxation of Palliative Marijuana and Retail Sale of Marijuana, JUD

Health Equity-Human Rights-Gender Identify-LGBTQ-Hate Crime Education

HB 5088 - Appropriating Funds for Bilingual Education, ED

Public Health

HB 5020 - Implement Governor's Budget Recommendations Regarding Public Health, PH

HB 5043 - Require Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Immunization Consultations, PH

HB 5094 - Allow Medical Assistants to Administer Vaccines, PH

SB 76 - Prohibit Sale of Flavored Cigarettes, Tobacco Products, Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products, PH

Medical Records

DSS

Medicaid-State Assistance

HB 5016 - Expand Access to Medical Specialists for Medicaid Beneficiaries in Southeastern CT, HS

HB 5017 - Increasing Access to Feminine Hygiene Products, HS

HB 5082, 5085 - Eliminate State Recovery of Public Assistance Except As Required Under Federal Law, HS

HB 5083, 5084 - Medicaid Provider Rates and Access to Care, HS

Consumer Protection

HB 5004 - Decreasing Fees for Copying Public Records, GAE

SB 5 - Internet Service Providers and Net Neutrality Principles, ET
SB 23 - Cash Refunds for Balance of a Gift Card, BA

Banking

SB 24 - Banking in CT, BA
HB 5047 - Presumption of Ownership in Joint Bank Accounts, BA
HB 5048 - Preserving Interests of Prior Title Holders, BA
HB 5049 - Implement Recommendations of Department of Banking, BA

Public Safety and Prisons

HB 5086 - Encourage Regionalization of 9-1-1 Dispatch Centers, PS
HB 5138 - Require OPM Study of Obstacles to Merging or Consolidating Municipal Fire Districts and Fire Depts, PD

Housing

SB 105 - Establishing A Right to Housing for All Residents in State, HSG
SB 107 - Establish Task Force Re: Various Issues At Homeless Shelters, HSG
SB 109 - Landlord's Ability to Consider Criminal Record of Prospective Tenant – Require Commissioner of Housing To Adopt Regulations Re: Limited Time For Which Landlord May Consider Criminal Record of Prospective Tenant, HSG
HB 5118 - Require Landlords to Provide Security Systems and Lighting in Rental Property Hallways, HSG
HB 5122 - Prohibit Consideration of Criminal Convictions of Prospective Tenant After Certain Time Periods, HSG
HB 5123 - Permitting and Safety of Rental Units, HSG
HB 5124 - Require Landlords to Notify Tenants of Foreclosure Proceedings, HSG
HB 5126 - Inspections of Rental Property Prior to Occupancy or Termination, Late Rental Payments and Designation of A Rental Housing Ombudsman, HSG
HB 5127 - State's Long Term and Short Term Planning Concerning Housing Development, HSG
HB 5129 - Transition Program for Incarcerated Persons Being Released From Prison, HSG

Affordable Housing

SB 59 - Revise Education Cost Share Formula To Provide Incentives for Towns That Meet or Exceed The Affordable Housing Threshold, ED
SB 110 - Housing Authority Jurisdiction, HSG
HB 5120 - Require Housing Authorities to Provide Voter Registration Applications to Prospective Tenants, HSG
HB 5125 - Transparency of Rental Rates for Tenants Receiving Rental Assistance, HSG

Livable Communities/Planning/Environment/Regionalization

HB 5103 – Require Evaluation of State's Environmental Justice Law
HB 5132 - Reorganization of Zoning Enabling Act and Promotion of Municipal Compliance, PD
HB 5135 - Regulation of Signs By Zoning Commissions, PD

Veterans

HB 5030, 5087 - Exempting Veterans From Passport to Parks Motor Vehicle Registration Fee, VET

HB 5140 - Exempt Disabled Veterans From Passport to the Parks Fee, TRAN

SB 79 - Medical Marijuana for Veterans, VETS

SB 80 - Exempt All Active Duty Service Members From Fees for Operator Licenses or Registrations, VET

SB 116 - Exempt Disabled Veterans from Passport to Parks Fee When Registering a Motor Vehicle, TRAN

SB 120 - Exempt Senior Citizens and Veterans From Paying the Passport to the Parks Motor Vehicle Registration Fee, ENV

Labor-Management, Workplace, Employment Opportunities, Wages and Workers

Compensation-Retirement

SB 3 - Twenty-First Century Jobs-Incentivize Creation of New Jobs-Increase Employment, CO

HB 5136 - Continuation of Retirement Allowances for Certain Retirees Upon Subsequent Employment By A Board of ED, PD

Technical Education, Career Schools, Free Community College, Public-Private Partner

General Taxes and Credits

HB 5027 - Establishing Credit Against Personal Income Tax for Certain 1st-Time Homebuyers, FIN

HB 5066 - Sales and Use Tax on Meals, FIN

HB 5073 - Increase Amount of Earned Income Tax Credit, FIN

HB 5075 - Restructuring Certain Taxes, FIN

HB 5090 - Surcharge on Capital Gains and A Reduction of Personal Income Tax Rates on Certain Income, FIN

SB 36, 37, 38 - Sales and Use Tax on Meals, FIN

SB 53 - Earned Income Tax Credit, FIN

SB 56 - Establish Tax Credits for Taxpayers That Refrain From Using Gasoline-Powered Lawn and Landscaping Equipment, FIN

Business Tax Credits

HB 5029 - Establish Tax Credit for Graduates of Institutions of Higher ED and Private Occupational Schools in State, HED

HB 5033 - Establish Tax Credit for Businesses That Hire Recent High School or College Graduates, FIN

HB 5059 - Establish Tax Credit for Businesses That Employ Individuals With Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities, FIN

HB 5074, 5077 - Increase Amount of Affected Business Entity Tax Credit, FIN

SB 20 - Establish Tax Credit for Businesses That Hire Formerly Incarcerated Individuals, CO
SB 41 - Establish Tax Credit for Small Businesses Implementing and Maintaining Employee Wellness Programs, FIN

Healthcare Provider Tax Elimination-Deductions-Credits-Phase-Outs

Eliminating-Exempting-Reducing State Income Tax on Pension-Social Security, Etc

HB 5002 - Pension and Annuity Income Deduction From Personal Income Tax and Qualifying Income Threshold For Married Individuals Filing Jointly, FIN

HB 5035 - Eliminate Personal Income Tax on Pension Income of Taxpayers 67 Years of Age or Older, FIN

HB 5058 - Increasing Qualifying Income Thresholds for Pension and Annuity Income Deduction From Personal Income Tax, FIN

HB 5060 - Phase Out Personal Income Tax on Certain Individual Retirement Account Income

HB 5078 - Exempt Individual Retirement Account Income From Personal Income Tax, FIN

SB 34 - Exempt Social Security Benefits and Pension and Annuity Income From Personal Income Tax, FIN

Property Taxes

HB 5028 - Increasing the Property Tax Credit, FIN

Gift and Estate Taxes

HB 5003 - Estate Tax Exemption Threshold and Gift Tax Cap, FIN

HB 5034, 5037 - Eliminating Estate Tax, FIN

HB 5069, 5108 - Eliminate Gift Tax, FIN

SB 27 - Eliminate Estate and Gift Tax, FIN

SB 29 - Eliminate Gift Tax, FIN

SB 32 - Threshold for Imposition of Estate Tax on Farms, FIN

Long Term Care Insurance-Home Health Care-Caring for Individuals-Able Accounts-Charitable Purposes and Other Tax Credits-Deductions

HB 5024 - Establish Personal Income Tax Deduction For Home Health Care Costs, FIN

HB 5025 - Establish Personal Income Tax Credit for LTC Insurance Premium Payments, FIN

HB 5041 - Establish Income Tax Deduction for Able Account Deposits, FIN

HB 5099 - Income Tax Deduction for LTC Insurance Premiums, AGE

SB 30 - Establish Tax Credit for Premium Payments for Certain LTC Insurance Policies, FIN

Budget and Appropriations

HB 5005 - Adjusting State Budget for Biennium Ending 6/30/21, APP

HB 5006 - Deficiency Appropriations For FYE 6/30/20, APP

HB 5010 - Revenue Items To Implement Governor's Budget, FIN

HB 5015 - Governor's Budget Recommendations for Human Services, HS

HB 5020 - Implementing Governor's Budget Recommendations Regarding Public Health, PH

HB 5100 - Appropriating Funds for Housing Resources for Homeless and Prevent Homelessness, APP

SB 8 - Implementing Governor's Budget Recommendations For General Government, APP

SB 15 - Implementing Governor's Budget Recommendations Concerning Higher ED, HED

Bond Authorizations

SB 12 - Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and Other Purposes, FIN

SB 48 - Authorizing Bonds of State for Repair of M.L. Keefe Community Center in Hamden, FIN

SB 50 - Authorizing Bonds of State for Train Cars For Use With Development of Naugatuck Valley Railroad Hub, FIN

SB 100 - Authorizing Bonds of State for Development of Naugatuck Valley Railroad Hub, FIN

SB 101 - Authorizing Bonds of State for Construction of A Regional Senior Center in Griswold, FIN

HB 5067 - Authorize Bonds of State for Facility Renovations or Purchase or Construction of a New Building For Junta for Progressive Action in New Haven, FIN

HB 5091 - Authorizing Bonds of State for Pedestrian Safety Initiatives in Stamford, FIN

HB 5092 - Authorizing Bonds of State for Renovation and Expansion of Gaylord Specialty Healthcare in Wallingford, FIN

State Savings, State Agencies and Reorganization, Compliance, Updating, Complaints

HB 5012 - Optimization of State Agency Operations and Services, GAE

SB 63 - Eliminate Requirement For Purchase of Artwork For State Building Projects Now 1% Cost, GAE

General Assembly-Legislature Rules-Actions-Policies

Code of Ethics

Technology, Commerce, Economic Development, New Revenue, Tax Credit-Rebate, Higher Education, and General Business Regulation

HB 5014 - Establishing Tax Credit for Providers of Clinical Nursing Experiences, HED
HB 5063 - Eliminate Certain Business Filing Fee Increases, FIN
HB 5111 - Task Force To Study Work-Based Learning Opportunities in Industries With Hiring Need in State, HED
HB 5116 - Higher Education – Office of Higher ED To Study, HED

SB 9 - Establishing JOBSCT Tax Rebate Program, CO
SB 13 - Expanding Economic Opportunity in Licensed Occupations, GL
SB 17 – Requiring Completion of Free Application for Federal Student Aid, HED
SB 18 – Require CT Higher ED Supplemental Loan Authority to Establish Student Loan Subsidy Program, HED
SB 21 - Authorizing Sports Wagering, Online Gaming, Online Lottery Ticket Sales and Online Keno and Providing Revenue To The State From Such Gaming, PS
SB 102 - Learn Here, Live Here Program, HED
SB 103 - Post-Secondary Education – Require Study by Office of Higher ED, HED

Elections-Voting Rights-Absentee Voting-Privileges-Term Limits

Recognition Events

Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions