

**2015 Bill Tracking**

COUNCIL/LOCAL	BILL	SPONSOR	SUBJECT	COMMITTEE/ LOCATION	STATUS	POSITION	LINK
ALL	<b>SB 14</b>	Crisco/Insurance Committee	Require insurers to provide additional information to certain employers regarding their group health insurance policies, and to specify a time frame for the provision of information by such employer to an employee organization that is the exclusive bargaining representative of the employees of such employer.	<b>Appropriations</b>	Introduced and referred to Insurance & Real Estate 1/7/15. Raised as Committee Bill 1/14/15. Public Hearing 2/3/15. JF'd 2/10/15. Referred to Appropriations 5/7/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=14#">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=14#</a>
All	<b>SB 106</b>	Labor	Prevent an employer from engaging in unfair immigration-related practices as retribution for an individual exercising his or her rights under title 31 of the general statutes and to allow employees or labor organizations to recover twice the full amount of damages associated with an employer's failure to pay wages.	<b>Finance</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/2/15. Hearing 3/5/15. JF'd 3/12/15. Referred to Finance 5/5/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=SB00106#which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=SB00106#which_year=2015</a>
ALL	<b>HB 6706</b>	Labor	Doubles the filing fee for the submission of grievances to the Board of Mediation and Arbitration and raises compensation rate for arbitrators from \$200/day to \$225/day and increases compensation for executive panel session.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/2/15. Hearing 2/26/15. JF'd 3/12/15. Referred to Appropriations 4/14/15. JFS'd 4/29/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=HB06706#which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=HB06706#which_year=2015</a>
ALL	<b>HB 6791</b>	Labor	Require employers that pay employees less than \$15 per hour to pay a quarterly fee to the Department of Labor.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/13/15. Hearing 3/5/15. JF'd 3/12/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6791">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6791</a>
ALL	<b>HB 6824</b>	Governor	Governor's budget proposal FY 2016-2017.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Appropriations 2/18/15. Public Hearings 2/24-25/15, 2/27/15, 3/2-6/15. JFS'd 4/27/15.	Support JFS	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6824">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6824</a>
ALL	<b>HB 6932</b>	Labor	Expand current FMLA and provide 12 weeks paid time off for such leave by establishing the FMLA Compensation Program. JFS Language:	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/26/15. Hearing 3/5/15. JFS'd 3/12/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6932">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6932</a>
ALL	<b>HB 6935</b>	Labor	Requires the Labor Department to determine whether policy and procedural changes within the department may increase the productivity of workers within the state.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/26/15. Hearing 3/3/15. JF'd 3/12/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6935">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6935</a>
ALL	<b>HB 7043</b>	Appropriations	The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall conduct a review of appropriations authorized from appropriated funds other than the General Fund in the state budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2017, and shall identify general areas of spending for which appropriations increased by ten per cent or more over appropriations authorized from such funds in the state budget for the immediately preceding biennium.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Appropriations 3/23/15. Hearing 4/21/15. JF'd 4/29/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7043">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7043</a>
ALL	<b>SB 850</b>	GAE	Redefines "grassroots" lobbying and could require certain other individuals engaged in grassroots lobbying to become registered communicator lobbyists. JFS language removes the new definition of grassroots lobbying and exempts from the definition of lobbying expenditure costs for transporting members to or from specific sites as long as individuals receive no other compensation for lobbying. Raises the income and expenditure thresholds for lobbyist registration from \$2000 to \$3000.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to GAE 1/31/15. Hearing 2/6/15. JFS'd 2/25/15. Passed Senate 4/22/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=850">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=850</a>
ALL	<b>SB 914</b>	Labor	Allow employees or labor organizations to recover twice the full amount of damages associated with an employer's failure to pay wages unless the employer can demonstrate a good faith belief that it was complying with the law.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/13/15. Hearing 3/5/15. JF'd 3/12/15. Referred to Judiciary 4/14/15. JF'd 4/21/15. Passed Senate 5/7/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=914">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=914</a>
ALL	<b>SB 1</b>	Looney	(1) Facilitate, encourage and incentivize cooperation on economic development among Connecticut municipalities, in part by establishing a regional tax base sharing initiative through which multiple neighboring municipalities, or municipalities within a designated region, could share in new property tax revenues resulting from future economic development; (2) improve the state's system of providing financial compensation to towns for property tax revenue lost due to state-mandated property tax exemptions; and (3) reform the property tax on motor vehicles to establish more uniform rates of taxation across all Connecticut municipalities.	<b>LCO</b>	Introduced and referred to Planning & Development 1/7/15. Public Hearing 3/18/15. Change of reference to Finance 3/31/15. JFS'd 4/29/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1</a>
ALL	<b>SB 1034</b>	Labor	Requires Labor Commissioner to evaluate employee wages throughout the state. JFS Language:	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/26/15. Hearing 3/3/15. JFS'd 3/12/15. Referred to P&D 4/22/15. JF'd 4/28/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1034">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1034</a>
ALL	<b>SB 1035</b>	Labor	Requires that the Department of Administrative Services report the number of complaints of bullying or abusive conduct to the General Assembly and to create a Workplace Bullying Advisory Board.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/26/15. Hearing 3/5/15. JF'd 3/12/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1035">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1035</a>
ALL	<b>SB 1125</b>	Appropriations	The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall conduct a review of appropriations authorized from the General Fund in the state budget for the biennium ending June 30, 2017, and shall identify general areas of spending for which appropriations increased by ten per cent or more over appropriations authorized from the General Fund in the state budget for the immediately preceding biennium.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Appropriations 3/20/15. Hearing 4/21/15. JF'd 4/29/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1125">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1125</a>
ALL	<b>SB 593</b>	Labor Committee	Expand workers' compensation coverage to individuals suffering from a severe mental or emotional impairment as a direct result of witnessing the death or maiming of another human being whose death or maiming was caused by an act of violence of another human being. JFS language:	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 1/22/15. Public Hearing 1/29/15. JFS'd 3/12/15. Referred to Judiciary 4/14/15. JF'd 4/20/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=593">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=593</a>
ALL	<b>SB 984</b>	Labor	Allow certain agricultural workers, nonpartisan legislative management employees and State Education Resource Center employees the right to organize. JFS Language: removes agricultural workers. Fiscal note depends on outcome of collective bargaining.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/23/15. Hearing 3/3/15. JFS'd 3/12/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=984">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seidBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=984</a>

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ALL	<b>SB 1036</b>	Labor	Requires the Labor Committee to conduct a study to evaluate the effectiveness of the current unemployment compensation system within the state. JFS Language:	<b>Senate Calendar - Foot</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/26/15. Hearing 3/3/15. JFS'd 3/12/15. Moved to Foot of Senate Calendar 4/8/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1036">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1036</a>
ALL	<b>SB 953</b>	Governor	Defines "labor peace agreement" and requires it to be part of any contract for hotel and concession area operation.	<b>Senate Calendar - Foot</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/19/15. Hearing 3/3/15. JF'd 3/12/15. Moved to Foot of Senate Calendar 4/22/15.	Oppose	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=953">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=953</a>
Healthcare	<b>SB 800</b>	Public Health	Establishes a pilot program in select municipalities allowing emergency medical services personnel to provide community-based paramedicine.	<b>Appropriations</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health 1/26/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/30/15. Referred to Appropriations 5/7/15.	Oppose	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=800">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=800</a>
Healthcare	<b>SB 811</b>	Looney	(1) Expand the requirements to include all hospital sales; and (2) require the Commissioner of Public Health, when considering whether to impose any condition on a transaction under subsection (b) of section 19a-486b of the general statutes to weigh the value of such condition against the potential negative impact that the failure of the proposed sale to proceed may have on (A) the affected community's continued access to high quality and affordable health care after accounting for likely changes in staffing levels, and (B) the provision of services to uninsured and underinsured persons.	<b>Appropriations</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health 1/28/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/27/15. Referred to Judiciary 4/22/15. JF'd 4/27/15. Referred to Appropriations 5/5/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=SB00811&amp;which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=SB00811&amp;which_year=2015</a>
Healthcare	<b>SB 813</b>	Looney	Promote health care cost and quality transparency in a consumer-friendly manner that empowers consumers to make informed decisions regarding their care. Could create fiscal note of up to \$110K for UCHC. Additional fiscal note for Insurance Dept.	<b>Appropriations</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health 1/28/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/30/15. Referred to Insurance 4/22/15. JF'd 4/27/15. Referred to Appropriations 5/5/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=SB00813&amp;which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=SB00813&amp;which_year=2015</a>
Healthcare	<b>SB 815</b>	Looney	Establish an independent entity to monitor and report on health care market trends and establish cost growth benchmarks with accountability measures. Potentially large administrative fiscal note.	<b>Appropriations</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health 1/28/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/30/15. Referred to GAE 4/2/15. JF'd 4/29/15. Referred to Appropriations 5/5/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=SB00815&amp;which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=SB00815&amp;which_year=2015</a>
Healthcare	<b>HB 6287</b>	Srinivasan	Require health care professionals to report impaired colleagues to the proper authorities for investigation and treatment.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health 1/22/15. Hearing 3/4/15. JF'd 3/27/15. Referred to Appropriations 4/21/15. JF'd 4/29/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6287">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6287</a>
Healthcare	<b>HB 6796</b>	Public Health	Establishes a maximum school nurse to student ratio of 750:1, allows nurses to work in more than one school, and requires school nurses to complete an orientation program given by SDE. Fiscal note: 18% of school districts are not in compliance with terms of the bill. It could cost them each \$55K + benefits to become compliant. Also identifies training cost as \$100 per school nurse.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health 2/13/15. Hearing 3/16/15. JF'd 3/23/15. Referred to Appropriations 4/14/15. JF'd 4/29/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6796">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6796</a>
Healthcare	<b>HB 6938</b>	Public Health	Requires the state to consider financing options to enable hospitals to acquire medical equipment, update information technology, renovate health care facilities and build new health care facilities, study the feasibility of allowing hospitals to purchase prescription drugs in group purchasing contracts and study the feasibility of using currently available federal funds or seeking federal funds for the state healthcare innovation plan developed pursuant to the State Innovation Model Initiative by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center to establish a model program in the city of Waterbury for the delivery of a robust and economically sustainable continuum of value-based high-quality health care services.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health 2/26/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/23/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6938">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6938</a>
Healthcare	<b>HB 6987</b>	Public Health	Various revisions to the public health statutes.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health 3/9/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JFS'd 3/30/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6987">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6987</a>
Healthcare	<b>SB 1124</b>	Appropriations	The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall review the programs and services administered or provided by each state agency that provides public health, mental health or developmental services to residents of the state in order to: (1) Evaluate the cost effectiveness and benefits of such programs and services; and (2) assign priority for the continued funding of such programs and services. The secretary shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2016.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Appropriations 3/20/15. Hearing 4/21/15. JF'd 4/29/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1124">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1124</a>
Healthcare	<b>SB 954</b>	Governor	Adds to the information that transacting parties must submit when applying to the attorney general and public health (DPH) commissioner for approval of a hospital conversion to for-profit status: the names of their current officers, directors, board members, and senior managers (regardless of whether they will hold a position at the hospital after the transaction); and any salary, severance, stock offering, or other current or deferred financial gain these individuals are expected to receive due to the transaction or in relation to it. Requires the hospital to report similar information on financial gain as part of its annual report to DPH's Office of Health Care Access (OHCA), in the year after the conversion. Specifically, the report must include financial gain realized by the hospital's officers, directors, board members, and senior managers as a result of the transaction.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health 4/1/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/23/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=954">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?seIDType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=954</a>

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Healthcare/PreK-12/School Nurses	<b>HB 6276</b>	Kupchick	Require each (1) professional counselor, alcohol and drug counselor, marital and family therapist, occupational therapist, psychologist, clinical social worker and master social worker to complete three to six hours of training every six years in youth suicide prevention, and (2) physician, physician assistant, chiropractor, naturopath, licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, physical therapist and physical therapist assistant to complete a one-time, three to six hour training course in youth suicide prevention.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health 1/22/15. Hearing 3/4/15. JF'd 3/23/15. Referred to Children 4/21/15. JF'd 4/23/15. Referred to Appropriations 5/1/15. JF'd 5/6/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6276">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6276</a>
Higher Ed	<b>HB 6117</b>	Haddad	Establish a consortium of public institutions of higher education to (1) assess the use of high-quality and affordable digital open-source textbooks and related materials to lower the costs of higher education for students, (2) promote the use of and access to such textbooks, and (3) collaborate for purposes of developing more of such textbooks.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Higher Ed 1/22/15. Hearing 2/26/15. JF'd 3/12/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6117">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6117</a>
Higher Ed	<b>HB 6844</b>	Governor	Reduces, from four years to two, the number of years of high school education that certain students must complete in Connecticut to receive in-state tuition benefits at the state's public higher education institutions.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Higher Education 2/19/15. Hearing 3/12/15. JF'd 3/19/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6844">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6844</a>
Higher Ed	<b>HB 6876</b>	Labor	Prohibit public institutions of higher education from placing provisions in collective bargaining agreements that would prevent an employee from seeking a civil or administrative cause of action in favor of arbitration under a collective bargaining agreement.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/23/15. Hearing 3/5/15. JF'd 3/12/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6876">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6876</a>
Higher Ed	<b>HB 6916</b>	Commerce	To require the Department of Economic and Community Development, in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Board of Regents for Higher Education and The University of Connecticut, to study workforce demands and appropriate job training.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Commerce 2/26/15. Hearing 3/31/15. JF'd 3/19/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6916">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6916</a>
Higher Ed	<b>HB 7044</b>	Appropriations	To review the programs and services administered or provided by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education, the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut and the constituent units of higher education.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Appropriations 3/23/15. Hearing 4/21/15. JF'd 4/29/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=7044">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=7044</a>
Higher Ed	<b>SB 861</b>	Higher Ed	Requires Connecticut higher education institutions (including UConn and all its campuses, all state universities in the Connecticut State University System (CSUS), all regional community-technical colleges, and Charter Oak State College) to: (1) require a faculty member who is actively under consideration for a promotion to submit to a state and national criminal history records check and (2) discipline, in accordance with the institution's disciplinary procedures, a faculty member who is convicted of a felony while employed by the institution. The disciplinary action may include employment termination. Under the bill, after September 30, 2016, any new (1) collective bargaining agreement that applies to an institution's faculty or (2) employment contract between a faculty member and an institution, must not include a provision that limits the institution's ability to carry out the bill's requirements. No fiscal note.	<b>Labor</b>	Introduced and referred to Higher Ed 2/3/15. Public Hearing 2/10/15. JFS'd 3/24/15. Referred to Public Safety 4/22/15. JF'd 4/28/15. Referred to Labor 5/5/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=861">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=861</a>
Higher Ed	<b>HB 6812</b>	Higher Ed	Permits faculty representation on the committees and subcommittees of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Higher Ed 2/18/15. Public Hearing 3/12/15. JFS'd 3/19/15. Passed House 4/14/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6812">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6812</a>
Higher Ed	<b>HB 6915</b>	Banking	Amended bill requires the banking commissioner, within available appropriations, to create a student loan borrower ombudsman, to provide timely assistance to "student loan borrowers". Requires implementation of a prescribed student loan borrower education course. Establishes licensure requirements and standards of conduct for student loan servicers and specifies the scope of services subject to licensure. Authorizes the commissioner to conduct investigations and examinations and take enforcement action against violators. Establishes, within the Banking Fund, a "student loan ombudsman account" to be funded by student loan servicers' licensing and investigation fees and any other money required by law and (2) authorizes the commissioner to use the money in the new account to implement the position and course within available appropriations.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Banking 2/26/15. Hearing 3/5/15. JF'd 3/10/15. Passed House as amended 4/14/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6915">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=6915</a>
Higher Ed	<b>SB 393</b>	Looney	Place a cap on the administrative expenses of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and The University of Connecticut to 3.35%.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Higher Ed 1/22/15. Hearing 2/26/15. JFS'd 3/24/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=393">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=393</a>
Higher Ed	<b>SB 950</b>	Governor	Allows the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (CHESLA) to issue loans to certain borrowers in order to refinance public or private student loans, including CHESLA loans (i.e., "eligible loans"). It also appears to allow Connecticut higher education institutions to similarly issue refinancing loans. The bill requires that refinancing loans not exceed the outstanding aggregate principal amount of the original loan. It allows CHESLA to establish guidelines, criteria, and procedures for issuing refinancing loans.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Higher Ed 2/19/15. Hearing 3/5/15. JF'd 3/19/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=950">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=950</a>
Higher Ed	<b>SB 973</b>	Program Review & Investigations	To implement the recommendations of the legislative program review and investigations committee concerning higher education certificate programs. JFS language requires the Office of Higher Education to develop and maintain a cost and outcome reporting system to provide public information about all sub-baccalaureate certificates; requires certificate granting schools to submit data to the Office of Higher Education and develop a one-page fact sheet for each program to potential applicants; requires the Board of Regents to establish a working group of deans of continuing education programs at the regional community-tech colleges to review all non-credit sub-baccalaureate certificate programs offered by each regional community-tech college and to design a uniform naming convention for such programs; requires Office of Higher Education to annually audit sample student data from sub-baccalaureate programs. No fiscal note.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to PRI 2/19/15. Hearing 2/27/15. JFS'd to Higher Ed 3/13/15. JFS'd 3/24/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=973">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=973</a>
Higher Ed	<b>SB 1091</b>	Higher Ed	To require a study to determine the reasons that credits earned by certain students while enrolled in a regional community-technical college are not transferring to the Connecticut State University System.	<b>Senate Calendar - Foot</b>	Introduced and referred to Higher Ed 3/10/15. Hearing 3/17/15. JF'd 3/19/15. Moved to Foot of Senate Calendar 4/8/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=1091">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=1091</a>
Higher Ed	<b>SB 859</b>	Higher Ed	Requires the executive director of the Office of Higher Education to study issues concerning higher education and report on such study to the Higher Education Committee.	<b>Senate Calendar - Foot</b>	Introduced and referred to Higher Ed 2/2/15. Hearing 3/12/15. JF'd 3/19/15. Moved to Foot of Senate Calendar 4/8/15.	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=SB00859&amp;which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bills&amp;BillNum=SB00859&amp;which_year=2015</a>

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Higher Ed	<b>SB 399</b>	Looney	Requires the University of Connecticut and the Board of Regents for Higher Education, by November 1, 2015 and annually thereafter, to report to the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee on the financial aid awarded to undergraduate students during the previous academic year, including (1) financial aid funding available, (2) need-based financial aid awarded, and (3) merit-based financial aid awarded. Senate Floor Amendment prohibits the Board of Regents for Higher Education from closing or suspending any manufacturing program offered by a public institution of higher education or any campus of a public institution of higher education without approval of the General Assembly. Public Act 15-2.	<b>VETO</b>	Introduced and referred to Higher Ed 1/22/15. Hearing 2/26/15. JF'd 3/12/15. Passed Senate as amended 4/8/15. Passed House as amended 4/14/15. Vetted by Governor 4/27/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=399">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=399</a>
Higher Ed/PreK-12/SVFT	<b>HB 6696</b>	Higher Ed	Requires the Office of Workforce Competitiveness to study issues concerning workforce development and report on such study to the Higher Education Committee.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Higher Ed 2/2/15. Hearing 3/12/15. JF'd 3/19/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=HB06696&amp;which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=HB06696&amp;which_year=2015</a>
JPE	<b>HB 6688</b>	Human Services	Increases, from 11 to 13, the membership of the Commission for Child Support Guidelines by adding the (1) child advocate or her designee and (2) director of the Department of Social Services' (DSS) Bureau of Child Support Enforcement or his designee. It also requires DSS to provide (1) staffing for the Commission's administrative and regulatory responsibilities and (2) within available appropriations, funding for economic studies required by the commission. No fiscal note.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Human Services 2/2/15. Hearing 2/10/15. JF'd to GAE 2/17/15. JF'd 3/9/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=HB06688&amp;which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=HB06688&amp;which_year=2015</a>
JPE	<b>HB 7046</b>	Appropriations	To review expenditures of the Judicial Department, the Division of Criminal Justice and the Public Defender Services Commission.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Appropriations 3/23/15. JF'd 4/29/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7046">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7046</a>
JPE	<b>SB 1015</b>	Veteran's	JFS language requires Court Support Services Division to report on the number of veterans and nonveterans admitted or denied to certain pretrial diversionary programs.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Veterans' Affairs 2/25/15. Hearing 3/3/15. JFS'd 3/5/15. Referred to Public Health 4/8/15. JF'd 4/14/15. Referred to Judiciary 4/22/15. JF'd 4/27/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1015</a>
JPE	<b>SB 1030</b>	Judiciary	Implements the recommendations of the Task Force to Study Methods for Improving Collection of Past Due Child Support. Appropriates, for FY 16, (a) \$7.4 million to DSS to purchase technology systems to improve the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement's (BCSE's) efforts to collect child support and (b) \$1 million to the Judicial Branch to increase Support Enforcement Services (SES) staffing; Expands the authorized means of serving child support warrants or capias orders by (a) increasing the number of DSS special policemen who are authorized to serve them and (b) allowing judicial marshals, under specified circumstances, to serve process using a copy of the original order; requires the State Marshal Commission to implement policies and procedures to increase state marshal participation in serving capias orders; requires the comptroller to facilitate the electronic processing of federal and state court income withholding orders; prohibits DSS' and SES' employees from contacting a putative father's employer regarding an IV-D child support case; and establishes a 10-member task force to study technology and other initiatives to maximize child support collection. Significant fiscal note.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Judiciary 2/26/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/27/15. Referred to Human Services 4/29/15. JF'd 5/5/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1030">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1030</a>
JPE	<b>SB 952</b>	Governor	Implement Second Chance Society Program	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Judiciary 2/19/15. Hearing 3/13/15. Held 4/6/15. JFS'd 4/10/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=952">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=952</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 6737</b>	Program Review & Investigations	To implement the recommendations of the Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning transitional services for youth and young adults with autism spectrum disorder. Requiring SBE to draft "Parents of Children Receiving Special Education Services Bill of Rights." Fiscal note: less than \$1,000.	<b>Education</b>	Introduced and referred to PRI 2/5/15. Hearing 2/27/15. JFS'd to Human Services 3/13/15. JF'd 3/24/15. Referred to Appropriations 4/14/15. JF'd 4/29/15. Referred to Education 5/5/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6737">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6737</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 927</b>	Children's	JFS language prevents the use of life threatening or prone physical restraint by school employees. Allows the use of other types of restraint only to prevent immediate or imminent injury to a student or others as long as they are not used to punish a student, as a convenience, or in place of less restrictive restraints. Requires in-service training on proper restraint procedures, seclusion and other deescalation techniques as a part of in-service training for teachers, administrators and other certified personnel.	<b>Education</b>	Introduced and referred to Children 2/18/15. Hearing 2/24/15. JFS'd 2/26/15. Referred to Education 5/7/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=927">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=927</a>
PreK-12	<b>SR 27</b>	Education	Approves the Sheff v. O'Neill settlement agreement dated February 23, 2015, requiring an expenditure from the General Fund budget in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars. Fiscal note: \$12.4M in FY 2016 and \$9.1M in FY 2017.	<b>Education</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/10/15. JF'd 3/27/15. Referred to Education 4/22/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=927">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=927</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 6912</b>	Public Safety and Security	Extends the time period to award a school security grant from June 30, 2015 to June 30, 2016. No fiscal note. Public Act 15-5.	<b>Governor</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Safety 2/27/15. Hearing 3/3/15. JF'd 3/10/15. Passed House 4/14/15. Passed Senate 4/22/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6912">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6912</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1054</b>	Education	To define dyslexia, require an employee of the Department of Education to be responsible for providing information and assistance to the public relating to dyslexia, include specific programmatic requirements for teacher preparation courses relating to dyslexia and include dyslexia instruction as part of the in-service training for educators. JFS language requires pre-service and in-service training to include evidence based structured literacy interventions. Fiscal note: \$100K/year for Board of Regents for Higher Education to hire personnel to accommodate the credit hour requirements.	<b>Higher Ed</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JFS'd 3/18/15. Referred to Judiciary 4/22/15. JF'd 4/27/15. Amendment A adopted 5/6/15. Referred to Higher Ed 5/6/15.	Oppose as written	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1054">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1054</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 5217</b>	Public Health	Requires the Commissioner of Education to establish an Advisory Council on Physical Activity for School Students. Requires the advisory council to issue recommendations concerning practices to increase the physical activity and decrease childhood obesity of school students.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health 1/9/15. Hearing 2/20/15. JF'd 3/23/15. Referred to Education 4/14/15. JF'd 4/17/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=5217">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=5217</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 5896</b>	Public Health	Establishes an advisory council on nutrition education to advise and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Public Health on (1) childhood nutrition, including, but not limited to, promoting healthier eating habits and providing and promoting healthier options for school meals, and (2) the development of a nutrition education program for adoption by the local and regional school districts and integration into the physical education curriculum.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health 1/21/15. Hearing 3/4/15. JF'd 3/27/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=5896">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?billType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=5896</a>

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PreK-12	<b>HB 6186</b>	Tong/Judiciary	Increases, from a class A misdemeanor to a class E felony, the penalty for a mandated reporter to fail to report suspected child abuse or neglect to DCF. Extends the mandated reporter law protection to certain students age 18 and older by making it a class E felony for a school employee to fail to report to DCF suspected 2nd degree sexual assault of such a student by an employee at the school. It is a class D felony, under the bill, for anyone to intentionally and unreasonably interfere with or prevent such reporting. Requires boards of education and superintendents to certify the completion of staff mandated reporter training to the education commissioner, who must notify the State Board of Education (SBE) of any noncompliance; and requires SBE to investigate any noncompliant board and may require such board to forfeit certain state grants. Creates a child abuse and neglect investigation fund to, among other things, hold the forfeited grants, which DCF may use to conduct child abuse and neglect investigations. Requires BOEs to (1) update its written policy to include the new school employee reporting requirements and (2) establish a confidential rapid response team, by January 1, 2016, to coordinate with DCF to ensure prompt reporting. Prohibits the boards from rehiring noncompliant employees and requires SBE to revoke the certification, permit, or authorization of anyone convicted of certain crimes.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Judiciary 1/22/15. Hearing 3/4/15. JFS'd 3/27/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6186">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6186</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 6834</b>	Education	Requires local and regional boards of education to enter into memoranda of understanding with local law enforcement agency if they assign a police officer/SRO. JFS language requires that strategic school profiles to include date on in-school and out of school suspensions and school-based arrests. Requires SDE to disaggregate the new data by school, race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability status, offense type, and number of arrests at each school. Fiscal note: \$10,000 in FY 2017.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 2/19/15. Hearing 2/25/15. JFS'd 3/11/15. Referred to Public Safety 4/8/15. JF'd 4/14/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6834">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6834</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 6836</b>	Education	Shortens the period of time that a person hired by a board of education is required to submit to a criminal history records check from thirty days to five business days and to require the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to conduct expedited criminal history records checks for such persons and to waive the fee for such expedited service. JFS language makes this language also apply to student teachers.Fiscal note: \$30K each year.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 2/19/15. Hearing 2/25/15. JFS'd 3/11/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6836">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6836</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 6974</b>	Education	Creates a director of reading initiatives within the State Department of Education. No fiscal note.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/18/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6974">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6974</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 6975</b>	Education	Establishes a task force to study life-threatening allergies in schools. Fiscal note: \$1,000.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/18/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6975">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6975</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 6976</b>	Education	Require SDE to study recovery high school programs for students recovering from substance abuse and dependence. No fiscal note.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/18/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6976">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6976</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 6977</b>	Education	Establishes qualifications for the Commissioner of Education - a master's degree or higher in an education-related field, five or more years' experience as a teacher in this state or another state and three or more years' experience as an administrator of a school or school district in this state or another state. No fiscal note.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/18/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6977">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6977</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 6979</b>	Education	Establishes a task force to study declining enrollment. JFS language is technical.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JFS'd 3/18/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6979">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6979</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 7016</b>	Education	Implements the recommendations of the MORE Special Education Committee. JFS language requires SDE to report annually on federal funding related to IDEA; requires DSS to report annually on Medicaid funds received for special education; requires SBE, DDS and OWC to coordinate transition resources, services and programs; requires SDE in consultation with IEP Council to develop new IEP forms that are easier to read and understand; establishes the IEP Advisory Council; establishes a digital IEP pilot program; requires SDE to report on assistive technology programs; establishes a calendar of learning and training opportunities re the provision of special education programs and services; establishes a RESC special education funding working group; requires RESCs to develop a regional model for the provision of special education services related to transportation, training and therapeutic services to all districts served by the RESC; requires preservice teachers to compete 36 hours of coursework in special education allows parents to request their child's paraprofessional to participate in the PPT; requires Auditors of Public Accounts to audit private providers of special education services that contract with boards of ed. Significant fiscal note.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/27/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7016">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7016</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 7017</b>	Education	To protect the privacy of student information. JFS language requires that every contract SDE or SBE enters into shall include a statement that student records continue to be owned and controlled by the LEA, SDE and/or SBE; a description by which a student, parent or guardian may retain possession and control of student generated content and how such content can be transferred by email; a statement that the contractor shall not use student records for purposes other than the contract terms; a description of procedures for how a student, parent or guardian may review personally identifiable information in the student record and correct erroneous information; actions to secure confidentiality; notification procedures of unauthorized access; a statement that student records shall not be retained or available to the contractor upon completion of contracted services. Defines "operator" as website operator that is used, designed and marketed for elementary and secondary school purposes. Prohibits an operator from engaging in advertising based on covered information, creating student profiles, selling covered information or disclosing covered information. No fiscal note.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/27/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7017">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7017</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 7020</b>	Education	To require the Department of Education to assist in the implementation of the kindergarten assessment tool, to authorize early childhood education credits earned at an out-of-state institution of higher education that is regionally accredited and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children to count towards the staff qualifications requirements for the purposes of school readiness program staffing, to require preschool programs offered by magnet schools and charter schools to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, to require the Office of Early Childhood to provide funding to local and regional early childhood councils and to require the Office of Early Childhood to develop a plan regarding the implementation of the staff qualifications requirements for staff members of early childhood education programs. JFS language is technical. Fiscal note: Approx. \$300K per year to SDE and more to local BOEs.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/25/15. Referred to Appropriations 4/21/15. JFS'd 4/29/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7020">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7020</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 7021</b>	Education	To require the Office of Higher Education to submit a report on the quality of teacher preparation programs leading to professional certification offered at institutions of higher education in the state and to make revisions to the clinical, field or student teaching experience requirement for teacher preparation programs. JFS language still requires SDE to tie student academic achievement and growth data to teacher prep programs. Requires teacher prep programs to require some student teaching/field experience in Title I districts. No fiscal note.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/25/15.	Oppose as written	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7021">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?seid=BillType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7021</a>



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PreK-12	<b>HB 7024</b>	Education	To make revisions on how the Department of Education calculates school and district performance and to require the Commissioner of Education to receive approval from the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education before the department may seek a waiver of the provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act from the federal government. JFS language defines "performance index" as measures of student performance relating to the mastery test, student academic achievement and growth measured over time, student attendance, absenteeism and discipline, measures of college and career readiness, graduation rates, enrollment at higher ed institutions and postsecondary education programs. Requires SDE to report by January 1, 2016 to explain and compare the formulas and scores of the school performance index, the district performance index and the performance index. Requires the Commissioner to apply for a federal ESEA waiver. Prohibits enrollment lottery for local charter schools established at a school that is among the schools with a percentage equal to or less than 5% when all schools are reanked highest to lowest in performance index scores. Requires the use of performance index for various reporting and programs (Alliance Districts/Commissioner's Network schools). Could impact districts if their new scores impact grants they may be eligible/ineligible to receive.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/27/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7024">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7024</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1116</b>	Appropriations	The State Board of Education shall review the programs and services administered or provided by the Department of Education in order to: (1) Evaluate the effectiveness and benefits of such programs and services, and (2) assign priority for the continued funding of such programs and services. The board shall submit findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than January 1, 2016.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Appropriations 3/20/15. Hearing 4/2/15. JF'd 4/29/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1116">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1116</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 963</b>	Education	Require the State Board of Education to make available curriculum materials relating to labor history and law and free market capitalism. No fiscal note.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 2/19/15. Hearing 2/25/15. JF'd 3/11/15. Passed Senate 5/6/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=963">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=963</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 6835</b>	Education	Require school districts to provide a program of bilingual education when there are six or more eligible students enrolled in a public school; to increase the time a student may spend in a program of bilingual education from thirty months to sixty months; to expand the measures used to evaluate the effectiveness of bilingual education and English as a second language programs; to provide school districts flexibility in who may provide instruction as part of the bilingual education requirement; and to require the Department of Education to study the feasibility of regional educational service centers providing assistance to school districts for the provision of bilingual education programs. JFS language allows districts to provide an additional 30 months of bilingual education to students who need it based on standards to be developed by SDE. Requires SDE to provide information to districts about research based practices on how to involve parents/guardians in language acquisition and native language accommodations for students on mastery exams. Requires districts to provide in-service training to teachers on second language acquisition, but not limited to language development and culturally responsive pedagogy. Requires SDE to collect and disaggregate student data on mastery exams to monitor academic progress of bilingual students and quality of bilingual ed. programs. Establishes the English Language Learner pilot program for 3 districts and be evaluated by October 1, 2017. Requires mastery exams to be offered in five most common foreign languages. Exempts test scores of ELL kids from school performance index calculations for up to 20 months. Prohibits summative teacher evaluations from including any student performance data on mastery exams for students enrolled in bilingual education programs. Allows Alliance Districts to include enhanced bilingual education programs in their grant applications. Requires RESCs to conduct a survey of ELL services and bilingual education programs provided in the region. Requires RESCs to study the feasibility of delivering ELL and bilingual ed services.	<b>LCO</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 2/19/15. Hearing 2/25/15. JFS'd to Appropriations 3/27/15. JF'd 4/29/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6835">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6835</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 7022</b>	Education	To authorize state grant commitments for school building projects, to require the Department of Administrative Services to develop a standard checklist for construction projects of school buildings and establish a school building project clearinghouse, and to make revisions to the statutes relating to school building projects.	<b>LCO</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JF'd to Finance 3/27/15. JF'd 4/30/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7022">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7022</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 7023</b>	Education	Minor and tech revisions to education statutes. Changes "special master" to "district improvement officer," clarify teacher participation in evaluation and PD committees, allows ARC administrator participants to have less than one year of teaching experience. JFS language: adds additional vision and hearing screenings; indemnifies mentor teachers for BEST/TEAM; indemnifies internship providers; allows SDE to establish "summer learning program" grants for districts; requires ARC administrator participants with less than one year of public school teaching experience to provide a statement of justification and receive approval from SDE and limits all such participants to 10% each year; changes SDE to CTHSS Board for requiring the development and renewal of a 5-year CTHSS plans, adds CTHSS rolling 3-year capital improvement and equipment plan; allows districts to prescribe rules for Internet access and content. Potential fiscal impact.	<b>LCO</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd as amended 3/25/15. Referred to Appropriations 4/21/15. JFS'd 4/29/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7023">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7023</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 7047</b>	Appropriations	To permit a member of the teacher's retirement system to retain the coparticipant designated and the coparticipant option elected at the time of retirement after a subsequent divorce, eliminate the annual cap on professional fees paid out of the retired teachers' health insurance premium account, cease crediting interest on unclaimed contributions for inactive members of the teachers' retirement system and eliminate obsolete language concerning the pension reserve account.	<b>LCO</b>	Introduced and referred to Appropriations 3/23/15. Hearing 4/2/15. JF'd 4/29/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7047">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7047</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1056</b>	Education	Phase in a change to the excess cost threshold for special education and to require the Department of Education to annually collect data relating to local special education expenditures.	<b>LCO</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JFS'd to Appropriations 3/18/15. JFS'd 4/29/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1056">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1056</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 6978</b>	Education	To require the Commissioner of Education to develop and submit a comprehensive state-wide interdistrict magnet school plan to the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2016. No fiscal note.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/18/15. Passed House 5/7/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6978">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6978</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 7018</b>	Education	Defines and establishes alternative education as a school or program maintained and operated by a local or regional board of education that is offered to students in a nontraditional educational setting and addresses the social, emotional, behavioral and academic needs of such students. Requires SDE to develop guidelines for the provision of alternative education to include a description of the purpose and expectations of alternative education, criteria for who is eligible to receive alternative education, criteria for how and when a student may enter or exit alternative education. Fiscal note: Less than \$50K.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JF'd 3/25/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7018">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7018</a>
PreK-12	<b>HB 7019</b>	Education	Revises MBR definition. JFS language allows districts to further reduce its budgeted education appropriation for declining enrollment to up to 50% of net per pupil expenditures (current is \$3000 per pupil) but no more than 1.5% of total budgeted education appropriation. Exempts limits on cuts to budgeted education appropriation for the top ten percent of school districts in the district performance index. Fiscal note: Potential municipal savings, no state impact.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/25/15. Passed House as amended 5/7/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7019">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?sesIDType=Bill&amp;bill_year=2015&amp;bill_num=7019</a>

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PreK-12	<b>SB 1053</b>	Education	Prohibit out of school suspensions and expulsions for students enrolled in PreK-2. JFS language prohibits preschool student from being expelled or receiving an out of school suspension from a publicly funded preschool program unless the student possessed a firearm. Requires services to be provided for K-2 students who have been identified as at-risk for disciplinary problems at school or may have been expelled. Requires SDE to consider providing grants to districts where the number of K-2 students who may have been expelled.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JFS'd 3/27/15.	Watch	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1053">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1053</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1055</b>	Education	Requires SDE to study best practices in the provision of services to gifted and talented students. JFS language requires SDE to designate an employee to provide information and assistance to BOE's relating to the awareness and identification of gifted and talented students; requires SDE to study the provision of services to gifted and talented students and study best practices for addressing social and emotional needs and using technology to advance curriculum. No fiscal note	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JFS'd 3/18/15. Referred to P&D 4/22/15. JF'd 4/28/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1055">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1055</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1058</b>	Education	Requires local and regional boards of education to monitor and address absenteeism rates in schools by establishing attendance review teams for their school district or individual schools when chronic absenteeism rates reach a certain percentage and annually report to the education commissioner the number of truant and chronically absent students for each school and the entire district. Requires the State Department of Education (SDE), along with the Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap to develop a chronic absenteeism prevention and intervention plan by January 1, 2016 for use by local and regional school boards. Expands the Children's Probate Court truancy clinics that currently are pilot programs limited to the Waterbury and New Haven Probate Courts. The bill instead allows the Probate Court Administrator to establish permanent truancy clinics within Probate Courts serving towns designated as alliance districts. Fiscal note: Approx \$100K.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JFS'd 3/18/15. Referred to Judiciary 4/22/15. JF'd 4/27/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1058">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1058</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1059</b>	Education	Delays improved standards for HS graduation for 1 year. JFS language establishes a task force to study the alignment of changes to the HS graduation requirements for the class of 2021. Fiscal note: \$3.4-6M savings to SDE and \$14-21M for BOEs.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JFS'd 3/18/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1059">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1059</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1095</b>	Education	Requires SDE to study statewide mastery examination and its relation to student learning. JFS language requires SDE to study the administration of the statewide mastery exam, its effect and impact on student learning time, the extent to which the exam is aligned with curriculum standards, the requirements of federal law, the impact on students in 11th grade, the feasibility of using state approved progress-monitoring tests. SDE must report to the Education Committee by January 1, 2016. No fiscal note	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/27/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1095">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1095</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1096</b>	Education	Places a moratorium on the approval of new charter schools by the Commissioner of Education and amend the requirements concerning the applications, reports and background checks to be completed by charter schools. JFS language removes the moratorium and provision that CMOs be subject to FOI. Clarifies that SBE only grants initial certificates for approval to charter school applicants and that final approval is given by the General Assembly. Requires SBE to evaluate how the charter applicant will close the achievement gap. Requires charter to include a plan to share best practices with boards of education, demonstrate CMO evidence to serve similar populations, create strong academic outcomes and manage nonacademic functions, etc. Requires all new charters to include academic and organizational performance goals developed by SBE with progress indicators to be used for school evaluation. Charters must demonstrate progress in meeting these goals in order to be renewed. Creates failure to share best practices as a condition to non-renew a charter. Requires random audits of charter schools to be done by an independent auditor selected by the Commissioner. Requires governing councils to undergo training on responsibilities and best practices, adopt anti-nepotism and conflict of interest policies, undergo background checks with DCF and state/national criminal history checks.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/27/15. Referred to Children's 4/22/15. JF'd 4/28/15.	Support with modifications	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1096">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1096</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1097</b>	Education	To (1) require that state grants for vocational-agricultural schools be made within available appropriations, (2) prohibit the supplanting of vocational-agricultural school funding in fiscal year 2016, and (3) allow the Department of Education to grant local or regional boards of education additional sums from funds remaining in the appropriation for transportation services. Minimal fiscal impact.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JF'd 3/25/15. Referred to P&D 4/22/15. JF'd 4/28/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1097">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1097</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1098</b>	Education	To permit the State Board of Education to issue a temporary ninety-day certificate in the endorsement areas of teacher shortage areas, to require the Commissioner of Education to enter teacher certification reciprocity agreements with other states, to make revisions to the teacher certification statutes relating to the certification requirements for out-of-state teachers, testing requirements, the endorsement in elementary education, the alternative route to certification program for school administrators and early childhood educators, to require the Department of Education to study and develop strategies to increase minority teacher recruitment and retention, to expand the municipal aid for new educators grant program, and to include cultural competency instruction in teacher preparation programs and in-service training for educators. Fiscal note for ARC programs is approx. \$100K in FY 2016 and \$300K+ in FY 2017. Cultural competency PD would be less than \$1K/yr for boards of ed.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/25/15.	Oppose as written	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1098">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1098</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1099</b>	Education	Establish a Planning Committee for Education to develop and ensure the implementation of a strategic plan for public education. JFS language adds Commissioners of Education and Early Childhood to the task force. Fiscal note: up to \$300K in available appropriations.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/25/15. Referred to GAE 4/22/15. JF'd 4/29/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1099">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1099</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1100</b>	Education	Eliminates reporting and collection of certain student and teacher information for school and district profiles. JFS language requires SDE to study the inclusion of teacher and student data in the school profile reports and report to the Education Committee by January 1, 2016.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/27/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1100">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1100</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1101</b>	Education	Minor and tech revisions to Office of Early Childhood statutes. JFS language is technical.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/25/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1101">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1101</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1102</b>	Education	Provides flexibility for bilingual educator certification requirements. JFS language requires SDE to issue 90-day temporary certificates in shortage areas; requires SDE to establish reciprocity programs with other states, DC and Puerto Rico provided candidates have successfully taught in certification area in another state, DC or Puerto Rico, have 2 or more years EFFECTIVE teaching experience, eliminates Praxis requirements; requires ARC programs to have mentored apprenticeships beginning July 1, 2017; requires SDE to study minority teacher recruitment; requires Office of Higher Education to annually report on teacher prep program demographics; requires Alliance Districts to develop strategies for attracting and recruiting minority teachers and administrators; and requires teachers to cultural competency training. Requires unexpended bilingual ed grant money to be proportionally distributed to school districts that receive grants. Fiscal note: minimal fiscal impact.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/27/15.	Oppose as written	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1102">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1102</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1103</b>	Education	Establish school districts of innovation program. JFS language changes the authorizer from the Commissioner to the State Board of Education. Potential fiscal note.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/12/15. Hearing 3/19/15. JFS'd 3/25/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1103">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1103</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 1108</b>	Judiciary	To increase the penalties for threatening when the threat involves a preschool, school or an institution of higher education.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Judiciary 3/13/15. Hearing 3/20/15. JF'd 3/27/15. Referred to Education 4/22/15. JF'd 4/27/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1108">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;sel_high_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1108</a>

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PreK-12	<b>SB 926</b>	Committee	Require the Commissioner of Children and Families to notify the employing superintendent and the Commissioner of Education and to expunge certain records when the commissioner determines that a school employee, as defined in section 53a-65, has been the victim of an unsubstantiated allegation of abuse or neglect. JFS language requires unsubstantiated allegations to be immediately removed from school employees records. Fiscal note: One time \$20K cost to DCF to purge records of unsubstantiated abuse and neglect.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Children 2/18/15. Public Hearing 2/26/15. JFS'd 3/5/15. Referred to Education 4/22/15. JF'd 4/27/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=926">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=926</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 962</b>	Education	Include instruction in computer programming, the safe use of social media, investigative detention and arrest and cardiopulmonary resuscitation as part of the middle school curriculum in the public schools. JFS language is technical and non-substantive. Fiscal note could be up to \$20K per district.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 2/19/15. Hearing 2/25/15. JFS'd 3/11/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=962">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=962</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 964</b>	Education	LCO recommendations for technical revisions to education statutes.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 2/19/15. Hearing 2/25/15. JF'd 3/11/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=964">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=964</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 965</b>	Education	Study of state education issues.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 2/19/15. Hearing 2/25/15. JF'd 3/27/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=965">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=965</a>
PreK-12	<b>SB 956</b>	Governor	Allow more individuals access to the Care 4 Kids program and to enable the Office of Early Childhood to implement an information sharing process to identify and better care for individuals who are receiving services from multiple state agencies.	<b>Senate Calendar - Foot</b>	Introduced and referred to Children 2/19/15. Hearing 3/3/15. JF'd 3/5/15. Referred to Education 4/14/15. JF'd 4/17/15. Moved to Foot of the Calendar 5/6/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=956">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=956</a>
PreK-12, PSRP	<b>HB 6930</b>	Labor	Allows municipalities to group together for collective bargaining purposes. Authorizes advisory boards to collectively bargain with unions representing interlocal employees. Permits interlocal boards to apply for state grants to assist in establishing a collective bargaining system.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/26/15. Hearing 3/3/15. JF'd 3/12/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=6930">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=6930</a>
PreK-12/PSRP	<b>SB 843</b>	Children's	Expand in-service training for teachers, administrators and pupil personnel to include the recognition of trauma-informed behavior in children to enable such teachers, administrators and pupil personnel to more adequately respond to students with mental, emotional or behavioral health needs. Fiscal note: \$1,000/yr/district.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Children's 1/29/15. Public Hearing 2/24/15. JF'd 2/26/15. Referred to Education 4/14/15. JF'd 4/17/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=843">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=843</a>
PreK-12/SVFT/Higher Ed	<b>SB 795</b>	Bye	Create a state-wide plan to facilitate the educational and economic success of low-income households by viewing such households as two-generational units comprised of individuals requiring educational services and those requiring career readiness services. The plan shall include: (1) Strategies to help such households access early learning programs, adult education, job training and other related support services; (2) methods to streamline the provision of services through the colocation of child and adult service providers; (3) strategies to coordinate and utilize both public and private entities and organizations that offer services within low-income communities; (4) modalities enabling partnerships with both state and national philanthropic bodies to enable state-wide replication and implementation of the plan; and (5) creation of an interagency work group to oversee the implementation of the plan and the provision of its services within the targeted communities.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Human Services 1/26/15. Public Hearing 2/10/15. JF'd 3/19/15 to Appropriations. JFS'd 4/29/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=SB00795&amp;which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=SB00795&amp;which_year=2015</a>
PSRP	<b>SB 972</b>	Program Review & Investigations	Implement some of the recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning school paraprofessional staffing. JFS language removes most substantive provisions and requires districts to provide paid annual training to paraprofessionals that shall: (1) include the duties and responsibilities paras are expected to perform; (2) be consistent with the specific needs of the student or students to whom the paraprofessional will be assigned; and (3) be provided before the beginning of the school year by the immediate supervisor. Requires training to be provided mid-year if the paraprofessional is reassigned.	<b>LCO</b>	Introduced and referred to PRI 2/19/15. Hearing 2/27/15. JFS'd to Education 3/13/15. JF'd to Appropriations 3/27/15. JF'd 4/29/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=SB00972&amp;which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=SB00972&amp;which_year=2015</a>
PSRP	<b>SB 448</b>	Fasano	Clarify definitions related to eligibility for earned pension benefits by employees who assume other public employment with municipalities that do not participate or participate only partially in the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Planning & Development 1/22/15. Hearing 2/13/15. JF'd 3/20/15. Referred to Labor 4/22/15. JF'd 4/28/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=448">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=448</a>
PSRP	<b>SB 989</b>	Labor	Clarifies that a retired member of MERF may not receive pension payments if he/she is reemployed after retirement in any participating municipality unless he/she does not participate in MERF during the period of his/her reemployment.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/23/15. Hearing 3/3/15. JF'd 3/12/15. Referred to P&D 4/8/15. JF'd 4/14/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=989">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=989</a>
PSRP, PreK-12	<b>SB 847</b>	GAE	Create a code of ethics for municipal employees and municipal officials. JFS language: Establishes a task force to study municipal ethics, including creating a plan for establishing regional municipal ethics boards and recommending minimum provisions to be included in a municipal ethics code. The task force shall recommend any legislation needed to implement such plan and to require municipalities to adopt certain minimum provisions in their codes of ethics.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to GAE 1/30/14. Hearing 2/6/15. JFS'd 3/25/15. Referred to P&D 4/22/15. JF'd 4/28/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=SB00847&amp;which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=SB00847&amp;which_year=2015</a>
PSRP, PreK-12	<b>SB 913</b>	Labor	Require each municipality that sponsors a group health policy or plan to submit information regarding such policy or plan to the State Comptroller for analysis and to allow the Comptroller to enter into cooperative health care agreements that may allow individuals to acquire low-cost, high-quality health care. JFS Language:	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 2/13/15. Hearing 2/26/15. JFS'd 3/12/15. Referred to P&D 4/14/15. JF'd 4/21/15. Referred to Insurance 4/29/15. JF'd 5/5/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=913">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=913</a>
Public Health	<b>SB 855</b>	Public Health	Requires DPH to annually report prospective nurse staffing plans to DPH. Requires plans to include ratio of RNs to patients per patient care unit, LPNs to patients per patient care unit, assistive personnel to patients per patient care unit; the method used to determine and adjust staffing; a description of supporting personnel on each patient care unit, a description of differences between planned and actual staffing levels for each patient care unit; and actions taken to address the differences and adjust future staffing plans. Requires DPH Commissioner to annually report to the Public Health Committee on the effectiveness of staffing plans. Senate amendment A is technical. Senate amendment B requires hospitals to report the number of workplace violence incidents that occur each year to DPH.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Public Health Committee 2/2/15. Hearing 2/23/15. JF'd 3/5/15. Passed House as amended 5/7/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=855">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=855</a>
State Employees	<b>HB 5860</b>	Godfrey	Allow probate court employees to be organized as state employees.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 1/21/15. Hearing 2/17/15. JF'd 3/12/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=HB05860&amp;which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus.asp?BillType=Bill&amp;BillNum=HB05860&amp;which_year=2015</a>



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State Employees	<b>HB 6787</b>	Labor	Require the Commissioner of Administrative Services to retain promotional examination results. JFS language allows candidates for state jobs to use their most recent promotional exam score for the candidate list established for a subsequent exam for the same classification. DAS must allow test cores to be used when a job candidate submits a written request; the exam is the same or equivalent as the previous one, the candidate satisfies all other requirements for the classification and exam, 7 years or less has passed from the date of the candidate's most recent exam, the practices is publicized on exam notices. Does not apply to promotional exam classifications in the police-protective series occupational group. No fiscal note.	<b>House Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 1/22/15. Hearing 2/26/15. JFS'd 3/12/15. Referred to GAE 4/14/15. JF'd 4/20/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6787">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=6787</a>
State Employees	<b>HR 33</b>	Judiciary	Resolution approving the settlement agreement between SEBAC and John Rowland.	<b>Judiciary</b>	Introduced and referred to Judiciary 5/5/12.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=hr33">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=hr33</a>
State Employees	<b>SB 1113</b>	GAE	To redefine "state contracting agency", to limit the State Contracting Standards Board to the review rather than exercise of agency procurement powers, duties and authority, to make triennial audits of agencies and board compliance reports after an audit discretionary rather than mandatory, to require constituent units to adopt a code of procurement, to make other revisions to the statutes concerning procurement and to delete provisions (1) requiring the board to adopt certain regulations, (2) concerning the retention and disposal of certain records, and (3) concerning contractor appeals of an agency suspension decision to the board. No fiscal note.	<b>Senate Calendar - Foot</b>	Introduced and referred to GAE 3/18/15. Hearing 3/27/15. JF'd 3/31/15. Moved to Foot of Senate Calendar 5/6/15.	Oppose	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1113">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1113</a>
State Employees/PreK-12/PSRP	<b>SB 435</b>	Looney	Prohibit the use of a gag clause, nondisparagement clause or similar clause in a separation agreement for a public employee that would prohibit such employee from publicly disclosing any information about aspects of his or her employment, termination or resignation, whether or not such clause or agreement is a result of consideration given to such current or former employee.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Labor 1/22/15. Hearing 2/17/15. JF'd 3/12/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=435">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=435</a>
State Employees/PSRP/PreK-12	<b>SB 831</b>	Coleman	Remove the municipal exemption from laws governing contract compliance requirements in state contracts. JFS Language:	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Planning & Development 1/28/15. Hearing 3/6/15. JFS'd 3/27/15. Referred to Judiciary 4/22/15. JF'd 4/27/15. Referred to GAE 5/5/15. JF'd 5/7/15.		<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=SB00831&amp;which_year=2015">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=SB00831&amp;which_year=2015</a>
SVFT	<b>SB 1057</b>	Education	Developing a 3-year rolling capital and capital equipment improvement plan for CTHSS. No fiscal note.	<b>Senate Calendar</b>	Introduced and referred to Education 3/4/15. Hearing 3/11/15. JF'd 3/18/15.	Support	<a href="http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1057">http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&amp;which_year=2015&amp;bill_num=1057</a>