



## **JOURNAL OF THE SENATE**

**Friday, February 14, 2020**

The Senate was called to order at 10:46 a.m. in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), and under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

The prayer was offered by Acting Chaplain, Kathy Zabel of Burlington, Connecticut

The following is the prayer:

When we are confused, guide us, when we are weary, energize us, when we are tired, renew us. May the work that we do benefit all those we serve.

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Pursuant to Senate Rule 9(d) the Senate is called into Session, by the Office of the Senate Clerk's under the authority of the President Pro Tempore and the Senate Republican Leader.

It is hereby moved that Senate Agenda Number 1, dated February 14, 2020, is adopted, the items on said Agenda shall be acted upon as indicated and that the Agenda shall be incorporated into the Senate Journal and Senate Transcript.

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### **REPORT**

The following report was received, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee indicated:

Report – Auditors of Public Accounts – Department of Public Health Ended June 30, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date received: February 13, 2020.

Referred to Committees on Appropriations, Finance, Revenue and Bonding and Public Health.

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### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

In accordance with the provisions of Senate Rule 9(d), the first reading of the following bills and resolutions was waived, the list of bills and resolutions as prepared by the Clerks was accepted, and the bills and resolutions referred to the Committees as indicated thereon in concurrence:

### **APPROPRIATIONS**

Proposed S.B. No. **122** SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR REGIONAL FIRE TRAINING SCHOOLS', to increase funding for the operation of the regional fire training schools.

Proposed S.B. No. **123** SEN. BERTHEL, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS FOR COMMUNITY NONPROFIT PROVIDERS', to begin catch-up payments to community nonprofit providers.

Proposed S.B. No. **124** SEN. FORMICA, 20th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR LEGISLATORS', to reduce costs to the state by ensuring that legislators are reimbursed only for the mileage that they have driven.

#### GENERAL LAW

S.B. No. **125** (RAISED) GENERAL LAW. 'AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT', to make minor and technical changes to streamline the Department of Consumer Protection's licensing and enforcement statutes.

#### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed S.B. No. **126** SEN. SAMPSON, 16th DIST. 'AN ACT FUNDING THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE BY REDUCING CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM GRANTS', to provide funding to the state-wide firearms trafficking task force.

#### HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed S.B. No. **127** SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF FUNDING FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION', to provide adequate funding and support to Connecticut's public institutions of higher education in order to ensure their future growth and success.

Proposed S.B. No. **128** SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE', to provide tuition-free community college for Connecticut residents.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Proposed S.B. No. **129** SEN. MINER, 30th DIST. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DIRECT BUDGETARY RESOURCES TO LITCHFIELD COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF MASS TRANSIT OPTIONS', to require the Department of Transportation to use existing budgetary resources to increase the availability of mass transit options to residents of Litchfield County.

#### APPROPRIATIONS

Proposed H.B. No. **5147** REP. GODFREY, 110th DIST. 'AN ACT ADJUSTING STATE LEGISLATOR SALARIES FOR INFLATION', to adjust state legislator salaries for inflation since the current rate was established in 2001.

Proposed H.B. No. **5148** REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF SMOKING PREVENTION EFFORTS', to prevent smoking.

Proposed H.B. No. **5149** REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd DIST.; SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS, 13th DIST.; SEN. FLEXER, 29th DIST.; REP. STEINBERG, 136th DIST.; REP.

PETIT, 22nd DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST. 'AN ACT INCREASING FUNDING FOR TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION EFFORTS', to adjust the state budget by adding twelve million dollars to tobacco prevention and cessation efforts.

Proposed H.B. No. **5150** REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. 'AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE USE OF VAPOR PRODUCTS BY UNDERAGE PERSONS', to prevent the illegal use of vapor products by minors.

Proposed H.B. No. **5151** REP. CUMMINGS, 74th DIST. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR REPAIRS AT THE STONE HOUSE AT HAMILTON PARK IN WATERBURY', to fund repairs at the Stone House at Hamilton Park in Waterbury.

Proposed H.B. No. **5152** REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT DECREASING LEGISLATIVE POSTAL COSTS', to decrease the amount of state funds used for legislators to send mail.

Proposed H.B. No. **5153** REP. CARPINO, 32nd DIST. 'AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A QUALIFIED ABLE PROGRAM', to provide funding for a state-run qualified ABLE program.

### ENVIRONMENT

Proposed H.B. No. **5154** REP. MUSHINSKY, 85th DIST. 'AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RETENTION OF UNCLAIMED BOTTLE DEPOSITS BY DISTRIBUTORS AND REQUIRING AN INCREASE IN THE HANDLING FEE PAID TO REDEMPTION CENTERS', to shift unclaimed bottle deposits from the state to beverage distributors and to require distributors to fairly compensate bottle redemption stores for each container they redeem.

Proposed H.B. No. **5155** REP. KLARIDES, 114th DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST.; REP. O'DEA, 125th DIST.; REP. KOKORUDA, 101st DIST.; REP. ZUPKUS, 89th DIST. 'AN ACT ELIMINATING THE INCREASE IN THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FEE', to eliminate the recent increase in the greenhouse gas reduction fee.

### FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Proposed H.B. No. **5156** REP. GREEN, 55th DIST. 'AN ACT EXEMPTING HANDICAP RAMPS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE FROM THE SALES AND USE TAXES', to exempt handicap ramps for residential use from the sales and use taxes.

### GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Proposed H.B. No. **5157** REP. FRANCE, 42nd DIST.; REP. FISHBEIN, 90th DIST.; REP. DAUPHINAIS, 44th DIST.; REP. WILSON, 66th DIST.; REP. ACKERT, 8th DIST.; REP. LANOUE, 45th DIST.; REP. DUBITSKY, 47th DIST.; REP. HAYES, 51st DIST.; REP. VAIL, 52nd DIST.; REP. PISCOPO, 76th DIST.; REP. MASTROFRANCESCO, 80th DIST.; REP. FUSCO, 81st DIST.; REP. CANDELORA, 86th DIST. 'AN ACT FUNDING THE STATE-WIDE FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE BY REDUCING CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM GRANTS', to provide funding to the state-wide firearms trafficking task force and prevent deaths from illegally trafficked firearms.

### HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Proposed H.B. No. **5158** REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST.; REP. ROCHELLE, 104th DIST. 'AN ACT FUNDING THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE EXPANSION OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS TO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS', to

appropriate sufficient funds to operate the pilot program for the expansion of advanced manufacturing certificate programs to public high schools.

Proposed H.B. No. **5159** REP. DOUCETTE, 13th DIST. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS OF INSTRUCTORS IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AT REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES', to establish a tax credit for employers of instructors in advanced manufacturing certificate programs at regional-community technical colleges.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The Senate at 10:47 a.m. adjourned under provisions of Senate Rule 9(d) subject to the call of the chair.