JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

The House of Representatives was called to order at 1:30 o'clock p.m., Representative Godfrey of the 110th District in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Kyle J. Fishbein of Wolcott, Connecticut.

The following is the prayer:

Let us pray. Lord, grant us Your blessing as we fulfill our duties. Help us to keep in mind the laws of justice and let us remember that we are all accountable to You for our actions. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kyle J. Fishbein of Wolcott, Connecticut.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE GOVERNOR

The following communication was received from His Excellency, the Governor, on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committee on Executive and Legislative Nominations.

March 10, 2020

Corrected Letter

TO THE HONORABLE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Pursuant to Sections 4-5 through 4-7 and 10-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is my honor and privilege to nominate and, with your advice and consent, appoint KAREN E. DUBOIS-WALTON, of New Haven, to the State Board of Education, to be a member, in succession to Stephen Wright, to serve a term ending February 28, 2023, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.

NED LAMONT
Governor

REPORTS

The following reports were received on the date indicated, read by the Clerk and referred to the Committees indicated:

Report - Office of Policy and Management - Annual Report of State-Wide Trends Related to Taxable Property and Exemptions from Property Tax on the 2018 Grand List. (Pursuant to Section 12-120a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: March 2, 2020
Referred to the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding.

Report - Public Utilities Regulatory Authority - 2020 Report Regarding the Connecticut Electric Efficiency Partners Program. (Pursuant to Section 16-243v(i) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: March 2, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

Report - Office of the Chief State’s Attorney - Summary of Ex Parte Orders for the Calendar Year 2019. (Pursuant to Sections 54-47aa(j) and 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: March 3, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors’ Report - Department of Economic and Community Development for the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2016. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: March 4, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Report - Auditors of Public Accounts - Auditors’ Report - Department of Correction for Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 and 2017. (Pursuant to Section 2-90 of the Connecticut State Statutes.) Date Received: March 5, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Report - Department of Children and Families - Annual Report Concerning Actual or Suspected Instance of Animal Neglect or Cruelty. (Pursuant to Public Act 14-70 and Section 17a-110c of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: March 5, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Children.

Report - Department of Children and Families - Report Concerning Contact Preference Forms and Medical Health History Forms Filed with DCF by Birth Parents of Adopted Children. (Pursuant to Sections 7-53a and 11-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: March 5, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Reports - Department of Motor Vehicles - Monthly Wait Times for Each DMV Branch for January 2020 and February 2020 and CIVLS Branch Transaction Counts - August 2015 through February 2020. (Pursuant to Public Act 16-55 and Sections 11-4a and 14-11e(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.) Date Received: March 5, 2020

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

FAVORABLE REPORTS OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES

HOUSE BILLS

The following House Bills were received from the committees indicated, the bills read the second time and tabled for the Calendar and printing:

PUBLIC HEALTH. H.B. No. 5043 (RAISED) (File No. 3) AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN IMMUNIZATION CONSULTATIONS.

PUBLIC HEALTH. Substitute for H.B. No. 5044 (RAISED) (File No. 4) AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS
On motion of Representative Morin of the 28th District, 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.

ENVIRONMENT

H.B. No. 5495 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE MATERIALS INNOVATION AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY'S SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTS', to provide certain requirements for the approval of municipal solid waste management contracts by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection.

H.B. No. 5496 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS GENERAL PERMIT', to require the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to provide certain assistance to municipalities in relation to compliance with the small municipal separate storm sewer systems general permit.

H.B. No. 5497 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO ENVIRONMENT-RELATED STATUTES', to make various minor revisions to environmental programs including wastewater treatment facility operator certification programs, pesticide control programs and noise ordinance programs.

H.B. No. 5498 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR LARGE-SCALE BENEFICIAL REUSE OF CERTAIN SOIL PROJECTS', to provide a pilot program for the beneficial reuse of certain soils and materials.

H.B. No. 5499 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING GREEN BURIALS', to require recommendations concerning the award of open space grants for properties used for green burial purposes.

H.B. No. 5500 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF GLYPHOSATE', to prohibit the use of glyphosate in the state.

PUBLIC HEALTH

H.B. No. 5501 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS', to combat the opioid epidemic in the state.

JUDICIARY

H.B. No. 5502 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST MINORS', to (1) increase the membership in the Trafficking in Persons Council, (2) allow certain testimony in the case of a delinquency proceeding to be compelled, (3) establish an affirmative defense for trafficking in persons in the case of a victim of trafficking, (4) redefine "sex trafficking", (5) change the required frequency of a refresher course in human trafficking awareness for certain professions, (6) extend vacatur relief to a person who committed certain crimes if a conviction is based on participation in the crime by the convicted person due to such person being a victim of trafficking, (7) to prohibit hourly rates at lodgings and require lodgings to establish a customer's identification before offering accommodation to such person, and (8) authorize extended periods of probation following convictions for certain crimes against minors.

H.B. No. 5503 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR A MINOR WHO POSSESSES ALCOHOL WHEN THE MINOR SEEKS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT THE DEATH OR
SERIOUS INJURY OF ANOTHER PERSON', to provide immunity from criminal prosecution for a minor who possesses alcohol when the minor seeks emergency assistance to prevent the death or serious injury of another person.

H.B. No. 5504 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING STATE REGISTRATION OF ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE COURT REPORTING SERVICES AND THE LICENSURE OF COURT REPORTERS', to require entities that provide court reporting services to register with the Department of Consumer Protection and to require court reporters to be licensed by the Department of Consumer Protection.

ENVIRONMENT

S.B. No. 449 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF CERTAIN ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT SEPTIC SYSTEMS', to authorize the use of alternate sewage treatment systems under certain conditions.

S.B. No. 450 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES', to codify the existing prohibition on the idling of motor vehicles for more than three minutes, contained in section 22a-174-18 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, and authorize the enforcement of such restriction by municipalities in addition to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.


S.B. No. 452 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE'S HEMP PROGRAM', to make the state's hemp program consistent with requirements of federal law.

S.B. No. 453 (RAISED) ENVIRONMENT. 'AN ACT CONCERNING SAFE BOATING', to make various revisions to the state's safe boating laws concerning licensure and boating education requirements.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 454 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SANDY HOOK WORKERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND FUND', to (1) eliminate time restrictions on requests for assistance from the Sandy Hook Workers Assistance program, (2) seek to recover funds from a charitable trust or entity currently operating the program, (3) provide additional reports to the General Assembly on the fund's operation, and (4) provide a mechanism for future transfers of the fund to a charitable trust or entity.

S.B. No. 455 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COURT PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING FAMILY VIOLENCE CRIMES', to revise court processes and procedures involving family violence crimes.

S.B. No. 456 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE INDIGENT INDIVIDUALS WITH ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES WHEN SEEKING A RESTRAINING ORDER UNDER SECTION 46B-15 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES', to establish a program to provide indigent individuals with access to legal services when seeking a restraining order under section 46b-15 of the general statutes.
PUBLIC HEALTH

S.B. No. 457 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY WHO ARE CANDIDATES TO RECEIVE AN ANATOMICAL GIFT', to prohibit discrimination against an individual with a disability who is a candidate to receive an anatomical gift.

S.B. No. 458 (RAISED) PUBLIC HEALTH. 'AN ACT CONCERNING COMPLEX CARE NAVIGATORS', to increase access to complex care navigators.

JUDICIARY

S.B. No. 459 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING PERSISTENT OFFENDERS', to provide a look-back period for sentencing of certain persistent offenders.

S.B. No. 460 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING USE OF FORCE BY A PEACE OFFICER', to provide that use of deadly physical force upon another person by a peace officer may be reasonably believed to be necessary only upon consideration of the totality of the circumstances in order to defend himself, herself or another person or effect an arrest or prevent the escape from custody of a person who the officer reasonably believes to have committed or attempted to commit a felony involving serious injury.

S.B. No. 461 (RAISED) JUDICIARY. 'AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESSIBILITY OF INFORMATION ON PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN, BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENTS AND SURETY BAIL BOND AGENTS', to make publicly available a searchable database providing accessible information on the licensure of a professional bondsman, bail enforcement agent or surety bail bond agent and directing a person to the correct licensing and regulating agency for such bondsman, bail enforcement agent or surety bail bond agent.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Representative Morin of the 28th District, the House adjourned at 1:32 o’clock p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.