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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE  
AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

- 1 That the following shall be the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of
- 2 Representatives for the regular sessions of the General Assembly and
- 3 for interim periods during the 2021-2022 legislative term.

4 MESSAGES BETWEEN CHAMBERS

- 5 1. Messages from one chamber to the other shall be delivered to the
- 6 presiding officer.

7 JOINT CONVENTIONS

- 8 2. Joint conventions shall be held in the Hall of the House. Either
- 9 chamber may request a convention stating the purposes thereof in its
- 10 message. The President of the Senate shall preside. The President and

11 the Speaker shall make reports to their respective chambers of the  
12 proceedings of the convention which shall be printed in the respective  
13 journals.

14 JOINT COMMITTEES

15 3. (a) *Designation of Committees.* There shall be twenty-two joint  
16 standing committees as provided in subsection (b) of this rule. There  
17 shall be two statutory committees as provided in subsection (c) of this  
18 rule. Committees shall consider all matters referred to them and report  
19 as required by these rules.

20 (b) *Standing Committees.* Each joint standing committee shall consist  
21 of not more than nine senators and not more than thirty-five  
22 representatives, except that the joint standing committees on  
23 Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding shall consist of not  
24 more than thirteen senators and not more than forty-five  
25 representatives, and the joint standing committee on Judiciary shall  
26 consist of not more than eleven senators and not more than thirty-five  
27 representatives. The joint standing committees shall be divided into  
28 Group A and Group B as follows:

29 GROUP A

30 (1) A committee on APPROPRIATIONS that shall have cognizance of  
31 all matters relating to appropriations and the operating budgets and all  
32 matters relating to state employees' salaries, benefits and retirement,  
33 teachers' retirement, veterans' pensions and collective bargaining  
34 agreements and arbitration awards for state employees. In addition, any  
35 bills or resolutions carrying or requiring appropriations, or creating or  
36 enlarging a state mandate to local governments, defined in subsection  
37 (a)(2) of section 2-32b of the general statutes, and favorably reported by  
38 any other committee, except the payment of claims by the state, shall be  
39 referred to the committee, unless such reference is dispensed with by at  
40 least a two-thirds vote of each chamber, provided the committee's  
41 consideration shall be limited to their fiscal aspects and appropriation  
42 provisions of such bills or resolutions and shall not extend to their other

43 substantive provisions or purpose, except to the extent that such other  
44 provisions or purpose relate to the fiscal aspects and appropriation  
45 provisions of such bills or resolutions.

46 (2) A committee on EDUCATION that shall have cognizance of all  
47 matters relating to (A) the Department of Education and the Office of  
48 Early Childhood, and (B) school building projects, local and regional  
49 boards of education, the substantive law of collective bargaining  
50 covering teachers and professional employees of such boards,  
51 vocational rehabilitation, and libraries, including the State Library,  
52 museums and historical and cultural associations.

53 (3) A committee on ENVIRONMENT that shall have cognizance of  
54 all matters relating to (A) the Department of Energy and Environmental  
55 Protection concerning the preservation and protection of the air, water  
56 and other natural resources of the state and the Department of  
57 Agriculture, including farming, dairy products and domestic animals,  
58 and (B) conservation, recreation, pollution control, fisheries and game,  
59 state parks and forests, water resources and flood and erosion control,  
60 and the preservation and protection of the air, water and other natural  
61 resources of the state.

62 (4) A committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING that shall  
63 have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Department of  
64 Revenue Services, and (B) finance, revenue, capital bonding and  
65 taxation. Any bill or resolution favorably reported by another  
66 committee relating to finance, revenue, capital bonding, taxation,  
67 employer contributions for unemployment compensation purposes, all  
68 matters relating to the Department of Revenue Services and the revenue  
69 aspects of the Gaming Division within the Department of Consumer  
70 Protection shall be referred to the committee, provided the committee's  
71 consideration shall be limited to the financial provisions and purposes  
72 of such bill or resolution, such as finance, revenue, bonding, taxation  
73 and fees, and shall not extend to the other substantive provisions or  
74 purposes, except to the extent that such other provisions or purposes  
75 relate to the financial provisions of such bills or resolutions.

76 (5) A committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND  
77 ELECTIONS that shall have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) (i)  
78 the Department of Administrative Services, including purchasing and  
79 central collections, but excluding personnel and labor relations, fire  
80 marshals, the fire safety code, the state building code and school  
81 building projects, (ii) the administrative functions of the Office of  
82 Governmental Accountability, including the office's personnel and  
83 employment policies and information technology, and (iii) the Freedom  
84 of Information Commission, the Office of State Ethics, the Citizen's  
85 Ethics Advisory Board and the State Elections Enforcement  
86 Commission, (B) state government organization and reorganization,  
87 structures and procedures, (C) leasing, construction, maintenance,  
88 purchase and sale, transfer or other disposition of state property and  
89 facilities, (D) state and federal relations, (E) interstate compacts, (F)  
90 compacts between the state and Indian tribes, (G) constitutional  
91 amendments, and (H) all matters relating to elections and election laws.  
92 Any bill favorably reported by another committee that requires a state  
93 agency to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any real property or  
94 interest in real property that is under the custody or control of such  
95 agency to any person or entity other than another state agency, or any  
96 resolution favorably reported by another committee that proposes a  
97 constitutional amendment shall be referred to the committee on  
98 Government Administration and Elections.

99 (6) A committee on JUDICIARY that shall have cognizance of all  
100 matters relating to (A) the Judicial Department, the Department of  
101 Correction and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities,  
102 (B) courts, judicial procedures, criminal law, probate courts, probation,  
103 parole, wills, estates, adoption, divorce, bankruptcy, escheat, law  
104 libraries, deeds, mortgages, conveyancing, preservation of land records  
105 and other public documents, the law of business organizations, uniform  
106 laws, validations, authorizations to sue and to appeal, claims against the  
107 state, (C) all (i) judicial nominations, (ii) nominations of workers'  
108 compensation commissioners, and (iii) nominations of members of the  
109 Board of Pardons and Paroles, and (D) all bills carrying civil penalties  
110 that exceed the sum of, or that may exceed in the aggregate, five

111 thousand dollars. Any bill favorably reported by another committee that  
112 carries a criminal penalty, other than an infraction, shall be referred to  
113 the committee, provided the committee's consideration shall be limited  
114 to the criminal penalties established in such bill and shall not extend to  
115 the other substantive provisions or purposes of such bill.

116 (7) A committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT that shall  
117 have cognizance of all matters relating to local governments, housing,  
118 urban renewal, fire, sewer and metropolitan districts, home rule,  
119 planning and zoning, regional planning and development activities, the  
120 state plan of conservation and development and economic development  
121 programs impacting local governments.

122 (8) A committee on PUBLIC HEALTH that shall have cognizance of  
123 all matters relating to (A) the Department of Public Health, the  
124 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the  
125 Department of Developmental Services, and (B) health, including  
126 emergency medical services, all licensing boards within the Department  
127 of Public Health, nursing homes, pure foods and drugs, and controlled  
128 substances, including the treatment of substance abuse.

129 (9) A committee on TRANSPORTATION that shall have cognizance  
130 of all matters relating to (A) the Department of Transportation, the  
131 Office of the State Traffic Administration and the Department of Motor  
132 Vehicles, and (B) transportation, including highways and bridges,  
133 navigation, aeronautics, mass transit and railroads.

134 **GROUP B**

135 (10) A committee on BANKING that shall have cognizance of all  
136 matters relating to (A) the Department of Banking, and (B) banks,  
137 savings banks, bank and trust companies, savings and loan associations,  
138 credit unions, the supervision of the sale of securities, fraternal benefit  
139 societies and secured and unsecured lending.

140 (11) A committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY that shall have  
141 cognizance of all matters relating to (A) (i) the Public Utilities

142 Regulatory Authority, and (ii) the Department of Energy and  
143 Environmental Protection concerning energy, energy policy planning  
144 and regulation, telecommunications, information systems and related  
145 technology, and (B) energy, energy policy planning and regulation,  
146 telecommunications, information systems and related technology.

147 (12) A committee on GENERAL LAW that shall have cognizance of  
148 all matters relating to (A) the Department of Consumer Protection,  
149 except legalized gambling, and (B) alcoholic beverages, fair trade and  
150 sales practices, consumer protection, mobile homes and occupational  
151 licensing, except licensing by the Department of Public Health.

152 (13) A committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE that shall  
153 have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Insurance Department,  
154 and (B) insurance law and real estate law.

155 (14) A committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES that shall  
156 have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Labor Department, (B)  
157 workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, conditions of  
158 employment, hours of labor, minimum wages, industrial safety,  
159 occupational health and safety, labor unions and labor disputes, and (C)  
160 conditions of employment of state and municipal employees and the  
161 substantive law of state and municipal employees' collective bargaining.

162 (15) A committee on HUMAN SERVICES that shall have cognizance  
163 of all matters relating to the Department of Social Services, including  
164 institutions under its jurisdiction, and the Department of Rehabilitation  
165 Services.

166 (16) A committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY that shall  
167 have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Department of  
168 Emergency Services and Public Protection, and (B) civil preparedness  
169 and homeland security, state police, the state-wide organized crime  
170 investigative task force, municipal police training, fire marshals, the fire  
171 safety code, the state building code and legalized gambling.

172 (17) A committee on COMMERCE that shall have cognizance of all

173 matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community  
174 Development and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

175 (18) A committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT  
176 ADVANCEMENT that shall have cognizance of all matters relating to  
177 (A) the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Office of Higher  
178 Education, and (B) public and independent institutions of higher  
179 education, private occupational schools, post-secondary education, job  
180 training institutions and programs, apprenticeship training programs  
181 and adult job training programs offered to the public by any state  
182 agency or funded in whole or in part by the state.

183 (19) A committee on HOUSING that shall have cognizance of all  
184 matters relating to housing.

185 (20) A committee on AGING that shall have cognizance of all matters  
186 relating to senior citizens.

187 (21) A committee on CHILDREN that shall have cognizance of all  
188 matters relating to (A) the Department of Children and Families,  
189 including institutions under its jurisdiction, and (B) children.

190 (22) A committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS that shall have  
191 cognizance of all matters relating to military and veterans' affairs, except  
192 veterans' pensions.

193 (c) **Statutory Committees.** In addition, there shall be:

194 (1) The committee on LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT that shall  
195 conduct the business affairs of the General Assembly. The committee  
196 shall be responsible for the operation of the General Assembly,  
197 coordination and supervision of committee work, improvement of  
198 legislative operations, deciding on matters of organization, procedures,  
199 facilities and working conditions of the General Assembly,  
200 compensation of employees of the legislative branch, and the facilitation  
201 of positive relationships with the federal government and other state  
202 governments. All bills and resolutions relating to such matters may be  
203 referred to the committee. The committee shall consist of (A) twenty

204 members of the House who shall be (i) the Speaker, (ii) the deputy  
205 speakers, (iii) the majority leader, (iv) four members appointed by the  
206 Speaker, (v) three members appointed by the majority leader, (vi) the  
207 minority leader, (vii) two deputy minority leaders appointed by the  
208 minority leader, and (viii) five members appointed by the minority  
209 leader, and (B) thirteen members of the Senate who shall be (i) the  
210 President Pro Tempore, (ii) the majority leader, (iii) a deputy majority  
211 leader appointed by the majority leader, (iv) five members appointed by  
212 the President Pro Tempore, (v) the minority leader, (vi) an assistant  
213 minority leader appointed by the minority leader, and (vii) three  
214 members appointed by the minority leader. In matters of legislative  
215 operations, the legislative commissioners and the clerks of each  
216 chamber shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the committee.  
217 The committee shall be chaired by the President Pro Tempore and the  
218 Speaker. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum and  
219 all actions shall require the affirmative vote of a majority. At any  
220 meeting, if a committee member present of either chamber requests, a  
221 vote of the majority of the members present of each chamber shall be  
222 required for approval of a question.

223 (2) The committee on EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE  
224 NOMINATIONS that shall consist of (A) nineteen members of the  
225 House who shall be (i) the majority leader, or the majority leader's  
226 designee, (ii) the minority leader, or the minority leader's designee, (iii)  
227 ten members appointed by the Speaker, and (iv) seven members  
228 appointed by the minority leader, and (B) eight members of the Senate  
229 who shall be (i) the majority leader, or the majority leader's designee, (ii)  
230 the minority leader, or the minority leader's designee, (iii) three  
231 members appointed by the President Pro Tempore, and (iv) three  
232 members appointed by the minority leader. The chairpersons and  
233 ranking members of the committee or committees having cognizance of  
234 matters relating to the duties of a nominee for the position of a  
235 department head, as defined in section 4-5 of the general statutes, shall  
236 serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the committee on executive  
237 and legislative nominations for the consideration of such nomination.  
238 All executive and legislative nominations requiring action of either or



239 both chambers, except judicial nominations, nominations of workers'  
240 compensation commissioners and nominations of members of the Board  
241 of Pardons and Paroles, shall be referred to the committee on executive  
242 and legislative nominations.

243 (d) *Committee Appointments*. Appointments of committee members,  
244 except to fill a vacancy caused by death or incapacity or by resignation  
245 from the General Assembly or a committee of the General Assembly,  
246 shall be made on or before the fifth regular session day of the first year  
247 of the term and, except as otherwise provided in the rules of each  
248 chamber, shall be for the entire term for which the members were  
249 elected. Committee appointments of a member elected after the fifth  
250 regular session day of the first year of the term shall be made not later  
251 than five calendar days after the member takes the oath of office, and  
252 may be made, at the discretion of the appointing authority, to any  
253 committee.

254 Senate and House committees shall be appointed and organized in  
255 accordance with the rules of each chamber and members of the minority  
256 party shall be appointed on nomination of the minority leader of each  
257 chamber.

258 LEADERS ON COMMITTEES

259 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House,  
260 and majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the House shall be  
261 ex-officio members of all committees, with the right to be present at all  
262 meetings and to take part in deliberations but without the right to vote,  
263 except as to those committees to which they are appointed members.

264 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

265 5. (a) *Scheduling*. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of  
266 this rule and in Rule 15, chairpersons of committees shall jointly  
267 schedule meetings during periods when the General Assembly is in  
268 session as follows:

269 (1) Committees may meet on any day from January 6 through January

270 13 in 2021 and from February 9 through February 11 in 2022. The  
271 chairpersons of each committee may jointly call a meeting during said  
272 period in 2021 for the purpose of organization and to consider such  
273 other business as is deemed necessary.

274 (2) Beginning on January 14 in 2021 and on February 14 in 2022, and  
275 ending on the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions in  
276 such year, as provided in Rule 15, Group A committees shall meet on  
277 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only and Group B committees shall  
278 meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

279 (3) Statutory committees, as described in subsection (c) of Rule 3, may  
280 meet on any day.

281 (4) Committees, except conference committees, may not meet during  
282 a session of either chamber without the consent of each chamber which  
283 is in session.

284 (5) (A) Only during a declaration of a public health or civil  
285 preparedness emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at  
286 any other time deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the  
287 Senate and the Speaker of the House for public health concerns related  
288 to COVID-19, committees shall conduct meetings only on a virtual  
289 platform approved by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
290 Speaker of the House. Meetings under this subdivision shall be  
291 conducted as follows:

292 (i) Each member may only participate and vote at such meeting on  
293 such virtual platform;

294 (ii) Such meeting shall be broadcast contemporaneously on television  
295 or on an Internet web site identified in the notice provided under  
296 subsection (f) of this rule for such meeting;

297 (iii) If a technological issue prevents or otherwise limits the  
298 transaction of the business of the committee or the committee's ability  
299 to comply with these rules, prior to or during a meeting conducted on a  
300 virtual platform, the chairpersons of the committee may take whatever

301 action they deem necessary, including, but not limited to, cancelling or  
302 rescheduling such meeting, if notice is provided in accordance with the  
303 provisions of subsection (f) of this rule for any such meeting that is  
304 cancelled or rescheduled;

305 (iv) Not more than a total of ten such meetings or hearings conducted  
306 on a virtual platform pursuant to Rule 6(a)(3), or any combination  
307 thereof, may be scheduled for or conducted at the same time.

308 (B) As used in these rules, "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease  
309 designated by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as  
310 coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized by said  
311 organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

312 (b) *Exceptions to Scheduling Requirements.*

313 (1) The committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and  
314 Bonding may meet on any day. The committee on Judiciary may meet  
315 on any day after March 26 in 2021 and after March 21 in 2022. The  
316 committee on Government Administration and Elections may meet on  
317 any day after March 31 in 2021 and after March 30 in 2022 to raise, hear  
318 or report favorably or unfavorably a conveyance bill.

319 (2) Any committee may meet on any day, provided a record is made  
320 certifying a significant need for the meeting by the Speaker of the House  
321 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or their designees.

322 (3) If, in any week, the designated meeting day of a committee falls  
323 on a holiday or on a day when the State Capitol or Legislative Office  
324 Building is officially closed, the committee may meet on another day,  
325 not so designated, within seven calendar days before or after such day,  
326 provided a record is made certifying the need for the meeting by one of  
327 the following: The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of  
328 the House, the majority leader of the Senate or the majority leader of the  
329 House and all reasonable efforts have been made to notify each member  
330 of the committee of the meeting.

331 (c) *Conduct of Meetings.* A chairperson or a vice chairperson shall

332 convene all meetings. If a meeting, other than a meeting on the day of  
333 the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions, as provided in  
334 Rule 15, is not so convened within fifteen minutes following its  
335 scheduled starting time, the meeting shall be deemed cancelled. In all  
336 meetings of joint committees, and at all public hearings held by such  
337 committees, the Senate and House chairpersons shall mutually agree as  
338 to who shall preside and in the absence of agreement the Senate  
339 chairperson and the House chairperson shall alternately preside. A  
340 chairperson shall recognize each member wishing to be heard prior to  
341 ordering the vote on the final question of a favorable or unfavorable  
342 report, a favorable change of reference or the boxing of a bill or  
343 resolution. All questions of order, hearings and other proceedings  
344 including the raising of bills or resolutions and questions relating to  
345 evidence shall be determined by a majority of votes but, if the majority  
346 of the committee members present of either chamber so request, the  
347 committee members of each chamber shall separately determine all  
348 questions. A vote of a committee may be reconsidered only at the next  
349 regular meeting of the committee, except that any vote on the day of the  
350 committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions as provided in Rule  
351 15, may be reconsidered at the same meeting not later than 5:00 p.m.

352 In the case of a meeting that is conducted on a virtual platform: (1)  
353 No member may cast a vote on any question unless such member is  
354 visible to the committee clerk on such virtual platform when casting his  
355 or her vote; (2) a committee member may offer an oral amendment to  
356 any bill or resolution during the discussion on the final question of a  
357 favorable report of such bill or resolution; (3) if an amendment to a bill  
358 or resolution is offered by a committee member during the discussion  
359 on the final question of a favorable report, and such amendment has  
360 been prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office and assigned  
361 an LCO number by that office, the committee clerk shall distribute such  
362 amendment to all committee members prior to the ordering of a vote on  
363 such amendment; and (4) the chairperson presiding over the meeting  
364 shall, upon a request of a committee member, hold a roll call vote on an  
365 amendment offered to a bill or resolution during the discussion on the  
366 final question of a favorable report.

367       (d) **Final Action.** Except as otherwise provided, at each committee  
368 meeting, the vote on the final question of a favorable or unfavorable  
369 report, a favorable change of reference or the boxing of a bill or  
370 resolution shall be recorded to show the names of the members voting  
371 yea and the members voting nay. No motion to dispense with the  
372 recording of the names of the members voting yea and the members  
373 voting nay shall be entertained and no bill or resolution shall be  
374 reported to either chamber unless the names of the members voting yea  
375 and the members voting nay have been recorded and a record of the  
376 names of the members voting yea and the members voting nay has been  
377 attached to the bill or resolution submitted to the Legislative  
378 Commissioners' Office as provided in Rule 13, except during a  
379 declaration of a public health or civil preparedness emergency related  
380 to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time deemed necessary  
381 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
382 House for public health concerns related to COVID-19, it is not required  
383 that such record be attached to the bill or resolution for purposes of  
384 submission to the Legislative Commissioners' Office, provided such  
385 record is submitted to the Legislative Commissioners' Office as  
386 provided in Rules 13 and 15(a). A copy of the voting record shall be sent  
387 to the clerk of the appropriate chamber, by the Legislative  
388 Commissioners' Office, with the favorably or unfavorably reported bill  
389 or resolution and retained by the clerks.

390       (e) **Proxies.** No member may vote by proxy and no committee shall  
391 record a vote cast by any member as a proxy for any other member.

392       (f) **Notice Requirements.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in  
393 subdivision (2) of this subsection, notice of the date, time and place of  
394 committee meetings during periods when the General Assembly is in  
395 session shall be (A) given to the clerk of each chamber at least one day  
396 in advance of the meeting, and (B) when practicable, (i) given to the  
397 Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in the next Legislative Bulletin,  
398 and (ii) posted on the General Assembly's web site. The committee  
399 clerks shall post notice of the meetings in a conspicuous place in or near  
400 their respective committee offices.

401 (2) In the case of a committee meeting conducted on a virtual  
402 platform, notice of the date, time and manner of committee meetings  
403 during periods when the General Assembly is in session shall be (A)  
404 given to the clerk of each chamber not later than 6:00 p.m. of the day  
405 before the meeting, (B) posted on the General Assembly's web site not  
406 later than 6:00 p.m. of the day before the meeting, and (C) when  
407 practicable, given to the Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in the  
408 next Legislative Bulletin. The committee clerk shall not be required to  
409 post such notice in a conspicuous place in or near the committee office  
410 or at the location of the scheduled hearing. The notice provided to  
411 committee members and staff shall include the Internet web site address  
412 for participation at such meeting, and the notice provided to members  
413 of the public shall include the Internet web site address or television  
414 channel in which such meeting will be broadcast.

415 (g) *Exception to Notice Requirements.* A meeting may be held on less  
416 than one calendar day's notice, provided announcement of the meeting  
417 is made from the floor of the Senate or House during a session and both  
418 chairpersons have approved the date, time, place and agenda for the  
419 meeting. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the  
420 announcement cannot be made in one or both chambers because no  
421 regular session is being held on that day, an emergency meeting may  
422 still be held, provided a record is made certifying the need for the  
423 meeting by one of the following: The President Pro Tempore of the  
424 Senate, the Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate or the  
425 majority leader of the House, and all reasonable efforts have been made  
426 to notify each member of the committee of the meeting.

427 (h) *Agendas.* An agenda, approved by both chairpersons, shall be  
428 prepared for each meeting, including meetings conducted on a virtual  
429 platform, and made available at least one day before the meeting, on the  
430 General Assembly web site, except that for a meeting (1) held under  
431 subsection (g) of this rule, the agenda shall be prepared and made  
432 available prior to the meeting, or (2) conducted on a virtual platform,  
433 the agenda shall be posted on the General Assembly web site not later  
434 than 6:00 p.m. of the day before such meeting. Items not on the agenda

435 may be considered upon a majority vote of the committee members  
436 present.

437 (i) *Substitute Language.* A committee clerk shall, as soon as  
438 practicable, post on the committee's web site any written substitute  
439 language offered at a committee meeting by a committee member that  
440 has been prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office and  
441 assigned an LCO number by that office and reported favorably without  
442 any changes at such committee meeting.

443 PUBLIC HEARINGS

444 6. (a) *Scheduling.*

445 (1) A committee may hold subject matter public hearings on any  
446 subject and on specified proposed bills and proposed resolutions, and  
447 on committee and raised bills and resolutions, during sessions, except  
448 that subject matter public hearings on proposed bills and proposed  
449 resolutions shall be held not later than twenty-one calendar days in 2021  
450 and fourteen calendar days in 2022 before the committee's reporting out  
451 date designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15.

452 (2) Public hearings shall be scheduled for the convenience of the  
453 public and in accordance with the schedule for committee meetings of  
454 that committee as provided in Rule 5.

455 (3) Only during a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
456 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
457 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
458 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19,  
459 committees shall conduct public hearings only on a virtual platform  
460 approved by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker  
461 of the House, and each member may only participate in such hearing on  
462 such virtual platform. All such hearings shall be broadcast  
463 contemporaneously on television or on an Internet web site identified in  
464 the notice of such meeting provided pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
465 rule. Not more than a total of ten such hearings or meetings conducted

466 on a virtual platform pursuant to Rule 5(a)(5), or any combination  
467 thereof, may be scheduled for or conducted at the same time.

468 (4) In the event of a technological issue that is preventing or otherwise  
469 limiting the transaction of the business of the committee or the  
470 committee's ability to comply with this rule, prior to or during a public  
471 hearing conducted on a virtual platform, the chairpersons of the  
472 committee may take whatever action they deem necessary, including  
473 but not limited to, recessing such hearing in accordance with the  
474 provisions of subsection (c)(5) of this rule, or cancelling and  
475 rescheduling such public hearing in accordance with the provisions of  
476 subsection (a)(5)(D) of this rule.

477 (5) In the event of inclement weather on the day on which a  
478 committee has scheduled a public hearing:

479 (A) If the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have been  
480 officially closed due to inclement weather:

481 (i) If the hearing has been convened prior to the official closing, the  
482 committee may continue the hearing or may recess the hearing in  
483 accordance with the provisions of subsection (c)(5) of this rule.

484 (ii) If the hearing has not been convened prior to the official closing,  
485 the hearing shall be deemed cancelled and shall be rescheduled in  
486 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)(5)(D) of this rule.

487 (B) If the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have not been  
488 officially closed:

489 (i) If the hearing has been convened, the committee may recess the  
490 hearing in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c)(5) of this  
491 rule.

492 (ii) If the hearing has not yet been convened, the chairpersons of the  
493 committee may cancel the hearing if, in their opinion, the seriousness of  
494 the weather conditions is likely to reduce substantially the attendance  
495 at the hearing by members of the public or members of the committee.



496 (C) If the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have not been  
497 officially closed, the committee clerk shall give notice of cancellation to  
498 the clerk of each chamber and shall post notice of the cancellation in a  
499 conspicuous place in or near the committee office, at the location of the  
500 scheduled hearing and on the General Assembly web site, except if the  
501 hearing is being conducted on a virtual platform the committee clerk  
502 shall not be required to post notice of the cancellation in a conspicuous  
503 place in or near the committee office or at the location of the scheduled  
504 hearing.

505 (D) The chairpersons shall reschedule a cancelled hearing on the  
506 earliest feasible date that is on a day specified for that committee in Rule  
507 5(a) or 5(b) or on any other day with the approval of the President Pro  
508 Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the majority leader of  
509 the Senate or the majority leader of the House, provided a record is  
510 made of such approval. The committee clerk shall give notice of the  
511 rescheduled hearing to the clerk of each chamber and, when practicable,  
512 to the Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in the next Legislative  
513 Bulletin and shall post notice of the rescheduled hearing in a  
514 conspicuous place in or near that committee office and on the General  
515 Assembly web site. The notice of the rescheduled hearing shall include  
516 the date, time, place, manner and subject matter of the rescheduled  
517 hearing, together with a list of the numbers and titles of each bill and  
518 resolution to be considered, which subject matter and list shall be  
519 identical to the subject matter and list in the notice of the original  
520 hearing. The notice of the rescheduled hearing is not subject to  
521 subsection (b) of this rule if the notice of the original hearing complied  
522 with said subsection (b).

523 (6) Committees may group bills and resolutions by subject matter and  
524 schedule hearings so that similar bills and resolutions are heard at the  
525 same time.

526 (b) *Notice Requirements.* (1) Except as otherwise provided in  
527 subdivision (2) of this subsection, notice of the date, time, place and  
528 subject matter of each public hearing during periods when the General

529 Assembly is in session, together with a list of the numbers and titles of  
530 each bill and resolution to be considered, shall be published in the  
531 Legislative Bulletin at least five calendar days in advance of the hearing.  
532 In no event shall a bill or resolution be listed for a hearing unless copies  
533 of the bill or resolution have been made in accordance with section 2-23  
534 of the general statutes, and the original bill or resolution has been  
535 returned from the printer and is in the possession of the committee.

536 (2) In the case of a public hearing conducted on a virtual platform,  
537 notice of the date, time, manner and subject matter of each such public  
538 hearing during periods when the General Assembly is in session,  
539 together with (A) a list of the numbers and titles of each bill and  
540 resolution to be considered, (B) the Internet web site address for  
541 testifying at such hearing, (C) the Internet web site address or television  
542 channel in which such meeting will be broadcast, and (D) information  
543 relating to how members of the public are to submit the names of  
544 persons who wish to testify at such hearing to the committee clerk, shall  
545 be published in the Legislative Bulletin at least five calendar days in  
546 advance of the hearing and posted on the General Assembly web site at  
547 least five calendar days in advance of the hearing. For purposes of this  
548 rule, a bill or resolution shall be considered in the possession of the  
549 committee for purposes of listing such bill or resolution for a hearing  
550 upon (i) referral of such bill or resolution by the President Pro Tempore  
551 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to the committee, and (ii)  
552 posting of such bill or resolution on the General Assembly web site.

553 (3) For the purpose of meeting the hearing requirements under this  
554 subsection, the day of publication in the Legislative Bulletin during the  
555 time the General Assembly is in session and the day of the hearing shall  
556 both be counted as full days.

557 (c) *Conduct of Hearings.*

558 (1) *Convening and Procedures.* A chairperson or a vice chairperson  
559 shall convene all hearings. If a hearing is not so convened within fifteen  
560 minutes following its scheduled starting time, any member of the  
561 committee may convene the hearing. The time of commencement of the

562 public hearing shall be designated in the published notice. The order of  
563 testimony of the witnesses and the length of time that each witness may  
564 testify shall be determined by the presiding chairperson who shall give  
565 due regard for the convenience of the public. Members of the public who  
566 wish to testify at a public hearing that is not being conducted on a virtual  
567 platform, (A) may place their names on a list, which shall be made  
568 available at a time and place to be determined by the chairpersons, and  
569 (B) shall either (i) place their own name on the list, if they wish to testify,  
570 or (ii) place the name of one other person on the list who will testify.  
571 Members of the public placing the name of another person on the list  
572 shall also place their own name on the list next to the name of the person  
573 who will testify. The placement of another person's name on the list by  
574 a person who receives a fee solely for that service shall be ineffective and  
575 the person so named shall not be permitted to testify.

576 In the case of a public hearing conducted on a virtual platform,  
577 members of the public may submit the names of persons who wish to  
578 testify at such public hearing to the committee clerk, in a manner  
579 prescribed by the chairpersons of the committee and indicated in the  
580 notice for such public hearing, and such names shall be included in a  
581 lottery that will determine the order of testimony of witnesses during  
582 the public portion of the hearing.

583 (2) *Testimony by Public Officials.* A committee may permit  
584 legislators who are not members of the committee, representatives of  
585 state agencies and municipal chief elected officials testifying in their  
586 official capacity to testify during but not beyond the first hour of a public  
587 hearing. The public portion of the hearing shall be uninterrupted by  
588 testimony from a legislator, a representative of a state agency or a  
589 municipal chief elected official. If any legislators, representatives of state  
590 agencies or municipal chief elected officials are unable to testify during  
591 the first hour, they may testify at the end of the hearing after all  
592 members of the public wishing to testify have been heard.

593 (3) *Written Testimony.* Legislators, representatives of state agencies,  
594 municipal chief elected officials and members of the public may submit

595 to the committee written testimony on a bill or resolution or subject  
596 matter in person, by mail or facsimile transmission, or electronically at  
597 any time, except no such written testimony may be submitted in person  
598 when the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have been  
599 officially closed to the public. Any such written testimony may be  
600 included by the committee in the transcript of the hearing. If the written  
601 testimony is not included in the transcript, it shall be attached to the  
602 transcript. Committee chairpersons should encourage a witness to  
603 submit a written statement and confine oral testimony to a summary of  
604 that statement, but the full written statement shall be included in or  
605 attached to the transcript of the hearing.

606       (4) *Notifying Other Committees.* Each bill or resolution referred by  
607 one committee to another with a favorable report shall be accompanied  
608 by a notation of the date or dates on which public hearings were held  
609 by the first committee. The chairpersons of any committee other than  
610 Appropriations or Finance, Revenue and Bonding to which any bill or  
611 resolution calling for an appropriation or a bond issue is referred shall  
612 notify the chairpersons of the committee on Appropriations or Finance,  
613 Revenue and Bonding of the date, time and place of the hearing thereon.

614       (5) *Recessing.* The committee may recess any public hearing to a date,  
615 time, place and manner specified at the time of the recess, which shall  
616 be on a day specified for that committee in Rule 5(a) or 5(b) or on any  
617 other day with the approval of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,  
618 the Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate or the  
619 majority leader of the House, provided a record is made of such  
620 approval. The committee clerk shall give notice of any hearing recessed  
621 to another date to the clerk of each chamber and, when practicable, to  
622 the Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in the next Legislative Bulletin  
623 that is posted on the General Assembly web site, and shall post notice  
624 of the recessed hearing in a conspicuous place in or near that committee  
625 office, except if the hearing is being conducted on a virtual platform the  
626 committee clerk shall not be required to post notice of the recessed  
627 hearing in a conspicuous place in or near the committee office.

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BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS GENERALLY

629 7. (a) *Definitions*. As used in these rules:

630 (1) "Proposed bill" means a bill drafted in informal, non-statutory  
631 language setting forth the substance of a proposal;

632 (2) "Proposed resolution" means a resolution drafted in informal,  
633 non-statutory language setting forth the substance of a proposal;

634 (3) "Committee bill" means a bill drafted in formal statutory language  
635 that incorporates the principles expressed in a proposed bill or proposed  
636 bills;

637 (4) "Committee resolution" means a resolution drafted in formal  
638 statutory language that incorporates the principles expressed in a  
639 proposed resolution or proposed resolutions;

640 (5) "Raised bill" means an original bill drafted in formal statutory  
641 language raised by a committee without reference to a proposed bill or  
642 proposed bills;

643 (6) "Raised resolution" means an original resolution drafted in formal  
644 statutory language raised by a committee without reference to a  
645 proposed resolution or proposed resolutions;

646 (7) "Emergency certified bill" means a bill drafted in formal statutory  
647 language that is certified by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
648 and the Speaker of the House to be of an emergency nature, pursuant to  
649 subsection (c) of Rule 9;

650 (8) "Governor's bill" means a bill drafted in formal statutory language  
651 that accompanies the Governor's budget or other message; and

652 (9) "Conveyance bill" means any committee bill, raised bill,  
653 emergency certified bill or Governor's bill drafted in formal language  
654 that requires a state agency to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any  
655 real property or interest in real property that is under the custody or  
656 control of such agency to any person or entity other than another state

657 agency.

658 (b) *Numbering*. Senate bills shall be numbered from 1 to 5000, House  
659 bills shall be numbered from 5001 to 9999 and resolutions shall be  
660 numbered starting with 1 in each chamber.

661 (c) *Preparation and Alteration*. Each proposed bill, proposed  
662 resolution, committee bill, raised bill, committee resolution, raised  
663 resolution, emergency certified bill and Governor's bill shall be  
664 prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. No such bill or  
665 resolution shall be altered after such bill or resolution has been filed,  
666 except by the legislative commissioners, in accordance with the  
667 provisions of Rule 13.

668 (d) *Form and Format*. (1) Each proposed bill, proposed resolution,  
669 committee bill, committee resolution, raised bill, raised resolution,  
670 emergency certified bill and Governor's bill shall be printed without  
671 interlineation or erasure. All such bills and resolutions shall be printed  
672 on white-colored and yellow-colored paper and filed with the clerk of  
673 the chamber of the introducer in the form required by these rules. Each  
674 copy of such bill or resolution shall include the number of such bill or  
675 resolution, the session of introduction, the introducer or introducers of  
676 such bill or resolution, and, if applicable, the committee to which it was  
677 referred. In the case of a committee bill or committee resolution, each  
678 copy of such committee bill or committee resolution shall also include  
679 the names of any co-sponsors.

680 (2) Each committee bill, raised bill, emergency certified bill or  
681 Governor's bill amending a statute or special act shall set forth in full the  
682 section or subsection of the statute or the special act to be amended. Text  
683 to be deleted or repealed shall be surrounded by brackets or  
684 overstricken so that the deleted or repealed text remains readable, and  
685 new text shall be indicated by capitalization, underlining or italics. In  
686 the case of a section or subsection not amending an existing section of  
687 the general statutes but intended to be part of the general statutes, the  
688 section or subsection shall be preceded by the word (NEW).

689       (e) *Statement of Purpose.* At the conclusion of each proposed bill,  
690 proposed resolution, committee bill and raised bill there shall be a  
691 statement of its purpose in not more than one hundred fifty words, to  
692 be printed under the caption "STATEMENT OF PURPOSE". The  
693 statement of purpose shall not be a part of such bill or resolution for  
694 consideration and enactment into law.

695       (f) *Sponsors.* (1) Any member of the General Assembly may co-  
696 sponsor (A) a proposed bill or proposed resolution by requesting the  
697 Legislative Commissioners' Office, in writing, to add such member's  
698 name to such proposed bill or proposed resolution in its possession, or  
699 (B) a proposed bill, proposed resolution, committee bill, committee  
700 resolution, raised bill, raised resolution, emergency certified bill or  
701 Governor's bill by requesting the clerk of the chamber in which such bill  
702 or resolution has been filed, in writing, to add such member's name as a  
703 co-sponsor of such bill or resolution, provided such request is made not  
704 later than the date of the signing of such bill, or the deadline for the  
705 signing of such bill, by the Governor, whichever is earlier, or the date of  
706 the adoption of such resolution.

707       (2) A member of the General Assembly may request the clerk of the  
708 chamber in which a proposed bill, proposed resolution, committee bill,  
709 committee resolution, raised bill, raised resolution, emergency certified  
710 bill or Governor's bill was filed, in writing, to remove such member's  
711 name as an introducer or a co-sponsor of such bill or resolution,  
712 provided such request is made not later than the time specified in  
713 subsection (f)(1)(B) of this rule. The clerk shall notify the Legislative  
714 Commissioners' Office of such removal and the member's name shall be  
715 removed from the legislative database for such bill or resolution.

716       (g) *Clerks' Certified Copies.* The clerk of each chamber shall certify  
717 and keep on file in the clerk's office at all times a duplicate copy of each  
718 proposed bill, proposed resolution, committee bill, committee  
719 resolution, raised bill and raised resolution. The certified duplicate copy  
720 shall be made on yellow-colored paper of the same size and format as  
721 the original. If the original proposed bill, proposed resolution,

722 committee bill, committee resolution, raised bill and raised resolution  
723 cannot be located, a copy of the certified duplicate copy of such bill or  
724 resolution shall be made by the clerk and used in lieu of such original.  
725 The clerk shall make a notation on the original of the certified duplicate  
726 copy of all action taken on the original proposed bill, proposed  
727 resolution, committee bill, committee resolution, raised bill and raised  
728 resolution.

729 During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
730 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
731 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
732 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19,  
733 the clerk may certify and keep on file in the clerk's office, in accordance  
734 with the provisions of this subsection, a duplicate copy of each proposed  
735 bill, proposed resolution, committee bill, committee resolution, raised  
736 bill and raised resolution.

737 (h) **Copies.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of this  
738 subsection, sufficient copies of proposed bills, proposed resolutions,  
739 committee bills, committee resolutions, raised bills, raised resolutions  
740 and Governor's bills shall be prepared, in accordance with section 2-23  
741 of the general statutes, for use by the General Assembly and the public  
742 and shall be available in the legislative bill room.

743 (2) During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
744 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
745 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
746 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19,  
747 copies of proposed bills, proposed resolutions, committee bills,  
748 committee resolutions, raised bills, raised resolutions and Governor's  
749 bills shall be prepared for use by the General Assembly and shall be  
750 made available on the General Assembly web site.

751 (i) **Types of Bills and Resolutions in 2022 Session.** In the 2022 session,  
752 only the following bills and resolutions may be introduced: Those (1)  
753 relating to budgetary, revenue and financial matters, (2) raised by  
754 committees of the General Assembly, and (3) relating to matters certified



755 in writing by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker  
756 of the House to be of an emergency nature.

757 PROPOSED BILLS AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

758 8. (a) *Introduction by Members. Deadline.* Members of the General  
759 Assembly may introduce proposed bills or proposed resolutions for  
760 consideration by the joint standing committees and the Legislative  
761 Management committee. The deadline for members of the General  
762 Assembly to submit a request to the Legislative Commissioners' Office  
763 to draft a proposed bill or proposed resolution shall be January 22, 2021,  
764 for the 2021 session and on February 10, 2022, for the 2022 session, in  
765 each session at 5:00 p.m. or at an hour the presiding officer of each  
766 chamber designates. The chamber of origin for a proposed bill or  
767 proposed resolution shall be the chamber of the first introducer of such  
768 proposed bill or proposed resolution.

769 (b) *Preparation.* At the request of any member of the General  
770 Assembly, the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall prepare a  
771 proposed bill or proposed resolution and return the proposed bill or  
772 proposed resolution to the member who submitted the request or file  
773 the proposed bill or proposed resolution with the clerk of the  
774 appropriate chamber not later than ten days after the receipt of the  
775 request, unless the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker  
776 of the House consent, in writing, to a request by a legislative  
777 commissioner for an extension of time.

778 (c) *Suggested Committee Referral.* The Legislative Commissioners'  
779 Office shall make a notation as to the suggested committee reference for  
780 each proposed bill and proposed resolution based on its subject matter.  
781 The clerk of the appropriate chamber shall, on introduction of each such  
782 proposed bill or proposed resolution, make a tentative reference for the  
783 President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House.

784 (d) *Receipt by Clerk; Initial Reference to Committee.* The clerk of the  
785 Senate or House shall receive each proposed bill and proposed  
786 resolution and shall cause copies to be prepared in accordance with

787 subsection (h) of Rule 7. During a declaration of a public health or civil  
788 preparedness emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, no  
789 proposed bill or proposed resolution shall be invalid for lack of a  
790 signature of the member introducing such proposed bill or proposed  
791 resolution. After copies of the proposed bill or proposed resolution have  
792 been made, the proposed bill or proposed resolution shall receive its  
793 first reading as set forth in Rule 16. The President Pro Tempore of the  
794 Senate or the Speaker of the House shall refer the proposed bill or  
795 proposed resolution to the appropriate joint standing committee or the  
796 Legislative Management committee and then send such proposed bill  
797 or proposed resolution to the other chamber for concurring reference.  
798 The original of the proposed bill or proposed resolution shall be  
799 delivered forthwith to the clerk of the appropriate committee.

800 During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
801 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
802 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
803 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19, a  
804 proposed bill shall be considered in the possession of the committee  
805 upon (1) referral of such proposed bill by the President Pro Tempore of  
806 the Senate and the Speaker of the House to the committee under this  
807 subsection, and (2) posting of such bill or resolution on the General  
808 Assembly web site.

809 COMMITTEE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS, RAISED BILLS AND  
810 RESOLUTIONS, EMERGENCY CERTIFIED BILLS AND  
811 GOVERNOR'S BILLS

812 9. (a) *Committee Bills and Committee Resolutions.*

813 (1) *Introduction.* Committee bills and committee resolutions may be  
814 introduced only by committees. A committee, upon receiving the  
815 proposed bills or proposed resolutions referred to it pursuant to Rule 8,  
816 may separate them into subject categories and may vote to have  
817 committee bills or resolutions on the subjects prepared by the  
818 Legislative Commissioners' Office. Each committee bill and committee  
819 resolution shall be (A) identified as a committee bill or committee

820 resolution, (B) endorsed with the signature of each chairperson of the  
821 committee, except (i) such chairperson may permit the vice chairperson  
822 of the same chamber to sign any such bill or resolution, and (ii) during  
823 a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness emergency related  
824 to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time deemed necessary  
825 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
826 House for public health concerns related to COVID-19, a signature for  
827 each committee bill and committee resolution shall not be required,  
828 provided each chairperson of the committee electronically approves  
829 each committee bill and committee resolution, or, in the event a  
830 chairperson of the committee is incapacitated, the vice chairperson of  
831 the committee, (C) filed with the clerk of the appropriate chamber, and  
832 (D) assigned a number in accordance with the provisions of subdivision  
833 (3) of this subsection.

834 During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
835 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
836 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
837 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19, a  
838 committee bill or committee resolution shall be considered in the  
839 possession of the committee upon (i) referral of such committee bill or  
840 committee resolution by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and  
841 the Speaker of the House to the committee after such committee bill or  
842 committee resolution has been filed and assigned a number under this  
843 subdivision, and (ii) posting of such bill or resolution on the General  
844 Assembly web site.

845 (2) *Deadlines.*

846 (A) *Initial Committee Action.* The deadline for committees to vote (i)  
847 to reserve proposed bills and proposed resolutions for subject matter  
848 public hearings under Rule 6, or (ii) to have the Legislative  
849 Commissioners' Office prepare committee bills and committee  
850 resolutions shall be 5:00 p.m. on the following dates in 2021:

T1	February 9	Aging
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T2		Banking
T3		Housing
T4		Children
T5		Veterans' Affairs
T6	February 11	Energy and Technology
T7		Higher Education and Employment Advancement
T8		Insurance and Real Estate
T9		General Law
T10		Public Safety and Security
T11	February 17	Education
T12		Environment
T13		Planning and Development
T14		Public Health
T15		Transportation
T16	February 18	Labor and Public Employees
T17		Legislative Management
T18		Commerce
T19		Human Services
T20	February 24	Government Administration & Elections
T21		Judiciary
T22		Finance, Revenue and Bonding
T23		Appropriations

851 In 2022, such deadline shall be 5:00 p.m. on February 25 for the  
852 committees in Group A and on February 24 for the committees in Group  
853 B and the Legislative Management committee.

854 (B) *Committee Action on Bills and Resolutions Reserved for Subject*  
855 *Matter Public Hearings.* The deadline for committees to vote to have the  
856 Legislative Commissioners' Office prepare committee bills and  
857 committee resolutions based on proposed bills or proposed resolutions  
858 that have been reserved for subject matter public hearings under  
859 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and on which subject matter  
860 public hearings have been held under Rule 6 shall be 5:00 p.m. on the

861 seventeenth calendar day in 2021 and the tenth calendar day in 2022  
862 prior to the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions in such  
863 year, as provided in Rule 15.

864 (3) *Numbering*. Each committee bill and committee resolution shall  
865 have the same number and chamber of origin as the proposed bill or  
866 proposed resolution on which it is based. Such number and chamber of  
867 origin shall be used in any reference to such proposed bill, proposed  
868 resolution, committee bill or committee resolution. When a committee  
869 bill is based on two or more proposed bills, or a committee resolution is  
870 based on two or more proposed resolutions, the members of the  
871 committee shall designate the proposed bill or proposed resolution  
872 number to be used on the committee bill or committee resolution. The  
873 numbers of any other proposed bills or proposed resolutions that the  
874 committee bill or committee resolution is based on shall be listed at the  
875 end of the committee bill or committee resolution with the names of the  
876 introducers and co-sponsors. The number of any committee bill or  
877 committee resolution based on proposed bills or proposed resolutions  
878 on which subject matter public hearings have been held under Rule 6  
879 shall be determined by the committee in the same manner as provided  
880 in this subdivision.

881 (b) *Raised Bills and Raised Resolutions*.

882 (1) *Introduction*. Raised bills and raised resolutions may be  
883 introduced only by committees. A committee may vote to raise bills and  
884 resolutions and have such raised bills or raised resolutions prepared by  
885 the Legislative Commissioners' Office. Each raised bill and raised  
886 resolution shall be (A) identified as a raised bill or raised resolution, (B)  
887 endorsed with the signature of each chairperson of the committee,  
888 except (i) such chairperson may permit the vice chairperson of the same  
889 chamber to sign any such bill or resolution, and (ii) during a declaration  
890 of a public health or civil preparedness emergency related to COVID-19  
891 by the Governor, or at any other time deemed necessary by the President  
892 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House for public  
893 health concerns related to COVID-19, a signature for each raised bill and

894 raised resolution shall not be required provided each chairperson of the  
895 committee electronically approves each raised bill and raised resolution,  
896 or, in the event a chairperson of the committee is incapacitated, the vice  
897 chairperson of the committee, (C) filed with the clerk of the appropriate  
898 chamber, and (D) assigned a number by such clerk.

899 During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
900 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
901 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
902 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19, a  
903 raised bill or raised resolution shall be considered in the possession of  
904 the committee upon (i) referral of such raised bill or raised resolution by  
905 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House  
906 to the committee after such raised bill or raised resolution has been filed  
907 and assigned a number under this subdivision, and (ii) posting of such  
908 bill or resolution on the General Assembly web site.

909 (2) *Deadline. Exceptions.* (A) Except as otherwise provided in  
910 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the deadline for committees to  
911 vote to have the Legislative Commissioners' Office prepare raised bills  
912 and raised resolutions shall be, (i) in 2021, (I) 5:00 p.m. on February 17  
913 for the committees in Group A, and (II) 5:00 p.m. on February 16 for the  
914 committees in Group B and the Legislative Management committee, and  
915 (ii) in 2022, (I) 5:00 p.m. on February 25 for the committees in Group A,  
916 and (II) 5:00 p.m. on February 24 for the committees in Group B and the  
917 Legislative Management committee.

918 (B) The following may be raised at any time: (i) Bills or resolutions to  
919 provide for the current expenses of government, (ii) emergency certified  
920 bills or resolutions the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
921 Speaker of the House certify in writing to be, in their opinion, of an  
922 emergency nature, (iii) bills or resolutions the Governor requests in a  
923 special message addressed to the General Assembly, which message  
924 sets forth the emergency or necessity requiring such bills or resolutions,  
925 and (iv) the legislative commissioners' revisor's bill.

926 (c) *Emergency Certified Bills.* Emergency certified bills may be

927 introduced by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker  
928 of the House. Such bills shall be certified by the President Pro Tempore  
929 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to be of an emergency nature.  
930 Each emergency certified bill shall be identified simply as a bill, filed  
931 with the clerk of the appropriate chamber, and assigned a number by  
932 such clerk.

933       (d) *Governor's Bills.*

934       (1) *Introduction.* Any fully drafted bill accompanying the Governor's  
935 budget or other message may be introduced by the legislative leaders of  
936 the Governor's party in the Senate and the House, provided one copy of  
937 each bill is supplied by the Governor to the legislative leaders of both  
938 parties. Each bill accompanying the Governor's budget or other message  
939 shall be identified as a Governor's bill, filed with the clerk of the  
940 appropriate chamber, and assigned a number by such clerk.

941       (2) *Suggested Committee Referral; Receipt by Clerk; Initial Reference*  
942 *to Committee.* The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall make a  
943 notation as to the suggested committee reference for each Governor's  
944 bill based on its subject matter. The clerk of the appropriate chamber  
945 shall, on introduction of each such Governor's bill, make a tentative  
946 reference for the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of  
947 the House. The clerk of the Senate or House shall receive each  
948 Governor's bill.

949       During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
950 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
951 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
952 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19, a  
953 Governor's bill shall be considered in the possession of the committee  
954 upon (A) referral of such Governor's bill by the President Pro Tempore  
955 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to the committee, and (B)  
956 posting of such bill or resolution on the General Assembly web site.

957       (e) *Conveyance Bills.*

958 (1) The committee on Government Administration and Elections may  
959 raise a conveyance bill on or before May 12 in 2021 and April 6 in 2022.

960 (2) A chamber may not pass a conveyance bill unless the sale, transfer  
961 or other disposition of real property, or interest in real property, under  
962 the custody or control of a state agency, that is the subject of such  
963 conveyance bill has received a public hearing in accordance with the  
964 provisions of Rule 6.

965 (3) No conveyance bill that requires the sale, transfer or disposition  
966 of real property or an interest in real property that is under the custody  
967 or control of the Department of Agriculture or the Department of  
968 Energy and Environmental Protection, or a successor agency of either  
969 department, shall be passed by either chamber without a ye a vote of at  
970 least two-thirds of the total membership of the chamber.

971 SUBSTITUTE BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS

972 10. A bill or resolution redrafted with a favorable report by a  
973 committee shall be reported as a substitute bill or resolution.

974 Any substitute bill or resolution reported favorably shall be printed  
975 on white-colored and yellow-colored paper and filed with the clerk of  
976 the chamber where the bill or resolution originated. The yellow-colored  
977 copy shall be certified by the clerk and shall be kept at all times in the  
978 clerk's office. If the original bill or resolution cannot be located, a copy  
979 of the certified copy shall be made by the clerk and used in lieu of the  
980 original. The clerk shall make a notation on the certified copy of all  
981 action taken on the original.

982 PETITION FOR PREPARATION OF BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS

983 11. Not later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventh calendar day after the  
984 deadline of a committee to request the drafting of a committee bill or  
985 resolution, set forth in Rule 9, any member of the General Assembly may  
986 present to the clerk of the member's chamber, who shall present the  
987 same to the Legislative Commissioners' Office, a written petition  
988 requesting preparation of a bill or resolution based on a proposed bill or



989 proposed resolution, introduced or co-sponsored by such member and  
990 previously referred to such committee, unless the proposed bill or  
991 resolution has been scheduled for a subject matter public hearing to be  
992 held after the committee's deadline to request a committee bill or  
993 resolution, in which case the petition may be presented not later than  
994 5:00 p.m. on the seventh calendar day before the committee's reporting  
995 out date designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15. The petition shall  
996 be signed in the original by at least fifty-one members of the House if a  
997 House petition and by at least twelve members of the Senate if a Senate  
998 petition. The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall prepare the  
999 requested bill or resolution and forward it to the clerk of the chamber of  
1000 origin for processing and referral to the appropriate committee which  
1001 shall hold a public hearing on the bill or resolution, except that if the  
1002 committee has already held a subject matter public hearing on the bill  
1003 or resolution no further public hearing shall be required.

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#### AMENDMENTS

1005 12. All amendments to any bill or resolution in the Senate or House  
1006 shall be prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. An original  
1007 of each amendment to be offered and a copy of such amendment shall  
1008 be printed. The clerk of the appropriate chamber shall certify the copy  
1009 of each amendment and keep such certified copy in such clerk's office at  
1010 all times.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' PROCESS AFTER COMMITTEE ACTION

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1014 13. (a) *Receipt.* (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of  
1015 this subsection, when a committee reports a bill or resolution favorably  
1016 it shall be submitted forthwith to the Legislative Commissioners' Office.  
1017 The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall immediately enter the  
1018 receipt of the bill or resolution in the legislative database and notify the  
1019 Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research of the bill  
1020 or resolution number and the committee's action.

1021 (2) During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness

1022 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
1023 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
1024 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19,  
1025 when a committee reports a bill or resolution favorably only an  
1026 electronic record of the names of the members voting yea and the  
1027 members voting nay for the bill or resolution shall be required to be  
1028 submitted to the Legislative Commissioners' Office. The Legislative  
1029 Commissioners' Office shall immediately enter the receipt of such  
1030 record of the names of the members voting yea and the members voting  
1031 nay in the legislative database and notify the Office of Fiscal Analysis  
1032 and the Office of Legislative Research of the bill or resolution number  
1033 and the committee's action.

1034       (b) *Examination and Correction.* The legislative commissioners shall  
1035 examine the bill or resolution and make any correction therein as may  
1036 be necessary for the purpose of avoiding repetition and unconstitutional  
1037 provisions, and of ensuring accuracy in the text and references,  
1038 clearness and conciseness in the phraseology and consistency with  
1039 existing statutes. Whenever the legislative commissioners make any  
1040 changes in a bill or resolution, other than corrections of spelling,  
1041 grammar, punctuation or typographical errors the correction of which  
1042 in no way alters the meaning, they shall prepare a statement which  
1043 describes each change, where it was made and explicitly why they made  
1044 the change. This statement shall be entered into the legislative database  
1045 and printed with the file copy of the bill or resolution and shall bear the  
1046 same file number as the bill or resolution.

1047       (c) *Deadline.* Unless the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker  
1048 consent, in writing, to a request by a legislative commissioner for an  
1049 extension of time, the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall complete  
1050 its examination of the bill or resolution within ten calendar days,  
1051 excluding holidays, after its receipt, except the Legislative  
1052 Commissioners' Office shall complete its examination of a conveyance  
1053 bill within five calendar days, excluding holidays, after its receipt. If the  
1054 bill or resolution is approved by a commissioner, the commissioner shall  
1055 notify the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research

1056 of the approval and, if a substitute, furnish each office with a copy of the  
1057 bill or resolution for preparation of a fiscal note and bill analysis. Unless  
1058 the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker consent, in writing, to a  
1059 request by the director of the Office of Fiscal Analysis or the director of  
1060 the Office of Legislative Research for an extension of time, a legislative  
1061 commissioner shall transmit the bill or resolution with his or her  
1062 approval to the clerk of the chamber in which it originated within five  
1063 calendar days, excluding holidays, after such notice.

1064 (d) *Bills or Resolutions Returned to Committee.* If the commissioner  
1065 finds upon completion of the examination of a bill or resolution that the  
1066 bill or resolution is unconstitutional or is already law, the commissioner  
1067 shall return the bill or resolution to the committee and shall notify the  
1068 Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research of its  
1069 return. Whenever a bill or resolution has been so returned to the  
1070 committee, it may nevertheless be reported favorably by the committee  
1071 and be returned to the Legislative Commissioners' Office for completion  
1072 of the procedures prescribed above, notwithstanding the provisions of  
1073 Rule 15. If a bill or resolution is returned after the committee's reporting  
1074 out date designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15, the committee  
1075 shall take such action before the start of the session on the third regular  
1076 session day of the chamber making the referral after the bill or resolution  
1077 is returned by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. The clerk shall  
1078 enter it on the calendar under a heading "Favorable Report, Matter Not  
1079 Approved by Legislative Commissioner" unless the committee reports  
1080 a substitute bill or resolution which the legislative commissioners  
1081 approve.

1082 (e) *Change of Reference.* Favorable changes of reference shall be  
1083 treated as provided in this rule except that no fiscal note or bill analysis  
1084 shall be required. When a committee votes a straight change of  
1085 reference, the bill or resolution shall be submitted to the Legislative  
1086 Commissioners' Office which shall prepare the change of reference  
1087 jacket and deliver the bill or resolution to the clerk of the chamber of  
1088 origin. Reading and referral of straight changes of reference shall be by  
1089 printing in the House and Senate journals.

1090 During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
1091 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
1092 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
1093 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19, a  
1094 bill or resolution that has received a straight change of reference or a  
1095 favorable change of reference shall be considered in the possession of  
1096 the receiving committee upon entering such straight change of reference  
1097 or favorable change of reference on the General Assembly web site.

1098 **REPORTING OF BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS**

1099 14. Except as provided in Rules 19 and 20, all bills and joint  
1100 resolutions reported by any committee shall be first reported to the  
1101 chamber of origin, but any bill or resolution favorably reported by only  
1102 one chamber shall first be reported to that chamber regardless of the  
1103 chamber of origin.

1104 **FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION**

1105 15. (a) *Deadline for Favorable Reports.* The deadline for committees  
1106 to (1) vote to report favorably and submit bills, or (2) to vote to report  
1107 favorably and electronically submit electronic records of the names of  
1108 the members voting yea and the members voting nay for bills and  
1109 resolutions, as the case may be, to the Legislative Commissioners' Office  
1110 as provided in Rule 13 shall be 5:00 p.m. on the dates designated in the  
1111 following schedule:

T24	Committee	2021	2022
T25	Aging	March 16	March 17
T26	Children	March 16	March 17
T27	Housing	March 16	March 17
T28	Veterans' Affairs	March 18	March 17
T29	Banking	March 18	March 24
T30	Commerce	March 23	March 24
T31	Higher Education and Employment	March 23	March 22
T32	Advancement		
T33	Legislative Management	March 24	March 21
T34	Public Safety and Security	March 25	March 22
T35	Insurance and Real Estate	March 25	March 24

T24	Committee	2021	2022
T36	Energy and Technology	March 25	March 29
T37	Transportation	March 29	March 25
T38	General Law	March 30	March 22
T39	Labor and Public Employees	March 30	March 29
T40	Human Services	April 1	March 31
T41	Environment	April 5	March 30
T42	Education	April 5	March 28
T43	Planning and Development	April 5	March 28
T44	Public Health	April 7	April 1
T45	Government Administration and Elections	April 7	March 30
T46	Judiciary	April 9	April 4
T47	Finance, Revenue and Bonding	April 22	April 7
T48	Appropriations	April 23	April 8

1112       The deadlines designated in this subsection shall not apply to  
1113 conveyance bills, and resolutions proposing amendments to the  
1114 constitution and other substantive resolutions, or the electronic records  
1115 of the names of the members voting yea and the members voting nay  
1116 for such bills and resolutions, as the case may be.

1117       **(b) *Hearing Requirement for Favorable Report.*** (1) Except as  
1118 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection and Rule 32 (2)(A), no bill  
1119 and no resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution or other  
1120 substantive resolution shall be reported favorably by a committee  
1121 unless a public hearing has been held as provided in Rule 6, but no  
1122 further public hearing shall be required for a favorable report on a  
1123 substitute for such bill or resolution, provided the substitute is based on  
1124 or is germane to the subject matter of the original bill or resolution, or  
1125 for a bill or resolution petitioned under Rule 11 on which a subject  
1126 matter public hearing has been held.

1127       (2) No bill requiring the sale, transfer or other disposition of real  
1128 property, or interest in real property, under the custody or control of a  
1129 state agency, shall be reported favorably or unfavorably by a committee  
1130 unless such sale, transfer or other disposition has been the subject of a  
1131 public hearing as provided in Rule 6.

1132       **(c) *Fiscal Notes and Bill Analyses; Bills or Resolutions Unfavorably***

1133 *Reported; List of Reported Bills or Resolutions.* (1) Any bill or  
1134 resolution reported favorably by any committee which if passed or  
1135 adopted, would affect state or municipal revenue or would require the  
1136 expenditure of state or municipal funds, shall have a fiscal note  
1137 attached, as required by section 2-24 of the general statutes with respect  
1138 to bills. The fiscal note for a bill or resolution and the analysis of a bill  
1139 shall be printed with the bill or resolution and shall bear the same file  
1140 number as the bill or resolution. Any fiscal note printed with or  
1141 prepared for a bill or resolution and any analysis of a bill printed with  
1142 or prepared for a bill, are solely for the purpose of information,  
1143 summarization and explanation for members of the General Assembly  
1144 and shall not be construed to represent the intent of the General  
1145 Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. Each such fiscal  
1146 note and bill analysis shall bear the following disclaimer: "The following  
1147 Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of  
1148 the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of  
1149 information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the  
1150 intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any  
1151 purpose." When an amendment is offered to a bill or resolution in the  
1152 House or the Senate, which, if adopted, would require the expenditure  
1153 of state or municipal funds or affect state or municipal revenue, a fiscal  
1154 note shall be available at the time the amendment is offered. Any fiscal  
1155 note prepared for such an amendment shall be construed in accordance  
1156 with the provisions of this rule and shall bear the disclaimer required  
1157 under this rule. Each fiscal note prepared under this subdivision shall  
1158 include a brief statement of the sources of information, in addition to the  
1159 general knowledge of the fiscal analyst, consulted or relied on to  
1160 calculate the fiscal impact.

1161 (2) All bills or resolutions unfavorably reported by a committee shall  
1162 be submitted to the Legislative Commissioners' Office not later than 5:00  
1163 p.m. on the final reporting out date for favorable reports for that  
1164 committee, designated in the schedule shown in this rule.

1165 (3) The legislative commissioners shall prepare a list of the bills or  
1166 resolutions submitted to them which at the deadline time for each

1167 committee are not printed and in the files and the clerks shall print the  
1168 same in the House and Senate journals.

1169 (d) *Bills or Resolutions Not Acted on by Committee; Bills or*  
1170 *Resolutions Not Printed and in Files.* All bills or resolutions not acted  
1171 on by the committees within the time limits established by this section  
1172 shall be deemed to have failed in committee, except that (1) a bill or  
1173 resolution shall be reported to the chamber in which it originated if the  
1174 Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
1175 certify, in writing, the facts which in their opinion necessitate it being  
1176 acted on by the General Assembly, or (2) if a majority of the members of  
1177 either chamber present to the clerk of such chamber a written petition  
1178 as provided by Rule 19, requesting that a bill or resolution be reported,  
1179 it shall be reported to the chamber in which the petition originated. Any  
1180 bill or resolution not printed and in the files of the members of the  
1181 General Assembly may be acted upon by the General Assembly if the  
1182 Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
1183 certify, in writing, the facts which in their opinion necessitate an  
1184 immediate vote on the bill or resolution, in which case a copy of the bill  
1185 or resolution, accompanied by a fiscal note, shall nevertheless be upon  
1186 the desks of the members, but not necessarily printed, before the bill or  
1187 resolution is acted upon.

1188 (e) *Conveyance Bills.* Subject to the provisions of Rule 9(e), the  
1189 deadline for the committee on Government Administration and  
1190 Elections to vote to report favorably or unfavorably and submit  
1191 conveyance bills to the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall be 5:00  
1192 p.m. on May 19 in 2021 and April 13 in 2022.

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1194 (f) *Referral of Bill or Resolution by Chamber to Committee After*  
1195 *Deadline.* (1) Whenever a bill or resolution favorably or unfavorably  
1196 reported by one committee is referred by the House or the Senate to  
1197 another committee after its deadline under subsection (a) of this rule has  
1198 passed, the committee receiving such referred bill or resolution shall  
1199 meet to consider such bill or resolution on any day of the week and at  
1200 any time (A) before the start of the session of the third regular session

1201 day of the referring chamber after the date that the motion to refer is  
1202 adopted, or (B) not later than seven calendar days after such date of  
1203 adoption, whichever occurs first. Such committee may take the  
1204 following action on such referred bill or resolution: (i) Report it  
1205 favorably or unfavorably in accordance with the provisions of  
1206 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this rule, (ii) box it, or (iii) take no action.  
1207 Under no circumstances shall such committee refer such bill or  
1208 resolution to another committee.

1209 During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
1210 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
1211 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
1212 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19, a  
1213 bill or resolution referred by the House or the Senate under this  
1214 subdivision shall be considered in the possession of the committee to  
1215 which such bill or resolution has been referred upon such referral and  
1216 the entering of such referral on the General Assembly web site.

1217 (2) If the committee reports the bill or resolution favorably or  
1218 unfavorably, and the bill or resolution has not been amended in either  
1219 chamber, the committee may report a substitute bill or resolution, in  
1220 which case, there shall be a reprinting of the file. The entry on the  
1221 calendar in both chambers shall indicate the actions of the committee.

1222 (3) If the committee reports the bill or resolution favorably or  
1223 unfavorably, and the bill or resolution has been amended in either  
1224 chamber, the committee shall include in its report its recommendation  
1225 on the adoption or rejection of each amendment, and may submit  
1226 additional amendments to be offered on the floor. In such a case there  
1227 shall be no reprinting of the file. The entry on the calendar in both  
1228 chambers shall indicate the actions and recommendations of the  
1229 committee.

1230 (g) *Referral of Bill or Resolution by Chamber to Committee Before*  
1231 *Deadline During Emergencies Related to COVID-19.* During a  
1232 declaration of a public health or civil preparedness emergency related  
1233 to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time deemed necessary



1234 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
1235 House for public health concerns related to COVID-19, whenever a bill  
1236 or resolution favorably or unfavorably reported by one committee is  
1237 referred by the House or the Senate to another committee before its  
1238 deadline under subsection (a) of this rule has passed, such referred bill  
1239 or resolution shall be considered in the possession of the committee to  
1240 which such bill or resolution has been referred upon such referral and  
1241 the entering of such referral on the General Assembly web site.

1242 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS - READINGS**

1243 16. First reading of all bills and resolutions shall be (1) by the  
1244 acceptance by each chamber of a printed list of bills and resolutions,  
1245 prepared by the clerks of the House and Senate, setting forth numbers,  
1246 introducers, titles and committees to which referred, or (2) by title,  
1247 number and reference to a committee.

1248 Second reading shall be the report of a committee.

1249 Third reading shall be passage or rejection of a bill or adoption or  
1250 rejection of a resolution on the calendar. Each bill and each resolution  
1251 proposing an amendment to the constitution shall receive three  
1252 readings in each chamber prior to passage or adoption, and no bill or  
1253 resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution shall be read  
1254 twice on the same day.

1255 **FAVORABLE REPORTS**

1256 17. (a) *Committee Clerk's Signature.* When the House and Senate  
1257 members of any committee jointly vote to report a committee or raised  
1258 bill or resolution favorably, the committee clerk shall sign the committee  
1259 report form for such committee or raised bill or resolution, except  
1260 during a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness emergency  
1261 related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time deemed  
1262 necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker  
1263 of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19, such  
1264 signature shall not be required provided the clerk approves such

1265 committee report form.

1266 (b) *Resolutions on Appointments and Nominations.* A favorable  
1267 report by a joint standing committee of a resolution concerning a  
1268 General Assembly appointment or a nomination requiring joint  
1269 confirmation and a favorable report of any committee to which  
1270 executive and legislative nominations are referred shall be tabled for the  
1271 calendar and printed by number and title only. The report may be  
1272 accepted and the resolution adopted after it has appeared on the  
1273 calendar for two days.

1274 (c) *File Copies Available to Members.* All bills and all resolutions  
1275 proposing amendments to the constitution and other substantive  
1276 resolutions reported favorably by the committees to which they have  
1277 been referred, or by a majority of the members of the Senate or House  
1278 committee making the report, before third reading, shall be laid upon  
1279 the table, and sufficient copies of each bill or resolution together with  
1280 the number of committee members voting yea and the number voting  
1281 nay shall be printed under the supervision of the Legislative  
1282 Commissioners' Office for the use of the General Assembly.

1283 (d) *Timing of Action by Chambers.* Each bill and each joint resolution  
1284 proposing an amendment to the constitution and each other substantive  
1285 resolution so printed shall be in the files and on the calendar with a file  
1286 number for two session days and shall be starred for action on the  
1287 session day next succeeding, except that: (1) A bill or resolution certified  
1288 in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, if filed in the  
1289 House, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the Senate with  
1290 the consent of the Speaker; and if filed in the Senate, may be transmitted  
1291 to and acted upon first by the House with the consent of the President  
1292 Pro Tempore, (2) any bill or resolution certified in accordance with  
1293 section 2-26 of the general statutes may be acted upon immediately and  
1294 may be transmitted immediately to the second chamber and may be  
1295 acted upon immediately when received by the second chamber, (3) if  
1296 one chamber rejects an amendment adopted by the other chamber, the  
1297 bill or resolution after final action may be transmitted immediately to

1298 and may be placed on the calendar immediately in the second chamber,  
1299 (4) during the last five calendar days of the session, if one chamber  
1300 rejects an amendment adopted by the other chamber or adopts an  
1301 amendment to a bill or resolution received from the other chamber, or  
1302 takes any action on such bill or resolution requiring further action by  
1303 the other chamber, the bill or resolution after final action may be  
1304 transmitted immediately to the second chamber and placed  
1305 immediately on the calendar and may be acted upon immediately in the  
1306 second chamber, or (5) during the last five calendar days of the session,  
1307 any bill or resolution, after final action in one chamber, may be  
1308 transmitted immediately to the second chamber and may be placed on  
1309 the calendar immediately in the second chamber.

1310 (e) *Action on Calendar.* All bills and resolutions starred for action  
1311 shall be acted upon only when reached and any bill or resolution not  
1312 acted upon shall retain its place on the calendar, unless it is put at the  
1313 foot of the calendar or unless its consideration is made the order of the  
1314 day for some specified time.

1315 (f) *Other Provisions.* When the House or Senate members only of a  
1316 committee vote to report a bill or resolution favorably, the House or  
1317 Senate chairperson of the committee, as the case may be, shall sign the  
1318 bill or resolution. When the House members and Senate members of a  
1319 committee vote to report separate versions of a bill or resolution and  
1320 each chamber adopts its own version, both bills or resolutions may be  
1321 referred by a joint resolution to a committee of conference, appointed as  
1322 provided in Rule 22, with instructions to report a bill or resolution, as  
1323 the case may be. If no bill or resolution is reported within three session  
1324 days following the committee's appointment, the committee shall  
1325 submit an interim report to both chambers and shall continue to report  
1326 every second session day thereafter until a final decision is reached. If a  
1327 bill or resolution is agreed upon by the committee it shall be submitted  
1328 to the Legislative Commissioners' Office as a favorable report for  
1329 processing as provided in Rule 13. A legislative commissioner shall  
1330 transmit the bill or resolution with his or her approval to the clerk of the  
1331 chamber which initiated the joint resolution for a committee of

1332 conference and the bill or resolution shall thereupon be tabled for the  
1333 calendar and printing. The report of the committee may be accepted or  
1334 rejected, but the bill or resolution may not be amended.

1335 No bill or resolution shall appear on the calendar of either chamber  
1336 unless it has received a joint favorable report or a favorable report of the  
1337 members of the committee of that chamber, except as provided in this  
1338 rule or in Rule 19 or 20.

1339 (g) **Roll Call Requirement.** Each bill and each resolution proposing  
1340 an amendment to the constitution and each other substantive resolution  
1341 appearing on the regular calendar shall be voted upon by a roll call vote.

1342 **REPRINTING AFTER AMENDMENT**

1343 18. Whenever a bill or resolution is substantively amended there shall  
1344 be no action on passage of the bill or resolution until it has been re-  
1345 examined by the legislative commissioners for the purposes set forth in  
1346 Rule 13 and it has been reprinted as amended. The chamber in which  
1347 the bill or resolution is pending shall not take final action thereon until  
1348 the reprinted bill or resolution has been made available to the members.  
1349 This rule shall not apply to amendments offered solely for the purposes  
1350 of correcting clerical defects or imperfections, such as but not limited to,  
1351 grammatical or spelling errors or mistakes as to form or dates, or to  
1352 make other changes which do not alter the substance of a bill or  
1353 resolution. Reprinting of amended bills or resolutions shall not be  
1354 required for bills or resolutions passed after June 5, 2021, for the 2021  
1355 session and April 30, 2022, for the 2022 session.

1356 **PETITION FOR COMMITTEE REPORT**

1357 19. Upon presentation to the clerk of either chamber of a petition  
1358 signed in the original by not less than a majority of the members of either  
1359 chamber requesting a joint standing committee to report a bill or  
1360 resolution in its possession, the clerk shall immediately give notice to  
1361 the committee of the filing of the petition. The petition may not be  
1362 presented sooner than the day following the committee's deadline,

1363 designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15, to report the bill or  
1364 resolution out of committee and not later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventh  
1365 calendar day after that deadline. Within two regular session days  
1366 thereafter the committee shall report the bill or resolution with or  
1367 without its recommendations to the chamber from which the petition  
1368 was received. If no recommendation is made, the bill or resolution shall  
1369 be considered as having received an unfavorable report and the  
1370 procedures in Rule 20 shall be followed. Each petition or page of the  
1371 petition shall contain a statement of its purpose and may be circulated  
1372 only by a member of the chamber whose clerk will receive the petition.  
1373 If the committee members of one chamber vote to report a bill or  
1374 resolution favorably, the petition so circulated and presented to the  
1375 clerk may be signed only by the members of the other chamber.

1376 Any bill or resolution so petitioned, except those carrying or  
1377 requiring appropriations, shall not be referred to any other committee  
1378 without first having been voted upon by the House or Senate. Those  
1379 carrying or requiring appropriations shall be referred first to the joint  
1380 standing committee on Appropriations. The Appropriations committee  
1381 shall, within two session days after such reference, report such bill or  
1382 resolution back to the chamber in which the petition originated with  
1383 either a favorable or unfavorable report thereon and the bill or  
1384 resolution shall then be voted upon. In the event of a conflict between  
1385 the report of the original committee and that of the Appropriations  
1386 committee, the vote shall be on the report of the Appropriations  
1387 committee.

1388 **UNFAVORABLE REPORTS**

1389 20. All bills and resolutions reported unfavorably shall first be  
1390 printed under the supervision of the legislative commissioners, without  
1391 correction and without their approval, and shall be in the files and on  
1392 the calendar as if favorably reported but shall appear on the calendar  
1393 under the heading "Unfavorable Reports." If the unfavorable report is  
1394 rejected by the chamber of origin, the bill or resolution shall be returned  
1395 to the legislative commissioners for their approval and reprinting in

1396 final form, except that in the case of an unfavorable report of the  
1397 committee on executive and legislative nominations, or an unfavorable  
1398 report of the committee on judiciary of a judicial nomination, a  
1399 nomination of a workers' compensation commissioner or a nomination  
1400 of a member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the resolution shall  
1401 not be returned to the legislative commissioners and may be acted upon  
1402 immediately. If the bill or resolution is returned to the legislative  
1403 commissioners after May 26, 2021, in the 2021 session or April 20, 2022,  
1404 in the 2022 session, the legislative commissioners shall transmit the bill  
1405 or resolution, with or without approval, to the clerk of the chamber from  
1406 which it was received, not later than five calendar days after it is  
1407 received. It shall then be in the files, with special marking on the  
1408 calendar, as if favorably reported with a file number for two session  
1409 days and starred for action on the session day next succeeding in the  
1410 chamber of origin. If the unfavorable report is accepted by the chamber  
1411 of origin, the bill or resolution shall be lost.

1412       When an unfavorable report is rejected by the first chamber and the  
1413 bill is passed or the resolution adopted by that chamber, it shall then be  
1414 in the files and on the calendar of the other chamber, but shall appear  
1415 on the calendar under the heading "Unfavorable Reports".

1416                   RECALL FROM OTHER CHAMBER FOR RECONSIDERATION

1417       21. No resolution or motion to recall a bill, resolution or other matter  
1418 from the other chamber shall be allowed for the purpose of  
1419 reconsideration or amendment after the time has elapsed for the  
1420 reconsideration of any vote thereon except when there has clearly been  
1421 a mistake in such vote or an error in the language of the bill, resolution  
1422 or other matter.

1423                   COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

1424       22. (a) *Appointment of Committee.* When one chamber rejects an  
1425 amendment adopted by the other chamber, the bill or resolution shall  
1426 be returned to the other chamber for further action. If that chamber  
1427 readopts the rejected amendment, the readoption constitutes a matter

1428 for a committee of conference, and a committee of conference shall be  
1429 appointed by the Speaker and the President Pro Tempore. The  
1430 committee of conference shall be comprised of three members from each  
1431 chamber. If the vote has not been unanimous there shall be at least one  
1432 member of the committee who was not on the prevailing side in such  
1433 member's chamber, except that in all cases, at least one member in each  
1434 chamber shall be a member of the minority party.

1435 (b) *Committee Reports.* The committee may propose any changes  
1436 within the scope of the bill or resolution, but any action, including  
1437 changes, taken by the committee shall be by a majority vote of the  
1438 members of each chamber on the committee. The committee report shall  
1439 be made to both chambers at the same time. The committee report shall  
1440 contain the following information: The bill or resolution number and  
1441 title, the members of the committee, the action of the committee,  
1442 indicating the adoption or rejection of each House or Senate amendment  
1443 previously adopted, identified by schedule letter, which accompanied  
1444 the bill or resolution, the adoption of a new amendment, if any, and the  
1445 signature of the members of the committee accepting or rejecting the  
1446 report. A member's refusal to sign shall be deemed a rejection. Any new  
1447 amendment shall be prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office  
1448 and shall be attached to and made a part of the report and shall be  
1449 identified by a schedule letter of the chamber which created the  
1450 disagreeing action.

1451 (c) *Action by Chambers.* Each chamber shall vote to accept or reject  
1452 the report. A vote by either chamber to accept the report of the  
1453 committee shall be final action by that chamber on the bill or resolution.  
1454 If both chambers vote to accept the report of the committee, the bill is  
1455 passed or the resolution is adopted as of the time the last chamber votes  
1456 to accept the report. If either chamber rejects the report of the committee,  
1457 the bill or resolution is defeated and the second chamber shall not be  
1458 required to consider the committee report. The report of the committee  
1459 may be accepted or rejected, but it may not be amended.

1460 RETURN OF BILL FROM GOVERNOR OR LEGISLATIVE

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COMMISSIONERS

1462 23. Whenever a bill has passed both chambers and has been  
1463 transmitted to the Governor for approval, or to the legislative  
1464 commissioners for engrossing, if either chamber desires its return for  
1465 further consideration, the General Assembly may, by resolution  
1466 adopted by both chambers, appoint a joint committee of one senator and  
1467 two representatives to be sent to the Governor or the commissioners to  
1468 request the return of the bill. In the case of a bill transmitted to the  
1469 Governor, if the Governor consents, and in the case of a bill transmitted  
1470 to the legislative commissioners, the bill shall be returned first to that  
1471 chamber in which the motion for its return originated, and the bill may  
1472 then be altered or totally rejected by a concurrent vote of the two  
1473 chambers; but, if not altered or rejected by concurrent vote, it shall be  
1474 again transmitted to the Governor or the legislative commissioners, as  
1475 the case may be, in the same form in which it was first presented to the  
1476 Governor or the legislative commissioners.

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EXAMINATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

1478 24. (a) *Examination and Correction.* All bills, and all resolutions  
1479 proposing amendments to the constitution, when finally passed or  
1480 adopted, shall be examined immediately by the legislative  
1481 commissioners. If the legislative commissioners find that any correction  
1482 should be made in the text, they shall report it to the committee on  
1483 legislative management. If the committee believes that no correction  
1484 should be made, it shall so inform the legislative commissioners. If the  
1485 committee believes a correction should be made, it shall so inform the  
1486 legislative commissioners who shall report the bill or resolution to the  
1487 chamber which last took action upon it, with the proposed correction in  
1488 the form of an amendment, within five calendar days, Sundays and  
1489 holidays excepted, after its passage or adoption.

1490 (b) *Consideration of Proposed Correction.* The report shall be placed  
1491 at the head of the calendar, and shall take precedence of all other  
1492 business on the calendar; and the only question on the report shall be,  
1493 "Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?" If the proposed



1494 amendment is adopted by both chambers, the bill or resolution shall  
1495 stand as amended. If the proposed amendment is rejected by either  
1496 chamber, the bill or resolution shall not be transmitted to the other  
1497 chamber, but shall stand as originally passed or adopted. If, in the  
1498 consequence of the adjournment of the General Assembly subject to  
1499 reconvening for the consideration of vetoed bills or for any other reason,  
1500 any bill or resolution which has been passed or adopted by both  
1501 chambers fails to be amended as recommended by the commissioners,  
1502 the bill or resolution shall stand as originally passed or adopted.

1503 **ENGROSSING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

1504 25. All bills, all resolutions proposing amendments to the constitution  
1505 and all resolutions memorializing Congress when finally passed or  
1506 adopted shall be engrossed under the direction of the legislative  
1507 commissioners, and immediately thereafter shall be transmitted to the  
1508 clerks. The legislative commissioners shall carefully compare all  
1509 engrossed bills and resolutions with the bills and resolutions as finally  
1510 passed or adopted, and a commissioner shall certify by his or her  
1511 signature to the correctness of the engrossed copies. As soon as  
1512 engrossed and certified, as herein provided, the bill or resolution and  
1513 amendment shall be presented to the House and Senate clerks, who shall  
1514 sign the engrossed and certified copies.

1515 **TRANSMITTAL TO GOVERNOR**

1516 26. (a) *Transmittal of Copy*. On the passage of a bill by both  
1517 chambers, the clerk of the chamber last taking action thereon shall  
1518 forthwith cause a copy to be sent to the Governor.

1519 (b) *Engrossed Bills and Resolutions*. Each bill and resolution, with  
1520 the engrossed copy, shall be transmitted by the clerks of the House and  
1521 Senate to the Secretary of the State as soon as it has been signed, as  
1522 herein provided, and not later than the twelfth day after the expiration  
1523 of the time allowed for reconsideration under the rules of the General  
1524 Assembly, Sundays and legal holidays excepted; and the Secretary of  
1525 the State shall forthwith present the engrossed copy of each bill to the

1526 Governor for approval.

1527 (c) *Records of Transmittal*. The Secretary of the State shall give the  
1528 clerks a receipt for each bill or resolution, and shall notify them of the  
1529 date and time at which each bill was presented to the Governor. The  
1530 Secretary of the State shall give the Governor a receipt showing the date  
1531 and time at which the Governor approved it or returned it to the  
1532 Secretary of the State with a statement of his or her objections and shall  
1533 notify the clerks of the dates and times. The clerks shall record the dates  
1534 and times of presentation and approval or return in the journals of the  
1535 House and Senate.

1536 (d) *Immediate Transmittal*. The chamber last taking action on a bill,  
1537 before engrossing, may order immediate transmittal of the bill to the  
1538 Governor, in which case the clerk of that chamber shall forthwith  
1539 present the bill to the Governor, taking a duplicate receipt therefor  
1540 showing the date and time at which the bill was deposited in the  
1541 executive office, one of which receipts the clerk shall deliver to the  
1542 Secretary of the State. Except as provided in this subsection, a bill shall  
1543 be transmitted to the Governor only after engrossing.

1544 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS NOT REPORTED**

1545 27. The official copies of all bills and joint resolutions not reported by  
1546 committees shall be delivered to the Secretary of the State by the clerk  
1547 of the committee.

1548 **DISTURBANCES**

1549 28. (a) If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity  
1550 in or about the State Capitol or the Legislative Office Building or the  
1551 grounds thereof which, in the opinion of the President Pro Tempore and  
1552 the Speaker, may impede the orderly transaction of the business of the  
1553 General Assembly or any of its committees, they may take whatever  
1554 action they deem necessary to preserve and restore order.

1555 (b) During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
1556 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time

1557 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
1558 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19,  
1559 the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker may take whatever action  
1560 they deem necessary to preserve public health and maintain order,  
1561 including prohibiting access to the Hall of the House, the Senate or the  
1562 State Capitol or Legislative Office Building, except for the members, the  
1563 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, authorized staff  
1564 of the legislative, executive and judicial departments, authorized  
1565 telecommunications personnel and authorized or credentialed members  
1566 of the media.

1567 **AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF RULES**

1568 29. These rules shall not be altered, amended or suspended except by  
1569 the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present in each chamber.

1570 Motions to suspend the rules shall be in order on any session day.

1571 Suspension of the rules shall be for a specified purpose. Upon  
1572 accomplishment of that purpose, any rule suspended shall be again in  
1573 force.

1574 **RESTRICTIONS**

1575 30. (a) *Smoking*. No person shall smoke in the State Capitol or  
1576 Legislative Office Building.

1577 (b) *Nonpartisan Offices*. Lobbyists shall be prohibited from the  
1578 Legislative Commissioners' Office, the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the  
1579 Office of Legislative Research but not from the legislative library.

1580 (c) *Wireless Telephones*. No person shall operate a wireless telephone  
1581 or similar device in the senate chamber while the senate is meeting, in  
1582 the house chamber while the house is meeting, or in any room while a  
1583 committee is meeting or holding a public hearing in that room.

1584 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS**

1585 31. When a collective bargaining agreement, negotiated under the

1586 provisions of chapter 68 of the general statutes, or a supplemental  
1587 understanding reached between the parties to such agreement, or an  
1588 arbitration award resulting from an arbitration proceeding under that  
1589 chapter, is submitted to the General Assembly for approval as provided  
1590 in section 5-278 of the general statutes, the following procedures shall  
1591 apply:

1592 (1) In the case of a collective bargaining agreement or supplemental  
1593 understanding, the bargaining representative of the employer shall file  
1594 one executed original and five photocopies of the agreement, or of the  
1595 master agreement and individual working agreements or the  
1596 supplemental understanding, to the clerk of the House, and one  
1597 executed original and five photocopies to the clerk of the Senate. In the  
1598 case of an arbitration award, the bargaining representative of the  
1599 employer shall file five photocopies of the original arbitration award,  
1600 showing that the original award was signed by the arbitrator, and a  
1601 statement setting forth the amount of funds necessary to implement the  
1602 award, to the clerk of the House and to the clerk of the Senate. The  
1603 bargaining representative of the employer shall file with such  
1604 agreement, supplemental understanding or award: (A) A list of the  
1605 sections of the general statutes or state agency regulations, if any,  
1606 proposed to be superseded, and (B) the effective date and expiration  
1607 date of the agreement, supplemental understanding or award. An  
1608 agreement shall be deemed executed only when it has been approved,  
1609 in the case of an executive branch employer, including the division of  
1610 criminal justice, by the Governor's designee, in the case of a judicial  
1611 branch employer, by the chief administrative officer or such officer's  
1612 designee, and in the case of a segment of the system of higher education,  
1613 the chairperson of the appropriate board of trustees, and by the  
1614 executive committee or officers of the respective bargaining unit or units  
1615 and has been ratified by the membership of such bargaining unit or  
1616 units.

1617 During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
1618 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
1619 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the

1620 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19,  
1621 the bargaining representative of the employer shall submit an electronic  
1622 copy of any such agreement, supplemental understanding or award to  
1623 each the clerk of the House and the clerk of the Senate at the time the  
1624 bargaining representative files such agreement, supplemental  
1625 understanding or award under this subdivision.

1626 (2) (A) During periods when the General Assembly is in session, the  
1627 agreement or supplemental understanding or the award shall be filed  
1628 with the clerks, and the clerks shall stamp such agreement or  
1629 supplemental understanding or award with the date of receipt and,  
1630 within two calendar days thereafter, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays  
1631 excepted, the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of  
1632 the Senate shall cause separate House and Senate resolutions to be  
1633 prepared proposing approval of the agreement or supplemental  
1634 understanding or, in the case of an award, separate House and Senate  
1635 resolutions concerning the sufficiency of funds for implementation of  
1636 the award. The agreement or supplemental understanding or the award  
1637 shall be submitted to the General Assembly on the date that both such  
1638 resolutions are filed with the clerks. Each resolution shall be given a first  
1639 reading in the appropriate chamber. Resolutions proposing approval of  
1640 a collective bargaining agreement or a supplemental understanding,  
1641 together with a copy of the agreement or supplemental understanding,  
1642 and resolutions concerning the sufficiency of funds for implementation  
1643 of an arbitration award, together with a copy of the award, shall be  
1644 referred to the committee on Appropriations. During a declaration of a  
1645 public health or civil preparedness emergency related to COVID-19 by  
1646 the Governor, or at any other time deemed necessary by the President  
1647 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House for public  
1648 health concerns related to COVID-19, any such resolution shall be  
1649 considered in the possession of the committee on Appropriations upon  
1650 referral of such resolution. With respect to each resolution referred to  
1651 the committee on or before the deadline of the committee to report  
1652 favorably on a bill or resolution as designated in the schedule shown in  
1653 Rule 15, the committee shall hold a public hearing on each such  
1654 resolution, and within fifteen days after the referral, shall report the

1655 appropriate resolutions approving or disapproving the agreement or  
1656 supplemental understanding or concerning the sufficiency of funds for  
1657 implementation of the award to the House and the Senate,  
1658 notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15. If the Appropriations  
1659 committee fails to take action within the time period set forth in this rule,  
1660 the agreement or supplemental understanding shall nevertheless be  
1661 deemed approved or, in the case of an award, the sufficiency of funds  
1662 affirmed and the resolutions shall be reported to the House and the  
1663 Senate as favorable reports.

1664 (B) If an agreement or supplemental understanding is reached or an  
1665 arbitration award is made during the interim between sessions, the  
1666 provisions of subsection (b) of section 5-278 of the general statutes, as  
1667 amended, shall apply.

1668 (3) Each resolution, favorably or unfavorably reported, shall be read  
1669 in, and tabled for the calendar and printing, in the appropriate chamber.  
1670 Copies of the master agreement and individual working agreements,  
1671 identified by the resolution numbers, copies of the salary schedules and  
1672 appendices, and copies of the arbitration awards, identified by the  
1673 resolution numbers, and the statements setting forth the amount of  
1674 funds necessary to implement the awards, shall be made available in the  
1675 clerks' offices.

1676 (4) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall prepare an analysis of each  
1677 agreement, supplemental understanding and award and a fiscal note  
1678 both of which shall be upon the desks of the members, but not  
1679 necessarily printed in the files, before the resolution is acted upon.

1680 (5) (A) The respective resolutions shall be in the files and on the  
1681 calendar with a file number for two session days and shall be starred for  
1682 action on the session day next succeeding unless it has been certified in  
1683 accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes. The House and the  
1684 Senate shall vote to approve or reject each resolution proposing  
1685 approval of a collective bargaining agreement or a supplemental  
1686 understanding and each resolution concerning the sufficiency of funds  
1687 for implementation of an arbitration award within thirty days after the

1688 date of the filing of the agreement, supplemental understanding or  
1689 award with the clerks of the House and Senate.

1690 (B) The House and the Senate shall each permit not more than six  
1691 hours of total time for debate of each such resolution. Those speaking in  
1692 favor of such resolution shall be allocated not more than three hours of  
1693 total time for debate, and those speaking in opposition to such  
1694 resolution shall be allocated not more than three hours of total time for  
1695 debate. A vote shall be taken on the resolution upon the conclusion of  
1696 the debate.

1697 (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this  
1698 subdivision, if the debate on such resolution occurs during the last three  
1699 days of the thirty-day period, the House and the Senate shall each  
1700 permit not more than four hours of total time for debate of such  
1701 resolution. Those speaking in favor of such resolution shall be allocated  
1702 not more than two hours of total time for debate and those speaking in  
1703 opposition to such resolution shall be allocated not more than two hours  
1704 of total time for debate. A vote shall be taken on the resolution upon the  
1705 conclusion of the debate.

1706 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15, when a resolution  
1707 proposing approval of a collective bargaining agreement or a  
1708 supplemental understanding or a resolution concerning the sufficiency  
1709 of funds for implementation of an arbitration award is referred to the  
1710 committee on Appropriations after the deadline of the committee to  
1711 report favorably on a bill or resolution as designated in the schedule  
1712 shown in Rule 15, but was filed more than thirty days before the end of  
1713 a regular session, the committee may act on such resolutions provided  
1714 it reports such resolutions to the House and Senate not later than twelve  
1715 days after such referral.

1716 (7) If the General Assembly is in regular session when an award,  
1717 agreement or supplemental understanding is filed with the clerks, it  
1718 shall vote to approve or reject such award, agreement or supplemental  
1719 understanding within thirty days after the date of filing. If the General  
1720 Assembly does not vote to approve or reject such award, agreement or

1721 supplemental understanding within such thirty days, the award,  
1722 agreement or supplemental understanding shall be deemed rejected. If  
1723 the regular session adjourns prior to such thirtieth day and the award,  
1724 agreement or supplemental understanding has not been acted upon, the  
1725 award, agreement or supplemental understanding shall be deemed to  
1726 be filed on the first day of the next regular session.

1727 (8) (A) If an agreement is rejected, the matter shall be returned to the  
1728 parties in accordance with section 5-278(b)(2)(A) of the general statutes.  
1729 The parties may submit any award issued pursuant to arbitration  
1730 initiated under said section 5-278(b)(2)(A) to the General Assembly for  
1731 approval in the same manner as the rejected agreement. If the arbitration  
1732 award is rejected by the General Assembly, the matter shall be returned  
1733 again to the parties in accordance with said section 5-278(b)(2)(A). Any  
1734 award issued pursuant to further arbitration initiated under said section  
1735 5-278(b)(2)(A) shall be deemed approved by the General Assembly.

1736 (B) If an arbitration award, other than an award issued pursuant to  
1737 section 5-278(b)(2)(A) of the general statutes, is rejected, the matter shall  
1738 be returned to the parties in accordance with section 5-278(b)(2)(B) of  
1739 the general statutes. Any award issued pursuant to further arbitration  
1740 initiated under said section 5-278(b)(2)(B) shall be deemed approved by  
1741 the General Assembly.

1742           AGREEMENTS OR STIPULATIONS UNDER SECTION 3-125a

1743       32. When an agreement or stipulation is submitted to the General  
1744 Assembly as provided in section 3-125a of the general statutes, the  
1745 following procedures shall apply:

1746       (1) Six copies of the agreement or stipulation shall be submitted to the  
1747 clerk of the House, and six copies to the clerk of the Senate.

1748       During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
1749 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
1750 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
1751 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19,



1752 six copies of the agreement or stipulation and an electronic copy of the  
1753 agreement or stipulation shall be submitted to the clerk of the House,  
1754 and six copies and an electronic copy to the clerk of the Senate.

1755 (2) (A) During periods when the General Assembly is in session, the  
1756 agreement or stipulation shall be stamped by the clerks with the date of  
1757 receipt and, within two calendar days thereafter, Saturdays, Sundays  
1758 and holidays excepted, the Speaker of the House and the President Pro  
1759 Tempore of the Senate shall cause separate House and Senate  
1760 resolutions to be prepared proposing approval of the agreement or  
1761 stipulation. Each resolution shall be given a first reading in the  
1762 appropriate chamber. The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker shall  
1763 designate the committees of cognizance and the committees, if any, that  
1764 will hold a public hearing on each agreement or stipulation. Each  
1765 resolution, accompanied by the agreement or stipulation, shall be  
1766 referred to the committees of cognizance, which shall report thereon.

1767 During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
1768 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
1769 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
1770 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19,  
1771 any such resolution shall be considered in the possession of the  
1772 committee of cognizance upon referral of such resolution.

1773 (B) If an agreement or stipulation is submitted during the interim  
1774 between regular sessions, it shall be deemed to be submitted on the first  
1775 day of the next regular session.

1776 (3) Each resolution, favorably or unfavorably reported, shall be read  
1777 in, and tabled for the calendar and printing, in the appropriate chamber.

1778 (4) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall prepare an analysis of each  
1779 agreement or stipulation and a fiscal note both of which shall be upon  
1780 the desks of the members, but not necessarily printed in the files, before  
1781 the resolution is acted upon.

1782 (5) The resolution shall be in the files and on the calendar with a file

1783 number for two session days and shall be starred for action on the  
1784 session day next succeeding unless it has been certified in accordance  
1785 with section 2-26 of the general statutes. The House and the Senate may  
1786 vote to approve or reject each resolution within thirty days of the date  
1787 of submittal of the agreement or stipulation.

1788 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15, when an agreement or  
1789 stipulation is referred to a committee of cognizance after the deadline of  
1790 the committee to report favorably on a bill or resolution as designated  
1791 in the schedule shown in Rule 15, but not later than the time of  
1792 submission specified in subdivision (7) of this rule, the committee may  
1793 act on such resolution provided it reports such resolution not later than  
1794 twelve days after such referral.

1795 (7) Any agreement or stipulation submitted to the clerks within thirty  
1796 days before the end of a regular session and not acted upon dispositively  
1797 before the end of such session shall be deemed to be submitted on the  
1798 first day of the next regular session.

1799 SPECIAL SESSIONS

1800 33. A majority of the total membership of each chamber shall be  
1801 required for the calling of a special session by the General Assembly.

1802 INTERIM

1803 34. (a) *Meetings*. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2)  
1804 of this subsection, during the interim between sessions, chairpersons of  
1805 a committee may schedule meetings on any day. Notice of the date, time  
1806 and place of committee meetings shall be given to the Office of  
1807 Legislative Management.

1808 (2) During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
1809 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
1810 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
1811 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19,  
1812 committees shall conduct meetings only on a virtual platform approved  
1813 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the

1814 House, and each member may only participate and vote at such meeting  
1815 on such virtual platform. Notice of the date, time and manner of  
1816 committee meetings shall be given to the Office of Legislative  
1817 Management and posted on the General Assembly web site, and the  
1818 notice provided to committee members and staff shall include the  
1819 Internet web site address for participation at such meeting, and the  
1820 notice provided to members of the public shall include the Internet web  
1821 site address or television channel in which such meeting will be  
1822 broadcast. All such meetings shall be broadcast contemporaneously on  
1823 television or on an Internet web site identified in the notice of such  
1824 meeting. In the event of a technological issue that is preventing or  
1825 otherwise limiting the transaction of the business of the committee or  
1826 the committee's ability to comply with these rules, prior to or during a  
1827 meeting conducted on a virtual platform, the chairpersons of the  
1828 committee may take whatever action they deem necessary in accordance  
1829 with the provisions of Rule 5(a)(5).

1830       (b) *Public Hearings.* (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision  
1831 (2) of this subsection, a committee may hold subject matter public  
1832 hearings on any subject and on specified proposed bills and proposed  
1833 resolutions, and on committee and raised bills and resolutions. Notice  
1834 of any public hearing shall be given, not later than ten calendar days  
1835 before the hearing, to the Office of Legislative Management for  
1836 appropriate publication by that office at least five calendar days in  
1837 advance of the hearing. The notice shall contain the date, time, place and  
1838 general subject matter of the hearing and the title of the bills or  
1839 resolutions, if any, to be considered. In no event shall a bill or resolution  
1840 be listed for a public hearing unless the committee holding the public  
1841 hearing has copies available for the public.

1842       (2) During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
1843 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
1844 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
1845 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19, a  
1846 committee may hold subject matter public hearings on any subject and  
1847 on specified proposed bills and proposed resolutions, and on committee

1848 and raised bills and resolutions, provided the public hearing is  
1849 conducted on a virtual platform approved by the President Pro  
1850 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. Notice of any  
1851 public hearing shall be given, not later than ten calendar days before the  
1852 hearing, to the Office of Legislative Management for appropriate  
1853 publication by that office at least five calendar days in advance of the  
1854 hearing. The notice shall contain the (A) date, time, manner and general  
1855 subject matter of the hearing and the title of the bills or resolutions, if  
1856 any, to be considered, (B) the Internet web site address for participation  
1857 at such hearing, and (C) the Internet web site address or television  
1858 channel in which such meeting will be broadcast. Members of the public  
1859 may submit the names of persons who wish to testify at such public  
1860 hearing to the committee clerk, in a manner described in the notice for  
1861 such public hearing, and such names shall be included in a lottery that  
1862 will determine the order of testimony of witnesses during the public  
1863 portion of the hearing. In no event shall a bill or resolution be listed for  
1864 a public hearing unless the committee conducting such public hearing  
1865 has posted such bill or resolution on the General Assembly web site. In  
1866 the event of a technological issue that is preventing or otherwise limiting  
1867 the transaction of the business of the committee or the committee's  
1868 ability to comply with these rule, prior to or during a public hearing  
1869 conducted on a virtual platform, the chairpersons of the committee may  
1870 take whatever action they deem necessary in accordance with the  
1871 provisions of Rule 6(a)(4).

1872 (3) For the purpose of meeting the hearing requirements under this  
1873 subsection, the day of publication by the Office of Legislative  
1874 Management and the day of the hearing shall both be counted as full  
1875 days.

1876 (c) *Raised Bills - Hearing During Session Required.* During the  
1877 interim between the 2021 and 2022 sessions, a committee may, on or  
1878 after October 1, 2021, raise bills and resolutions for public hearing and  
1879 consideration during such interim, but no such bill or resolution shall  
1880 be reported by any committee unless a public hearing has been held  
1881 during the 2022 session, as provided in Rule 6.

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

1883        35. The sexual harassment policy set forth in section 2.2 of the  
1884 Connecticut General Assembly Employee Handbook, as amended from  
1885 time to time, is incorporated by reference in these rules.

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MASKS

1887        36. During a declaration of a public health or civil preparedness  
1888 emergency related to COVID-19 by the Governor, or at any other time  
1889 deemed necessary by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
1890 Speaker of the House for public health concerns related to COVID-19,  
1891 each member or other person present in the State Capitol or Legislative  
1892 Office Building shall maintain a cloth face covering or mask over the  
1893 member's or person's nose and mouth. This rule does not apply to a  
1894 member who is in the senate chamber or the house chamber and is  
1895 addressing the chair and able to maintain a distance of at least six feet  
1896 from any other member or person.

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BIPARTISAN COMMISSION ON INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

1898

AND THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

1899        37. For the 2021 regular session there is established a bipartisan  
1900 commission on intellectual disabilities and the impact of COVID-19. The  
1901 commission shall consist of the following members: One appointed by  
1902 the Speaker of the House, one appointed by the President Pro Tempore  
1903 of the Senate, one appointed by the majority leader of the House, one  
1904 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one appointed by the  
1905 minority leader of the House and one appointed by the minority leader  
1906 of the Senate. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
1907 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the  
1908 commission from among the members of the commission. Such  
1909 chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the commission and the  
1910 commission shall meet as necessary. The commission may submit  
1911 proposals for legislation to the appropriate committee of cognizance.