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## **2008 REGULAR AND JUNE SPECIAL SESSION BILL TRACKING REPORT**

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This report lists the bills considered during the General Assembly's 2008 regular session and June Special Session (JSS) whose provisions were enacted under another bill number. The provisions of many bills that die in committee or on the calendar in fact become law after (1) the original committee incorporates them in another bill that receives a favorable report or (2) a member offers the concept as an amendment that is adopted and incorporated in another bill. This report includes bills that may have changed in the final enactment from the language of the original committee bill or file, but that represent the legislature's final action on the matter taken during one of the sessions referenced above.

During the 2008 regular session and June Special Session, the content or concept of 74 bills started as separate legislation but was later incorporated in other bills that passed. Of those, the governor vetoed three. Table 1 lists the original bills in numeric order and shows the public act that included their provisions. Table 2 lists the bills by the committee to which they were first referred. Table 3 lists the bills considered during the regular session that were incorporated in acts passed in the special session.

**Table 1: Bill Tracking by Original Bill Number**

<i>Originated As Bill #</i>	<i>Enacted as Public Act #</i>	<i>Brief Explanation of Concept</i>
<a href="#">21</a>	<a href="#">08-176</a>	Includes several mortgage lending reform concepts and changes to the national mortgage licensing system
<a href="#">25</a>	<a href="#">08-169</a>	Increases the FY 09 state bond authorization for school construction projects
<a href="#">40</a>	<a href="#">08-123</a>	Authorizes the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to provide an additional 500 "Next Steps" supportive housing units for people with mental illness
<a href="#">56</a>	<a href="#">08-105</a> and <a href="#">08-156</a>	Establishes a permanent enforcement commission on employers misclassifying employees in order to evade requirements under employment law (PA 08-156 includes an advisory board to the commission)
<a href="#">118</a>	<a href="#">08-94</a>	Requires applicants seeking a new or expanded permit, certificate, or siting approval for certain facilities (an "affecting facility") in an environmental justice community from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or the Connecticut Siting Council to file and receive approval of a meaningful public participation plan
<a href="#">271</a> House "A"	<a href="#">08-2 (JSS)</a>	Modifies (1) receivership and post-judgment remedy laws by increasing the amount that a receiver may pay for certain consumer deposits, including deposits made to a home heating oil or propane gas dealer under a prepaid or capped price per gallon contract, and (2) receivership laws by increasing the amount that a court may pay for wages owed to the limit set by federal bankruptcy law
<a href="#">271</a> House "A" and <a href="#">529</a>	<a href="#">08-2 (JSS)</a>	Bans franchisors from prohibiting their franchisees from giving cash discounts
<a href="#">278</a>	<a href="#">08-125</a>	Eliminates a three-day hospital stay requirement before receiving residential treatment as a prerequisite to insurance coverage for the residential treatment
<a href="#">290</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 55	Expands and revises requirements for scrap metal processors receiving certain loads of scrap metal, imposes requirements on junk dealers and junk yard owners receiving certain types of metal goods, and makes violations of the new and revised requirements misdemeanors
<a href="#">292</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 32	Applies the same penalty for failing to grant the right-of-way to a blind person as applies for failing to yield to a pedestrian using a crosswalk
<a href="#">293</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 29	Modifies a requirement for providing title certificates for vehicles sold at motor vehicle auctions
<a href="#">295</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 49-54	Includes Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) inspectors designated by the commissioner to enforce motor vehicle laws under several laws covering use of physical force or deadly force when making an arrest, resisting arrest, hindering an arrest, and assault on a public safety officer
<a href="#">299</a>	<a href="#">08-101</a> §§ 13-15	Authorizes use of transportation bonding for bicycle and pedestrian access projects, requires the

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<b>Originated As Bill #</b>	<b>Enacted as Public Act #</b>	<b>Brief Explanation of Concept</b>
		Department of Transportation (DOT) to implement a "Share the Road" public awareness campaign within available appropriations, and specifies that vehicles overtaking and passing a bicyclist maintain a distance of at least three feet when passing
<a href="#">300</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 30	Authorizes the DMV commissioner to waive the fee for any applicant for a non-driver photo identification card who is a resident of a homeless shelter or other facility
<a href="#">302</a>	<a href="#">08-101</a> §§ 8-10	Authorizes the DOT commissioner to initiate harbor improvement projects, creates a special account to fund the projects, and removes limits on state grants to municipalities for harbor projects
<a href="#">333</a> and <a href="#">5507</a>	<a href="#">08-3</a> (JSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Generally permits state courts to revoke or reduce any retirement or other benefits of public officials or employees who commit crimes related to their employment</li> <li>▪ Makes failure to report a bribe a crime for public servants</li> <li>▪ Expands illegal campaign finance practices to cover certain solicitations by chiefs of staff</li> <li>▪ Requires the Office of State Ethics to provide mandatory training to legislators on the Code of Ethics</li> </ul>
<a href="#">387</a> §2	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 38	Increases, from three to eight, the number of hours of Alzheimer's and dementia-specific training that Alzheimer's special care units or programs must annually provide to licensed and registered direct care staff and nurse's aides who provide direct care
<a href="#">405</a>	<a href="#">08-170</a>	Expands grants for computer-assisted writing, instruction, and testing
<a href="#">413</a>	<a href="#">08-165</a> (VETOED)	Establishes a Health and Human Services Cabinet to recommend a long-term funding solution for nonprofit community providers under purchase of service agreements with state agencies
<a href="#">420</a>	<a href="#">08-14</a>	Changes several certificate of need (CON) process deadlines concerning the Office of Health Care Access
<a href="#">421</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 62	Prohibits minors under 18 from possessing tobacco in public places
<a href="#">463</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 55	Requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to make local boards of education aware of meningitis information
<a href="#">483</a>	<a href="#">08-109</a>	Requires DPH to collect certain information to create individual public profiles on dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, podiatrists, naturopaths, dental hygienists, advanced practice registered nurses, and physical therapists
<a href="#">500</a>	<a href="#">08-114</a>	Establishes two new offenses of endangerment and aggravated endangerment of a highway worker, establishes penalties and relevant definitions, and creates an advisory council on safety improvements in highway work zones
<a href="#">503</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Makes it a misdemeanor to sell or disclose personal information from motor vehicle records for an</li> </ul>

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		<p>unauthorized purpose and clarifies a provision of the law (§ 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Requires applicants for auto recycling business licenses to certify that they are in compliance with environmental laws as a prerequisite for licensure and establishes related requirements (§ 10)</li> <li>▪ Allows DMV to extend the expiration dates of licenses, registrations, and other credentials under certain emergency or other circumstances (§ 19)</li> <li>▪ Requires anyone applying for a Connecticut driver's license who has not previously been licensed in Connecticut or elsewhere to take an eight-hour course on safe driving practices as a prerequisite to licensure (§ 28)</li> <li>▪ Requires that the model year specified for a modified antique motor vehicle be the model year that the vehicle's body most closely resembles (§ 5)</li> <li>▪ Requires DMV to keep an updated copy of the International Registration Plan at its main office and available for public inspection (§ 6);</li> <li>▪ Requires DMV regulations that currently apply only to secondary school driver education programs and require a teaching segment on the purposes and procedures of organ procurement organizations to include commercial driving schools as well (§ 8);</li> <li>▪ Allows the commissioner to waive the fee for a set of replacement plates to someone who produces a police report indicating that the plates were stolen or mutilated regardless of the reason why they were stolen or mutilated (§ 9)</li> <li>▪ Modifies requirements for qualification for licensure as a driving instructor to include status with respect to the state child abuse and neglect registry and other factors (§ 11)</li> <li>▪ Changes requirements regarding video displays in motor vehicles that can be seen by the driver (§ 12)</li> <li>▪ Makes conduct of exhaust emissions inspections of heavy duty commercial motor vehicles in concert with vehicle weight and safety inspections discretionary rather than mandatory and makes other minor changes (§ 13)</li> <li>▪ Explicitly allows DMV to accept certificates of title issued by Indian tribes that are officially recognized by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (§ 14)</li> <li>▪ Exempts municipally owned motor vehicles from DMV motor vehicle title and title-related fees (§ 15)</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Specifies that (a) someone learning to drive a commercial motor vehicle under a learner's permit may not drive under instruction if he has been suspended (usually for medical reasons) and (b) the person providing the instruction must have a commercial driver's license of the proper class and with the endorsements necessary for the type of vehicle being driven (§ 7)</li> <li>▪ Authorizes DMV to establish a system to verify commercial motor vehicle insurance coverage electronically (§ 19)</li> <li>▪ Makes it clear that someone who holds a commercial driver's license can also operate any other vehicles that can be operated with a lower classification non-commercial license (§ 20)</li> <li>▪ Authorizes the commissioner to allow marine dealers to issue boat trailer registrations through DMV's online registration system, if the dealers are registered with the DEP commissioner (§ 21)</li> <li>▪ Establishes a procedure for lienholders to release a security interest in a motor vehicle electronically, in addition to written form (§ 22)</li> <li>▪ Incorporates federal standards regarding drug testing procedures for tests required of drivers of school buses and student transportation vehicles (STV) to make it clear what standards must be applied to STV drivers since many of them do not hold commercial driver's licenses (§ 23);</li> <li>▪ Revises laws on mopeds and motor-driven cycles (§§ 16-17)</li> <li>▪ Adds several new definitions to the motor vehicle laws, including one defining an unregistered motor vehicle, and modifies others (§§ 1-2)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">521</a>	<a href="#">08-2 (JSS)</a>	Eliminates the scheduled increase in the petroleum products gross earnings tax
<a href="#">524</a>	<a href="#">08-106</a>	Prohibits placing in the stream of commerce certain products, including those that have been the subject a voluntary recall, and addresses reporting requirements for the final disposition of the recalled products
<a href="#">529</a> and <a href="#">271</a> House "A"	<a href="#">08-2 (JSS)</a>	Bans franchisors from prohibiting their franchisees from giving cash discounts
<a href="#">538</a>	<a href="#">08-185</a>	Allows municipalities to annually adjust property tax assessments during the years preceding a scheduled revaluation
<a href="#">578</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 50	Requires DPH to develop a biennial license renewal for nurses
<a href="#">585</a>	<a href="#">08-186</a>	Permits the DEP commissioner to authorize solid waste demonstration projects

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<b>Originated As Bill #</b>	<b>Enacted as Public Act #</b>	<b>Brief Explanation of Concept</b>
<a href="#">646</a>	<a href="#">08-169</a>	Changes the selection process for architects and construction managers for state-funded school construction projects
<a href="#">649</a>	<a href="#">08-160</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Expands the definition of “bullying” and requires school boards to implement the bullying policies they were required to adopt</li> <li>▪ Requires people in a teacher preparation program to be encouraged to complete a school bullying and suicide prevention component</li> <li>▪ Requires teachers to receive in-service training in bullying prevention</li> </ul>
<a href="#">655</a>	<a href="#">08-174</a>	Establishes a property tax exemption for property held by a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of preserving open space
<a href="#">660</a>	<a href="#">08-161</a>	Codifies the Department of Social Services’ (DSS’) food stamp employment and training program and requires DSS to maximize the use of the program’s optional 50% federal matching funds component
<a href="#">662</a> §6	<a href="#">08-91</a> §2	Exempts from the current moratorium on additional nursing home beds the relocation of up to 60 new or existing Medicaid-certified beds from a licensed nursing home in a city with a 2004 estimated population of 125,000 to another location within that city
<a href="#">5026</a>	<a href="#">08-170</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increases maximum per-child cost of the State Department of Education’s (SDE’s) school readiness program for FY 09</li> <li>▪ Provides preschool program grants and academic support grants for Hartford students participating in the Open Choice Program; eliminates Sheff region’s statutory designation</li> <li>▪ Limits formula for interdistrict magnet school tuition charged to home districts for students from nonparticipating districts directly enrolling in the magnet school</li> <li>▪ Requires magnet school participating districts to provide minimum magnet school enrollment opportunities for their students</li> <li>▪ For FYs 08 and 09, exempts a Bloomfield interdistrict magnet school from requirements to enroll a minimum percentage of students from other districts and a maximum percentage of minority students</li> </ul>
<a href="#">5026</a> and <a href="#">5822</a>	<a href="#">08-170</a>	Requires ECS funds transferred to SDE to be spent on behalf of a district failing to make adequate yearly progress for the third year to be carried forward from FY 08 to FY 09 for the same purpose
<a href="#">5110</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 43	Allows drivers of cars that escort oversized vehicles on CT roadways to be considered independent contractors for unemployment insurance purposes if they meet certain conditions
<a href="#">5136</a>	<a href="#">08-98</a>	Authorizes the Governor’s Steering Committee on Climate Change to create a subcommittee to study state climate change impacts, and authorizes the DEP commissioner to contract with, and serve on the board of, a regional nonprofit organization to help the state implement a multi-state air pollution control program

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<b>Originated As Bill #</b>	<b>Enacted as Public Act #</b>	<b>Brief Explanation of Concept</b>
<a href="#">5155</a>	<a href="#">08-178</a>	Requires insurers to pay claims from emergency services personnel in accordance with the claim payment requirements of the Connecticut Unfair Insurance Practices Act
<a href="#">5507</a> and <a href="#">333</a>	<a href="#">08-3 (JSS)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Generally permits state courts to revoke or reduce any retirement or other benefits of public officials or employees who commit crimes related to their employment</li> <li>▪ Makes failure to report a bribe a crime for public servants</li> <li>▪ Expands illegal campaign finance practices to cover certain solicitations by chiefs of staff</li> <li>▪ Requires the Office of State Ethics to provide mandatory training to legislators on the Code of Ethics</li> </ul>
<a href="#">5517</a>	<a href="#">08-176</a> §§ 81 and 82	Prohibits mortgage brokers, real estate brokers, and real estate salespersons from influencing residential real estate appraisals
<a href="#">5543</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 31	Allows use of motor vehicle air conditioning refrigerants that may be toxic or flammable as long as they are designated as safe alternatives under federal regulations
<a href="#">5586</a>	<a href="#">08-179</a> § 3 (VETOED)	Authorizes the state's three economic development agencies to provide up to \$30 million in financial assistance from their existing programs for projects in downtown Naugatuck
<a href="#">5589</a>	<a href="#">08-174</a>	Reorganizes the existing brownfield redevelopment program, expands the circumstances in which municipalities can investigate and assess brownfields, and extends the brownfields task force until January 1, 2009
<a href="#">5590</a>	<a href="#">08-169</a>	Requires study of ways to teach children with autism and other developmental disabilities (also passed as original bill sHB 5590 (PA 08-5))
<a href="#">5592</a>	<a href="#">08-153</a>	Allows SDE to issue a temporary 90-day teaching certificate with an early childhood education endorsement
<a href="#">5601</a>	<a href="#">08-106</a>	Establishes limits for lead in children's products and authorizes the DEP commissioner to participate in an interstate clearinghouse to, among other things, classify certain chemicals according to their risk and produce information on safer alternatives
<a href="#">5606</a>	<a href="#">08-94</a>	Restricts where people and government agencies may place, deposit, dispose of, or store certain asbestos-containing material
<a href="#">5617</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> §43	Specifies that the law requiring preferred provider networks to have minimum net worth and maintain amounts due to providers does not apply to a state-funded federally qualified health center consortium that provides services only to recipients of programs DSS administers
<a href="#">5631</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 52	Expands use of "organ transplant account" to help with donors' costs
<a href="#">5668</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 32	Increases allowable charges for supplying patient health care records

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<b>Originated As Bill #</b>	<b>Enacted as Public Act #</b>	<b>Brief Explanation of Concept</b>
<a href="#">5670</a> § 1	<a href="#">08-101</a> §§ 5-6	Expands exemptions from certain state laws for tow trucks that are towing disabled trucks from the highway
<a href="#">5689</a>	<a href="#">08-181</a>	Permits the sale of specified disease insurance policies in Connecticut
<a href="#">5703</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 53	Prohibits the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner from assessing any fees or costs concerning the cremation of a stillborn fetus
<a href="#">5710</a>	<a href="#">08-183</a> (VETOED)	Allows municipalities to join together as a single entity to purchase health insurance for their employees
<a href="#">5732</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 24	Creates a new special "Support Our Troops!" license plate
<a href="#">5733</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 25	Creates a new special license plate for funding nursing education and training programs
<a href="#">5737</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 28	Requires anyone applying for a Connecticut driver's license who has not previously been licensed in Connecticut or elsewhere to take an eight-hour course on safe driving practices as a prerequisite to licensure
<a href="#">5743</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 56	Eliminates a requirement that an antique, rare, or special interest motor vehicle must be registered in order for it to come under the requirement for a maximum assessment of \$500 for property tax purposes
<a href="#">5745</a>	<a href="#">08-101</a> § 7	Allows DOT to issue vehicle over-dimension permits electronically
<a href="#">5749</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> §§ 26-27	Authorizes a new registration classification for "special mobile agriculture equipment," sets a registration fee, establishes requirements for their operation, and exempts them from certain laws
<a href="#">5814</a>	<a href="#">08-159</a>	Imposes requirements on the nonprofit organization that administers public access cable television in the Bridgeport area and provides funding for town-specific governmental and educational access programming in this area
<a href="#">5824</a>	<a href="#">08-170</a>	Extends the deadline for school readiness program accreditation (also passed as original bill, HB 5824 (PA 08-85))
<a href="#">5826</a>	<a href="#">08-169</a>	Imposes a six-month deadline on submitting school construction project change orders for SDE approval; requires a building that is 95% funded by a state school construction grant to revert to the state if its use is changed within 20 years of the legislative grant approval
<a href="#">5860</a>	<a href="#">08-67</a>	Requires that for every motor vehicle fatality the police must use reasonable efforts to identify and notify a member of the person's family or household as soon as practicable after the accident; requires the Police Officer Standards and Training Post Council and each police agency to adopt a policy for doing so
<a href="#">5869</a>	<a href="#">08-170</a>	Expands enrollment opportunities districts not operating vocational agriculture centers must offer students



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		and changes the vo-ag program name to agricultural science and technology education (also passed as original bill, sHB 5869 (PA 08-152))
<a href="#">5880</a>	<a href="#">08-179</a> § 1 (VETOED)	Authorizes voters and nonresident property owners to form the Greenway Commons Improvement District in Southington
<a href="#">5822</a> and <a href="#">5026</a>	<a href="#">08-170</a>	Requires ECS funds transferred to SDE to be spent on behalf of a district failing to make adequate yearly progress for the third year to be carried forward from FY 08 to FY 09 for the same purpose
<a href="#">5885</a>	<a href="#">08-1</a> (JSS)	Extends the higher basic real estate conveyance tax
<a href="#">5903</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 51	Requires DPH to convene a working group on water supply adequacy
<a href="#">5915</a>	<a href="#">08-51</a>	Changes the penalty for persistent dangerous felony offenders
<a href="#">5916</a>	<a href="#">08-143</a>	Requires a racial and ethnic impact statement be prepared for certain criminal bills
<a href="#">5940</a>	<a href="#">08-182</a>	Revises the eligibility and grant award criteria for the regional performance incentive grant program

Table 2: Bill Tracking by Committee

<i>Originated As Bill #</i>	<i>Enacted as Public Act #</i>	<i>Brief Explanation of Concept</i>
<b>BANKS</b>		
<a href="#">21</a>	<a href="#">08-176</a>	Includes several mortgage lending reform concepts and changes to the national mortgage licensing system
<b>COMMERCE</b>		
<a href="#">5586</a>	<a href="#">08-179</a> § 3 (VETOED)	Authorizes the state's three economic development agencies to provide up to \$30 million in financial assistance from their existing programs for projects in downtown Naugatuck
<a href="#">5589</a>	<a href="#">08-174</a>	Reorganizes the existing brownfield redevelopment program, expands the circumstances in which municipalities can investigate and assess brownfields, and extends the brownfields task force until January 1, 2009

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<a href="#">5880</a>	<a href="#">08-179</a> § 1 (VETOED)	Authorizes voters and nonresident property owners to form the Greenway Commons Improvement District in Southington
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
<a href="#">405</a>	<a href="#">08-170</a>	Expands grants for computer-assisted writing, instruction, and testing
<a href="#">646</a>	<a href="#">08-169</a>	Changes the selection process for architects and construction managers for state-funded school construction projects
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<a href="#">5590</a>	<a href="#">08-169</a>	Requires study of ways to teach children with autism and other developmental disabilities (also passed as original bill sHB 5590 (PA 08-5))
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<a href="#">5824</a>	<a href="#">08-170</a>	Extends the deadline for school readiness program accreditation (also passed as original bill, HB 5824 (PA 08-85))

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<a href="#">5869</a>	<a href="#">08-170</a>	Expands enrollment opportunities districts not operating vocational agriculture centers must offer students and changes the vo-ag program name to agricultural science and technology education (also passed as original bill, sHB 5869 (PA 08-152))
<b>ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY</b>		
<a href="#">118</a>	<a href="#">08-94</a>	Requires applicants seeking a new or expanded permit, certificate, or siting approval for certain facilities (an "affecting facility") in an environmental justice community from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) or the Connecticut Siting Council to file and receive approval of a meaningful public participation plan
<a href="#">5814</a>	<a href="#">08-159</a>	Imposes requirements on the nonprofit organization that administers public access cable television in the Bridgeport area and provides funding for town-specific governmental and educational access programming in this area
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<a href="#">302</a>	<a href="#">08-101</a> §§ 8-10	Authorizes the Department of Transportation (DOT) commissioner to initiate harbor improvement projects, creates a special account to fund the projects, and removes limits on state grants to municipalities for harbor projects
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<a href="#">5136</a>	<a href="#">08-98</a>	Authorizes the Governor's Steering Committee on Climate Change to create a subcommittee to study state climate change impacts, and authorizes the DEP commissioner to contract with, and serve on the board of, a regional nonprofit organization to help the state implement a multi-state air pollution control program
<a href="#">5601</a>	<a href="#">08-106</a>	Establishes limits for lead in children's products and authorizes the DEP commissioner to participate in an interstate clearinghouse to, among other things, classify certain chemicals according to their risk and produce information on safer alternatives
<a href="#">5606</a>	<a href="#">08-94</a>	Restricts where people and government agencies may place, deposit, dispose of, or store certain asbestos-containing material
<b>FINANCE, REVENUE, AND BONDING</b>		

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<b>GENERAL LAW</b>		
<a href="#">271</a> House "A"	<a href="#">08-2 (JSS)</a>	Modifies (1) receivership and post-judgment remedy laws by increasing the amount that a receiver may pay for certain consumer deposits, including deposits made to a home heating oil or propane gas dealer under a prepaid or capped price per gallon contract, and (2) receivership laws by increasing the amount that a court may pay for wages owed to the limit set by federal bankruptcy law
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<b>GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS</b>		
<a href="#">333</a> and <a href="#">5507</a>	<a href="#">6502</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Generally permits state courts to revoke or reduce any retirement or other benefits of public officials or employees who commit crimes related to their employment</li> <li>▪ Makes failure to report a bribe a crime for public servants</li> <li>▪ Expands illegal campaign finance practices to cover certain solicitations by chiefs of staff</li> <li>▪ Requires the Office of State Ethics to provide mandatory training to legislators on the Code of Ethics</li> </ul>
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
<a href="#">387</a> § 2	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 38	Increases, from three to eight, the number of hours of Alzheimer's and dementia-specific training that Alzheimer's special care units or programs must annually provide to licensed and registered direct care staff and nurse's aides who provide direct care
<a href="#">413</a>	<a href="#">08-165</a> (VETOED)	Establishes a Health and Human Services Cabinet to recommend a long-term funding solution for nonprofit community providers under purchase of service agreements with state agencies

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<i>Originated As Bill #</i>	<i>Enacted as Public Act #</i>	<i>Brief Explanation of Concept</i>
<a href="#">660</a>	<a href="#">08-161</a>	Codifies the Department of Social Services' (DSS') food stamp employment and training program and requires DSS to maximize the use of the program's optional 50% federal matching funds component
<a href="#">662</a> §6	<a href="#">08-91</a> §2	Exempts from the current moratorium on additional nursing home beds the relocation of up to 60 new or existing Medicaid-certified beds from a licensed nursing home in a city with a 2004 estimated population of 125,000 to another location within that city
<a href="#">5617</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> §43	Specifies that the law requiring preferred provider networks to have minimum net worth and maintain amounts due to providers does not apply to a state-funded federally qualified health center consortium that provides services only to recipients of programs DSS administers
<b>INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE</b>		
<a href="#">278</a>	<a href="#">08-125</a>	Eliminates a three-day hospital stay requirement before receiving residential treatment as a prerequisite to insurance coverage for the residential treatment
<a href="#">5155</a>	<a href="#">08-178</a>	Requires insurers to pay claims from emergency services personnel in accordance with the claim payment requirements of the Connecticut Unfair Insurance Practices Act
<a href="#">5517</a>	<a href="#">08-176</a> §§ 81 and 82	Prohibits mortgage brokers, real estate brokers, and real estate salespersons from influencing residential real estate appraisals
<a href="#">5689</a>	<a href="#">08-181</a>	Permits the sale of specified disease insurance policies in Connecticut
<a href="#">5710</a>	<a href="#">08-183</a> (VETOED)	Allows municipalities to join together as a single entity to purchase health insurance for their employees
<b>JUDICIARY</b>		
<a href="#">483</a>	<a href="#">08-109</a>	Requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to collect certain information to create individual public profiles on dentists, chiropractors, optometrists, podiatrists, naturopaths, dental hygienists, advanced practice registered nurses, and physical therapists
<a href="#">5860</a>	<a href="#">08-67</a>	Requires that for every motor vehicle fatality the police must use reasonable efforts to identify and notify a member of the person's family or household as soon as practicable after the accident; requires the Police Officer Standards and Training Post Council and each police agency to adopt a policy for doing so
<a href="#">5915</a>	<a href="#">08-51</a>	Changes the penalty for persistent dangerous felony offenders
<a href="#">5916</a>	<a href="#">08-143</a>	Requires a racial and ethnic impact statement be prepared for certain criminal bills
<b>LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES</b>		

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<i>Originated As Bill #</i>	<i>Enacted as Public Act #</i>	<i>Brief Explanation of Concept</i>
<a href="#">56</a>	<a href="#">08-105</a> and <a href="#">08-156</a>	Establishes a permanent enforcement commission on employers misclassifying employees in order to evade requirements under employment law (PA 08-156 includes an advisory board to the commission)
<a href="#">5110</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 43 and	Allows drivers of cars that escort oversized vehicles on CT roadways to be considered independent contractors for unemployment insurance purposes if they meet certain conditions
<b>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<a href="#">538</a>	<a href="#">08-185</a>	Allows municipalities to annually adjust property tax assessments during the years preceding a scheduled revaluation
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>		
<a href="#">40</a>	<a href="#">08-123</a>	Authorizes the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to provide an additional 500 "Next Steps" supportive housing units for people with mental illness.
<a href="#">420</a>	<a href="#">08-14</a>	Changes several certificate of need (CON) process deadlines concerning the Office of Health Care Access
<a href="#">421</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 62	Prohibits minors under 18 from possessing tobacco in public places
<a href="#">463</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 55	Requires DPH to make local boards of education aware of meningitis information
<a href="#">578</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 50	Requires DPH to develop a biennial license renewal for nurses
<a href="#">5631</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 52	Expands use of "organ transplant account" to help with donors' costs
<a href="#">5668</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 32	Increases allowable charges for supplying patient health care records
<a href="#">5703</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 53	Prohibits the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner from assessing any fees or costs concerning the cremation of a stillborn fetus
<a href="#">5903</a>	<a href="#">08-184</a> § 51	Requires DPH to convene a working group on water supply adequacy
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>		
<a href="#">290</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 55	Expands and revises requirements for scrap metal processors receiving certain loads of scrap metal, imposes requirements on junk dealers and junk yard owners receiving certain types of metal goods, and makes violations of the new and revised requirements misdemeanors
<a href="#">292</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 32	Applies the same penalty for failing to grant the right-of-way to a blind person as applies for failing to yield

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		to a pedestrian using a crosswalk
<a href="#">293</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 29	Modifies a requirement for providing title certificates for vehicles sold at motor vehicle auctions
<a href="#">295</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 49-54	Includes Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) inspectors designated by the commissioner to enforce motor vehicle laws under several laws covering use of physical force or deadly force when making an arrest, resisting arrest, hindering an arrest, and assault on a public safety officer
<a href="#">299</a>	<a href="#">08-101</a> §§ 13-15	Authorizes use of transportation bonding for bicycle and pedestrian access projects, requires DOT to implement a “Share the Road” public awareness campaign within available appropriations, and specifies that vehicles overtaking and passing a bicyclist maintain a distance of at least three feet when passing
<a href="#">300</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 30	Authorizes the DMV commissioner to waive the fee for any applicant for a non-driver photo identification card who is a resident of a homeless shelter or other facility
<a href="#">500</a>	<a href="#">08-114</a>	Establishes two new offenses of endangerment and aggravated endangerment of a highway worker, establishes penalties and relevant definitions, and creates an advisory council on safety improvements in highway work zones
<a href="#">503</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Makes it a misdemeanor to sell or disclose personal information from motor vehicle records for an unauthorized purpose and clarifies a provision of the law (§ 3)</li> <li>▪ Requires applicants for auto recycling business licenses to certify that they are in compliance with environmental laws as a prerequisite for licensure and establishes related requirements (§ 10)</li> <li>▪ Allows DMV to extend the expiration dates of licenses, registrations, and other credentials under certain emergency or other circumstances (§ 19)</li> <li>▪ Requires anyone applying for a Connecticut driver's license who has not previously been licensed in Connecticut or elsewhere to take an eight-hour course on safe driving practices as a prerequisite to licensure (§ 28)</li> <li>▪ Requires that the model year specified for a modified antique motor vehicle be the model year that the vehicle's body most closely resembles (§ 5)</li> <li>▪ Requires DMV to keep an updated copy of the International Registration Plan at its main office to be made available for public inspection (§ 6);</li> <li>▪ Requires DMV regulations that currently apply only to secondary school driver education programs and require a teaching segment on the purposes and procedures of organ procurement organizations</li> </ul>

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<b>Originated As Bill #</b>	<b>Enacted as Public Act #</b>	<b>Brief Explanation of Concept</b>
		<p>to include commercial driving schools as well (§ 8);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Allows the commissioner to waive the fee for a set of replacement plates to someone who produces a police report indicating that the plates were stolen or mutilated regardless of the reason why they were stolen or mutilated (§ 9)</li> <li>▪ Modifies requirements for qualification for licensure as a driving instructor to include status with respect to the state child abuse and neglect registry and other factors (§ 11)</li> <li>▪ Changes requirements regarding video displays in motor vehicles that can be seen by the driver (§ 12)</li> <li>▪ Makes conduct of exhaust emissions inspections of heavy duty commercial motor vehicles in concert with vehicle weight and safety inspections discretionary rather than mandatory and makes other minor changes (§ 13)</li> <li>▪ Explicitly allows DMV to accept certificates of title issued by Indian tribes that are officially recognized by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (§ 14)</li> <li>▪ Exempts municipally owned motor vehicles from DMV motor vehicle title and title-related fees (§ 15)</li> <li>▪ Specifies that (a) someone learning to drive a commercial motor vehicle under a learner's permit may not drive under instruction if he has been suspended (usually for medical reasons) and (b) the person providing the instruction must have a commercial driver's license of the proper class and with the endorsements necessary for the type of vehicle being driven (§ 7)</li> <li>▪ Authorizes DMV to establish a system to verify commercial motor vehicle insurance coverage electronically (§ 19)</li> <li>▪ Makes it clear that someone who holds a commercial driver's license can also operate any other vehicles that can be operated with a lower classification non-commercial license (§ 20)</li> <li>▪ Authorizes the commissioner to allow marine dealers to issue boat trailer registrations through DMV's online registration system, if the dealers are registered with the DEP commissioner (§ 21)</li> <li>▪ Establishes a procedure for lienholders to release a security interest in a motor vehicle electronically, in addition to written form (§ 22)</li> <li>▪ Incorporates federal standards regarding drug testing procedures for tests required of drivers of school buses and student transportation vehicles (STV) to make it clear what standards must be</li> </ul>



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		<p>applied to STV drivers since many of them do not hold commercial driver's licenses (§ 23);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Revises laws on mopeds and motor-driven cycles (§§ 16-17)</li> <li>▪ Adds several new definitions to the motor vehicle laws, including one defining an unregistered motor vehicle, and modifies others (§§ 1-2)</li> </ul>
<a href="#">5543</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 31	Allows use of motor vehicle air conditioning refrigerants that may be toxic or flammable as long as they are designated as safe alternatives under federal regulations
<a href="#">5670</a> § 1	<a href="#">08-101</a> §§ 5-6	Expands exemptions from certain state laws for tow trucks that are towing disabled trucks from the highway
<a href="#">5732</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 24	Creates a new special "Support Our Troops!" license plate
<a href="#">5733</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 25	Creates a new special license plate for funding nursing education and training programs
<a href="#">5737</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 28	Requires anyone applying for a Connecticut driver's license who has not previously been licensed in Connecticut or elsewhere to take an eight-hour course on safe driving practices as a prerequisite to licensure
<a href="#">5743</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> § 56	Eliminates a requirement that an antique, rare, or special interest motor vehicle must be registered in order for it to come under the requirement for a maximum assessment of \$500 for property tax purposes
<a href="#">5745</a>	<a href="#">08-101</a> § 7	Allows DOT to issue vehicle over-dimension permits electronically
<a href="#">5749</a>	<a href="#">08-150</a> §§ 26-27	Authorizes a new registration classification for "special mobile agriculture equipment, sets a registration fee, establishes requirements for their operation, and exempts them from certain laws

**Table 3: Bill Tracking for June Special Session**

<i>Originated As Bill #</i>	<i>Enacted as Public Act #</i>	<i>Brief Explanation of Concept</i>
<a href="#">271</a> House "A"	<a href="#">08-2 (JSS)</a>	Modifies (1) receivership and post-judgment remedy laws by increasing the amount that a receiver may pay for certain consumer deposits, including deposits made to a home heating oil or propane gas dealer under a prepaid or capped price per gallon contract, and (2) receivership laws by increasing the amount that a court may pay for wages owed to the limit set by federal bankruptcy law
<a href="#">271</a> House "A" and <a href="#">529</a>	<a href="#">08-2 (JSS)</a>	Bans franchisors from prohibiting their franchisees from giving cash discounts
<a href="#">333</a> and <a href="#">5507</a>	<a href="#">08-3 (JSS)</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Generally permits state courts to revoke or reduce any retirement or other benefits of public officials or employees who commit crimes related to their employment</li> <li>▪ Makes failure to report a bribe a crime for public servants</li> <li>▪ Expands illegal campaign finance practices to cover certain solicitations by chiefs of staff</li> <li>▪ Requires the Office of State Ethics to provide mandatory training to legislators on the Code of Ethics</li> </ul>
<a href="#">521</a>	<a href="#">08-2 (JSS)</a>	Eliminates the scheduled increase in the petroleum products gross earnings tax
<a href="#">5885</a>	<a href="#">08-1 (JSS)</a>	Extends the higher basic real estate conveyance tax

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