



A Voice For Faculty

Capitol Monitor

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Bills Filed To Date

"I support or oppose one of these bills; what should I do?"

1. Write to your legislators! Find them [here](#).
2. Track the bill so you know when public hearings are scheduled.

The following list of bills have been identified by our lobbying firm, Betty Gallo & Co, as having a potential impact on our members if passed. CSU-AAUP and our lobbying firm will follow the progress of the bills throughout the session and alert our members if action is needed.

Please remember that these are simply proposals. Thousands of bills are filed in a legislative session but only a few hundred make it to the Governor for consideration.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Proposed S.B. No. 113: *AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF A CENTRALIZED OFFICE OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION*

Statement of Purpose: To eliminate the centralized administrative office of public higher education.

Proposed S.B. No. 177: *AN ACT ESTABLISHING LIMITS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS IN PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION*

Statement of Purpose: To reduce and control administrative costs at public institutions of higher education.

Proposed H.B. No. 5057: *AN ACT REQUIRING THE DOCUMENTATION OF ALL EXPENDITURES MADE BY A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION*

Statement of Purpose: To increase transparency in public institutions of higher education by prohibiting unvouchered expenses.

Proposed S.B. No. 92: *AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF*

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THE NEED FOR LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

Statement of Purpose: To study the necessity of oversight of certain public higher education employment contracts.

Proposed H.B. No. 5055: AN ACT REQUIRING A PLAN TO ESTABLISH A HIGHER EDUCATION INTERNSHIP REGULATORY BOARD

Statement of Purpose: To develop a plan to establish a higher education internship regulatory board.

Proposed S.B. No. 26: AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT

Statement of Purpose: To require a study of student loan debt.

Proposed S.B. No. 176: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HIGHER EDUCATION PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE TASK FORCE

Statement of Purpose: To establish a higher education performance incentive program.

S.B. No. 200 (RAISED): AN ACT CONCERNING HIGHER EDUCATION

Statement of Purpose: To require a study of issues concerning higher education.

Proposed S.B. No. 205: AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENT ATHLETES AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Statement of Purpose: To increase graduation rates of student athletes at public institutions of higher education.

H.B. No. 5424 (RAISED): AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE

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Statement of Purpose: To require a study of issues concerning Connecticut's manufacturing and technology workforce.

H.B. No. 5426 (RAISED): AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Statement of Purpose: To study issues concerning workforce development.

STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Proposed S.B. No. 153: AN ACT CONCERNING REFORM OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Statement of Purpose: To provide tangible taxpayer relief by reforming the state employees retirement system.

Proposed H.B. No. 5004: AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME

Statement of Purpose: To prohibit certain public employees from receiving a state or municipal salary and collecting a state or municipal pension at the same time.

Proposed H.B. No. 5006: AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Statement of Purpose: To ensure that retired state employees get the healthcare coverage they have been promised.

Proposed H.B. No. 5009: AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

Statement of Purpose: To move state employee pensions to defined contribution plans.

Proposed H.B. No. 5013: AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN AGREEMENTS OR STIPULATIONS REQUIRED TO BE APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Statement of Purpose: To require a vote by each chamber on all state employee collective bargaining agreements and all agreements or stipulated agreements under section 3-125a of the general statutes.

Proposed H.B. No. 5015: AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS SOLVENCY

Statement of Purpose: To establish a special purpose quasi-public entity to create a mechanism for funding the state's pension obligations by allowing such entity to use pension fund moneys to buy certain insurance premiums, the benefits of which shall return to the pension fund.

Proposed H.B. No. 5093: AN ACT CONCERNING LABOR CONTRACTS DURING PERIODS OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT

Statement of Purpose: To allow the legislative body of a municipality to reject a contract without requiring mandatory binding arbitration during periods of high unemployment.

Proposed S.B. No. 6: AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

Statement of Purpose: To permit state employees to fill their prescriptions at independent pharmacies.

Proposed S.B. No. 7: AN ACT CONCERNING REFORM OF STATE-SPONSORED PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Statement of Purpose: To reform state-sponsored public employee pension systems.

Proposed S.B. No. 9: AN ACT CONCERNING COVERAGE FOR DEPENDENTS UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT HEALTH PLAN

Statement of Purpose: To provide health care coverage for dependents of state retirees.

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Proposed S.B. No. 10: AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT FOR PREVIOUS STATE SERVICE IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Statement of Purpose: To allow state employees with a break in service to use all previous state service towards retirement credit.

Proposed S.B. No. 53: AN ACT ELIMINATING LONGEVITY PAYMENTS AND ELIMINATING OVERTIME COMPENSATION FROM THE CALCULATION OF PENSIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

Statement of Purpose: To establish more accountability in public employee compensation.

Proposed H.B. No. 5137: AN ACT REDUCING THE SALARIES OF STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STATE EMPLOYEES

Statement of Purpose: To reduce the cost of state government.

Proposed H.B. No. 5168: AN ACT PREVENTING UNWILLING EMPLOYEES FROM JOINING A UNION OR PAYING UNION DUES

Statement of Purpose: To help attract investment, make Connecticut more attractive to business and create more job opportunities by making Connecticut a Right to Work state.

Proposed H.B. No. 5169: AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE EMPLOYERS FROM REQUIRING STATE EMPLOYEES TO JOIN A UNION OR PAY UNION DUES

Statement of Purpose: To prohibit the forced unionization of Connecticut state employees.

Proposed H.B. No. 5257: AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSUMED RATE OF RETURN ON THE FUND ESTABLISHED FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN POST-

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**EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATIONS TO STATE
EMPLOYEES**

Statement of Purpose: To reduce the rate of return calculated on the fund for the payment of certain post-employment obligations to state employees.

**Proposed H.B. No. 5372: AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN
EMPLOYERS' BILL OF RIGHTS**

Statement of Purpose: To develop a regulatory mechanism to protect businesses throughout the state from fraudulent claims brought by employees.

**What are the Hot
Topics at the
Capitol?**

From the Office of Legislative Research:

1. 2012 OLR Major Issues
2. Special Taxes on Guns, Ammunition, and Guns Shows
3. Summary of State Guns Laws
4. Questions and Answers on Gun Laws
5. Eligibility Criteria for Energy Assistance Programs

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