



# Capitol Monitor

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## Bill to Allow Faculty on the BOR Passes in the House

SB 867, *An Act Concerning Faculty Representation on the Board of Regents*, was approved by the Senate on Wednesday, May 8 and by the House of Representatives on Monday, May 20. The bill will now be sent to the Governor, who can either sign the bill into law or veto it.

The bill, as amended, allows the Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) to serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board of Regents for Higher Education and specifically excludes the faculty member from executive session (since executive session deals with personnel matters). While the legislation as originally proposed was our goal, this is what we believe we can achieve this legislative session and having one faculty voice on the Board of Regents is a step in the right direction.

Thank you to all of our members who made the effort to write or call their legislators to ask for their support for this bill throughout the session.

**Files: Weeks of  
5/6 & 5/13**

**Please note that once a bill becomes a file it possibly could go to the House or Senate floor within two days to be voted on.**

**File No. 460: AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS.** The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. WILLIS of the 64th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

**FILE NO. 769: AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATES TO GRADUATES OF THE CONNECTICUT ALTERNATE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.** The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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**Files: Weeks of**  
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**FILE NO. 761: AN ACT CONCERNING NONDEGREE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AND TECHNICAL TRAINING COURSES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES.** The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**File No. 767: AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015, AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO REVENUE.** The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**File No. 768: AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURE CAP.** The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

**House of**  
**Representatives:**  
**Weeks of 5/6 &**  
**5/13**

H. B. No. 6365 (RAISED) (File No. 769) **AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATES TO GRADUATES OF THE CONNECTICUT ALTERNATE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.**

The bill was explained by Representative Willis of the 64th.

The bill was discussed by Representatives LeGeyst of the 17th and Lavielle of the 143rd.

On a roll call vote House Bill No. 6365 was passed.

**Senate: Weeks of**  
**5/6 & 5/13**

Substitute for S. B. No. 868 (RAISED) (File No. 761) **AN ACT CONCERNING NONDEGREE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AND TECHNICAL TRAINING COURSES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES.**

Senator Bye of the 5th explained the bill, offered Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 7054) and moved adoption.

Remarking were Senator Boucher of the 26th and Fasano of the 34th.

On the roll call vote Senate Bill No. 868 as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 7054) was passed.

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**Senate: Weeks of**  
**5/6 & 5/13**

Substitute for S. B. No. 878 (RAISED) (File No. 481) ***AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REORGANIZATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM.***

Senator Bye of the 5th explained the bill, offered Senate Amendment Schedule "A" (LCO 6084) and moved adoption.

Remarking was Senator Boucher of the 26th.

On motion of Bye of the 5th, the bill as amended by Senate Amendment "A" (LCO 6084) was placed on the Consent Calendar No. 1.

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

From the Office of Legislative Research:

1. Summary of Gun Provisions in PA 13-3
2. Summary of *Republican Party of Connecticut v. Merrill*
3. State Regulation of Major and Minor Political Parties