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Capitol Monitor

A Weekly Report on Activity at the State Capitol

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Bills Filed: Week of January 24

*"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. **CSU-AAUP and our lobbying firm will follow the progress of the bills throughout the session and alert you if and when action is needed.** CSU-AAUP is distributing this information so that our members understand what actions are being proposed, but please keep in mind that these are only proposals unless specifically noted.

The following bills have been raised, meaning they have been referred to a committee and there will be a public hearing scheduled:

HB 6050 (Raised) **[AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CREATIVE ECONOMY.](#)**

Statement of Purpose: To develop the creative economy of this state.

HB 6054 (Raised) **[AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRACKING OF UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.](#)**

Statement of Purpose: To allow for better tracking of students from early or primary education through higher education to better determine which programs should be implemented or revised in order to best serve such students and to improve the student retention and graduation rates of the public institutions of higher education.

SB 847 (Raised) **[AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES!](#)**

Statement of Purpose: To update the federal sexual assault policy requirements set forth in the Jeanne Clery Act, Section 1920f of Title 20 of the United States Code.

HB 6231 (Raised) ***AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS***

Statement of Purpose: To require a study of the transfer and articulation agreements of the public institutions of higher education.

The following bills have been proposed:

HB 6245 ***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.

HB 6003 ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEARN HERE, LIVE HERE PROGRAM***

Statement of Purpose: To establish the Learn Here, Live Here program and create the First-Time Homebuyers Fund to offer residents an affordable housing program that helps first-time homebuyers, promotes college education and addresses the ongoing problem of young people leaving the state after graduation.

HB 6049 ***AN ACT FACILITATING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN COMPANIES OFFERING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES***

Statement of Purpose: To allow the community-technical colleges to maximize workforce development opportunities and prevent Connecticut from losing revenue as a result of companies' inability to contract with such colleges for purposes of offering workforce development training programs.

HB 5803 ***AN ACT FREEZING STATE AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' WAGES.***

Statement of Purpose: To allow the state and towns to save money by freezing employee wages during periods of high unemployment.

HB 5804 ***AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION BENEFIT PLAN FOR NEW STATE EMPLOYEES.***

Statement of Purpose: To create a defined contribution pension plan for new state employees.

HB 5808 ***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.

HB 5809 ***AN ACT CREATING PARITY BETWEEN STATE AND PRIVATE WAGES AND SALARIES.***

Statement of Purpose: To create parity between state and private wages and salaries.

HB 5886 ***AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION FOR INMATES.***

Statement of Purpose: To increase access to postsecondary education for inmates and prepare them for the workforce upon their release.

HB 5887 ***AN ACT CONCERNING HAZING AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.***

Statement of Purpose: To require institutions of higher education to provide a safe educational environment for students and to hold such institutions liable for injuries suffered by students as a result of on-campus hazing.

HB 5888 ***AN ACT CONCERNING COLLEGE CREDIT FOR TRANSFER FROM A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM INTO A REGISTERED NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM.***

Statement of Purpose: To address the shortage of registered nurses in this state by allowing licensed practical nurses to more easily transfer into a registered nursing education

program.

HB 5929 **[AN ACT IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON MANDATORY BINDING ARBITRATION AWARDS.](#)**

Statement of Purpose: To provide relief to municipalities.

HB 5930 **[AN ACT CONCERNING CONSIDERATIONS IN MANDATORY BINDING ARBITRATION.](#)**

Statement of Purpose: To prohibit arbitration panels from considering municipal fund balances when determining a municipality's ability to pay.

Governor Outlines Budget Rules

Last week, it was reported that Malloy made four announcements regarding his budget rules at a meeting of more than 50 various state agency heads.

“Malloy announced he will not be going to the bond market to borrow money for salaries and operating expenses. Secondly he will fund the states pension liabilities.

Thirdly, Malloy said there will be no early retirement incentive program offered to state employees.

And perhaps his biggest announcement Tuesday is that he plans on spending no more than this year’s current services budget, which is about \$17.95 billion. That means Malloy is working on cutting \$1.88 billion in programmatic increases built into the budget.” (http://www.ctnewsjunkie.com/ctnj.php/archives/entry/malloy_outlines_budget_rules_close_to_2b_in_cuts_planned/#more)

What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?

From the [Office of Legislative Research](#):

1. Standards in Other States for Siting Wind Projects
2. Leadership in Energy and Environment Design Rating System
3. Massachusetts Economic Development Reorganization
4. Individualized Education Plan and 504 Plan Complaint Procedures