



# Capitol Monitor

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## Upcoming Events: Save the Dates

### **Appropriations Committee Hearing on Higher Education—Monday, February 28 (Afternoon/Evening):**

The Chairs of the Appropriations Committee have urged CSU-AAUP members and students to attend this hearing in large numbers.

CSU-AAUP will be arranging bus transportation to the Capitol and we will have t-shirts made for this event. Please look for more information on e-mail and please encourage your students to attend.

**Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee Hearing on the Governor's Proposal to Reorganize Higher Education: March 10.** More information to follow as it becomes available.

## Public Hearings: Week of February 14

There are two hearings on Thursday, February 17 on bills our lobbyist has identified as having a potential impact on CSUS and its faculty, students and/or staff. The hearings will both take place on Thursday, February 17.

If you would like to testify on any of the bills, please email [Ellen Benson](mailto:Ellen.Benson) by 10am the day prior to the hearing (or as soon as possible) with the following information: your name, the bill (s) you are testifying on, whether or not you support or oppose the legislation, if you want to testify as early as possible or later in the day, and the best way to reach you (please include cell phone number or email address). You may also submit e-mail testimony for any of the bills for the Higher Education Committee (see more info below).

### **HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011**

**11:00 A.M. in Room 1E** of the Legislative Office Building

Please submit an electronic copy of written testimony to [jeanie.phillips@cga.ct.gov](mailto:jeanie.phillips@cga.ct.gov) no later than 3:30 P.M. on Wednesday, February 16, 2011.

[S.B. No. 916](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REMEDIATION. \*If passed, this bill would require a study

[S.B. No. 928](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER PREPARATION. \*If passed, this bill would require a study

[H.B. No. 6054](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRACKING OF UNIQUE IDENTIFIERS BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. \*If passed, this bill would require tracking of students on certain identifiers from lower education through higher education

[H.B. No. 6321](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A COLLEGE TRANSITION PILOT PROGRAM. \* If passed, this bill would create a pilot program

#### LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011

2:00 P.M. in Room 2A of the LOB

[S.B. No. 937](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTS AT STATE UNIVERSITIES.

[H.B. No. 5464](#) (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES AND VIOLENCE AND BULLYING IN THE WORKPLACE. \*CSU-AAUP has testified in support of this bill in previous sessions

## Bills: Week of February 7

*"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.

SB 288 (Committee) **[AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE DELIVERY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.](#)**

**Statement of Purpose:** To study the information technology services provided to public institutions of higher education and examine whether changes or improvements to such services can be achieved.

HB 6308 ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP***

***Statement of Purpose:*** To allow nonstate public employers, municipal-related employers, small employers and nonprofit employers to join the state employee health plan.

HB 5464 (Committee) ***AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES AND VIOLENCE AND BULLYING IN THE WORKPLACE***

***Statement of Purpose:*** To require that the Department of Administrative Services report the number of complaints of bullying or abusive conduct to the General Assembly.

SB 928 (Raised) ***AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER PREPARATION***

***Statement of Purpose:*** To require a study of issues concerning teacher preparation and training requirements and alternative routes to certification in early childhood education.

SB 937 (Raised) ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTS AT STATE UNIVERSITIES***

***Statement of Purpose:*** To allow employees of the legislative branch, state managers, and certain graduate assistants to collectively bargain.

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

From the Office of Legislative Research:

1. MASSACHUSETTS' REQUIRED TRAINING FOR SCHOOL STAFF ON BULLYING PREVENTION
2. THREAT REPORTING - LAWS ON CONFIDENTIALITY AND LIABILITY
3. COMPARISON OF PRIVATE SECTOR AND STATE EMPLOYEE WAGES
4. PARENTAL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THEIR CHILDREN

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