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## Legislative Session Ends

The General Assembly rushed to finish its business by midnight on May 9, 2012. This short session was notable for the number of high profile and controversial bills that were approved.

“Lawmakers tackled and approved a series of high-profile bills: repealing the death penalty, legalizing medical marijuana, permitting Sunday retail sales of alcohol for the first time in 80 years, closing the budget deficit, allowing Election Day voter registration and passing public education reform.”

Read more at the [\*Hartford Courant\*](#).

## Final Updates on 2012 Legislation

**SB 40, *AN ACT CONCERNING COLLEGE READINESS AND COMPLETION***, was approved by both the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor on May 11. Public Act No. 12-40 will go into effect on July 1, 2011.

**SB 42, *AN ACT CONCERNING THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION***, was approved by the Senate, House, and Governor and is now Public Act No. 12-7, which will be effective as of July 1, 2012.

**HB 5030, *AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GENERAL EDUCATION CORE OF COURSES***, was approved by both the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor on May 9. Public Act No. 12-31, which will be effective on July 1, 2012.

**SB 242, *AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY ON THE RELEASE OF FACULTY FROM CERTAIN TEACHING REQUIREMENTS***, was approved by the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, but it was never voted on by the Senate.