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# Capitol Monitor

A Weekly Report on Activity at the State Capitol

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## Appropriations Budget Released; Update on Reorganization and Redefinition of Manager

### Budget & Reorganization

The Appropriations Committee released its version of the [state budget](#) last Thursday. The budget for CSU still contains the ten percent cut that the Governor recommended in his budget, however it maintains CSU as a separate entity (it does not combine CSU and the Community Colleges under one Board of Regents). CSU-AAUP has been advocating that a cut of more than 5% will directly affect instruction and student services.

While the Appropriations Committee does not acknowledge a higher education reorganization in its version of the budget, it is still a very real possibility. (See today's "[Is higher ed reorganization happening? Depends on whom you ask](#)" in *The CT Mirror*) We will continue to follow its progress and keep you updated as more information becomes available.

### Redefinition of a Manager: HB 6388

CSU-AAUP thanks YOU for writing to legislators regarding Sec. 15 subsection (g) of HB 6388, which would allow significantly more positions within the institutions of public higher education to be categorized as managerial and would strip many faculty members of the right to continue to belong to a union. **The Finance Committee amended the bill last Thursday and Section 15 was removed.** Contacting legislators made a huge difference, so thank you for taking the time to write, call and visit with your legislators! However, please keep in mind that it is still possible for the language to reappear before the end of session.

## Bill Reported Out of Committee

**Please note that once a bill becomes a file it could be heard and voted on by the House or Senate as soon as within two days.**

### File 548/ HB 5464, [AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES AND VIOLENCE AND BULLYING IN THE WORKPLACE](#)

**Status:** The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. MORIN of the 28th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?

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

1. PRELIMINARY ANALYSES OF GOVERNOR'S BILLS
2. CONNECTICUT'S RACIAL PROFILING LAW
3. DEATH ROW INMATES
4. USE OF STRETCHER VANS TO TRANSPORT DSS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS