



Capitol Monitor

A Weekly Report on Activity at the State Capitol

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Malloy's Final Town Hall Meeting

The final Town Hall Meeting is **tonight** in Middletown ([details](#)). SEBAC is encouraging all unionized state employees to attend. **A big union turnout is important!**

Update on HB 6388: Definition of Manager

If passed Sec. 15 subsection (g) of HB 6388 will allow significantly more positions within the institutions of public higher education to be categorized as managerial and will strip many faculty members of the right to continue to belong to a collective bargaining unit (union). Please continue to contact legislators about this matter. The [Finance Committee](#) has still not acted on this bill. Our lobbyists continue to receive positive feedback, but we must continue to promote our message to all committee members until they remove this language.

Bills 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 350/ HB 6257: *AN ACT CONCERNING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION*

Status: 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 substitute bill ought to pass.

File 358/ HB 6485: *AN ACT CONCERNING JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS AT THE COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND ALIGNMENT OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT*

Status: 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 substitute bill ought to pass.

**Bills Reported
Out of
Committee—
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File 432/ SB 1171: *AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HIGHER EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER POLICY BOARD*

Status: The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. LEBEAU of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

File 341/ HB 6305: *AN ACT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTINET PLAN*

Status: The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. TERCYAK of the 26th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

File 433/ SB 1173: *AN ACT CONCERNING QUALIFIED PRIVATE INVESTMENTS FOR CONNECTICUT INNOVATIONS, INCORPORATED'S PRESEED PROGRAM*

Status: The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. LEBEAU of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

File 467/ HB 6525: *AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONTINUANCE OF THE MAJORITY LEADERS' JOB GROWTH ROUNDTABLE*

Status: The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. BERGER of the 73rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

File 483/ HB 6308: *AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP*

Status: The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. GENTILE of the 104th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

Part-time Faculty: Update on “Reasonable Assurance” Doctrine Bill

On behalf of a number of part-time faculty members, CSU-AAUP began exploring a legislative solution (which became [Senate Bill 934](#)) to assist part-time faculty in obtaining unemployment compensation between semesters, a practice that used to be approved, but recently has been rejected by the State ([read the background](#)).

A public hearing was held on this bill on February 15, at which several CSU-AAUP part-time faculty testified. Following the hearing, CSU-AAUP and the Department of Labor agreed to substitute language for the bill and it was reported favorably out of committee and later sent to the Higher Education Committee. Higher Education reported the bill favorably out of committee on April 6, by a vote of 12 to 7. See the vote tally [here](#), and please take a few minutes to send an email thanking those who voted in favor of it.

The bill is now awaiting action in the Senate.

What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?

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

1. PRELIMINARY ANALYSES OF GOVERNOR'S BILLS
2. NUMBER OF MURDERS AND PEOPLE INCARCERATED FOR MURDER
3. SPENDING BY CITIZENS' ELECTION PROGRAM PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES
4. SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TESTING

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