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[HB5459 - An Act Increasing Rates Of Medicaid Reimbursement For Certain Providers.](#)

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To increase rates of Medicaid reimbursement for certain providers.

Last Action: 03/22/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Comment: Requires the Commissioner of Social Services to implement phase one recommendations of the Medicaid rate study for select providers, including 1. new rate methodology for behavioral health services based on independently determines cost information and market factors like wage information, 2. adjusting physician specialist service rates to a specified percentage of Medicare rates, 3. adjusting autism direct services to the five state rate benchmark, 4. adjusting dental service rates to a specified percentage of the five state rate benchmark. Also increases rates for a number of other specialties.

[HB5456 - An Act Concerning Federally Qualified Health Centers.](#)

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To update payment methodologies and appeal procedures and establish annual inflationary rate increases for federally qualified health centers.

Last Action: 03/22/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF., SEN. TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Comment: Beginning December 31, 2024, the bill requires the Department of Social Services to rebase each federally qualified health center's encounter rates based upon such center's costs during fiscal year 2023 divided by the number of patient encounters for a particular service during the same fiscal year, provided such new encounter rate shall be not less than the encounter rate received before such rates are rebased and shall not interfere with any annual inflationary rate adjustment. Also discussed the process by which such health centers can adjust their scopes of services, etc.

[HB5454 - An Act Concerning Mental Health Services For Young Children And Their Caregivers.](#)

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To maximize federal resources for mental health services for young children, their caregivers and pregnant persons.

Last Action: 04/05/2024 FILED WITH LCO

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[HB5371 - An Act Concerning A Study Of Maximizing Medicaid And Other Funding For Health Care Needs.](#)

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Husky plan;

Summary: To study expanding HUSKY Health benefits to all uninsured residents under the age of nineteen regardless of income or immigration status.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 FILE NO. 284

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Comment: UPDATE: Scope of study no longer includes extending HUSKY to undocumented citizens or individuals under 19. Study now focuses on how best to ensure adequate funding for (1) remote fetal monitoring, (2) peer support services for persons being treated for substance use disorder, (3) services for uninsured victims of violence, and (4) Medicaid waiver program services for terminally ill children with severe health challenges, including rare genetic conditions.

HB5316 - An Act Concerning The Office Of Health Strategy's Recommendations Regarding The Certificate Of Need Program.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Assisted living services; Health care facilities; Health care facilities certificate of need process; Health care providers; Health strategy, office of; Home health agencies; Hospice services; Hospitals; Medical supplies and equipment; Outpatient clinics; Outpatient surgical facilities; Reports; Residential care homes; School health services;

Summary: To amend the (1) definitions of "large group practice" and "group practice" relating to the certificate of need program, (2) size and composition of the type of group practices required to annually report to the Attorney General, (3) types of large group practice transfers of ownership and acquisition of medical equipment that require certificate of need approval, and (4) presumption in favor of certificate of need approval for certain large group practice transfers of ownership.

Last Action: 04/08/2024 FILE NO. 327

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HB5296 - An Act Expanding The Connecticut Home-Care Program For The Elderly.

Introducers: Aging Committee

Intro Date: 2/22/2024

Categories: Adult day care; Companion services; Home care program for the elderly; Home health care; Homemaker services; Personal care assistance; Relative caregivers; Respite care; Social services, department of; Studies;

Summary: To require the Commissioner of Social Services to (1) study family home care oversight in the state, (2) compensate family caregivers, including spouses, who provide personal care assistance services in the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly, (3) collect data regarding adult family living services in the state and report on such data, and (4) develop and implement a marketing campaign to promote adult family living services.

Last Action: 03/26/2024 FILE NO. 128

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HB5289 - An Act Appropriating Funds To The Department Of Veterans Affairs For Arts Therapy Programming.

Introducers: Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Veterans affairs, department of; Veterans residential services facility;

Summary: To appropriate moneys to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of expanding fine and performing arts therapy programming.

Last Action: 04/02/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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HB5199 - An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study The Shortage Of Athletic Trainers In The State.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Athletic trainers; Task forces;

Summary: To establish a task force to study the shortage of athletic trainers in the state.

Last Action: 03/12/2024 FILE NO. 5

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HB5198 - An Act Concerning Telehealth.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Health care providers; Telemedicine;

Summary: To extend telehealth provisions adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic until June 30, 2027.

Last Action: 03/26/2024 FILE NO. 124

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Comment: Substitute language makes telehealth permanent rather than extend it out to 2027. The bill also allows additional specialties to practice telehealth. Allows DPH Commissioner to revoke telehealth practice privileges of a provider licensed, certified or registered in another state if they violate any condition imposed by the Commissioner.

[HB5197 - An Act Concerning Social Workers.](#)

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Interstate compacts; Occupational licenses; Social workers;

Summary: To adopt the social work licensure compact.

Last Action: 03/13/2024 FILE NO. 26

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[HB5165 - An Act Expanding Connecticut Family And Medical Leave Benefits To Noncertified School Employees.](#)

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Paid family and medical leave program; School paraprofessionals;

Summary: To extend the state family and medical leave benefits to employees of a local or regional board of education who do not hold professional certification under chapter 166 of the general statutes.

Last Action: 03/27/2024 REF. BY HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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[HB5001 - An Act Supporting Connecticut Seniors And The Improvement Of Nursing And Home-Based Care.](#)

Introducers: Aging Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Assisted living services; Bids and bidding; Confidentiality; Continuing care facilities; Criminal history records; Family resource centers; Home care program for the elderly; Home health agencies; Home health aides; Home health care; Homemaker services; Homemaker-companion agencies; Hospice services; Licenses; Long term care insurance; Long term care ombudsman, office of; Managed residential communities; Medicaid; Medicare; Municipal agents for the elderly; Nursing home violations; Parenting education; Personal care assistance; Reports; Social services, department of; Studies; Temporary family assistance (tfa);

Summary: To support Connecticut seniors and the improvement of nursing and home-based care.

Last Action: 03/26/2024 FILE NO. 121

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[SB440 - An Act Concerning Certificates Of Need.](#)

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/12/2024

Summary: To make various revisions to the certificate of need process.

Last Action: 04/08/2024 FILE NO. 314

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[SB395 - An Act Concerning The Reporting Of Medical Debt.](#)

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To prohibit the reporting of medical debt to credit rating agencies and impose penalties via reduction or withdrawal of Medicaid funds to the extent permissible under federal law.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 FILE NO. 264

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[SB370 - An Act Concerning Peer-Run Respite Centers For Persons Experiencing A Mental Health Crisis.](#)

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Summary: To require the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to establish peer-run respite centers.

Last Action: 04/08/2024 FILE NO. 308

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[SB367 - An Act Concerning A Study To Maximize Medicaid Reimbursement For Uconn Health Center.](#)

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Summary: To study ways to maximize Medicaid reimbursement for The University of Connecticut Health Center.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 FILE NO. 263

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SB366 - An Act Concerning Medicaid.

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Summary: To study opportunities to expand Medicaid services.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 FILE NO. **262**

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SB365 - An Act Concerning Safety In The Health Care Workforce.

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Summary: To require that providers contracting with the Department of Social Services for reimbursement under the medical assistance program provide training to staff on workplace violence prevention and to authorize the department to offer rate enhancements for escorts for home visits deemed hazardous and for timely reporting of workplace violence.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 FILE NO. **261**

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SB346 - An Act Concerning Occupational License Portability For Members Of The Armed Forces And Their Spouses.

Introducers: Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Certificates and certification; Military families; Militia; National guard; Occupational licenses; Permits; Professional licenses;

Summary: To reflect in state law an amendment to the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act regarding occupational license portability.

Last Action: 03/28/2024 FILE NO. **165**

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SB319 - An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study The Need For Adult Changing Stations In Public Facilities.

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Disabled persons; Task forces;

Summary: To study the need for private adult changing stations for persons with disabilities who require assistance with personal hygiene.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 FILE NO. **259**

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SB317 - An Act Expanding The Covered Connecticut Program.

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Medical care;

Summary: To establish a second tier of the Covered Connecticut program to provide health care benefits at a reduced cost to persons whose income does not exceed three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level.

Last Action: 03/21/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

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SB315 - An Act Implementing The Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Model In The Medicaid Program.

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Behavioral health services; Community health centers; Medicaid; Reports; Social services, department of;

Summary: To authorize the state to join a Medicaid demonstration project to improve delivery of behavioral health care through certified community behavioral health clinics.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 FILE NO. **257**

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SB313 - An Act Concerning Continuous Medicaid Eligibility For Children Under The Age Of Six.

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Children; Medicaid;

Summary: To provide continuous Medicaid eligibility for eligible children under the age of six.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 FILE NO. **256**

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[SB308 - An Act Implementing Task Force Recommendations For Wheelchair Repair.](#)

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Assistive technology devices; Maintenance and repair; Medical supplies and equipment; Nursing homes; Sales; Social services, department of; Task forces; Wheelchairs;

Summary: To implement task force recommendations concerning timely wheelchair repair.

Last Action: 04/08/2024 FILE NO. **311**

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[SB3 - An Act Concerning Consumer Protection.](#)

Introducers: General Law Committee; Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Douglas McCrory (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. Catherine A. Osten (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Appliances; Electronic devices; Internet service providers; Maintenance and repair; Public utilities regulatory authority; Unfair or deceptive trade practices;

Summary: To (1) declare the state's policy concerning broadband Internet access service, (2) require certain broadband Internet access service providers to provide affordable broadband Internet access service, (3) require certain fee disclosures and prohibit deceptive and excessive fees for consumer goods and services, (4) prohibit public entities from purchasing or operating certain small unmanned aircraft systems, (5) impose various requirements concerning connected devices, (6) require net neutrality by imposing requirements on certain broadband Internet access service providers, (7) regulate streaming service billing practices, and (8) impose various requirements concerning repairs of electronic or appliance products.

Last Action: 04/02/2024 FILE NO. **182**

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[SB243 - An Act Establishing An Assertive Community Treatment Pilot Program For Home Health Agencies.](#)

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Behavioral health services; Behaviorally disordered persons; Home health agencies;

Summary: To establish an internal assertive community treatment pilot program for home health agencies to improve the provision of effective home health care services to persons with a serious behavioral health condition and one or more comorbidities and the safety of the workers providing such services.

Last Action: 03/13/2024 FAV. CHG. OF REF. HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

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[SB152 - An Act Implementing The Recommendations Of The Office Of Early Childhood.](#)

Introducers: Education Committee

Intro Date: 2/15/2024

Categories: Child care facilities; Child care subsidies; Child day care; Early childhood, office of; Notices; Subsidized guardianship program;

Summary: To exclude those child care services providers that provide services to only school-age children from the requirement that they post a copy of the developmental milestones document; to include children under subsidized guardianship as part of the protective services category for the Care 4 Kids program; to replace state Care 4 Kids regulations with federal regulations and policies and procedures developed by the Commissioner of Early Childhood based on such federal regulations; and to require child care services providers to allow birth-to-three providers to deliver on-site services to certain children.

Last Action: 03/25/2024 FILE NO. **94**

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[SB1 - An Act Concerning The Health And Safety Of Connecticut Residents.](#)

Introducers: Public Health Committee; Sen. Martin M. Looney (D); Sen. Bob Duff (D); Sen. Saud Anwar (D); Sen. Jorge Cabrera (D); Sen. Christine Cohen (D); Sen. Mae Flexer (D); Sen. Herron Gaston (D); Sen. Joan V. Hartley (D); Sen. Jan Hochadel (D); Sen. Julie Kushner (D); Sen. Matthew L. Lesser (D); Sen. Ceci Maher (D); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Sen. Martha Marx (D); Sen. Douglas McCrory (D); Sen. Patricia Miller (D); Sen. Marilyn V. Moore (D); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. Catherine A. Osten (D); Sen. MD Rahman (D); Sen. Derek Slap (D); Sen. Gary A. Winfield (D)

Intro Date: 3/11/2024

Categories: Mental health; Mental illness;

Summary: To improve the health and safety of Connecticut residents.
Last Action: 04/08/2024 FILE NO. 315

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Comment: Sections 1-9 address safety & security for home healthcare providers. Sections 10-18 allow for graduate physicians that have completed steps 1 and 2 of their medical licensing to provide primary care, defined to include pediatrics, internal medicine, family medicine, obstetrics, gynecology or PSYCHIATRY. Section 19 requires the development of gun safety materials. Section 20 calls for a working group to study nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. Section 21 is on the health of salon workers. Section 22 studies prescription drug shortages. Section 23 requires DCF to develop certain safety protocols. Sections 24 and 25 add language regarding board recertification. Sections 26 requires pharmacies to provide opioid deactivation and disposal systems. Sections 29 and 30 requires coverage of coronary calcium scans. Sections 31 and 32 deal with health care facility cyber security preparedness. Section 33 mentions the healthy brain initiative. Section 34 calls for a statewide Parkinson's Disease data registry. Section 35 is on programs for sudden onset schizophrenia disorder. Section 36 calls for a task force on loneliness and isolation.

SB9 - An Act Promoting Hospital Financial Stability.

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Hospital costs; Public health, department of;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

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Comment: Increases state oversight of transfers of ownership of hospital systems, large group healthcare practices, and healthcare facilities. Expands the Office of Health Strategies ability to consider cost and market impact review when issuing certificate of need determinations.

HB5488 - An Act Concerning Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/11/2024

Summary: To make various revisions to the public health statutes.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

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HB5411 - An Act Concerning Requests For Health Records And The Fees Charged For Access To Such Records.

Introducers: Judiciary Committee

Intro Date: 2/29/2024

Categories: Copies and copying; Employees; Employers; Fees; Health care providers; Injuries; Medical records; Medical tests; Patients; Physical examinations; Workers' compensation;

Summary: To establish time and cost parameters relating to requests for health records.

Last Action: 04/01/2024 FILED WITH LCO

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Comment: Relates to the costs and time parameters for the provision of health records in workers' compensation claims and certain other legal actions.

HB5319 - An Act Requiring A Plan Concerning Private Equity Firms Acquiring Or Holding An Ownership Interest In Health Care Facilities.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Health care facilities; Health strategy, office of; Investment companies; Passive investment companies;

Summary: To require the executive director of the Office of Health Strategies to develop a plan concerning private equity firms acquiring or holding an ownership interest in health care facilities in the state.

Last Action: 04/05/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

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HB5318 - An Act Requiring The Licensure Of Lactation Consultants.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Breast feeding; Occupational licenses; Public health, department of;

Summary: To require licensure of lactation consultants.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

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[HB5290 - An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes.](#)

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Ambulances; Anesthesia; Aquifers; Asbestos; Birth certificates; Cremation; Crematories; Dentists; Emergency medical technicians; Epinephrine; Grocery stores; Health care providers; Licenses; Medicine; Municipal health directors; Permits; Planning and zoning commissions; Public health, department of; Registrars of vital statistics; Sanitarians; School health services; Subsurface sewage disposal systems; Water companies; Water treatment facilities; Wells;

Summary: To implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations regarding various revisions to the public health statutes.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

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[HB5200 - An Act Concerning Health Care Accessibility For Persons With A Disability.](#)

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Accessibility; Disabled persons; Health care facilities; Medical care; Medical supplies and equipment;

Summary: To expand access to medical diagnostic equipment and examination rooms for persons with a disability.

Last Action: 04/04/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

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[HB5005 - An Act Studying Paid Sick Days.](#)

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Labor department; Sick leave; Studies;

Summary: To require the Labor Commissioner to study the state's paid sick day statutes.

Last Action: 04/02/2024 REFERRED TO OLR, OFA

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Comment: Update: Substitute language removes study and becomes the new house version of the bill. Expands the state's paid sick leave program that currently applies to businesses with 50 or more employees that fall under the definition of "service worker" by phasing in over three years the requirement that employers with one or more employee to provide leave to all employees, removing the manufacturer exemption, retains the accumulation of 1 hour of leave for every 40 hours worked, giving employers the option to allow employees to carry over leave or provide it all at the start of the next year, requiring employers provide sick leave based on a calendar year, allowing employees to retain sick leave balance when transferring job sites with the same employers or when there is a successor employer, making it explicit that employees are not required to find a replacement worker, allowing for the use of paid sick leave when exposed to a communicable illness, prohibiting employers from requesting any documentation to validate the reason an employee used sick leave, and imposing requirements that employers retain documentation regarding employee paid sick leave usage for 3 years.

Dead Bills

[SB74 - An Act Eliminating Application Review Fees And Capping Licensure Fees For Health Care Professionals Licensed By The Department Of Public Health.](#)

Introducers: Sen. Ryan Fazio (R); Sen. Heather S. Somers (R); Sen. Jeff Gordon (R); Sen. Norman Needleman (D); Sen. James J. Maroney (D); Rep. Holly H. Cheeseman (R); Rep. Eleni Kavros DeGraw (D)

Intro Date: 2/13/2024

Categories: Fees; Professional licenses; Public health, department of;

Summary: To eliminate application review fees and set a maximum fee of two hundred dollars for the fee for licensure of health care professionals by the Department of Public Health.

Last Action: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 10:00AM - FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

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[HB5377 - An Act Concerning The Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange.](#)

Introducers: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Connecticut health insurance exchange;

Summary: To require the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange to hold public meetings and receive legislative approval prior to (1) entering into nondisclosure or settlement agreements, or (2) charging assessments or user fees or changing the amount of, or process used

to calculate, assessments or user fees.

Last Action: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/5/24 9:00AM - INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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HB5323 – An Act Concerning The Development Of A Plan For The Licensure Of Dance/movement Therapists:

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 2/27/2024

Categories: Dance; Occupational licenses; Public health, department of;

Summary: To require the Commissioner of Public Health to study dance/movement therapy and make recommendations concerning the licensure of dance/movement therapists.

Last Action: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING WED 3/6/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH

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HB5245 – An Act Concerning Copayment-Only Health Plans:

Introducers: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Health insurance;

Summary: To remove certain copayment limitations for copayment-only health plans offered in this state.

Last Action: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING

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HB5166 – An Act Expanding Paid Sick Days In The State:

Introducers: Labor and Public Employees Committee

Intro Date: 2/14/2024

Categories: Employees; Employers; Labor department; Sick leave;

Summary: To expand the paid sick days statutes to (1) apply to more employers and employees, (2) expand the categories of family members an employee may use paid sick leave to care for, (3) expand the permitted purposes that an employee may use paid sick leave for, (4) modify the rate at which an employee may receive paid sick leave, and (5) make other conforming and clarifying changes.

Last Action: 02/16/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/22/24 10:00AM - LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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Comment: Expands the state's paid sick leave program that currently applies to businesses with 50 or more employees that fall under the definition of "service worker" by phasing in the requirement that employers with one or more employee to provide leave to all employees, removing the manufacturer exemption, allowing the accumulation of 1 hour of leave for every 30, rather than 40 hours worked, giving employers the option to allow employees to carry over leave or provide it all at the start of the next year, requiring employers provide sick leave based on a calendar year, allowing employees to retain sick leave balance when transferring job sites with the same employers or when there is a successor employer, making it explicit that employees are not required to find a replacement worker, allowing for the use of paid sick leave when exposed to a communicable illness, prohibiting employers from requesting any documentation to validate the reason an employee used sick leave, and imposing requirements that employers retain documentation regarding employee paid sick leave usage for 3 years.

HB5054 – An Act Addressing Health Care Affordability:

Introducers: REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO JOINT RULE 9

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Categories: Drugs; Governor's bills; Health strategy, office of; Medical care; State budget;

Summary: To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

Last Action: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING

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Comment: Establishes the Prescription Drug Affordability Board to explore strategies to reduce drug costs for consumers, study the prescription drug supply chain, monitor drug prices in the state, and make policy recommendations to the Office of Health Strategies regarding drug affordability.

SB405 – An Act Concerning Downcoding Of Health Insurance Claims:

Introducers: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To prohibit health insurance carriers from downcoding health benefit claims to avoid reimbursing health care providers for the actual service performed.

Last Action: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/12/24 1:00PM - INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

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SB404 – An Act Concerning Affordability As A Factor In Premium Rate Filings For Individual And Group Health Insurance Policies:

Introducers: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To require: (1) The Insurance Commissioner to adopt regulations to establish affordability as a factor in reviewing individual and group health insurance policy premium rate filings; and (2) insurers to provide information concerning total cost ranges for such insurer's policies.

Last Action: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/12/24 1:00PM - INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
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SB402 – An Act Concerning Mental Health Parity.

Introducers: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To require the Insurance Commissioner to report on the effectiveness of the provisions of sections 38a-477ee, 38a-488c, 38a-488d, 38a-514c and 38a-514d of the general statutes.

Last Action: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/12/24 1:00PM - INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
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Comment: Requires the Insurance Commissioner to submit an annual report assessing the effectiveness of various mental health parity provisions. Sections cited are all related to coverage for mental health and substance use disorder benefits.

SB401 – An Act Concerning The Availability Of Telehealth Providers In Determining Network Adequacy And Extending The Telehealth Provisions Adopted During The Covid-19 Pandemic.

Introducers: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To (1) allow the Insurance Commissioner to consider the availability of telehealth providers in determining the sufficiency of a health carrier's network, and (2) extend the telehealth provisions adopted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last Action: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/12/24 1:00PM - INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
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Comment: Section 1 requires the Insurance Commissioner to consider the availability of participating providers to provide health care services or treatment through telehealth when determining the sufficiency of a health carrier's network. Sections 2 to 7 extend the telehealth provision adopted during COVID to June 30, 2029

SB371 – An Act Concerning Funding For A Program To Address Pain Management After Amputation.

Introducers: Appropriations Committee

Intro Date: 3/6/2024

Summary: To provide funding for a program to address pain management after amputation.

Last Action: 03/08/2024 PUBLIC HEARING FRI 3/15/24 10:00AM - APPROPRIATIONS
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SB369 – An Act Concerning Home Care Worker Safety.

Introducers: Public Health Committee

Intro Date: 3/5/2024

Summary: To protect the safety of home health care agency and home health aide agency staff.

Last Action: 03/14/2024 PUBLIC HEARING MON 3/18/24 11:00AM - PUBLIC HEALTH
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SB320 – An Act Concerning Early Childhood Developmental Disorders.

Introducers: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Autism spectrum disorders; Behaviorally disordered persons; Children; Developmental disabilities, persons with; Health insurance;

Summary: To expand the definition of autism spectrum disorder to include early childhood developmental disorders for purposes of health insurance coverage.

Last Action: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/5/24 9:00AM - INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
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SB311 – An Act Concerning The Connecticut Home-Care Program For The Elderly.

Introducers: Human Services Committee

Intro Date: 2/28/2024

Categories: Compensation; Continuing care facilities; Health care facilities; Home care program for the elderly; Long term care facilities; Long term care insurance; Medicaid; Relative caregivers; Reports;

Summary: To expand access to the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly by establishing presumptive eligibility for Medicaid-funded services, reducing copayments, increasing asset limits, and expanding categories of persons who may be covered under the state-funded program and to authorize compensation for family caregivers.

Last Action: 03/01/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 3/5/24 11:00AM - HUMAN SERVICES

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[SB239 – An Act Concerning A Grant Program For The Reimbursement Of Certain Licensing, Certification, Registration Or Tuition Fees.](#)

Introducers: Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Apprentices; Certificates and certification; Fees; Grants by the state; Occupational licenses; Technical education and career system; Tuition waivers; Veterans;

Summary: To establish, and appropriate funds for, a grant program for the reimbursement of certain licensing, certification, registration and tuition fees.

Last Action: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING TUE 2/27/24 1:00PM - VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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[SB216 – An Act Concerning A Study Regarding The Use Of An Online Software Application To Address The Mental Health Needs Of Students.](#)

Introducers: Committee on Children

Intro Date: 2/21/2024

Categories: Education department; Mental health; Students; Studies; Telemedicine;

Summary: To require the Department of Education to conduct a study of the feasibility of using an online mental health needs software application in schools.

Last Action: 02/23/2024 PUBLIC HEARING THU 2/29/24 10:00AM - CHILDREN

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[SB160 – An Act Concerning The Learn Here, Live Here Program.](#)

Introducers: Commerce Committee

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Learn here, live here program; Students;

Summary: To: (1) Require the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to establish the Learn Here, Live Here program; (2) increase the annual expenditure on such program to not more than five million dollars; and (3) make such program available to individuals whose annual federal adjusted gross income is not more than seventy-five thousand dollars.

Last Action: 03/22/2024 CHG. REF., HOUSE TO COMM. ON APPROPRIATIONS

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Comment: Requires implementation of, makes adjustments to, and provides funding for the Learn Here Live Here Program. Program eligibility includes graduates of health care training schools - including medical, naturopathic, and occupational therapy, among several others.

[SB21 – An Act Concerning The Learn Here, Live Here Program.](#)

Introducers: Sen. Tony Hwang (R)

Intro Date: 2/9/2024

Categories: Learn here, live here program;

Summary: To increase the annual expenditure on the Learn Here, Live Here program to not more than five million dollars and to make such program available only to individuals whose income is seventy-five thousand dollars or less.

Last Action: 02/13/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON COMMERCE

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[SB166 – An Act Reducing The Initial Licensing Fee For Health Care Professionals By Twenty Per Cent.](#)

Introducers: Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Fees; Medical personnel; Professional licenses;

Summary: To reduce the initial licensing fee for health care professionals by twenty per cent.

Last Action: 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

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[SB163 – An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For Grants-In-Aid To Home Health Agencies To Purchase Safety, Tracking And Communications Devices.](#)

Introducers: Sen. Saud Anwar (D)
Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Home health agencies; Home health care; State bonds;

Summary: To provide funding to home health agencies to purchase safety, tracking and communications devices to improve communication with and protect home care workers.

Last Action: 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
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[SB161—An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For Grants-In-Aid To Home Health Agencies To Purchase Safety, Tracking And Communications Devices.](#)

Introducers: Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

Intro Date: 2/20/2024

Categories: Home health agencies; Home health care; State bonds;

Summary: To provide funding to home health agencies to purchase safety, tracking and communications devices to improve communication with and protect home care workers.

Last Action: 02/21/2024 REF. TO JOINT COMM. ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
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