

YMCA Youth And Government Schedule

Thursday, March 7th	Meeting	
4:00 p.m.	Registration and Check-in	Windsor Ballroom
4:30 p.m.	Committee Chair Training	Hartford Room
5:00 p.m.	Delegate Orientation (All Delegates)	Windsor Ballroom
5:00 p.m.	Adult Meeting (at least one adult from each delegation)	Lobby
5:30 p.m.	Opening Session (All Delegates and Adults)	Windsor Ballroom
6:00 p.m.	Legislative Committees	Windsor 5, 6, Ballroom
7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Windsor Ballroom
7:45 p.m.	Legislative Committees	Windsor 5, 6, Ballroom
9:15 p.m.	Closing Session, Candidate Speeches	Windsor Ballroom
9:45 p.m.	Delegation Meetings	
10:00 p.m.	Curfew (Students in Rooms)	
Friday, March 8th		
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Windsor Ballroom
8:30 a.m.	Gather for Bus Dismissal	Windsor Ballroom
<i>*We will depart to the Capitol from this session, bring everything you need for the day</i>		
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Travel to Capitol	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch in Capitol Cafeteria	
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Travel to Hotel	
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Break, Change Clothes for the Evening	
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner	Windsor Ballroom
7:00 p.m.	Delegation Caucus	
7:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.	Evening Recreation (Movie, Games, etc...)	Windsor Ballroom
	Movie	
	Karaoke	
	Quiet Room	Lobby
9:15 p.m.	Closing Session	Windsor Ballroom
10:00 p.m.	Curfew (Students in Rooms)	
Saturday, March 9th		
7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast	Windsor Ballroom
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Closing Session, Awards	Windsor Ballroom

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Bill Number: 1

Author: Marie-Therese Morosky

AN ACT TO REDUCE GUN HARM: LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: The Constitution of the United States of America affords certain protections to the ownership of firearms. Each year more than 26,000 United States residents die by firearm suicide, 20,000 die by firearm homicide, and nearly 550 die from unintentional firearm injuries. In the past decade, 90% of teen suicide victims that involved guns were accessed at their own homes or from a relative's home. Additionally 58% of shooting deaths with children and teens are homicides, and the risk of homicide is three times higher when there are guns in the home.

Section 2: A person who resides in Connecticut and owns or possesses a Firearm in Connecticut shall obtain and continuously maintain in full force and effect a gun liability insurance. This policy is from an admitted insurer or insurer as defined by the Connecticut Insurance Code, specifically covering losses or damages resulting from any negligent or accidental use of the Firearm, including but not limited to death, injury or property damage.

Section 3: Any violation of this law shall be punishable through criminal and/or civil remedies available to the State. Additionally a Firearm or Firearms of a person that is not in compliance with this law may be impounded subject to a due process hearing.

Section 4: Auto insurers have used risk-adjusted premiums to reward good driving and incentivize use of airbags and other safety features, and by using a comprehensive public health approach to car safety the United States reduced per-mile auto fatalities by nearly 80% from 1967 to 2017. Similarly, insurance-based mechanisms can encourage firearm owners to take safety classes, use gun safes, install trigger locks, or utilize chamber-load indicators, and according to 2018 research published in The Actuary there is evidence that some actuaries and insurance companies are recognizing firearm-related risk through their product offerings, pricing and underwriting decisions. This bill will leverage the insurers' ability to collect and analyze data into risk classifications, and they can utilize risk-based pricing to encourage safer gun purchases, storage and use.

Statement of Purpose: To Reduce Gun harm by Requiring Gun Owners to Obtain and Maintain Liability Insurance

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Bill Number: 2

Author: Brayden Mauro

Achieving Excellence Through Early Learning Act

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: Purpose: To fund a Universal Pre-K program by setting funds for the establishment of a universal Pre- Kthe program.

Section 2: Establishment of Universal Pre-K Program: a) The Connecticut Department of Education shall establish and implement a universal pre-kindergarten program to provide early childhood education to all children within the State of Connecticut between the ages of 3-4. b) The program shall be available to all children who are eligible to attend pre-kindergarten, regardless of family income or other eligibility criteria. c) The program shall be referred to as the "Achieving Excellence Through Early Learning Initiative" or (AEELI)

Section 3: Oversight and Evaluation: a) The Connecticut Department of Education shall establish a system under the Office of Early Childhood to monitor and evaluate the universal pre-kindergarten program to ensure its effectiveness and quality. b) The Office of Early Childhood shall report annually on the program's progress, including student enrollment, program outcomes, and any necessary improvements. c) The Office of Early Childhood shall also provide regular updates on the program's funding and its alignment with the findings on eligible children and children living in poverty.

Section 4: Implementation Timeline: a) The universal pre-kindergarten program shall be fully implemented within September 1st, 2024 b) The Connecticut Department of Education shall take all necessary steps to ensure the timely and effective implementation of the program.

Statement of Purpose: Establish a universal pre-k program

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3 Bill Number: 3

Author: Rosy Siguenza

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An act concerning a ban on Styrofoam Lunch Plates

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

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9 **Section 1:** All public schools K-12 in Connecticut will exchange Styrofoam trays and plates for
10 reusable washable trays and plates.

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13 **Statement of Purpose: To promote environmental sustainability practices and reduce the**
14 **negative impact of Styrofoam on the environment.**

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3 Bill Number: 4

Author: Julia Asplund

6 AN ACT CONCERNING ABOLISHING CENSORSHIP IN CONNECTICUT PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND 7 LIBRARIES

8 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:*

10 **Section 1: PROVISIONS** Upon approval of this bill, it shall be unlawful to ban any book from a
11 public library or school in the State of Connecticut. All adult material and inappropriate content
12 may be prohibited/censored in public spaces of those in the presence of children, i.e elementary
13 school students (k-5) and children's sections in libraries under the age of 12.

14 **Section 2: EVALUATION & PENALTY** Annually, the Board of Education shall analyze and confirm
15 that this bill is being implemented. When this bill is passed, all public schools and public libraries
16 shall have 6 months to acquire all books they have banned. If found in violation after those 6
17 months they shall be fined \$2,000 monthly until they abide by this law.

18 **Section 3: IMPLEMENTATION** This bill shall take action post passing of this bill.

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21 **Statement of Purpose: To uphold our rights of the First Amendment in the United States**
22 **Constitution. A book worth banning is a book worth reading.**

1 **Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly**
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3 Bill Number: 5

Author: Adriana Farfan

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6 AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO MALE REPRODUCTIVE CARE

7 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**
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9 **Section 1:** The Connecticut State government will create a program that will allow for any
10 vasectomies that are not covered by an eligible resident’s, as defined in section 2, insurance plan
11 to be paid in full.

12 **Section 2:** Eligible residents may apply and enroll at any time. To qualify residents must be
13 between the ages 18-50
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16 **Statement of Purpose: To increase access ability and provide financial aid for reproductive**
17 **care**

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3 Bill Number: 6

Author: Madelyn Peck

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6 An Act Concerning Adding Teachers to The CT Paid Leave Act

7 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**
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9 **Section 1:** This bill ensures that teachers will be supported by the CT Paid Leave Act.

10 **Section 2:** Teachers will be awarded their sick days while also being covered by the CT Paid Leave
11 Act.

12 **Section 3:** While board of educations can negotiate through collective bargaining for certain cases
13 to be included. The purpose of this bill is to allow teachers to be included period.
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16 **Statement of Purpose: The purpose of this bill is to make teachers part of the CT Paid**
17 **Leave Act to allow for paid time off during time off for personal and family health needs.**

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Bill Number: 7

Author: Benjamin Rusate

AN ACT CONCERNING AFFORDABLE NEURODIVERGENT MEDICATION

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: Pharmaceutical companies selling medications for ADHD and ADD can sell medication at a maximum of 40% higher than price of production to ensure equal accessibility for patients. The state will collaborate with pharmaceutical companies to establish a pricing framework that reflects the requirements in Section II. Part A and to take into consideration the economic impact on consumers. The state of Connecticut shall establish a watchdog agency to watch the price of medication in the state of Connecticut, other U.S. States and other nations of the world to ensure that pharmaceutical companies reflect the requirements of Section II. Part A.

Section 2: The state will initiate a public awareness campaign to inform residents about the availability of affordable medication options. Healthcare providers will be encouraged to educate their patients on the resources available to reduce the financial burden associated with ADHD, ADD, and Dyslexia medications.

Section 3: Pharmaceutical companies shall submit annual reports detailing the pricing structure of their neurodivergent medications and any efforts made to reduce costs. The state health department will publish an annual report summarizing the impact of the Affordable Neurodivergent Medication Act on medication accessibility and affordability.

Section 4: To take advantage of the price reduction you must be diagnosed by a specialist, doctor or pediatrician.

Section 5: This act shall take effect September 1, 2024.

Statement of Purpose: The purpose of this bill is to make medication more affordable to individuals diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in the state of Connecticut.

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Bill Number: 8

Author: Riley Masterson

An Act Concerning Connecticut Latin Education Enhancement

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: The Connecticut Department of Education will work with school districts to develop a Latin language curriculum that is suitable for students across many different grade levels. Schools will incorporate Latin classes as an elective option. All high schools and middle schools will offer at least two elective latin classes.

Section 2: The Department of Education will provide professional development opportunities for teachers to get the necessary knowledge and skills to teach Latin. Stipends will be given to teachers for continuing to earn credits for Latin education.

Section 3: The funds will come from the state's education budget.

Statement of Purpose: To enhance the educational experience of students in Connecticut by reintroducing Latin language classes into the curriculum of public schools.

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3 Bill Number: 9

Author: Emma Courtright

6 AN ACT CONCERNING CREATING CHARGE INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE THE USE OF REUSABLE
7 PLASTICS

8 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**

10 **Section 1:** Stores must provide appropriate reusable packaging alongside single use packaging, for
11 customers to purchase and reuse, both in the produce section, self dispensed food, and bakery
12 items.

13 **Section 2:** When customers bring reusable packaging, they will be exempt from the single use
14 plastic charge.

15 **Section 3:** The charge at hand would be 50 cents per non-reusable produce/bakery bag and self
16 dispensary container, not an overall charge.

17 **Section 4:** Customers will be asked if they are using any produce/bakery/self-dispensed food bags
18 or containers and how many they used. A 50 cent charge will be added up per bag and added onto
19 the final cost.

20 **Section 5:** The money raised will go to Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement/Bureau of
21 Ocean Energy Management.

22 **Section 6:** Businesses that identify themselves as grocery stores must obey this law or will be
23 fined with an ongoing rate of 25,000 a year or until the law is upheld.

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26 **Statement of Purpose: To charge customers who use non-resealable plastic bags for**
27 **produce, self-dispensed food, and bakery items in stores fifty cents, in order to reduce**
28 **single-use plastic waste. Also, to enforce the accessibility of reusable plastic bags in**
29 **stores enforcing the incentive.**

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Bill Number: 10

Author: Shepard Fisher

AN ACT CONCERNING DECLINING TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: Allocating a 1.3 billion dollar portion of the 11 billion dollar excess tax money in 2023 to renovation and future upkeep of public transportation capital and infrastructure.

Section 2: Maintaining and upgrading current infrastructure such as bus stops, rest stops, train stations, and EV charging networks via programs like Electrify America

Section 3: Builds new rail lines and stations as well as more charging stations with the goal of having one EV charging station in every town.

Section 4: Allocates \$300,000,000 as a grant to be given to towns who want to use the money as long as it falls under the guidelines of the bill

Statement of Purpose: This bill would create a new program and open up funding for new public transportation such as new Train lines, Hybrid and Electric buses, and EV charging networks as well as funding for upgrading existing transportation.

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3 Bill Number: 11

Author: Olivia Miller

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6 AN ACT CONCERNING DOG PARKS IN ALL CT STATE PARKS

7 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**
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9 **Section 1:** The designated area must be at least ½ an acre and fenced in.

10 **Section 2:** Dogs must be 4 months of age or older

11 **Section 3:** Dogs must have a current Dog License and license tag must be visible

12 **Section 4:** Aggressive dogs, female dogs in season (heat) and sick or injured dogs PROHIBITED
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15 **Statement of Purpose:** To ensure a legal and free public area for all dog owners in state
16 parks to enjoy the outdoors leash free with their pet. This act will allow free roaming of
17 licensed dogs that fit the qualifying standards within the unleashed area.

1 **Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly**
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3 Bill Number: 12

Author: Mario Rojas

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6 AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDANCE COUNSELORS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

7 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**
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9 **Section 1:** Subsection 10-16ss of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (ss) as
10 follows: (ss) All public elementary schools (K-5) shall have 1 guidance counselor for every 250
11 students, all public middle schools (6-8) shall have 1 guidance counselor for every 200 students,
12 and all public high schools (9-12) shall have 1 guidance counselor for every 175 students.

13 **Section 2:** The state of Connecticut shall increase the funding to the Education Cost Sharing (ECS)
14 formula in the amount of 50 million dollars in order for Connecticut school districts to hire more
15 guidance counselors.
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18 **Statement of Purpose: To ensure a suitable number of counselors for public school**
19 **students.**

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3 Bill Number: 13

Author: Charles Cusachs

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6 AN ACT CONCERNING HOSTILE ARCHITECTURE IN PUBLIC SPACES

7 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**
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9 **Section 1:** Hostile architecture is defined as a feature in an urban environment that is designed for
10 the sole purpose of restricting certain non-illegal behavior, usually targeted towards homeless
11 people. An example of this is putting spikes on flat surfaces to prevent people from sleeping there.

12 **Section 2:** If a city is discovered to use hostile architecture or hostile architecture tactics when
13 designing the environment of a public space or outside of a public building they will be fined
14 \$1,000 every day from the date it was implemented until the day it gets removed.

15 **Section 3:** Local law enforcement will respond to any claims or reports of hostile architectural
16 designs and will be able to call and hire an urban designer as a consultant to help if need be.
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19 **Statement of Purpose: To alleviate governmental discrimination against the homeless.**

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3 Bill Number: 14

Author: London Smith

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6 AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING

7 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**
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9 **Section 1:** All homeless people will be provided the right to housing in the state of Connecticut.

10 **Section 2:** Each town/city in Connecticut will have at least 2 homeless shelters, one shelter for
11 women and one for men. Children will be housed with their main provider. The size of each shelter
12 and the additional amount of shelters depend on the population of the town/city.

13 **Section 3:** There will be mental institutes specifically made for homeless people.

14 **Section 4:** This will be funded by adding an extra dollar in property tax.
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17 **Statement of Purpose: To keep homeless people safe and off of the streets**

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Bill Number: 15

Author: Brooke Montalvo

An Act Concerning Paid Maternity/Paternity Leave

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: Be it amended starting on Jun 1, 2024 maternity leave will be increased to at least 24 weeks at the discretion of the employees healthcare professionals. Paternity leave will also be offered for upwards of 20 weeks .

Section 2: The maximum number of weeks allowed is 52 weeks of paid leave.

Section 3: This must be applicable for every employed expecting parent; including adoptive parents, to allow both the parents and child to adjust to their new lives.

Statement of Purpose: To increase paid time off for new parents.

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Bill Number: 16

Author: Maddie Rella

AN ACT CONCERNING PLASTIC WASTE

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: If a tax paying citizen produces more than 175 pounds of plastic each year, they will have to pay a fine of \$10 per pound they went over.

Section 2: Invest in Bioplastics and Bamboo. Both alternatives are eco-friendly. Bioplastics is essentially plastic made from natural, and safe resources, this also cuts down on petroleum and Fossil Fuel use. Bamboo is a very plentiful resource that is a solution for many plastic problems. Bamboo can replace tableware, packaging, construction, flooring, textiles, personal care products, scaffolding, and much more. Both options are just slightly more expensive but they are reusable unlike most plastic products.

Statement of Purpose: To change the amount of plastic ending up in our environment. 63% of the Connecticut river is filled with plastic. The presence of plastic itself is everywhere, we as humans intake microplastics with every meal. This is because less than 10% of plastic is actually recycled. My bill will invest in solutions for this issue.

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Bill Number: 17

Author: Caylee Brown

An Act Concerning Private University Property Taxation

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: "Campus" will be defined as property owned and utilized by a private college institution to host educational classes and directly contribute to student education

Section 2: Colleges status as educational facilities will be revoked per Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for all property that doesn't increase accessibility to education or increase the quality of education and will lose its tax exempt status

Section 3: Private colleges will be taxed according to the property tax rates of the cities they are located in should they own commercial property that does not directly increase accessibility to education or the quality of education, including (but not limited to): a) Off campus housing b) Off campus retail stores c) Off campus restaurants And discluding: a) On campus housing b) Campus c) Libraries

Statement of Purpose: To regulate the economic power of privately owned universities in order to preserve the economies, cultures, and wellbeing of the communities of cities inhabited by universities

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Bill Number: 18

Author: Jasmine Bermudez Rivera

AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED TEST SCORE ACHIEVEMENT AS A GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: PROVISIONS The state of Connecticut shall mandate a minimum test score requirement for each graduating class as a requirement for their respective diploma including all GED Programs on either the SAT or ACT. Those who fail to receive this minimum score will be given the opportunity to retake it or graduate with a Certificate of Attendance in replacement of a diploma. Minimum test scores that should be achieved in order to graduate will be respectively a 500 in ERW(Evidence Based Reading and Writing) and 500 in Math on the SAT or a 20 on the ACT. Each student will be given the opportunity to take the SAT or the ACT and may choose to do both.

Section 2: EVALUATION AND ADJUSTMENTS Accommodations shall be made for students with special needs or disabilities as deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall annually review the effectiveness and fairness met through this graduation requirement. The State Board of Education shall give the opportunity to accommodate any extenuating circumstance as long as it is deemed appropriate.

Section 3: FUNDING An adequate amount of funding shall be allocated towards preparation programs for the SAT and ACT. This includes the resources required and educators. The money provided is sought from the \$12.4 billion that accumulates annually specifically for k12 education.

Section 4: IMPLEMENTATION Requirement shall take effect the academic year post passing of this bill.

Statement of Purpose: To require each graduating class a minimum test score achievement in order to receive a diploma. Achieving this test score reinstates the prestige in receiving one's respective diploma while also ensuring they are prepared post-grad.

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Bill Number: 19

Author: Za'hkira White

AN ACT CONCERNING SELF-DRIVING AND AUTOPILOT MOTOR VEHICLES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: All cars sold in CT with self-driving or autopilot technology in vehicles are to be prohibited. All cars sold in CT with self driving capabilities shall be adorned with a pink signal light on the front and rear bumper to signify that it is in use. Pink light will be a mechanism to allow for patrol and ticketing if they are using self driving vehicles. For cars sold in CT with these capabilities, they will have the signal lights installed. For vehicles that have these capabilities that are already sold should be retrofitted at the car dealership by September of 2024. The device will be cost free for the vehicle owners. If vehicle owners do not get the signal light they will be fined \$100 for every month that they do not get it done. For those who do use the technology they will be ticketed \$250 for the first offense. For the second offense they will be fined \$350 and have to retake driver safety courses.

Statement of Purpose: To make the roads safer for all drivers.

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Bill Number: 20

Author: Michael Hollman

An Act Concerning Taxation Reform in Connecticut

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: Definitions. For the purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the meanings given: (a) Levying: the collection of taxes by the state of Connecticut. (b) Land value tax: a tax assessed on the unimproved value of land, excluding the value of any buildings or improvements on the land.

Section 2: Implementation of the land value tax. (a) The state of Connecticut shall cease the levying of the state income tax, sales tax, use tax, property tax, corporate business tax, excise tax, and all other relevant taxes. (b) The state of Connecticut shall see to the implantation of a land value tax. (c) A state-wide assessment shall be conducted annually by an independent assessor appointed by the state to determine the value of private properties.

Section 3: Collection of the land value tax. (a) The rate of the land value tax shall be determined annually by the state legislature based on the revenue requirements of the state budget. (b) The land value tax shall be collected quarterly, with the specific dates and procedure decided upon by the relevant authorities.

Section 4: Exemptions and credits. (a) Agricultural, forested, and/or conservational land may be eligible for exemptions from the land value tax, or be given credits towards it.

Section 5: Reporting and transparency. (a) The relevant taxation authorities shall release a report to the public annually, detailing the revenue collected by the land value tax and it's allocations for spending by the state of Connecticut.

Statement of Purpose: To reform the Connecticut taxation system by replacing the current state-levied taxes with a single land-value tax.

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3 Bill Number: 21

Author: Angel Rojas

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6 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

7 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**
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9 **Section 1:** The State of Connecticut shall increase the amount of students in each of the 20
10 technical high schools by ten percent.

11 **Section 2:** The State of Connecticut shall increase the funding for each of the 20 technical high
12 schools by ten percent.
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15 **Statement of Purpose: To ensure that there are more spaces allotted for technical schools**
16 **and to increase the funding for technical schools.**

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Bill Number: 22

Author: Rowan Fisher

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF PUBLIC SPACES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: Subsidizing bus passes for young adults The state of Connecticut will provide funds for public transportation for young adults. Town council members may apply to the state to obtain stipends for bus passes which are to be distributed among eligible young adults in their town.

Section 2: Defining eligible young adults Ages 13 to 25, within the year of application for a bus pass Permanent resident of the town in which they apply for a bus pass

Statement of Purpose: To enhance living conditions of young Connecticut citizens by allowing them a wider access to employment, education, state parks, and socialization.

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3 Bill Number: 23

Author: Payton Browne

6 An Act Concerning the Education System

7 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**

9 **Section 1:** All high schools shall offer classes that teach students about the importance of
10 finances.

11 **Section 2:** Topics will include credit score and the importance of building it, as well as about taxes
12 and filing them.

13 **Section 3:** All high schools will have a class teaching about the function and fundamentals of the
14 stock market.

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17 **Statement of Purpose:** To add classes to all High Schools in Connecticut that educate
18 young adults of financials covering all bases. And even add courses that teach students
19 about the stock market.

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Bill Number: 24

Author: Samantha Samaniego

AN ACT CONCERNING THE HOMELESSNESS IN CONNECTICUT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: The State of Connecticut shall allocate 50,000,000 dollars towards transitional housing in the State of Connecticut. The homeless population shall be aware and offered transitional housing.

Section 2: While in transitional housing people should be offered educational and occupational assistance.

Statement of Purpose: To provide homeless people with safe shelter and assistance through transitional housing.

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Bill Number: 25

Author: Ethan Frederick

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMAL HOURS OF ALCOHOL COUNSELING

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: As of the passage of this bill, all drug and alcohol counselors will require a minimum of 2000 hours of relevant work experience to qualify for a license.

Statement of Purpose: To want to raise the minimum hours of practice of education there needs to be a reason. In many other states the hours have been raised and since then their rehabilitation numbers have gone up. Utah, for example, is the state with the lowest alcohol consumption. They must have 200 hours of education related to substance use disorders. Additionally they must have 200 hours of practicum. The certified counselor will accrue 2,000 hours of work experience.

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3 Bill Number: 26

Author: Andrew Buscemi

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF GAS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: Amend the emission reporting requirements established by the CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, reducing the minimum threshold for reporting nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds from 25 tons to 5 tons.

Section 2: Per CT.GOV definition, "The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is charged with conserving, improving and protecting the natural resources and the environment of the state of Connecticut."

Section 3: Per EPA and CDC definition, Nitrogen Oxides are highly reactive gaseous mixture of gasses that are composed of nitrogen and oxygen. Nitrogen oxides can aggravate respiratory diseases, can cause asthma, form acid rain, worsen air quality, etc.

Section 4: Per EPA definition, "Volatile organic compounds (VOC) means any compound of carbon, excluding carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, carbonic acid, metallic carbides or carbonates and ammonium carbonate, which participates in atmospheric photochemical reactions." These compounds pollute the air and can create harmful by-products, causing adverse health effects in the population.

Statement of Purpose: To better track and index the various nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds released across CT, by lowering the tonnage reporting minimum for their emissions.

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Bill Number: 27

Author: Rylie Benigni

An act concerning the use of free vouchers for each child to attend a session of summer camp of their choosing.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: All Connecticut residents under the age of 18 will be given a voucher to attend a summer camp of their choosing.

Section 2: The voucher will be in the amount of \$500.

Statement of Purpose: To keep the youth engaged, occupied and engrossed in development over the course of the summer. Many children are unable to attend summer programs due to lack of income and high value, with the use of the vouchers they will be able to attend.

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Bill Number: 28

Author: Erin Nygard

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PESTICIDES AND FERTILIZERS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: All purchases of more than 2 pounds of pesticides and fertilizers per year require a permit in order to reduce the amount of pesticide runoff into the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound.

Section 2: "Runoff" is when there is more water than the land can absorb, and it causes drainage into the nearest water sources, commonly being rivers, ponds, lakes, and oceans. While the water is draining, it can easily pick up fertilizers and pesticides that are not absorbed and lead to pollution in the rivers and lakes, and can impact the lives of the species.

Section 3: In order to apply and receive a permit for the use of pesticides and fertilizers, the person must prove that they are a business owner whose business requires the use of pesticides.

Section 4: For general citizens attempting to purchase pesticides, the back of their license must be scanned in order to keep a record of the amount of pesticides bought within the year.

Section 5: Any violation of this law shall be punishable by a fine of \$100 per every pound of pesticides and fertilizers used per year. Stores who fail to uphold these regulations will be fined accordingly.

Statement of Purpose: To reduce the amount of pesticide and fertilizer runoff by introducing the use of a permit.

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Bill Number: 29

Author: Griffin DePalma

AN ACT CONCERNING TRAFFIC IN CONNECTICUT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: All new and under construction intersections that are 4 and 3 way stops, will be turned into roundabouts. The state will first Start off by adding 10 roundabouts per year , each year with the States approval, Connecticut will double the output of roundabouts per year until all 4 and 3 way stops are gone.

Statement of Purpose: To speed up the pace of the traffic caused by the traffic lights by replacing most traffic lights that are able to be replaced with Roundabouts. This bill will help environmentally to decrease emissions, and will create less traffic.

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Bill Number: 30

Author: Braeden Williamson

AN ACT CONCERNING ZONING REFORM IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: The State of Connecticut shall require that minimum lot sizes for single family housing not exceed 8712 sq feet.

Section 2: The State of Connecticut shall require that minimum lot sizes for duplex housing not exceed 17424 sq feet.

Section 3: The State of Connecticut shall require that minimum lot sizes for triplex housing not exceed 26136 sq feet.

Section 4: The State of Connecticut shall forbid municipalities from outlawing the construction of duplex or triplex housing.

Statement of Purpose: To rid of unnecessary restrictions on the construction of new housing.

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Bill Number: 31

Author: Fatima Islam

AN ACT PROPOSING TENANT SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SECTION 8 INDIVIDUALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: Establishment of Tenant Support Services Program: (a) A Tenant Support Services Program dedicated to providing comprehensive assistance to individuals participating in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program will be established. (b) The program shall offer a range of support services, including but not limited to housing counseling, legal aid, and financial coaching to address the needs of Section 8 tenants.

Section 2: Administration of the Program: (a) The Tenant Support Services Program shall be administered by the Connecticut Department of Housing and will coordinate with local public housing agencies (PHAs) and various community-based organizations. (b) The Connecticut Department of Housing shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the program, allocating funding, and monitoring the program's outcomes.

Section 3: Funding: (a) Funding shall be used to hire staff & counselors, establish partnerships with other service providers, and provide direct assistance to Section 8 tenants.

Section 4: Specific Program Components: (a) Housing Counseling Services will be established specifically tailored to the needs of Section 8 individuals. The services would provide one-on-one counseling sessions, resources to help individuals understand their housing options, support with navigating the rental market, and help tenants make informed decisions about their housing. (b) Legal assistance shall be provided to Section 8 tenants to address housing-related legal issues - including eviction proceedings and lease disputes. (c) Financial coaching and budgeting support will be provided to help tenants manage their finances, budget effectively for housing expenses, and build financial stability. The services would ultimately promote and increase long term financial independence. (d) Partnerships with community-based organizations, tenant advocacy groups, and social service agencies would be forged to expand the impact of Tenant Support Services. The partnerships would effectively leverage existing resources and ensure that Section 8 tenants receive comprehensive support tailored to their needs.

Statement of Purpose: To provide essential support services and resources to Section 8 Individuals.

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3 Bill Number: 32

Author: Talia Bauer

6 An Act Proposing the Removal of Invasive Plants from Connecticut State Parks and Forests

7 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**

9 **Section 1:** All Connecticut State Parks and Forests must be inspected twice annually for the
10 invasive plants listed on a provided list by the CIPWG (Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group).

11 **Section 2:** Plants that are found to be invasive should be marked and tracked for growth, so that
12 they can later be removed by the group or volunteers in the area. Those removing the plants should
13 include park workers and any volunteers that live locally and have elected to help on the QR found
14 on the parks' educational posters.

15 **Section 3:** Signs posted about the difference between invasive and native plants should be posted
16 by the entrances of the parks to educate those using the area. People should be informed about the
17 dangers of invasive plant species and the need for the revival of native species. These signs will
18 include a QR code that sends park visitors to the CIPWG website and a QR code to a volunteer
19 sign-up list on that town's website.

20 **Section 4:** Volunteers that choose to involve themselves in the actual removal of the plants must
21 complete an introductory course to ensure that they are aware of the benefits of removal, how to
22 do so, and which plants, specifically, they should be cutting into.

23 **Section 5:** All state parks must be inspected, regardless of whether they are mostly beach or
24 woods. Invasive plant species are everywhere, they are not only spreading in wooded areas.

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27 **Statement of Purpose: To stop the spread of invasive plants in Connecticut, so that native**
28 **plants and animals are given the space to thrive and rely on their specific ecosystems.**

Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly

3 Bill Number: 33

Author: Cali Morelli

6 AN ACT PROPOSING THE REQUIREMENT FOR CONNECTICUT POLICE OFFICERS TO COMPLETE
7 FIREFIGHTER 1 AND FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING IN ORDER TO WORK IN SERVICE

8 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**

10 **Section 1:** According to NFPA's 2002 National Fire Experience Survey, there are an estimated
11 30,310 fire departments in the U.S. 12% of all departments are all career or mostly career but
12 protect 60% of the U.S. population, while 88% of the departments are mostly volunteer or all
13 volunteer and protect 40% of the population. There are 315 fire departments in Connecticut. This
14 figure includes municipal fire departments, fire districts, state agencies, tribal nations and
15 industrial fire departments. In CT, there are 21,900 fire departments (72.3%) are all volunteer.

16 **Section 2:** Seven Suburban Communities in California showed that 69% had First Responder
17 Training (CPR and First-aid), 26% had EMT basic training, and 5 % had EMT Paramedic.

18 **Section 3:** NFPA Standard 1710 establishes a 60 second "turnout time" and 240 second "travel
19 time" (together, 300 seconds or 5 minute first "response time") benchmark time goal for not less
20 than 90% of dispatched incidents for EMS. In the US, The average response time for a 911 call is
21 typically 5-6 minutes for level one emergencies, however it can take longer depending on the
22 situation.

23 **Section 4:** The CT Government will provide funding to cover the cost of testing and classes of
24 Firefighter 1 and EMT training. If an Officer were to quit and want a renewal of their license for
25 EMT then they would have to pay the cost.

26 **Section 5:** EMT is defined as emergency medical technicians that assess injuries and illnesses,
27 provide emergency medical care, and may transport patients to medical facilities if needed.
28 FIREFIGHTER I is defined as a program designed to incorporate the orientation to fire service with
29 the necessary theory and hands-on applications needed to become a certified FireFighter. This
30 program qualifies students to take the state certification exam with the Bureau of Fire Standards
31 and Training (which includes both written and practical skills) to become a Certified FireFighter in
32 the state of Connecticut. An association or volunteer status is needed to have full certification.

35 **Statement of Purpose: To enhance public safety and emergency response effectiveness,
36 this proposed act aims to mandate Connecticut police officers to undergo Firefighter 1 and
37 First Responder training, ensuring comprehensive readiness and coordination in
38 emergency situations**

1 **Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly**
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3 Bill Number: 34

Author: Valeria Ruiz-Acosta

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6 AN ACT REQUIRING HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL
7 GRADUATION

8 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**
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10 **Section 1:** All students must take a human anatomy course and earn credit in order to graduate.
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13 **Statement of Purpose:** To ensure students have a basic understanding of bodily functions
14 before graduating from high school.

Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly

Bill Number: 35

Author: Leo Martinez

AN ACT THAT ESTABLISHES THE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC ART ACROSS CONNECTICUT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: The Department of Economic and Community Development: Arts and Creativity will actively seek out private corporations and businesses to fund public art. These partnerships will be specifically for the funding and development of public art.

Section 2: A new fund will be established being the Public Arts Fund. The fund would receive an initial budget of 10 million dollars that will be provided through taxpayer money.

Section 3: The Percent for Art program as of 1978 established that not less than 1% of a buildings budget must go towards art. This would be increased to 2% of a buildings budget making art more prominent in all spaces. This would not apply to already built building or buildings that begin construction before October 1st of 2024.

Statement of Purpose: To enhance the environment across Connecticut while offering job opportunities and representing communities through the increased funding and display of public art.

Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly

Bill Number: 36

Author: Ethan Cleveland

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT CONCERNING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: Anybody with an animal abuse conviction will be put onto a blacklist to inform sellers and adoption centers if the buyer/adopter has a past history of abuse towards animals.

Section 2: An extension to the 5 year period commencing after the conviction period prohibiting such people from harboring, owning, possessing, residing with, adopting or serving as a foster placement for any animal, and being employed by, or volunteering for, any entity in any position that involves care for, or regular contact with, any animal, to 10 years after the abuser is convicted and registered into the blacklist.

Section 3: After the 10 years spent on the list the abuser may be taken off as long as no signs of abuse are shown during the period. If any abuse takes place following this conviction the abuser will be kept on the list and be prohibited from all listed previously.

Statement of Purpose: To protect the safety of all animals and pets in the state of Connecticut.

Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly

3 Bill Number: 37

Author: Caroline Ancona

6 AN ACT TO CREATE A STATUTE THAT REQUIRES SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A WIDER VARIETY OF
7 BASIC VEGETABLE OPTIONS AND COLLECT DATA ON POPULAR CHOICES TO REDUCE FOOD
8 WASTE IN SCHOOLS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.

9 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**

11 **Section 1:** All public schools in the state of Connecticut will use the money allocated for the
12 necessary purchase of vegetables and fruit to buy a greater variety of fruits and vegetables but
13 less of each.

14 **Section 2:** All Connecticut schools must meet a federal nutritional requirement but the way that
15 requirement is met would now be standardized by requiring the purchase of fresh fruits and
16 vegetables in a greater variety. Therefore there is not a greater amount of food being purchases
17 but instead a greater variety. Overtime as school modify purchasing behavior the food waste will
18 decrease because they will be purchasing fruits and vegetables that students are actually
19 consuming.

20 **Section 3:** There is to be no set of condiments, such as sugars, sauces etc, that accompany these
21 fruits and vegetables as that would not meet state funding and national nutritional requirements.

22 **Section 4:** Food is to be kept in a cold or metal serving container and will be handed off by
23 cafeteria staff when lunch hours are in session. No student shall have the ability to touch the fruits
24 and vegetables, therefore all fruits and vegetables will be able to be refrigerated until date of
25 expiration. Fruits and vegetables must only be kept until the exact day that they are required to be
26 thrown out or until deemed unsuitable by the cafeteria staff.

27 **Section 5:** Schools are required to purchase vegetables only in the amounts in which their student
28 body needs them, based on population and active lunch buyers daily.

29 **Section 6:** Cafeteria staff are now required to take data on the fruits and vegetables that are
30 taken by students to modify their purchasing habits to what their individual schools prefer to eat
31 as a whole in the process of moving schools towards less net waste annually.

34 **Statement of Purpose: To allow schools to offer more vegetable options, and fewer of**
35 **each, so students actually eat a vegetable they want and less food waste is produced.**
36 **Cafeteria staff will be required to take data on what fruits and vegetables that are eaten**
37 **the most and to eventually modify purchasing habits accordingly to reduce the amount of**
38 **food waste in school.**

Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly

3 Bill Number: 38

Author: Liam Roberts

6 An Act To Mandate the Implementation of Child Changing Stations in all Public Men’s Restrooms in
7 Already Existing Buildings and New Buildings

8 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**

10 **Section 1:** The state of Connecticut will provide baby changing stations in all public men’s
11 restrooms to help the population of father’s that have young children. All of the following may be in
12 need of a changing table: single dads, stay-at-home dads, two-dad families, grandpas, uncles, male
13 babysitters, and old brothers. The lack of changing tables in public men’s restrooms is an
14 inconvenience and simply dangerous to the child.

15 **Section 2:** Changing stations not only make the process of changing a diaper cleaner and easier, as
16 other locations like the floor are less sanitary in bathrooms, but also increase the safety for the
17 young child. If there is no changing station present, parents may be forced to place their child on
18 tables not meant for changing diapers or other makeshift bench like structures, which could result
19 in rolling off the makeshift tables and hurting themselves.

20 **Section 3:** Women are seen as the primary caretaker in a heterosexual relationship or nuclear
21 family which has contributed to the lack of changing tables present in men’s public restrooms. This
22 would provide equality to the ever growing population of two-dad families.

23 **Section 4:** Building codes from local and state government require that the person, business,
24 organization, firm, or corporation that operates a public building or facility be required to perform
25 the installation of the diaper changing station in the men’s public restroom. Changing stations can
26 easily be installed by a business, organization, person, etc, with online manuals that are accessible
27 and easy to purchase parts.

28 **Section 5:** If there is a family restroom available for public use at the facility and it already has a
29 changing station available, this law would not apply.

30 **Section 6:** If organizations, businesses, persons, etc, fail to implement changing stations in men’s
31 public restrooms by June 1st, 2024, a \$500 fine will be imposed and money will be donated to
32 funding local charities, improving infrastructure, or used for educational purposes and
33 improvements in the school system.

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36 **Statement of Purpose: To provide accessible changing stations in all public men’s**
37 **restrooms to single fathers, stay-at-home dads, two-dad families, grandpas, uncles, male**
38 **babysitters, and old brothers, or any male caretaker to reduce risk of injury, decrease**
39 **unsanitary situations, and make diaper changing convenient.**

1 **Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly**
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3 Bill Number: 39

Author: Lori Huaman Valeria Villa

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6 AN ACT CONCERNING PLASTIC CONTAINERS

7 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**
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9 **Section 1:** section 22a-246a of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (E) as
10 follows: In the state of Connecticut all plastic containers sold in food departments shall be banned
11 and changed to a more environmentally friendly reusable container.

12 **Section 2:** an establishment selling food to go for example food departments such as markets,
13 bodegas, convenient stores etc.
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16 **Statement of Purpose: to stop the amount of plastic that goes into landfill in the state of**
17 **ct.**

1 **Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly**
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3 Bill Number: 40

Author: Carmelo Arroyo

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6 AN ACT REQUIRING SENIOR CITIZENS TO TAKE A VISUAL AND MEMORY TEST TO RENEW THEIR
7 DRIVER'S LICENSE

8 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**
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10 **Section 1:** All senior citizens at the age of 65 will be required to take a vision and memory test to
11 renew their driver's license. Any driver who does not pass either test will have their license revoked
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14 **Statement of Purpose:** To decrease the amount of accidents that are enacted by senior
15 citizens and cause death and to decrease hospitalization on the road.

Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly

Bill Number: 41

Author: Sherdae Wilson Kailee Mauldin

AN ACT CONCERNING PROVIDING EMERGENCY PARENTAL SUPPORT TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS,
AND CARETAKERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1: 1. State of Connecticut will be required to provide an emergency parental support service to 2. parents and primary guardians and caretakers. 3. Department of Social Services and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection 4. will coordinate using the 9-1-1 Telecommunication Fund to recognize and pay for the transport 5. of the child or the travel of the emergency caretaker.

Statement of Purpose: To establish a dedicated emergency line for short-term childcare needs, addressing the critical issue of parental burnout, preventing child neglect, and reducing instances of abuse.

Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly

3 Bill Number: 42

Author: Melissa Saquinaula, Cesar Acu

6 AN ACT CONFERENCE DOUBLING THE FUNDING FOR FEDERAL PELL GRANT FOR COLLEGE
7 STUDENTS

8 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**

10 **Section 1:** Sec. 10a-164a General statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
11 thereof: The State of Connecticut shall use state funds to double the Federal Pell grant for each
12 pell grant recipient.

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15 **Statement of Purpose: To support low-income college students in financing their**
16 **education, the Pell Grant aims to provide financial assistance for various expenses such as**
17 **tuition, fees, room and board, books, and other educational needs. Its primary goal is to**
18 **aid students c**

Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly

3 Bill Number: 43

Author: Adrianna Cabera Emily Reinoso

6 An act concerning the age of sexual consent in Connecticut.

7 **Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:**

9 **Section 1:** The state of Connecticut shall consider a person guilty of sexual assault when the
10 victim of the offense is under eighteen years of age.

11 **Section 2:** If the actor is found guilty of this offense, it will be considered statutory rape.

12 **Section 3:** Statutory rape - Conviction that carries a mandatory minimum 9 month jail sentence
13 and up to 2,000 in fines.

14 **Section 4:** As used in sections 1-3, inclusive, of this act: Any penetration counts as sex in
15 statutory rape. This means oral, anal, vaginal penetration which can be with fingers or another
16 object.

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19 **Statement of Purpose: To change the age of sexual consent from 16 to 18.**

Connecticut Youth and Government General Assembly

Bill Number: 43

Author(s): Jessie Zheng, Terrell Tolson

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LOWERING OF THE STATE VOTING AGE

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. As used in sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act:

(1) "Elector" refers to any registered voter within a specific town or municipality who is entitled to participate in local decision-making processes. This person's name should appear on the last-completed registry list of such municipality and, being present and not disqualified by law, is entitled to vote.

Section 2. Article 10 of the amendments to the constitution is amended to read as follows:

Any citizen who will have attained the age of sixteen years on or before the day of a regular election may apply for admission as an elector within the period of four months prior to such election, at such times and in such manner as may be prescribed by law, and, if qualified, shall become an elector on the day of his or her sixteen birthday.

Section 3. Title 9, Chapter 143, Section 9-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2024):

(a) Each citizen of the United States who has attained the age of sixteen years, and who is a bona fide resident of the town to which the citizen applies for admission as an elector shall, on approval by the registrars of voters or town clerk of the town of residence of such citizen, as prescribed by law, be an elector, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section. For purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to have attained the age of sixteen years on the day of the person's sixteen birthday and a person shall be deemed to be a bona fide resident of the town to which the citizen applies for admission as an elector if such person's, including guardian's, dwelling unit is located within the geographic boundaries of such town.

(b) Any citizen who will have attained the age of sixteen years on or before the day of a regular election may apply for admission as an elector. If such citizen is found to be qualified the citizen shall become an elector on the day of the citizen's sixteen birthday.

Section 4. Title 9, Chapter 90, Section 9-169h of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2024):

D) An indication of whether such individual has attained the age of sixteen years;

Section 5. Title 9, Chapter 90, Section 7-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2024):

At any town meeting other than a regular or special town election or at any meeting of any fire, sewer or school district or any other municipal subdivision of any town incorporated by any special act, any person who is an elector of such town may vote and any citizen of the United States of the age of sixteen years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable to the town, district or subdivision for taxes assessed against him or his guardians on an assessment of not less than one thousand dollars on the last-completed grand list of such town, district or subdivision, or who would be so liable if not entitled to an exemption under subdivision (17), (19), (22), (23), (25) or (26) of section 12-81, may vote, unless restricted by the provisions of any special act relating to such town, district or subdivision.

Section 5. (a) All Connecticut public middle and high schools must have a continuous educational

nonpartisan civic course, consisting of all necessary voting information and relevant skills. This includes, but is not limited to:

(1) differences between types of election

(2) absentee voting, voter registration

(3) misinformation, disinformation

(4) current events

(5) candidate research

(6) upcoming election dates, times, & locations

(b) Teachers, administrators, and school staff members must remain impartial and nonpartisan when creating the curriculum and administering this course. The Superintendent must communicate all relevant information, including class content and materials, to The State of Connecticut Department of Education, which will verify and ensure that all courses remain impartial.

(c) Schools that refuse to comply with this mandate will be fined \$5,000.

Statement of Purpose: To expand eligibility for voting from 18 years of age to 16 years of age in town, city, and state elections.