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2018 Capitol Highlights

Special Session

The 2018 Special Legislative Session has a tentative date for the Summer of 2018.

Budget Highlights

With less than eight hours left in the 2018 Session, both Republican and Democratic leaders announce **no tax increase** to the bipartisan agreement attached to the already existing \$20 billion budget.

Budget Bill: S.B. 543

- Passed both Chambers Wednesday night, May 9th, 2018
- Restores funding to Medicare Saving Program
 - 100,000 Senior Citizens will see Benefits to restoration of program
- Blocks imposed threats by Governor Malloy to increase the bus & train fares
- Over \$1.1 billion in State's rainy-day fund
- Averts cuts to municipal aid for cities and towns
- Husky A restoration of funding
 - Covers 13,500 adults
- ❖ Republicans made big concessions to come to agreement (heavy and intense lobbying efforts prevented the three below listed proposals from passing into legislation)
 - Collective bargaining for retirement benefits ends after current contracts expiration assigned in mid-2027
 - No changes for overtime from pension calculation
 - No changes for cost-of-living to pensions for retirees that became vested after mid-2027. Until the system holds enough to cover 80% of pension obligations, current percentage stands at less than 40%

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Municipal Accountability Review Board- MARB: [S.B. 528](#)

- Shortened Hartford bailout to a five-year deal
 - Money can now be cut to the city after that time frame under certain circumstances, unless the deal is extended by the legislature

- Republicans vote in favor, while more than half of house Democrats reject proposal
 - Dems argue five years was not enough in the efforts to assist Hartford in financial difficulties

- Both Democrats and Republicans Legislators claim a “major misunderstanding” over last year’s bill when it came time to vote for Senate Bill 528
 - Legislators believed to be voting for two-year bailout rather than a long-term \$500 million deal

- Vetoed by Governor Malloy; Original bailout from 2017 remains in effect

The Bills Defeated

[H.B. 5509](#) as Amended by LCO [5942](#): AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES FOR INTEREST RATES ON DELINQUENT SEWER ASSESSMENTS

- Proposed bill allowed volunteers to direct traffic on municipal roadways
 - Traffic control is currently performed by trained professional police officers using proper safety equipment, including police car lights and flashers

[S.B. 421](#): AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL BUDGET RESERVES FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

- The disallowing of gross wage increases to any bargaining unit where the municipalities reserve fund is under 15%

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H.B. 5398: AN ACT PROHIBITING STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FROM PROVIDING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO A FEDERAL AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUCH PROPERTY'S FORFEITURE.

- 2018 legislature's forfeiture bill, has been defeated every year
- Proposed legislation would prevent state and local law enforcement agencies from transferring seized property for the purpose of property's forfeiture under federal law

H.B. 5475 as Amended by LCO 5070: AN ACT CONCERNING THE BODY-WORN RECORDING EQUIPMENT TASK FORCE.

- Proposed legislation would have prohibited police officers from viewing video footage captured from police officer's body-worn cameras
- Criminal defendants have the constitutional right to view such videos, while H.B. 5475 would have eroded that right entitled to a police officer
- LCO 5070 reduced proposed legislation to a study to be reported to the Connecticut General Assembly no later than January 2019

S.B. 388: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOLT PROGRAM FOR SPEED DETECTING CAMERAS AND CONCERNING SPEED WARNING SIGNS.

- Proposed legislation would have established a pilot program allowing speed cameras to electronically impose tickets on Connecticut citizens

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Bills of Concern

H.B. 5220 as Amended by LCO 5566: AN ACT CONCERNING THIRD-PARTY FINGERPRINTING SERVICES.

- Revises the current police pursuit bill that would change the manner in which police engage in pursuits
- Police Officer Standards and Training Council shall develop and promulgate a standardized form for reporting pursuits by police officers
- P.O.S.T. will report findings to Connecticut General Assembly no later than **December 1, 2018**

2018 Session Losers

In the 2108 Session, Tolling, Recreational Marijuana, and the establishment of a new casino have failed to pass the 2018 Legislative Session. The leaders of both parties felt that there were not a substantial number of votes to pass either chamber. The Transportation Committee proposed multiple tolling bills that would pass committee and would later die on the house calendar. The leaders placed an amount to fund a Tolling Transportation study within the Budget.

Sports Gambling

Governor Malloy announced in early May, he will call the legislature back for special session.

- The US Supreme Court ruled to overturn the Sports Gambling Statute
- Speaker of the House Joe Aresimowicz calls on fellow legislators to support sports gambling