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To: House Bill No. 5563

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS CRIMINAL LAW PROPOSALS."

1 Strike section 506 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
2 and internal references accordingly

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2027*) (a) As used in this section:

6 (1) "Bona fide market price" means the price at which a consumer
7 good or consumer service is advertised to the public on a regular basis
8 by the retail seller or third-party delivery service for a reasonably
9 substantial period of time;

10 (2) "Consumer" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-515
11 of the general statutes;

12 (3) "Consumer good" means any article that is purchased, leased,
13 exchanged or received primarily for personal, family or household
14 purposes;

15 (4) "Consumer service" means any service that is purchased, leased,
16 exchanged or received primarily for personal, family or household
17 purposes;

18 (5) "Discounted price" means any price for a consumer good or
19 consumer service that is (A) established for, or offered to, a consumer or
20 group of consumers, and (B) verifiably lower than the generally
21 available, publicly disclosed and bona fide market price established for
22 the consumer good or consumer service;

23 (6) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited
24 liability company, partnership, trust or other legal entity;

25 (7) "Personal data" has the same meaning as provided in section 42-
26 515 of the general statutes;

27 (8) "Retail seller" (A) means a retailer, as defined in section 12-407 of
28 the general statutes, to the extent such retailer is engaged in making
29 sales, at retail, of tangible personal property, and (B) includes, but is not
30 limited to, a retail food establishment;

31 (9) "Surveillance pricing" means the practice of establishing a
32 customized price for a consumer good or consumer service that is
33 specific to a consumer or group of consumers based, in whole or in part,
34 on the consumer's personal data collected (A) through any technology
35 or technological method, system or tool, including, but not limited to,
36 any biometric monitoring, camera, device tracking or sensor, that is
37 used to gather personal data in a physical or digital environment, and
38 (B) by the person establishing the customized price either directly or
39 indirectly by gathering, purchasing or otherwise acquiring such

40 personal data from a third party; and

41 (10) "Third-party delivery service" means a company, organization or
42 entity, outside of the operation of a retail food establishment's business,
43 that facilitates delivery or online ordering services to customers of a
44 retail food establishment.

45 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, any person
46 doing business in the state who engages in surveillance pricing for any
47 reason other than to establish a discounted price for a consumer good
48 or consumer service to be sold, leased, exchanged or provided as part of
49 an online transaction, and who directly or indirectly advertises or
50 promotes online a price established for a consumer good or consumer
51 service by using surveillance pricing, labels a consumer good with such
52 price online or publishes an online statement, display, image, offer or
53 announcement disclosing such price, shall include in such online
54 advertisement, promotion, label, statement, display, image, offer or
55 announcement the following disclosure, or a substantially similar
56 disclosure: "THIS PRICE WAS INCREASED USING YOUR PERSONAL
57 DATA". Any person doing business in this state who is required to
58 include such disclosure shall disclose to consumers their rights under
59 section 42-518 of the general statutes. No disclosure shall be required
60 under this subdivision if the advertised, promoted, labeled or published
61 price is the bona fide market price.

62 (2) The disclosure required under subdivision (1) of this subsection
63 shall be readily visible to the average consumer.

64 (c) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, no retail
65 seller or third-party delivery service doing business in the state shall
66 engage in surveillance pricing.

67 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
68 subsection, the following shall not be deemed to constitute surveillance
69 pricing:

70 (A) Establishing for, or offering to, a consumer a discounted price for

71 a consumer good or consumer service for purposes such as retaining a
72 consumer as a customer, reestablishing a consumer as a customer,
73 attracting a consumer as a new customer, cross-selling an item to a
74 consumer or reengaging a lapsed customer;

75 (B) Establishing for, or offering to, different consumers different
76 prices for the same consumer good or consumer service due to (i)
77 justifiable differences in the costs incurred in providing such consumer
78 good or consumer service to such consumers, including, but not limited
79 to, justifiable differences in consumers' physical locations, consumer
80 selections, delivery distances or delivery times, or (ii) justifiable
81 temporal differences, including, but not limited to, justifiable temporal
82 differences due to price fluctuations based on supply and demand;

83 (C) Establishing for, or offering to, a consumer or group of consumers
84 a discounted price for a consumer good or consumer service (i) based
85 on publicly disclosed discounted prices and uniform terms and
86 conditions that may be satisfied by any consumer, including, but not
87 limited to, by signing up for a mailing list, registering for promotional
88 communications or participating in a promotional event, (ii) that is
89 available to all consumers who are members of a broadly defined group,
90 including, but not limited to, veterans or members of the armed forces,
91 senior citizens, students, teachers or residents of a specific area, based
92 on publicly disclosed discounts and uniform terms and conditions, or
93 (iii) through a loyalty, membership or rewards program in which
94 consumers must affirmatively enroll. The retail seller or third-party
95 delivery service shall prominently post the discount and discounted
96 price, and the uniform terms and conditions for such discount and
97 discounted price, on such retail seller's or third-party delivery service's
98 Internet web site in language that is readily understandable by the
99 average consumer; or

100 (D) Correcting a price resulting from a pricing error or resetting a
101 price following a system or network outage.

102 (d) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall not

103 be construed to apply to:

104 (1) Any person licensed, authorized to operate or registered, or
105 required to be licensed, authorized to operate or registered, pursuant to
106 the insurance laws of this state; or

107 (2) Any person who can demonstrate that any refusal to extend credit,
108 the terms, rates or pricing on which any credit or financial services are
109 extended or any refusal to enter into a transaction with a specific
110 consumer is based on (A) data provided in a consumer report covered
111 by the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 USC 1681 et seq., as amended from
112 time to time, or (B) data reflecting factors a creditor is permitted to
113 consider under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, 15 USC 1681 et seq.,
114 as amended from time to time, and the regulations promulgated under
115 said act.

116 (e) Any violation of the provisions of subsections (b) to (d), inclusive,
117 of this section shall constitute an unfair or deceptive trade practice for
118 the purposes of subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general statutes
119 and shall be enforced solely by the Attorney General. Nothing in this
120 section shall be construed to create a private right of action or to provide
121 grounds for an action under section 42-110g of the general statutes.

122 Sec. 502. Section 44 of substitute house bill 5222 of the current session,
123 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed. (*Effective*
124 *from passage*)

125 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) Any municipality or regional board of
126 education that increased its local share of the budget for the board of
127 education for such municipality or regional board of education for the
128 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, over the amount of the local share of
129 the budget for such board of education for the fiscal year ending June
130 30, 2026, may adjust its adopted budget or tax levies to reduce such local
131 share for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, including the local share
132 and funds received pursuant to sections 391 and 394 of substitute senate
133 bill 1 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment

134 Schedule "A", provided the resulting local share is not less than the
135 greater of (1) the amount of funding provided for education under its
136 adopted budget, or (2) the sum of the budget for the board of education
137 for such municipality or regional board of education for the fiscal year
138 ending June 30, 2026, and any funds received pursuant to said sections
139 391 and 394 of substitute senate bill 1 of the current session, as amended
140 by Senate Amendment Schedule "A".

141 Sec. 504. Section 391 of substitute senate bill 1 of the current session,
142 as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the
143 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

144 (a) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the city of Hartford
145 shall be paid a supplemental education aid grant in an amount equal to
146 five million dollars of its grant amount listed in section 390 of [this act]
147 substitute senate bill 1 of the current session, as amended by Senate
148 Amendment Schedule "A". The amount paid to the city of Hartford shall
149 be paid by the Comptroller, upon certification of the Commissioner of
150 Education, to the treasurer of Hartford not later than June thirtieth of
151 said fiscal year. All aid paid to the city of Hartford pursuant to the
152 provisions of this subdivision shall be expended for educational
153 purposes only and shall be expended upon the authorization of the
154 board of education for Hartford. [Such grant shall not be used to
155 supplant local funding for educational purposes.]

156 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, each town shall be paid a
157 supplemental education aid grant equal to the amount prescribed in
158 section 390 of [this act] substitute senate bill 1 of the current session, as
159 amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A". The amount due each
160 town shall be paid by the Comptroller, upon certification of the
161 Commissioner of Education, to the treasurer of each town not later than
162 June thirtieth of said fiscal year. [All] Subject to the provisions of section
163 503 of this act, all aid distributed to a town pursuant to the provisions
164 of this subdivision shall be expended for educational purposes only and
165 shall be expended upon the authorization of the local or regional board
166 of education. [Such grant shall not be used to supplant local funding for

167 educational purposes.]

168 (b) Such grant shall not be considered part of the budgeted
169 appropriation for education for the town for the fiscal year ending June
170 30, 2027, for purposes of calculating the minimum budget requirement
171 for the town pursuant to section 10-262j of the general statutes for the
172 fiscal year ending June 30, 2028.

173 Sec. 505. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 394 of substitute senate bill
174 1 of the current session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule
175 "A", are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
176 (*Effective from passage*):

177 (c) [All] Subject to the provisions of section 503 of this act, all aid
178 distributed to a town pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be
179 expended for educational purposes only and shall be expended upon
180 the authorization of the local or regional board of education. [Such grant
181 shall not be used to supplant local funding for educational purposes.]

182 (d) Such grant shall not be considered part of the budgeted
183 appropriation for education for the town for the fiscal year ending June
184 30, 2027, for purposes of calculating the minimum budget requirement
185 for the town pursuant to section 10-262j of the general statutes for the
186 fiscal year ending June 30, 2028.

187 Sec. 506. Section 178 of substitute senate bill 1 of the current session,
188 as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the
189 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

190 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-142 of the general
191 statutes, title 7 or 10 of the general statutes, chapters 170 and 204 of the
192 general statutes, any special act, any municipal charter or any home rule
193 ordinance, if a municipality or regional board of education has adopted
194 a budget or levied taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, prior to
195 the adoption of the state budget for said fiscal year and such
196 municipality or regional board of education receives, pursuant to such
197 adopted state budget, an amount of state aid more than the amount

198 projected in the municipality's or regional board of education's adopted
199 budget, such (1) municipality, by vote of its legislative body or, in a
200 municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, by vote of
201 the board of selectmen, or (2) regional board of education, may (A)
202 amend its budget, and (B) not later than July 1, 2026, adjust the tax levy
203 and the amount of any remaining installments of such taxes, provided
204 such amended budget shall not reduce the amount provided by the
205 municipality to the local or regional board of education for education
206 purposes below the greater of (i) the amount of local funding provided
207 for such purpose under the adopted budget, or (ii) (I) the minimum
208 budget requirement for the town pursuant to section 10-262j of the
209 general statutes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, plus (II) the
210 amount of funds paid to the municipality or regional board of education
211 pursuant to sections 391 and 394 of substitute senate bill 1 of the current
212 session, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A". The
213 amendment to such budget shall be in an amount not exceeding the
214 increase in state aid to the municipality or regional board of education.

215 Sec. 507. (*Effective from passage*) The provisions of sections 503 to 506,
216 inclusive, of this act shall not apply to the city of Bridgeport.

217 Sec. 508. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 18-81qq of the
218 2026 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of
219 substitute house bill 5567, as amended by House Amendment Schedule
220 "A", is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
221 *from passage*):

222 (e) (1) The Correction Ombuds need not investigate a complaint, if
223 the Correction Ombuds determines such investigation is not warranted.
224 If the Correction Ombuds determines that such investigation is not
225 warranted, the Correction Ombuds shall inform the person making the
226 complaint of such decision in writing, which complaint and decision
227 shall be confidential and exempt from the Freedom of Information Act,
228 as defined in section 1-200, and shall not be disclosed without the
229 consent of such person. Not later than December 31, 2026, and each
230 December thirty-first annually thereafter, the Correction Ombuds shall

231 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to
 232 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 233 cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Correction setting
 234 forth the number of complaints for which the Correction Ombuds
 235 determined that an investigation was not warranted and a summary of
 236 the reason for each such determination. Such report shall be a public
 237 record, as defined in section 1-200.

238 Sec. 509. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
 239 section 12-705 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes is repealed
 240 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

241 (B) (i) For the period commencing July 1, [2025] 2026, and ending
 242 December 31, [2026] 2027, the withholding requirement for a lump sum
 243 payment under clause (ii) of this subparagraph shall not apply, except
 244 that if a payee has requested an amount to be withheld from such
 245 distribution, the payer shall withhold such amount.

246 (ii) With respect to a lump sum distribution, if a payee does not make
 247 a request to have an amount withheld from such distribution, the payer
 248 shall withhold from the taxable portion of the distribution at the highest
 249 marginal rate, except that no withholding shall be required if (I) any
 250 portion of the lump sum distribution was previously subject to tax, or
 251 (II) the lump sum distribution is a rollover that is effected as a direct
 252 trustee-to-trustee transfer or as a direct rollover in the form of a check
 253 made payable to another qualified account.

254 (iii) For purposes of this subparagraph, "lump sum distribution"
 255 means a payment from a payer to a resident payee of an amount
 256 exceeding fifty per cent of such resident payee's entire account balance
 257 or more than five thousand dollars, whichever is less, exclusive of any
 258 other tax withholding and any administrative charges and fees."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	July 1, 2027	New section

Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	SB 1 (current session), Sec. 391
Sec. 505	<i>from passage</i>	SB 1 (current session), Sec. 394(c) and (d)
Sec. 506	<i>from passage</i>	SB 1 (current session), Sec. 178
Sec. 507	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 508	<i>from passage</i>	18-81qq(e)(1)
Sec. 509	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	12-705(a)(2)(B)