

2014 REGULAR SESSION BILL TRACKING REPORT

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SUMMARY

This report lists the bills considered during the General Assembly's 2014 session whose provisions were enacted under another bill number.

The provisions of many bills that die in committee or on the calendar become law after the (1) original committee incorporates them in another bill that receives a favorable report or (2) concept is adopted as an amendment and incorporated in another bill. This report includes bills whose language may have changed in the final enactment from that of the original committee bill or file, but that represent the legislature's final action on the matter taken during the session.

During the session, the content or concept of 115 bills that started as separate legislation was later incorporated in other legislation that passed and became law. Table 1 lists the original bills in numeric order and shows the public act that included their provisions. Table 2 lists the bills by the committee of origin.

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Table 1: Bill Tracking by Bill Number

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2	<u>14-94 §§ 56-57</u>	Limits property tax exemptions for solar thermal and geothermal energy systems to the difference between the property's value with the installed system and with only the installed system's conventional portion
<u>21 § 25</u>	<u>14-217 § 66</u>	(1) Requires the annual health and welfare fee paid by health insurers and certain others to be deposited in the Insurance Fund, instead of the General Fund and (2) requires that the fee assessment be adjusted upwards or downwards by the actual expenditures from the prior fiscal year
<u>23</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 140-</u> <u>157</u>	Establishes a legal framework for forming a for-profit corporation that both pursues social benefits and increases value for its shareholders (benefit corporation or b-corp)
<u>25</u>	<u>14-39 §§ 4-74</u>	Establishes the Office of Early Childhood (OEC), which assumes the responsibility for administering early childhood programs and services previously run by the State Department of Education (SDE), the Department of Social Services (DSS), and the Department of Public Health (DPH). Programs include day care oversight, school readiness, the Children's Trust Fund, et al.
<u>26</u>	<u>14-39 §§ 13-</u> <u>15, 50, 56, 75-</u> <u>85</u>	 Instructs OEC to (1) expand the competitive grant program for school readiness, (2) create a new school readiness grant, (3) increase the number of unannounced visits to day care providers, and (4) assume DPH youth camp oversight duties Increases the school readiness per-pupil cost reimbursement
<u>27 §§ 1, 3,</u> <u>5-8, 10-15</u>	<u>14-94 §§ 1,3,</u> <u>5-8, 10-15, 82</u>	 Dissolves the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA) and creates the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) as a successor Transfers CRRA's functions, powers, and duties to MIRA and revises them Requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner, with MIRA, to seek proposals to redevelop the Connecticut Solid Waste Management System Project
<u>27 § 2</u>	<u>14-94 § 2</u>	Requires revising the state's solid waste management plan, including a strategy to reduce, reuse, or recycle 60% of solid waste by 2024
<u>27 § 4</u>	<u>14-94 § 4</u>	Establishes a nonprofit corporation and a related council to (1) coordinate recycling and reuse education and (2) provide grants to programs that try to increase recycling and reuse

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<u>27 § 9</u>	<u>14-94 § 9</u>	(1) Expands a DEEP-operated electricity purchasing pool to include municipalities and (2) authorizes the DEEP commissioner to provide grants to municipalities that join the pool and commit to achieve the state's diversion, recycling, and reuse goals
<u>28 §§ 5-7</u>	<u>14-47 §§ 48,</u> <u>50-51</u>	 Exempts from the sales and use tax nonprescription drugs and medicines Exempts a portion of state teachers' retirement system income from the income tax Extends the sunset date for the angel investor tax credit program
<u>29 § 23</u>	<u>14-41</u>	Establishes the Smart Start competitive grant program for local and regional boards of education to establish or expand preschool programs
<u>29 § 25</u>	<u>14-271 § 138</u>	Requires that \$10 million per year be disbursed from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Smart Start competitive grant program
<u>30</u>	<u>14-98 §§ 50-57</u>	 (1) Authorizes \$103.5 million in new bonding under the Connecticut State University System 2020 infrastructure program, (2) renames the program the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities 2020 program, and (3) expands it to include the community colleges and Charter Oak State College
<u>31</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 179,</u> <u>260</u>	(1) Makes permanent certain court filing fee increases and fees that were set to expire on July 1, 2015 and (2) raises the portion of the revenue received from these fee increases that is transferred to the organization administering the interest on lawyers' trust accounts program to fund legal services for the poor
<u>71 § 4</u>	<u>14-201 § 3</u>	(1) Requires instructors to offer hunting, trapping, and archery safety courses on-line or in a classroom and (2) allows them to charge a course fee the DEEP commissioner establishes
<u>80</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 201-</u> <u>203</u>	Prohibits the operation of Internet sweepstakes cafes
<u>84</u>	<u>14-140</u>	(1) Delays the ban on manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing children's jewelry containing more than .0075% cadmium and (2) establishes a task force to study the threshold at which cadmium is safe in children's jewelry
<u>92</u>	<u>14-217 § 131</u>	Requires the Department of Consumer Protection to develop and implement a program to collect and dispose of unwanted medication

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<u>106</u>	<u>14-217 § 134</u>	Requires the labor commissioner, in consultation with the social services commissioner, to implement policies and procedures to establish (1) which programs may qualify as an approved employment activity for Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) beneficiaries and (2) enrollment and academic requirements for students who receive TFA benefits
<u>125</u>	<u>14-231 §§ 59-</u> <u>61</u>	Makes technical corrections to public health-related statutes
<u>129</u>	<u>14-7 §§ 17-18</u>	Modifies the process by which a debtor's funds held by a financial institution can be obtained to satisfy a judgment
<u>226</u>	<u>14-89 § 51</u>	Establishes a six-member task force to study the reverse mortgage industry
<u>226</u>	<u>14-89 §§ 37-</u> <u>38, 46</u>	Extends the Judicial Branch's foreclosure mediation program by two years, until July 1, 2016
<u>240</u>	<u>14-94 §§ 18.</u> <u>64-82</u>	 Eliminates requirements for: manufacturers to certify certain new products as energy efficient the DEEP commissioner to identify solid waste facilities available for certain municipalities DEEP to submit reports on the state's electronic recycling program
<u>242</u>	<u>14-128</u>	Extends mandated paid sick leave coverage to radiologic technologists
<u>248</u>	<u>14-188 §§ 2-8</u>	Makes various changes affecting state contracting, including, among other things: (1) the competitive bidding threshold for state public works projects administered by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), (2) the deadline by which certain subcontractors must be prequalified by DAS, (3) construction manager at risk projects that involve renovations of existing buildings or facilities, and (4) DAS's authority to (a) enter into "on-call" contracts and (b) use cooperative purchasing
<u>249</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 180-</u> <u>185</u>	Creates the Connecticut Retirement Security Board and requires it to (1) conduct a market feasibility study on implementing a public retirement plan and (2) develop a comprehensive proposal for implementing the plan that must include certain goals and design features

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<u>250</u>	<u>14-209 § 1</u>	Prohibits a DSS administrative hearing officer, in certain circumstances, from communicating directly or indirectly with any other DSS employee, including counsel, about any issue of fact or law in the hearing without advance notice and opportunity for all parties to participate on the record
<u>255</u>	<u>14-231 §§ 62-</u> <u>65, 72</u>	Repeals the statutes establishing Unified School District #3 and makes conforming statutory changes
<u>256</u>	<u>14-231 § 66</u>	Allows the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to enter a memorandum of understanding with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to administer DDS' residential facility revolving loan program
<u>264</u>	<u>14-205 § 3</u>	Establishes a nine-member task force to study (1) the humane treatment of animals in municipal and regional shelters and (2) other matters concerning such shelters
<u>284</u>	<u>14-7 §§ 14-16</u>	Allows service of notice and process on the banking commissioner, to begin a legal proceeding against certain individuals, to be made by certified mail, return receipt requested
<u>295</u>	<u>14-231 § 72</u>	Extends the state's sovereign immunity from lawsuits to the DPH and DDS commissioners and their staffs against claims for damages greater than \$20,000
<u>296</u>	<u>14-231 § 70</u>	Removes the requirement that orders written by a physician assistant be followed by the printed name of the supervising physician
<u>297</u>	<u>14-189</u>	Creates an off-site farm winery sales and tasting permit
<u>311</u>	<u>14-199 § 13</u>	Permits highway signs that include directions and other notices relating to farming and state agriculture tourism
<u>315</u>	<u>14-189</u>	Creates an off-site farm winery sales and tasting permit
<u>325</u>	<u>14-217 § 135</u>	Requires DSS to report on the impact of (1) designating certain products and services as complex rehabilitative technology (CRT), (2) setting minimum standards for CRT suppliers, (3) preserving the option to allow single payments for certain CRT, and (4) requiring evaluations for individuals receiving CRT in order to qualify for Medicaid reimbursement
<u>337</u>	<u>14-130 § 8</u>	Requires applicants for driver's licenses or identity cards to indicate whether they consent or decline to be organ donors

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<u>351</u>	<u>14-188 § 16</u>	Requires state contracting agencies to evaluate certain privatization contracts to determine if entering into or renewing the contract is the most cost-effective way of delivering the service
<u>352</u>	<u>14-94 § 19</u>	Requires DEEP to adopt new regulations for state building construction standards based on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's national energy performance rating system and Energy Star Target Finder tool
<u>354</u>	<u>14-94 § 21</u>	Allows NuPower Thermal, LLC to form a thermal energy transportation company named Bridgeport Thermal LLC
<u>358</u>	<u>14-94 §§ 23-24</u>	(1) Allows microgrids that incorporate clean energy to participate in the Connecticut Property Assessed Clean Energy (or C-PACE) program and (2) requires the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority to study residential property assessed clean energy programs
<u>362</u>	<u>14-165</u>	(1) Requires mandated reporters to report suspected abuse of a person receiving services from DDS' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services and (2) expands DDS' abuse and neglect registry definition of abuse to include financial exploitation and psychological, verbal, and sexual abuse
<u>367</u>	<u>14-155 § 11</u>	(1) Modifies the starting point (i.e., Connecticut taxable estate) for calculating the estate tax for those who die on or after January 1, 2015 and (2) gives those estates a tax credit for certain gift taxes paid
<u>369</u>	<u>14-155 §§ 13-</u> <u>20</u>	Makes changes to (1) the Department of Revenue Services commissioner's tax administration and enforcement authority and (2) how income taxes must be calculated for certain taxpayers
<u>372</u>	<u>14-7 § 20</u>	Expands the types of banks that may offer savings promotion raffles
<u>380</u>	<u>SA 14-16</u>	Requires a study about kitchen incubator programs (i.e., a type of food-business entrepreneur program)
<u>390</u>	<u>14-155 §§ 3-10</u>	Makes numerous changes in the state's tobacco settlement law to implement the Nonparticipating Manufacturer Adjustment Settlement Agreement (i.e., the May 24, 2013 settlement between the state and certain tobacco product manufacturers)
<u>396</u>	<u>14-7 § 21</u>	Requires a mortgagee to provide a certificate of good standing to a mortgagor who has completed the foreclosure mediation program, if specified conditions are met
<u>398</u>	<u>14-7 § 19</u>	Excludes from the laws governing nonprime home loans, single family mortgages insured or guaranteed by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development under federal law and regulations

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<u>399</u>	<u>14-89 § 27</u>	Allows banks and credit unions with principal offices in New Jersey or Pennsylvania to join a group of banks that owns a Connecticut-chartered "bankers' bank" and permits the bank to provide services to them
<u>408</u>	<u>14-217 § 220</u>	Requires the DSS commissioner to amend the Medicaid state plan to include services provided to Medicaid recipients age 21 or older by licensed psychologists, clinical social workers, and other mental health professionals
<u>420</u>	<u>14-217 § 251</u>	Beginning with the 2015 income year, allows S corporations and other "pass-through" business entities to earn apprenticeship tax credits for manufacturing trades and sell, assign, or transfer them to other taxpayers
<u>434</u>	<u>14-231 § 54</u>	Allows funeral directors or anyone engaged in the funeral directing business to serve nonalcoholic beverages and packaged food to people making funeral or disposition arrangements at a funeral home
<u>435</u>	<u>14-231 § 55</u>	Expands the definition of funeral directing to include (1) consulting about disposition arrangements, (2) casketing human remains, (3) making cemetery and cremation arrangements, and (4) preparing funeral service contracts
<u>437</u>	<u>14-231 § 69</u>	Expands the definition of naturopathy and its scope of practice
<u>441</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 23-</u> <u>26</u>	Authorizes official checkers to use a secretary of the state-approved electronic device to check in electors at the polls
<u>446</u>	<u>14-217 § 248</u>	Establishes an aquatic invasive species management grant and prevention and education program within DEEP
<u>451 §§ 1-3,</u> <u>7-9, 16</u>	<u>14-188 §§ 9-15</u>	Makes various changes affecting government administration, including (1) establishing Are You Dense? Breast Cancer Awareness Day and Neurological Disorders Awareness Day and (2) allowing the DAS commissioner to expand the janitorial work program for people with a disability or disadvantage to include services he deems appropriate
<u>460 § 4</u>	<u>14-168 § 10</u>	Specifically allows the public health commissioner and attorney general, when approving an application to sell a nonprofit hospital to a for-profit entity, to place any conditions on their approval that relate to the purposes of the nonprofit conversion law

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<u>461</u>	<u>14-212 § 19</u> and 14-217, § <u>254</u>	Broadens law that permits school districts to hire retired or separated in good standing former police officers as armed school security to include former officers from federal agencies or other states
<u>462</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 120-</u> <u>129</u>	Allows the court to include certain financial orders as measures in a civil restraining order when the applicant and respondent are (1) spouses or (2) people who live together who have dependent children in common
<u>469</u>	<u>14-47 § 45</u>	Beginning in FY 15, increases, from \$2.5 to \$3.2 million, the amount the comptroller must set aside from the cable television companies' tax each fiscal year to defray the Office of Legislative Management's cost to provide Connecticut Television Network coverage of state government deliberations and public policy events
<u>479</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 87-</u> <u>88</u>	Authorizes the insurance commissioner to enforce a requirement that health insurance carriers pay a Health Insurance Exchange assessment or fee
<u>484</u>	<u>14-174 §§ 5-6</u>	Expands municipalities' authority to fix property tax assessments on certain retail development projects
<u>5001</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 48-</u> <u>54</u>	Reopens the state's rental rebate program for the elderly and people with total and permanent disabilities
<u>5004</u>	<u>14-217 § 139</u>	Beginning July 1, 2015, requires the economic and community development (DECD) commissioner to reserve annually 70% of the available historic homes tax credits for rehabilitating historic homes in the 24 municipalities designated as "regional centers" in the current five-year State Plan of Conservation and Development
<u>5041</u>	<u>14-98 §§ 47-49</u>	Establishes the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund to provide financial assistance to aerospace, medical device, or other companies or nonprofit organizations specializing in or providing technologically advanced commercial products or services
<u>5042</u>	<u>14-98 §§ 22-</u> 23, 32-40, 88	(1) Broadens the scope of the existing Stem Cell Research Fund to include regenerative medicine and (2) shifts the administrative responsibility for awarding grants from the public health commissioner to Connecticut Innovations, Inc.'s chief executive officer

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<u>5043</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 89-</u> <u>119</u>	 Implements various provisions of the newest <i>Sheff</i> court stipulation Increases the state per-pupil school readiness reimbursement Caps school transportation grants Delays the start of the new chart of accounts for all school districts Makes various other changes to education statutes
<u>5048</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 27-</u> <u>33,169, 259</u>	Establishes college savings program for newborn and adopted children as part of the Connecticut Higher Education Trust
<u>5050</u>	<u>14-217 § 176</u>	Establishes the Go Back to Get Ahead program to encourage Connecticut residents to return to school and earn a bachelor's degree after (1) completing an associate's degree program or (2) dropping out of a bachelor's degree program; offers up to three free three-credit courses
<u>5052 § 3</u>	<u>14-217 § 72</u>	Requires the Department of Housing, through its Security Deposit Guarantee Program, to prioritize providing security deposit guarantees to eligible veterans
<u>5052 § 4</u>	<u>14-217 § 73</u>	Increases, from 50 to 100, the number of people who may receive services through DSS' Connecticut Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities (CHCPD)
<u>5052 § 4</u> (Approps Sub.)	<u>14-217 § 195</u>	Repeals a provision that placed the Commission on Medicolegal Investigations and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner within DAS for administrative purposes only
<u>5058</u>	<u>14-139 § 5</u>	(1) Raises, from \$100,000 to \$200,000, the threshold at which certain state agency capital projects and grant authorizations are considered growth-related projects and (2) subjects state grants of more than \$200,000 to the priority funding area restrictions if the grant is for a project that adds to an existing facility
<u>5118</u>	<u>14-94 §§ 38-47</u>	Expands the scope of, and makes several other changes to, the Call Before You Dig program
<u>5136</u>	<u>14-55</u>	Requires certain nursing homes to submit profit and loss statements for related entities that collect over a certain amount for providing goods, services, or fees to the homes

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<u>5145 § 2</u> (PA 14-138)	<u>14-217 § 71</u>	Gives the mental health and addiction services commissioner the authority to permit agencies who distribute housing subsidies on the department's behalf to carry over unused funds to the following year (identical provision passed in both acts)
<u>5163</u>	<u>14-98 § 98</u>	Increases by \$10 million the existing bond authorization for the Department of Transportation's (DOT's) commercial rail freight line competitive grant program and expands the range of eligible projects for which the DOT commissioner must give preference to include those (1) furthering DOT's Connecticut State Rail Plan goals and objectives and (2) increasing the capacity of the state's freight rail infrastructure
<u>5207</u>	<u>14-131 § 11</u>	Requires higher education institutions to award college credit for military occupational specialty training to service members enrolled at the institution, under certain circumstances
<u>5216</u>	<u>14-63</u>	Creates a certificate of title system for certain vessels
<u>5249</u>	<u>14-97 §§ 3-4</u>	Prohibits health insurance policies from imposing a copayment of more than \$30 per visit for in-network occupational therapy services
<u>5267</u>	<u>14-89 § 40</u>	Makes a minor change to the law that establishes a mechanism for specified business entities to change their entity type through mergers, conversions, and interest exchanges
<u>5268</u>	<u>14-89 §§ 28-</u> <u>33, 35</u>	(1) Expands the banking commissioner's authority to use the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (i.e., the system) and (2) makes other administrative changes to the system
<u>5271</u>	<u>14-98 § 9(e)</u>	Authorizes up to \$30 million in bonds for the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund and reserves up to \$5 million of this amount for a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology for research and developing machining of advanced composite materials
<u>5272</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 165-</u> <u>168</u>	Sunsets two historic structure rehabilitation tax credit programs and replaces them with a new, broader program that contains elements of the sunseted programs
<u>5288</u>	<u>14-199 § 6</u>	Requires DOT to conduct a study on chemical road treatments

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<u>5296</u>	<u>14-141</u>	Requires hospitals to (1) ask a patient, upon admission, if he or she is a veteran and (2) before submitting a bill to the state for a veteran who is unable to pay and (a) is mentally ill or (b) needs medical or surgical care or treatment, take sufficient steps to determine that no other funds or means of payment are available to cover the cost of the rendered services
<u>5308</u>	<u>14-200</u>	Establishes a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing waste in Connecticut until DEEP adopts regulations to control it as a hazardous waste
<u>5352</u>	<u>14-89 §§ 1-20</u>	 Renames mortgage servicing companies "mortgage servicers," specifies their standards of conduct, and modifies the scope of their services subject to licensure Adds new mortgage servicer licensing, application, fee, bonding, and recordkeeping requirements Provides the banking commissioner with authority to conduct investigations and examinations and take enforcement actions against violators
<u>5387</u>	<u>14-47 §§ 52-53</u>	Repeals the authorization for the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to operate keno
<u>5409</u>	<u>14-200</u>	Establishes a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing waste in Connecticut until DEEP adopts regulations to control it as a hazardous waste
<u>5411</u>	<u>14-94 § 54</u>	Requires the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to study the feasibility of allowing nonprofit entities to aggregate their electric meters
<u>5413</u>	<u>14-98 § 2(j)</u>	Authorizes \$3.5 million in general obligation bonds for the Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account in FY 15
<u>5424 § 2</u>	<u>14-217 § 200</u>	Increases the cap on contracts the DPH commissioner may enter into with consultants to provide services to water utility coordinating committees
<u>5443</u>	<u>14-217 § 74</u>	Expands the list of over-the-counter drugs that DSS may pay for through its medical assistance programs to include those that must be covered as essential health benefits under the federal Affordable Care Act
<u>5460</u>	<u>14-130 § 29</u>	Allows someone whose noncommercial driver's license allows him or her to carry passengers (e.g., a taxi driver or student transportation vehicle driver) to renew his or her license if he or she is controlling an otherwise disqualifying medical condition with medication and is eligible for a waiver or exemption under federal regulations

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<u>5461</u>	<u>14-199 §§ 9-10</u>	 Allows the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) to opt out of state retirement and group welfare benefits Exempts certain CAA employees from the occupational licensing system
<u>5464</u>	<u>14-47 § 46</u>	Allocates \$12.7 million to the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account for grants to municipalities
<u>5470</u>	<u>14-217 § 196</u>	Exempts sales of goods or services to Connecticut credit unions from the sales and use tax
<u>5483</u>	<u>14-89 §§ 37-38</u>	Extends the Judicial Branch's foreclosure mediation program for two years, until July 1, 2016
<u>5490 § 1</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 207.</u> <u>249</u>	Allows SDE, the Board of Regents for Higher Education, and the UConn Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Department of Banking, to develop a plan to provide financial literacy instruction in public high schools and state higher education institutions
<u>5493</u>	<u>14-217 § 197</u>	Requires the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission to develop, in collaboration with regional workforce development boards, a statewide plan and funding proposal to implement, expand, or improve on (1) contextualized learning programs, (2) career certificate programs, (3) middle college programs, and (4) early college high school programs
<u>5496</u>	<u>14-217 § 209</u>	Requires the Connecticut State Universities and regional community technical colleges to offer a three-tiered remediation system to eligible students using supports and programs that are both embedded in and independent of required coursework
<u>5503</u>	<u>14-217 § 162</u>	Designates each state-owned campus that has an acute care hospital on the premises (i.e., John Dempsey Hospital on the UConn Health Center campus) as the primary service area responder (PSAR) for that campus
<u>5509</u>	<u>SA 14-2</u>	Modifies the Mattabassett District's board composition
<u>5513</u>	<u>14-89 § 50</u>	Creates, within the Legislative Branch, a 17-member Commission on Connecticut's Leadership in Corporation and Business Law to develop and recommend policies that attract and encourage business entities to organize under Connecticut law

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<u>5515</u>	<u>14-217 § 177</u>	Allows Wallingford and Thomaston each to designate an area of town as an enterprise zone and requires the DECD commissioner to approve these designations by July 1, 2014
<u>5519</u>	<u>14-230 § 11</u>	Grants immunity from civil liability to agriscience internship providers, unless grossly negligent
<u>5536</u>	<u>14-231 § 56</u>	Establishes continuing education requirements for psychologists
<u>5542</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 19-</u> <u>22</u>	Makes several changes concerning emergency medical services (EMS) and PSARs, such as (1) requiring municipalities to update their local EMS plans as they determine necessary; (2) requiring DPH, at least every five years, to review local EMS plans and PSARs' provision of services under them and then rate the responders' performance; (3) changing the process for municipalities to seek to change their PSARs; and (4) requiring a PSAR to give prior notice to DPH before selling its ownership interest or assets, and the buyer to obtain DPH's approval
<u>5544</u>	<u>14-88 § 4</u>	Allows using interim verifications when a portion of an establishment is remediated, signifying that the portion was remediated according to DEEP standards, except for long-term groundwater remediation and monitoring
<u>5545</u>	<u>14-217 § 137</u>	Requires the Finance Committee chairpersons to convene a panel of experts to study the state's overall state and local tax structure
<u>5557</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 204-</u> <u>206</u>	(1) Establishes a "neglected cemetery account," funded by fees DPH receives for death certificates, and allows towns to apply for funds from the account and (2) protects municipalities and their employees, officers, and agents from civil or criminal liability arising from their care and maintenance of a neglected burial ground or cemetery
<u>5574</u>	<u>14-217 § 212</u>	Requires the DECD commissioner, by February 1, 2015, to establish and administer a program to promote and support the development of bioscience and biotechnology businesses in the Southeastern Connecticut Planning Region
<u>5584 § 10</u>	<u>14-217 § 229</u>	Authorizes the Office of Policy and Management secretary to use \$1,311,198 in FY 15 from the regional planning incentive account for a grant to the Capitol Region Council of Governments and the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology to create statewide high-speed network (i.e., Nutmeg Network) related demonstration projects

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<u>5587</u>	<u>14-233 §§ 9-10</u>	 Requires police to get a warrant from a judge in order to install a tracking device (like GPS) to track a person or object Allows a judge to issue a warrant for records or data possessed by out-of-state entities that do business in Connecticut (such as those that provide electronic communication and remote computing services)
<u>5593 §§ 1-</u> <u>10</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 120-</u> <u>129</u>	Allows the court to include certain financial orders as measures in a civil restraining order when the applicant and respondent are (1) spouses or (2) people who live together who have dependent children in common
<u>5593 §§ 21-</u> <u>26, 29-30</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 186-</u> <u>191</u>	 Allows the Superior Court to issue civil protection orders to certain applicants who do not qualify for relief under a civil restraining order and are victims of sexual abuse, sexual assault, or 1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree stalking Makes criminal violation of a civil protection order a class D felony Requires the chief court administrator to allow one or more "family violence victim advocates" to provide services to victims of domestic violence in the Superior Court's family division in one or more judicial districts
<u>5594 § 3</u>	<u>14-233 § 7</u>	(1) Allows participation in accelerated rehabilitation (AR) a second time and (2) excludes people charged with certain types of 1 st degree larceny from participating in AR
<u>5594 § 9</u>	<u>14-233 § 8</u>	Requires the court to seal the record of a defendant who participates in the alcohol or drug dependency treatment program

Table 2: Bill Tracking by Committee

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		AGING
<u>5001</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 48-54</u>	Reopens the state's rental rebate program for the elderly and people with total and permanent disabilities
		APPROPRIATIONS
<u>21 § 25</u>	<u>14-217 § 66</u>	(1) Requires the annual health and welfare fee paid by health insurers and certain others to be deposited in the Insurance Fund, instead of the General Fund and (2) requires that the fee assessment be adjusted upwards or downwards by the actual expenditures from the prior fiscal year
		BANKS
<u>129</u>	<u>14-7 §§ 17-18</u>	Modifies the process by which a debtor's funds held by a financial institution can be obtained to satisfy a judgment
<u>226</u>	<u>14-89 § 51</u>	Establishes a six-member task force to study the reverse mortgage industry
<u>284</u>	<u>14-7 §§ 14-16</u>	Allows service of notice and process on the banking commissioner, to begin a legal proceeding against certain individuals, to be made by certified mail, return receipt requested
<u>372</u>	<u>14-7 § 20</u>	Expands the types of banks that may offer savings promotion raffles
<u>396</u>	<u>14-7 § 21</u>	Requires a mortgagee to provide a certificate of good standing to a mortgagor who has completed the foreclosure mediation program, if specified conditions are met
<u>398</u>	<u>14-7 § 19</u>	Excludes from the laws governing nonprime home loans, single family mortgages insured or guaranteed by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development under federal law and regulations
<u>399</u>	<u>14-89 § 27</u>	Allows banks and credit unions with principal offices in New Jersey or Pennsylvania to join a group of banks that owns a Connecticut-chartered "bankers' bank" and permits the bank to provide services to them

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<u>5267</u>	<u>14-89 § 40</u>	Makes a minor change to the law that establishes a mechanism for specified business entities to change their entity type through mergers, conversions, and interest exchanges
<u>5268</u>	<u>14-89 §§ 28-33,</u> <u>35</u>	(1) Expands the banking commissioner's authority to use the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (i.e., the system) and (2) makes other administrative changes to the system
<u>5352</u>	<u>14-89 §§ 1-20</u>	 Renames mortgage servicing companies "mortgage servicers," specifies their standards of conduct, and modifies the scope of their services subject to licensure Adds new mortgage servicer licensing, application, fee, bonding, and recordkeeping requirements Provides the commissioner with authority to conduct investigations and examinations and take enforcement actions against violators
<u>5470</u>	<u>14-217 § 196</u>	Exempts sales of goods or services to Connecticut credit unions from the sales and use tax
<u>5490 § 1</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 207,</u> <u>249</u>	Allows the State Department of Education (SDE), Board of Regents for Higher Education, and UConn Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Department of Banking, to develop a plan to provide financial literacy instruction in public high schools and state higher education institutions
<u>5513</u>	<u>14-89 § 50</u>	Creates, within the Legislative Branch, a 17-member Commission on Connecticut's Leadership in Corporation and Business Law to develop and recommend policies that attract and encourage business entities to organize under Connecticut law
		COMMERCE
<u>23</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 140-</u> <u>157</u>	Establishes a legal framework for forming a for-profit corporation that both pursues social benefits and increases value for its shareholders (benefit corporation or b-corp)
<u>420</u>	<u>14-217 § 251</u>	Beginning with the 2015 income year, allows S corporations and other "pass-through" business entities to earn apprenticeship tax credits for manufacturing trades and sell, assign, or transfer them to other taxpayers
<u>484</u>	<u>14-174 §§ 5-6</u>	Expands municipalities' authority to fix property tax assessments on certain retail development projects

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<u>5004</u>	<u>14-217 § 139</u>	Beginning July 1, 2015, requires the economic and community development (DECD) commissioner to reserve annually 70% of the available historic homes tax credits for rehabilitating historic homes in the 24 municipalities designated as "regional centers" in the current five-year State Plan of Conservation and Development
<u>5041</u>	<u>14-98 §§ 47-49</u>	Establishes the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund to provide financial assistance to aerospace, medical device, or other companies or nonprofit organizations specializing in or providing technologically advanced commercial products or services
<u>5042</u>	<u>14-98 §§ 22-23,</u> <u>32-40, 88</u>	(1) Broadens the scope of the existing Stem Cell Research Fund to include regenerative medicine and (2) shifts the administrative responsibility for awarding grants from the public health commissioner to Connecticut Innovations, Inc.'s chief executive officer
<u>5163</u>	<u>14-98 § 98</u>	Increases by \$10 million the existing bond authorization for the Department of Transportation's (DOT) commercial rail freight line competitive grant program and expands the range of eligible projects for which the DOT commissioner must give preference to include those (1) furthering DOT's Connecticut State Rail Plan goals and objectives and (2) increasing the capacity of the state's freight rail infrastructure
<u>5271</u>	<u>14-98 § 9(e)</u>	Authorizes up to \$30 million in bonds for the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund and reserves up to \$5 million of this amount for a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology for research and developing machining of advanced composite materials
<u>5272</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 165-</u> <u>168</u>	Sunsets two historic structure rehabilitation tax credit programs and replaces them with a new, broader program that contains elements of the sunseted programs
<u>5515</u>	<u>14-217 § 177</u>	Allows Wallingford and Thomaston each to designate an area of town as an enterprise zone and requires the DECD commissioner to approve these designations by July 1, 2014
<u>5574</u>	<u>14-217 § 212</u>	Requires the DECD commissioner, by February 1, 2015, to establish and administer a program to promote and support the development of bioscience and biotechnology businesses in the Southeastern Connecticut Planning Region

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		EDUCATION
<u>25</u>	<u>14-39 §§ 4-74</u>	Establishes the Office of Early Childhood (OEC), which assumes the responsibility for administering early childhood programs and services previously run by SDE, the Department of Social Services (DSS), and the Department of Public Health (DPH). Programs include day care oversight, school readiness, the Children's Trust Fund, et al.
<u>26</u>	<u>14-39 §§ 13-15,</u> <u>50, 56, 75-85</u>	 Instructs OEC to (1) expand the competitive grant program for school readiness, (2) create a new school readiness grant, (3) increase the number of unannounced visits to day care providers, and (4) assume DPH youth camp oversight duties Increases the school readiness per-pupil cost reimbursement
<u>5043</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 89-119</u>	 Implements various provisions of the newest <i>Sheff</i> court stipulation Increases the state per-pupil school readiness reimbursement Caps school transportation grants Delays the start of the new chart of accounts for all school districts Makes various minor changes to education statutes
<u>5519</u>	<u>14-230 § 11</u>	Grants immunity from civil liability to agriscience internship providers, unless grossly negligent
		ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY
2	<u>14-94 §§ 56-57</u>	Limits property tax exemptions for solar thermal and geothermal energy systems to the difference between the property's value with the installed system and with only the installed system's conventional portion
<u>352</u>	<u>14-94 § 19</u>	Requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to adopt new regulations for state building construction standards based on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's national energy performance rating system and Energy Star Target Finder tool
<u>354</u>	<u>14-94 § 21</u>	Allows NuPower Thermal, LLC to form a thermal energy transportation company named Bridgeport Thermal LLC
<u>358</u>	<u>14-94 §§ 23-24</u>	(1) Allows microgrids that incorporate clean energy to participate in the Connecticut Property Assessed Clean Energy (or C-PACE) program and (2) requires the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority to study residential property assessed clean energy programs
<u>5118</u>	<u>14-94 §§ 38-47</u>	Expands the scope of, and makes several other changes to, the Call Before You Dig program

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<u>5409</u>	<u>14-200</u>	Establishes a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing waste in Connecticut until DEEP adopts regulations to control it as a hazardous waste
<u>5411</u>	<u>14-94 § 54</u>	Requires the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to study the feasibility of allowing nonprofit entities to aggregate their electric meters
<u>5413</u>	<u>14-98 § 2(j)</u>	Authorizes \$3.5 million in general obligation bonds for the Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account in FY 15
		ENVIRONMENT
<u>27 §§ 1, 3,</u> <u>5-8, 10-15</u>	<u>14-94 §§ 1,3, 5-8,</u> <u>10-15, 82</u>	 Dissolves the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRA) and creates the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) as a successor Transfers CRRA's functions, powers, and duties to MIRA and revises them Requires the DEEP commissioner, with MIRA, to seek proposals to redevelop the Connecticut Solid Waste Management System Project
<u>27 § 2</u>	<u>14-94 § 2</u>	Requires revising the state's solid waste management plan, including a strategy to reduce, reuse, or recycle 60% of solid waste by 2024
<u>27 § 4</u>	<u>14-94 § 4</u>	Establishes a nonprofit corporation and a related council to (1) coordinate recycling and reuse education and (2) provide grants to programs that try to increase recycling and reuse
<u>27 § 9</u>	<u>14-94 § 9</u>	(1) Expands a DEEP-operated electricity purchasing pool to include municipalities and (2) authorizes the DEEP commissioner to provide grants to municipalities that join the pool and commit to achieve the state's diversion, recycling, and reuse goals
<u>71 § 4</u>	<u>14-201 § 3</u>	(1) Requires instructors to offer hunting, trapping, and archery safety courses on-line or in a classroom and (2) allows them to charge a course fee the DEEP commissioner establishes
<u>240</u>	<u>14-94 §§ 18, 64-</u> <u>82</u>	 Eliminates requirements for: manufacturers to certify certain new products as energy efficient the DEEP commissioner to identify solid waste facilities available for certain municipalities DEEP to submit reports on the state's electronic recycling program
<u>311</u>	<u>14-199 § 13</u>	Permits highway signs that include directions and other notices relating to farming and state agriculture tourism

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<u>315</u>	<u>14-189</u>	Creates an off-site farm winery sales and tasting permit
<u>446</u>	<u>14-217 § 248</u>	Establishes an aquatic invasive species management grant and prevention and education program within DEEP
<u>5308</u>	<u>14-200</u>	Establishes a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing waste in Connecticut until DEEP adopts regulations to control it as a hazardous waste
<u>5424 § 2</u>	<u>14-217 § 200</u>	Increases the cap on contracts the DPH commissioner may enter into with consultants to provide services to water utility coordinating committees
<u>5544</u>	<u>14-88 § 4</u>	Allows using interim verifications when a portion of an establishment is remediated, signifying that the portion was remediated according to DEEP standards, except for long-term groundwater remediation and monitoring
		FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING
<u>28 §§ 5-7</u>	<u>14-47 §§ 48, 50-</u> <u>51</u>	 Exempts from the sales and use tax nonprescription drugs and medicines Exempts a portion of state teachers' retirement system income from the income tax Extends the sunset date for the angel investor tax credit program
<u>29 § 23</u>	<u>14-41</u>	Establishes the Smart Start competitive grant program for local and regional boards of education to establish or expand preschool programs
<u>29 § 25</u>	<u>14-271 § 138</u>	Requires that \$10 million per year be disbursed from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Smart Start competitive grant program
<u>367</u>	<u>14-155 § 11</u>	(1) Modifies the starting point (i.e., Connecticut taxable estate) for calculating the estate tax for those who die on or after January 1, 2015 and (2) gives those estates a tax credit for certain gift taxes paid
<u>369</u>	<u>14-155 §§ 13-20</u>	Makes changes to (1) the Department of Revenue Services commissioner's tax administration and enforcement authority and (2) how income taxes must be calculated for certain taxpayers
<u>390</u>	<u>14-155 §§ 3-10</u>	Makes numerous changes in the state's tobacco settlement law to implement the Nonparticipating Manufacturer Adjustment Settlement Agreement (i.e., the May 24, 2013 settlement between the state and certain tobacco product manufacturers)

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<u>469</u>	<u>14-47 § 45</u>	Beginning in FY 15, increases, from \$2.5 to \$3.2 million, the amount the comptroller must set aside from the cable television companies' tax each fiscal year to defray the Office of Legislative Management's cost to provide Connecticut Television Network coverage of state government deliberations and public policy events
<u>5048</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 27-</u> <u>33,169, 259</u>	Establishes college savings program for newborn and adopted children as part of the Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET)
<u>5464</u>	<u>14-47 § 46</u>	Allocates \$12.7 million to the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account for grants to municipalities
<u>5545</u>	<u>14-217 § 137</u>	Requires the Finance Committee chairpersons to convene a panel of experts to study the state's overall state and local tax structure
		GENERAL LAW
<u>84</u>	<u>14-140</u>	(1) Delays the ban on manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing children's jewelry containing more than .0075% cadmium and (2) establishes a task force to study the threshold at which cadmium is safe in children's jewelry
<u>297</u>	<u>14-189</u>	Creates an off-site farm winery sales and tasting permit
<u>380</u>	<u>SA 14-16</u>	Requires a study about kitchen incubator programs (i.e., a type of food-business entrepreneur program)
		GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
<u>248</u>	<u>14-188 §§ 2-8</u>	Makes various changes affecting state contracting, including, among other things: (1) the competitive bidding threshold for state public works projects administered by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), (2) the deadline by which certain subcontractors must be prequalified by DAS, (3) construction manager at risk projects that involve renovations of existing buildings or facilities, and (4) DAS's authority to (a) enter into "on-call" contracts and (b) use cooperative purchasing
<u>351</u>	<u>14-188 § 16</u>	Requires state contracting agencies to evaluate certain privatization contracts to determine if entering into or renewing the contract is the most cost-effective way of delivering the service
<u>441</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 23-26</u>	Authorizes official checkers to use a secretary of the state-approved electronic device to check in electors at the polls

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<u>451 §§ 1-3,</u> <u>7-9, 16</u>	<u>14-188 §§ 9-15</u>	Makes various changes affecting government administration, including (1) establishing Are You Dense? Breast Cancer Awareness Day and Neurological Disorders Awareness Day and (2) allowing the DAS commissioner to expand the janitorial work program for people with a disability or disadvantage to include services he deems appropriate		
		HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT		
<u>30</u>	<u>14-98 §§ 50-57</u>	 (1) Authorizes \$103.5 million in new bonding under the Connecticut State University System 2020 infrastructure program, (2) renames the program the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities 2020 program, and (3) expands it to include the community colleges and Charter Oak State College 		
<u>5050</u>	<u>14-217 § 176</u>	Establishes the Go Back to Get Ahead program to encourage Connecticut residents to return to school and earn a bachelor's degree after (1) completing an associate's degree program or (2) dropping out of a bachelor's degree program; offers up to three free three-credit courses		
<u>5207</u>	<u>14-131 § 11</u>	Requires higher education institutions to award college credit for military occupational specialty training to service members enrolled at the institution, under certain circumstances		
<u>5493</u>	<u>14-217 § 197</u>	Requires the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission to develop, in collaboration with regional workforce development boards, a statewide plan and funding proposal to implement, expand, or improve on (1) contextualized learning programs, (2) career certificate programs, (3) middle college programs, and (4) early college high school programs		
<u>5496</u>	<u>14-217 § 209</u>	Requires the Connecticut State Universities and regional community technical colleges to offer a three-tiered remediation system to eligible students using supports and programs that are both embedded in and independent of required coursework		
	HOUSING			
<u>5483</u>	<u>14-89 §§ 37-38</u>	Extends the Judicial Branch's foreclosure mediation program for two years, until July 1, 2016		

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		HUMAN SERVICES
<u>106</u>	<u>14-217 § 134</u>	Requires the labor commissioner, in consultation with the social services commissioner, to implement policies and procedures to establish (1) which programs may qualify as an approved employment activity for Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) beneficiaries and (2) enrollment and academic requirements for students who receive TFA benefits
<u>250</u>	<u>14-209 § 1</u>	Prohibits a DSS administrative hearing officer, in certain circumstances, from communicating directly or indirectly with any other DSS employee, including counsel, about any issue of fact or law in the hearing without advance notice and opportunity for all parties to participate on the record
<u>325</u>	<u>14-217 § 135</u>	Requires DSS to report on the impact of (1) designating certain products and services as complex rehabilitative technology (CRT), (2) setting minimum standards for CRT suppliers, (3) preserving the option to allow single payments for certain CRT, and (4) requiring evaluations for individuals receiving CRT in order to qualify for Medicaid reimbursement
<u>408</u>	<u>14-217 § 220</u>	Requires the DSS commissioner to amend the Medicaid state plan to include services provided to Medicaid recipients age 21 or older by licensed psychologists, clinical social workers, and other mental health professionals
<u>5052 § 3</u>	<u>14-217 § 72</u>	Requires the Department of Housing, through its Security Deposit Guarantee Program, to prioritize providing security deposit guarantees to eligible veterans
<u>5052 § 4</u>	<u>14-217 § 73</u>	Increases, from 50 to 100, the number of people who may receive services through DSS' Connecticut Home Care Program for Adults with Disabilities (CHCPD)
<u>5052 § 4</u> (Approps Sub.)	<u>14-217 § 195</u>	Repeals a provision that placed the Commission on Medicolegal Investigations and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner within DAS for administrative purposes only
<u>5136</u>	<u>14-55</u>	Requires certain nursing homes to submit profit and loss statements for related entities that collect over a certain amount for providing goods, services, or fees to the homes
<u>5443</u>	<u>14-217 § 74</u>	Expands the list of over-the-counter drugs that DSS may pay for through its medical assistance programs to include those that must be covered as essential health benefits under the federal Affordable Care Act

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		INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
<u>479</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 87-88</u>	Authorizes the insurance commissioner to enforce requirement that health insurance carriers pay a Health Insurance Exchange assessment or fee
<u>5249</u>	<u>14-97 §§ 3-4</u>	Prohibits health insurance policies from imposing a copayment of more than \$30 per visit for in-network occupational therapy services
		JUDICIARY
<u>31</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 179.</u> <u>260</u>	(1) Makes permanent certain court filing fee increases and fees that were set to expire on July 1, 2015 and (2) raises the portion of the revenue received from these fee increases that is transferred to the organization administering the interest on lawyers' trust accounts program to fund legal services for the poor
<u>226</u>	<u>14-89 §§ 37-38,</u> <u>46</u>	Extends the Judicial Branch's foreclosure mediation program by two years, until July 1, 2016
<u>461</u>	<u>14-212 § 19 and</u> <u>14-217 § 254</u>	Broadens law that permits school districts to hire retired or separated in good standing former police officers as armed school security to include former officers from federal agencies or other states
<u>462 and</u> <u>5593 §§ 1-</u> <u>10</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 120-</u> <u>129</u>	Allows the court to include certain financial orders as measures in a civil restraining order when the applicant and respondent are (1) spouses or (2) people who live together who have dependent children in common
<u>5216</u>	<u>14-63</u>	Creates a certificate of title system for certain vessels
<u>5587</u>	<u>14-233 §§ 9-10</u>	 Requires police to get a warrant from a judge in order to install a tracking device (like GPS) to track a person or object Allows a judge to issue a warrant for records or data possessed by out-of-state entities that do business in Connecticut (such as those that provide electronic communication and remote computing services)

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		LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
<u>242</u>	<u>14-128</u>	Extends mandated paid sick leave coverage to radiologic technologists
<u>249</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 180-</u> <u>185</u>	Creates the Connecticut Retirement Security Board and requires it to (1) conduct a market feasibility study on implementing a public retirement plan and (2) develop a comprehensive proposal for implementing the plan that must include certain goals and design features
		PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
<u>264</u>	<u>14-205 § 3</u>	Establishes a nine-member task force to study (1) the humane treatment of animals in municipal and regional shelters and (2) other matters concerning such shelters
<u>5058</u>	<u>14-139 § 5</u>	(1) Raises, from \$100,000 to \$200,000, the threshold at which certain state agency capital projects and grant authorizations are considered growth-related projects and (2) subjects state grants of more than \$200,000 to the priority funding area restrictions if the grant is for a project that adds to an existing facility
<u>5509</u>	<u>SA 14-2</u>	Modifies the Mattabassett District's board composition

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<u>5584 § 10</u>	<u>14-217 § 229</u>	Authorizes the Office of Policy and Management secretary to use \$1,311,198 in FY 15 from the regional planning incentive account for a grant to the Capitol Region Council of Governments and the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology to create statewide high-speed network (i.e., Nutmeg Network) related demonstration projects
		PUBLIC HEALTH
<u>125</u>	<u>14-231 §§ 59-61</u>	Makes technical corrections to public health-related statutes
<u>255</u>	<u>14-231 §§ 62-65,</u> <u>72</u>	Repeals the statutes establishing Unified School District #3 and makes conforming statutory changes
<u>256</u>	<u>14-231 § 66</u>	Allows the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to enter a memorandum of understanding with the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to administer DDS' residential facility revolving loan program
<u>295</u>	<u>14-231 § 72</u>	Extends the state's sovereign immunity from lawsuits to the DPH and DDS commissioners and their staffs against claims for damages greater than \$20,000
<u>296</u>	<u>14-231 § 70</u>	Removes the requirement that orders written by a physician assistant be followed by the printed name of the supervising physician
<u>362</u>	<u>14-165</u>	(1) Requires mandated reporters to report suspected abuse of a person receiving services from DDS' Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services and (2) expands DDS' abuse and neglect registry definition of abuse to include financial exploitation and psychological, verbal, and sexual abuse
<u>434</u>	<u>14-231 § 54</u>	Allows funeral directors or anyone engaged in the funeral directing business to serve nonalcoholic beverages and packaged food to people making funeral or disposition arrangements at a funeral home
<u>435</u>	<u>14-231 § 55</u>	Expands the definition of funeral directing to include (1) consulting about disposition arrangements, (2) casketing human remains, (3) making cemetery and cremation arrangements, and (4) preparing funeral service contracts
<u>437</u>	<u>14-231 § 69</u>	Expands the definition of naturopathy and its scope of practice

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<u>460 § 4</u>	<u>14-168 § 10</u>	Specifically allows the public health commissioner and attorney general, when approving an application to sell a nonprofit hospital to a for-profit entity, to place any conditions on their approval that relate to the purposes of the nonprofit conversion law		
<u>5145 § 2</u> (PA 14-138)	<u>14-217 § 71</u>	Gives the mental health and addiction services commissioner the authority to permit agencies who distribute housing subsidies on the department's behalf to carry over unused funds to the following year. (Identical provision passed in both acts)		
<u>5503</u>	<u>14-217 § 162</u>	Designates each state-owned campus that has an acute care hospital on the premises (i.e., John Dempsey Hospital on the UConn Health Center campus) as the primary service area responder (PSAR) for that campus		
<u>5536</u>	<u>14-231 § 56</u>	Establishes continuing education requirements for psychologists		
<u>5542</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 19-22</u>	Makes several changes concerning emergency medical services (EMS) and PSARs, such as (1) requiring municipalities to update their local EMS plans as they determine necessary; (2) requiring DPH, at least every five years, to review local EMS plans and PSARs' provision of services under them and then rate the responders' performance; (3) changing the process for municipalities to seek to change their PSARs; and (4) requiring a PSAR to give prior notice to DPH before selling its ownership interest or assets, and the buyer to obtain DPH's approval		
<u>5557</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 204-</u> <u>206</u>	(1) Establishes a "neglected cemetery account," funded by fees DPH receives for death certificates, and allows towns to apply for funds from the account and (2) protects municipalities and their employees, officers, and agents from civil or criminal liability arising from their care and maintenance of a neglected burial ground or cemetery		
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY				
<u>80</u>	<u>14-217 §§ 201-</u> <u>203</u>	Prohibits the operation of Internet sweepstakes cafes		
<u>92</u>	<u>14-217 § 131</u>	Requires the Department of Consumer Protection to develop and implement a program to collect and dispose of unwanted medication		
<u>5387</u>	<u>14-47 §§ 52-53</u>	Repeals the authorization for the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to operate keno		

Originated As Bill #	Enacted as Public Act #	Brief Explanation of Concept			
	TRANSPORTATION				
<u>337</u>	<u>14-130 § 8</u>	Requires applicants for driver's licenses or identity cards to indicate whether they consent or decline to be organ donors			
<u>5288</u>	<u>14-199 § 6</u>	Requires the DOT to conduct a study on chemical road treatments			
<u>5460</u>	<u>14-130 § 29</u>	Allows someone whose noncommercial driver's license allows him or her to carry passengers (e.g., a taxi driver or student transportation vehicle driver) to renew his or her license if he or she is controlling an otherwise disqualifying medical condition with medication and is eligible for a waiver or exemption under federal regulations			
<u>5461</u>	<u>14-199 §§ 9-10</u>	 Allows the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) to opt out of state retirement and group welfare benefits Exempts certain CAA employees from the occupational licensing system 			
VETERANS' AFFAIRS					
<u>5296</u>	<u>14-141</u>	Requires hospitals to (1) ask a patient, upon admission, if he or she is a veteran and (2) before submitting a bill to the state for a veteran who is unable to pay and (a) is mentally ill or (b) needs medical or surgical care or treatment, take sufficient steps to determine that no other funds or means of payment are available to cover the cost of the rendered services			

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