

# 2017 Bill Tracking Report

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## Summary

This report lists the bills considered during the General Assembly's 2017 regular 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 represents the legislature's final action on the matter taken during the session.

During the session, the content or concept of approximately 70 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 or special act that included their provisions. Table 2 lists the bills by the committee of origin. Please note the list does not include committees that did not have any such bills.

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# Table 1: Bill Tracking by Bill Number

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<u>34</u>	<u>17-146 §§ 40 &amp; 41</u>	Requires certain stroke-certified hospitals to annually report to the Department of Public Health (DPH) an attestation of the certification and requires DPH to (1) annually post a list of these hospitals on its website and send the list to the medical director of each emergency medical services (EMS) provider in Connecticut and (2) adopt a nationally recognized stroke triage assessment tool and pre-hospital care stroke protocols
<u>106 § 3</u>	<u>17-144 §9</u>	Extends, by one year, a program that requires electric distribution companies to annually purchase \$8 million in Renewable Energy Credits under 15-year contracts with certain clean energy generation projects
<u>106 § 4</u>	<u>17-144 § 1</u>	Allows electric distribution companies to build, own, and operate fuel cell facilities
<u>191</u>	<u>17-231</u>	Generally transfers charitable gaming oversight and permitting functions from the state to municipalities
<u>426 § 1</u>	<u>17-241 § 3</u>	Prohibits contracts between a health care provider and certain vendors or agents a health carrier retains from prohibiting disclosure of (1) billed or allowed amounts, reimbursement rates, or out-of-pocket costs or (2) data related to the all-payer claims database
<u>438</u>	<u>SA 17-22</u>	Requires the economic and community development commissioner, by February 1, 2018, to review the application process for the Small Business Express Program to ensure it facilitates participation by physicians and physicians' offices and make any necessary modifications
<u>442</u>	<u>17-241 § 2</u>	(1) Allows indirect purchasers to recover against drug manufacturers for antitrust violations and (2) allows defendants to avoid duplicative liability if they can prove that the alleged overcharge was passed on by someone else
<u>447</u>	<u>17-241 § 4</u>	Makes changes concerning hospitals' exchange of electronic health records, such as specifically requiring hospitals to send or receive such records upon request of a patient or provider under specified conditions
<u>451</u>	<u>17-241 § 5</u>	Modifies patient notification requirements concerning facility fees charged by hospitals and health systems for outpatient services provided at hospital-based facilities
<u>513</u>	<u>17-134</u>	Provides certain legal protections to a person who enters a vehicle to remove a child in distress
<u>519</u>	<u>SA 17-5</u>	Allows the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority to invest in certain non- core businesses
<u>528</u>	<u>17-90 § 2</u>	Allows manufacturer permittees to sell beer they manufacture in the state and sell for consumption on their premises without having to register or label their beer
<u>552</u>	<u>17-131 § 12</u>	Allows a prescribing practitioner authorized to prescribe an opioid antagonist to issue a standing order to a licensed pharmacist for an opioid antagonist under certain conditions
<u>726</u>	<u>17-99 § 28</u>	Allows the Office of Victim Services to award up to \$5,000 in addition to the \$15,000 maximum award if, at the time the application for compensation or financial restitution is filed, the victim is a minor who has additional medical or mental health counselling needs
<u>781</u>	<u>17-236 §§ 5-11</u>	Makes technical changes to the banking statutes

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<u>782</u>	<u>17-236 § 13</u>	Requires mortgage transmission licensees to establish an anti-money-laundering program that includes an independent audit function to test the program's effectiveness, among other things
<u>797</u>	<u>17-96</u>	Effectuates the elimination of the Office of Protection and Advocacy (OPA) by, among other things, (1) eliminating various statutory references to the office, (2) transferring various responsibilities from OPA to Disability Rights Connecticut, Inc., and (3) requiring OPA to transfer closed case files to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for retention and destruction
<u>800</u>	<u>17-236 §§ 2-4</u>	(1) Increases, from 20 to 25 years, the maximum maturity period Connecticut credit unions can establish for second mortgages and mobile home loans; (2) eliminates the requirement that the banking commissioner endorse his approval of a credit union's amended bylaws; and (3) expands the types of documents a Connecticut bank is required to file with the commissioner as part of its annual audit
<u>807</u>	<u>17-198 §§ 9-31</u>	(1) Delays the due date of the insurance commissioner's annual medical malpractice closed claims report, (2) increases financial solvency requirements for preferred provider networks and changes certain licensing dates, and (3) requires dental and vision carriers to abide by network adequacy requirements
808	17-114	Increases the minimum amount of auto insurance required in Connecticut
827	<u>17-77 § 6</u>	Allows the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) commissioner to revoke, suspend, or deny any DCP license or registration when a licensee or registrant owes money to any guaranty fund or an account DCP maintains or uses
<u>828</u>	<u>17-77 §§ 7 &amp; 8</u>	Expands the registration requirements for drug wholesalers and distributors to conform to current prescription drug distribution practices and federal standards
<u>829</u>	<u>17-77 § 9</u>	Allows the Pharmacy Commission to place conditions on pharmacy licenses, permits, and registrations
<u>830</u>	<u>17-77 § 10</u>	Expands the scope of practice for sheet metal worker licensees by updating the "sheet metal work" statutory definition to reflect current industry practices
<u>841</u>	<u>17-146 § 24</u>	Under certain conditions, prohibits disciplinary action against funeral directors or embalmers related to their national board examination
<u>849</u>	<u>17-131 § 7</u>	Requires the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council to convene a working group to study municipal police departments' substance abuse treatment referral programs and report on the study to the Public Health and Public Safety and Security committees by February 1, 2018
<u>860</u>	<u>17-144 § 9</u>	Extends, by one year, a program that requires electric distribution companies to annually purchase \$8 million in Renewable Energy Credits under 15-year contracts with certain clean energy generation projects
<u>861</u>	<u>17-144 §§ 6-8</u>	Requires the Office of Fiscal Analysis to prepare a ratepayer impact statement for any bill before the General Assembly that would have a financial impact on electric ratepayers if passed
<u>871</u>	<u>17-63 §§ 7 &amp; 8</u>	(1) Authorizes the UConn and Connecticut State University foundations, beginning FY 18, to invest state funds deposited in the Office of Higher Education's Endowed Chair Investment Fund to benefit endowed chairs at their respective institutions and (2) transfers, from the Board of Regents for Higher Education to the UConn board of trustees, the duty to establish an endowed chair in infectious diseases at the UConn Health Center

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<u>950</u>	<u>17-237 §§ 118 &amp;</u> <u>119</u>	Requires the State Board of Education to issue an initial educator certificate in the occupational subject endorsement area for vocational-technical schools to applicants who have completed six, rather than eight, years of work experience in the endorsed field
<u>971</u>	<u>17-229 § 1</u>	Requires the Office of Higher Education to (1) publicize transfer and articulation agreements between the Connecticut state colleges and universities (CSCU) system and UConn by publishing links to the agreements on their websites and (2) take other steps to make the agreements known to CSCU students
<u>988 §§ 1 &amp; 2</u>	<u>17-235 §§ 1 &amp; 2</u>	Allows Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board (CEAB) members to serve multiple terms and eliminates requirements that certain board appointments be made from a list prepared by a citizen group having an interest in ethical government
<u>988 § 4</u>	<u>17-235 § 4</u>	Allows CEAB members and Office of State Ethics (OSE) employees to make certain political contributions
<u>988 § 5</u>	<u>17-235 § 5</u>	Allows CEAB members to serve in volunteer or unpaid state government positions during the one-year period after leaving the board
<u>988 § 5</u>	<u>17-235 § 5</u>	Allows, rather than requires, CEAB to delay the effect of a decision for up to seven days on an aggrieved party's request
<u>988 §§ 6-9</u>	<u>17-235 §§ 6-9</u>	Reduces, from six members to two-thirds of those members present and voting, the threshold required for CEAB to find a violation of the state codes of ethics or impose a civil penalty
<u>988 §§ 7 &amp; 9</u>	<u>17-235 §§ 7 &amp; 9</u>	Allows OSE to enforce civil penalties as money judgments
<u>993</u>	<u>17-99 § 52</u>	(1) Specifies that any conveyance made and executed by a properly authorized trustee must be treated as if the transfer was made by the trust and (2) requires the town clerk to index an instrument by the name of the trust and trustee identified in the instrument if the grantor, grantee, releasor, releasee, assignor, assignee, transferor, or transferee is a trust
<u>1014 § 10</u>	<u>17-173 § 5</u>	Specifies that for required school vision screenings, an automated vision screening device can be used and considered equivalent to a Snellen chart screening
<u>1047 §§ 1-4</u>	<u>17-147 §§ 15-18</u>	(1) Establishes a regulatory structure for most tax preparers and facilitators who are not otherwise regulated and (2) prohibits a number of actions by anyone who provides tax preparation services, including those who are otherwise regulated
<u>1047 §5</u>	<u>17-147 § 19</u>	(1) Requires the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) to submit a list of delinquent corporation business taxpayers only if OPM requests it and (2) allows DRS to decide whether to include taxpayer identification numbers
<u>1047 §§ 6, 8,</u> <u>18, 21, 23, &amp;</u> <u>24</u>	<u>17-147 §§ 20, 22,</u> <u>32, 35, 37, &amp; 38</u>	Eliminates provisions requiring or allowing the DRS commissioner to adopt regulations concerning various tax provisions
<u>1047 § 7</u>	<u>17-147 § 21</u>	Makes administrative and policy changes to DRS's data match program under which the department and financial institutions exchange information about delinquent taxpayers
<u>1047 § 9</u>	<u>17-147 § 23</u>	Modifies the definition of a captive real estate investment trust for corporation income tax purposes
<u>1047 §§ 10</u> <u>&amp; 11</u>	<u>17-147 §§ 24 &amp; 25</u>	Extends the deadline for filing corporation business tax returns

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<u>1047 § 12</u>	<u>17-147 § 26</u>	Exempts businesses that accept clothing or other fabrics to be dry cleaned by another establishment (i.e., "drop stores") from the 1% dry cleaning surcharge
<u>1047 § 14</u>	<u>17-147 § 28</u>	Makes anyone who buys a cigarette dealer's business or the stock of cigarettes liable for unpaid taxes
<u>1047 § 15</u>	<u>17-147 § 29</u>	Extends the cigarette sales tax exemption to cigarettes sold to U.S. Veterans' Hospitals and U.S. Armed Forces members
<u>1047 §16</u>	<u>17-147 § 30</u>	Makes anyone who buys the business or stock of tobacco products of a distributor or unclassified tobacco products importer liable for the seller's unpaid taxes
<u>1047 § 17</u>	<u>17-147 § 31</u>	(1) Tightens requirements for maintaining tobacco products tax records and (2) establishes a civil penalty of \$1,000 per day for any distributor or importer who fails to immediately produce or provide electronic access to the records upon the DRS commissioner's or agent's request
<u>1047 §§ 19</u> <u>&amp; 20</u>	<u>17-147 §§ 33 &amp; 34</u>	Extends to the use tax, the requirement that the DRS commissioner direct a portion of the tax revenue to the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account and Special Transportation Fund, according to the same amounts and schedules specified under existing law for the sales tax
<u>1047 § 22</u>	<u>17-147 § 36</u>	Clarifies ownership requirements for the sourcing of income from certain real property for income tax purposes
<u>1047 § 24</u>	<u>17-147 § 38</u>	Advances, from the last day of February to January 31, the date by which certain employers and payers must annually file informational returns with DRS for personal income tax purposes
<u>1047 § 25</u>	<u>17-147 § 39</u>	Implicitly imposes a one-year deadline for taxpayers to request a penalty waiver from the DRS commissioner
<u>1047 § 26</u>	<u>17-147 § 40</u>	Makes cable-TV, satellite-TV, and certified video service providers liable for certain penalties associated with the 0.25% gross earnings tax levied to fund the public, educational, and governmental programming and education technology investment account
<u>1047 § 27</u>	<u>17-147 § 41</u>	Expands the definition of racketeering activity under the Corrupt Organization Racketeering Act (CORA) to include violations of certain tobacco products-related crimes
<u>1047 §§ 29</u> <u>&amp; 30</u>	<u>17-147 §§ 42 &amp; 43</u>	Allows taxpayers to donate a portion of their income tax returns to the Mental Health Community Investment Account, which supports mental health programs and services
<u>5223</u>	<u>17-236 § 18</u>	Establishes an eight-member task force to study methods to prevent the issuance of mortgages to persons with excessive blight fines or who have violated nuisance abatement laws
<u>5416</u>	<u>17-146 § 30</u>	Increases the size of subsurface disposal systems (generally, septic systems) over which DPH rather than the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, has jurisdiction, from a capacity of up to 5,000 gallons per day to up to 7,500 gallons per day
<u>5713</u>	<u>17-232</u>	Establishes a farm distillery manufacturer permit

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<u>5755</u>	<u>17-131 § 11</u>	(1) Specifies that municipalities must amend their local EMS plans to require a minimum of one EMS provider likely to arrive first on the scene of a medical emergency to carry an opioid antagonist and complete a training on how to administer it and (2) extends the date, from October 1, 2016, to October 1, 2017, by which municipalities must amend these plans to include this requirement
<u>5873</u>	<u>17-230 § 12</u>	Requires a railroad company that applies pesticide to a right-of-way to (1) provide notice to the Department of Transportation and impacted municipalities and (2) annually file a vegetation management plan with them
<u>5962</u>	<u>17-228</u>	Prohibits individual and group health insurance policies from requiring step therapy for cancer drugs prescribed to treat insureds diagnosed with stage IV metastatic cancer
<u>5968</u>	<u>17-55</u>	Expands the range of people eligible for infertility coverage under certain individual and group health insurance policies
<u>6059</u>	<u>17-79 § 22</u>	Prohibits a person from parking a motor vehicle on a street unless it is properly registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles
<u>6481</u>	<u>17-238 § 13</u>	Requires municipalities to have certain real property that includes or is part of a watershed, or encompasses a well or reservoir, appraised to determine its fair market value before selling it
<u>6483</u>	<u>17-146 § 46</u>	Establishes a task force to study the projected psychiatry workforce shortage in the state
<u>6956</u>	<u>17-230 § 11</u>	Strengthens motor vehicle child restraint (i.e., car seat) requirements
<u>6966</u>	<u>17-230 §§ 16 &amp; 17</u>	Modifies certain parking laws for specified locations in New Haven and requires the transportation department to update state road design standards by July 1, 2018
<u>7009</u>	<u>17-135</u>	(1) Prohibits the Department of Social Services (DSS) from extrapolating overpayments caused by errors related to the implementation of a electronic visit verification (EVV) for DSS' Medicaid home-and community-based services program, (2) requires DSS to report on EVV, and (3) prohibits DSS from applying policies and guidelines to audits or provider claims unless they were distributed to the provider before the audited service was provided
<u>7010 §§ 1-7</u>	<u>17-131 §§ 6-10</u>	Includes various provisions related to prescription opioid drugs, such as requiring (1) specified state agencies to develop a one-page fact sheet, develop a marketing campaign, and make monthly public service announcements on opioid drugs; (2) DPH to post information on its website on how a prescribing practitioner may obtain certification to prescribe take-home medications to treat opioid use disorders; and (3) certain health insurers to cover specified inpatient detoxification services for individuals diagnosed with substance use disorder
<u>7018</u>	<u>17-236 §§ 14 &amp; 15</u>	Requires consumer collection agencies to have a minimum tangible net worth of \$50,000 before licensure and prohibits them from retaining unlicensed consumer collection agencies

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<u>7023</u>	<u>17-198 §§ 4-8</u>	(1) Authorizes group short-term care insurance policies to be sold in Connecticut; (2) allows HMOs to offer additional methods of health care; (3) requires insurers to disclose certain comparative information before renewing personal or commercial risk insurance policies with less favorable terms than an insured's current policy; (4) prohibits an insurer's liquidator from voiding commutation reinsurance agreements approved by the commissioner; and (5) allows the commissioner, under certain conditions, to take possession of impaired insurers
<u>7033</u>	<u>17-236 § 12</u>	Expands the definition of "sales finance company" to include companies who transfer interest in retail installment or installment loan contracts but continue servicing them, thereby subjecting these contract or loan servicers to all the sales finance company licensure requirements
<u>7065</u>	<u>17-218 §§ 7-10</u>	(1) Removes, from laws that apply to resources recovery facilities, waste conversion facilities (e.g., those using thermal, biological, or chemical processes to convert solid waste to energy); (2) includes mixed municipal solid waste composting facilities as waste conversion facilities; and (3) makes certain waste conversion facilities volume reduction plants and subjects them to the laws affecting these plants
<u>7074</u>	<u>17-182 § 2</u>	Requires owners to pay retainage for private-sector construction contracts within 30 days after the owner or the owner's authorized representative issues a certificate of final completion or an equivalent written acceptance of the construction project work
<u>7075</u>	<u>17-77 § 11</u>	Sets the minimum coverage amount at \$10,000 for surety bonds homemaker- companion agencies are required to maintain and requires the bond to include theft by an employee from a person receiving agency services
<u>7076</u>	<u>17-77 § 12</u>	Allows individuals to apply to have their licenses, permits, certifications, or registrations reinstated by DCP without an examination if the department receives the application and application fee within a specified timeframe
<u>7077</u>	<u>17-77 § 13</u>	Makes the individual who maintained physical custody of food at the time it became adulterated liable for the (1) cleanup and disposal costs of the food and (2) costs and expenses resulting from the DCP investigation and associated legal expenses
<u>7079</u>	<u>17-77 § 15</u>	Requires funeral home establishments to (1) keep a list of each escrow account established by a funeral services contract electronically and include any insurance contracts established by these funeral contracts and (2) disclose the information to the social services commissioner upon request
<u>7099</u>	<u>17-79 §§ 17-20</u>	Makes several changes in laws affecting how garage owners may sell unclaimed vehicles towed to and stored by them
<u>7109</u>	<u>17-240 § 5</u>	Authorizes Orange to delay, for one year, a revaluation scheduled for October 1, 2017
7117	<u>17-90 § 3</u>	Increases, from three to 10, the number of farmers' market locations at which the holder of a farmers' market wine sales permit may sell wine, if invited
<u>7124 §§ 2 &amp;</u> <u>3</u>	<u>17-241 § 1</u>	(1) Prohibits certain pharmacy services contracts from containing a provision prohibiting or penalizing a pharmacist's disclosure of certain information (e.g., therapeutic alternatives) to an individual purchasing prescription medication and (2) limits the amount an insured individual pays for a prescription
<u>7137</u>	<u>17-231</u>	Generally transfers charitable gaming oversight and permitting functions from the state to municipalities
<u>7143</u>	<u>17-236 § 16</u>	Authorizes the banking commissioner to impose a fine of up to \$100,000 per violation on any person who engages in dishonest or unethical practices

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<u>7145</u>	<u>17-236 § 19</u>	Requires the banking commissioner to report to the Banking Committee by July 1, 2018 on a plan to implement the department's student loan ombudsman position
<u>7149</u>	<u>17-236 § 17</u>	Requires landlords, at a tenant's request, to return any portion of a security deposit that exceeds one month's rent if the tenant turned age 62 after paying the deposit
<u>7153</u>	<u>17-236 § 20</u>	Requires the banking and housing departments, within available appropriations, to study the development of a lead abatement interest rate reduction program
<u>7178</u>	<u>17-79 § 23</u>	Allows veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to receive a removable windshield placard if the PTSD is service-connected and the disability limits or impairs their ability to walk
<u>7231</u>	<u>17-219 §§ 2 &amp; 7</u>	Changes the type of data and analyses the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) must include in its annual report to the legislature and mostly eliminates the specific data and analyses the department must include in the state's four-year strategic economic development plan
7236	<u>17-130 §§ 2-11</u>	Limits the applicability of certain state contracting requirements to UConn and the Board of Regents for Higher Education by allowing them to enter into certain goods and services contracts without (1) obtaining specified certifications from bidders and contractors and (2) complying with competitive bidding or negotiation requirements after adopting policies for entering into or amending such contracts
<u>7316</u>	<u>17-219 §§ 2 &amp; 3</u>	Requires the state auditors to (1) audit economic development programs' performance each time they audit DECD and (2) report their findings to several committees, which must hold at least one hearing on the findings

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<u>1047 § 7</u>	<u>17-147 § 21</u>	Makes administrative and policy changes to DRS's data match program under which the department and financial institutions exchange information about delinquent taxpayers
<u>1047 § 9</u>	<u>17-147 § 23</u>	Modifies the definition of a captive real estate investment trust for corporation income tax purposes
<u>1047 §§ 10</u> & 11	<u>17-147 §§ 24 &amp; 25</u>	Extends the deadline for filing corporation business tax returns
<u>1047 § 12</u>	<u>17-147 § 26</u>	Exempts businesses that accept clothing or other fabrics to be dry cleaned by another establishment (i.e., "drop stores") from the 1% dry cleaning surcharge
<u>1047 § 14</u>	<u>17-147 § 28</u>	Makes anyone who buys a cigarette dealer's business or the stock of cigarettes liable for unpaid taxes
<u>1047 § 15</u>	<u>17-147 § 29</u>	Extends the cigarette sales tax exemption to cigarettes sold to U.S. Veterans' Hospitals and U.S. Armed Forces members
<u>1047 §16</u>	<u>17-147 § 30</u>	Makes anyone who buys the business or stock of tobacco products of a distributor or unclassified tobacco products importer liable for the seller's unpaid taxes
<u>1047 § 17</u>	<u>17-147 § 31</u>	(1) Tightens requirements for maintaining tobacco products tax records and (2) establishes a civil penalty of \$1,000 per day for any distributor or importer who fails to immediately produce or provide electronic access to the records upon the DRS commissioner's or agent's request
<u>1047 §§ 19</u> <u>&amp; 20</u>	<u>17-147 §§ 33 &amp; 34</u>	Extends to the use tax, the requirement that the DRS commissioner direct a portion of the tax revenue to the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account and Special Transportation Fund, according to the same amounts and schedules specified under existing law for the sales tax
<u>1047 § 22</u>	<u>17-147 § 36</u>	Clarifies ownership requirements for the sourcing of income from certain real property for income tax purposes
<u>1047 § 24</u>	<u>17-147 § 38</u>	Advances, from the last day of February to January 31, the date by which certain employers and payers must annually file informational returns with DRS for personal income tax purposes
<u>1047 § 25</u>	<u>17-147 § 39</u>	Implicitly imposes a one-year deadline for taxpayers to request a penalty waiver from the DRS commissioner
<u>1047 § 26</u>	<u>17-147 § 40</u>	Makes cable-TV, satellite-TV, and certified video service providers liable for certain penalties associated with the 0.25% gross earnings tax levied to fund the public, educational, and governmental programming and education technology investment account
<u>1047 § 27</u>	<u>17-147 § 41</u>	Expands the definition of racketeering activity under the Corrupt Organization Racketeering Act (CORA) to include violations of certain tobacco products-related crimes
<u>1047 §§ 29</u> <u>&amp; 30</u>	<u>17-147 §§ 42 &amp; 43</u>	Allows taxpayers to donate a portion of their income tax returns to the Mental Health Community Investment Account, which supports mental health programs and services
<u>7316</u>	<u>17-219 §§ 2 &amp; 3</u>	Requires the state auditors to (1) audit economic development programs' performance each time they audit DECD and (2) report their findings to several committees, which must hold at least one hearing on the findings

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	GENERAL LAW		
<u>191</u>	<u>17-231</u>	Generally transfers charitable gaming oversight and permitting functions from the state to municipalities	
<u>528</u>	<u>17-90 § 2</u>	Allows manufacturer permittees to sell beer they manufacture in the state and sell for consumption on their premises without having to register or label their beer	
<u>827</u>	<u>17-77 § 6</u>	Allows the DCP commissioner to revoke, suspend, or deny any DCP license or registration when a licensee or registrant owes money to any guaranty fund or an account DCP maintains or uses	
<u>828</u>	<u>17-77 §§ 7 &amp; 8</u>	Expands the registration requirements for drug wholesalers and distributors to conform to current prescription drug distribution practices and federal standards	
<u>829</u>	<u>17-77 § 9</u>	Allows the Pharmacy Commission to place conditions on pharmacy licenses, permits, and registrations	
<u>830</u>	<u>17-77 § 10</u>	Expands the scope of practice for sheet metal worker licensees by updating the "sheet metal work" statutory definition to reflect current industry practices	
<u>7074</u>	<u>17-182 § 2</u>	Requires owners to pay retainage for private-sector construction contracts within 30 days after the owner or the owner's authorized representative issues a certificate of final completion or an equivalent written acceptance of the construction project work	
<u>7075</u>	<u>17-77 § 11</u>	Sets the minimum coverage amount at \$10,000 for surety bonds homemaker- companion agencies are required to maintain and requires the bond to include theft by an employee from a person receiving agency services	
<u>7076</u>	<u>17-77 § 12</u>	Allows individuals to apply to have their licenses, permits, certifications, or registrations reinstated by DCP without an examination if the department receives the application and application fee within a specified timeframe	
<u>7077</u>	<u>17-77 § 13</u>	Makes the individual who maintained physical custody of food at the time it became adulterated liable for the (1) cleanup and disposal costs of the food and (2) costs and expenses resulting from the DCP investigation and associated legal expenses	
<u>7079</u>	<u>17-77 § 15</u>	Requires funeral home establishments to (1) keep a list of each escrow account established by a funeral services contract electronically and include any insurance contracts established by these funeral contracts and (2) disclose the information to the social services commissioner upon request	
<u>7117</u>	<u>17-90 § 3</u>	Increases, from three to 10, the number of farmers' market locations at which the holder of a farmers' market wine sales permit may sell wine, if invited	
	GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS		
<u>988 §§ 1 &amp; 2</u>	<u>17-235 §§ 1 &amp; 2</u>	Allows Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board (CEAB) members to serve multiple terms and eliminates requirements that certain board appointments be made from a list prepared by a citizen group having an interest in ethical government	
<u>988 § 4</u>	<u>17-235 § 4</u>	Allows CEAB members and Office of State Ethics (OSE) employees to make certain political contributions	
<u>988 § 5</u>	<u>17-235 § 5</u>	Allows CEAB members to serve in volunteer or unpaid state government positions during the one-year period after leaving the board	
<u>988 § 5</u>	<u>17-235 § 5</u>	Allows, rather than requires, CEAB to delay the effect of a decision for up to seven days on an aggrieved party's request	

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	GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS (continued)				
<u>988 §§ 6-9</u>	<u>17-235 §§ 6-9</u>	Reduces, from six members to two-thirds of those members present and voting, the threshold required for CEAB to find a violation of the state codes of ethics or impose a civil penalty			
<u>988 §§ 7 &amp; 9</u>	<u>17-235 §§ 7 &amp; 9</u>	Allows OSE to enforce civil penalties as money judgments			
	HIGH	ER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT			
<u>871</u>	<u>17-63 §§ 7 &amp; 8</u>	(1) Authorizes the UConn and Connecticut State University foundations, beginning FY 18, to invest state funds deposited in the Office of Higher Education's Endowed Chair Investment Fund to benefit endowed chairs at their respective institutions and (2) transfers, from the Board of Regents for Higher Education to the UConn board of trustees, the duty to establish an endowed chair in infectious diseases at the UConn Health Center			
<u>971</u>	<u>17-229 § 1</u>	Requires the Office of Higher Education to (1) publicize transfer and articulation agreements between the Connecticut state colleges and universities (CSCU) system and UConn by publishing links to the agreements on their websites and (2) take other steps to make the agreements known to CSCU students			
7236	<u>17-130 §§ 2-11</u>	Limits the applicability of certain state contracting requirements to UConn and the Board of Regents for Higher Education by allowing them to enter into certain goods and services contracts without (1) obtaining specified certifications from bidders and contractors and (2) complying with competitive bidding or negotiation requirements after adopting policies for entering into or amending such contracts			
		HUMAN SERVICES			
<u>7009</u>	<u>17-135</u>	(1) Prohibits DSS from extrapolating overpayments caused by errors related to the implementation of a electronic visit verification (EVV) for DSS' Medicaid home-and community-based services program, (2) requires DSS to report on EVV, and (3) prohibits DSS from applying policies and guidelines to audits or provider claims unless they were distributed to the provider before the audited service was provided			
		INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE			
<u>426 § 1</u>	<u>17-241 § 3</u>	Prohibits contracts between a health care provider and certain vendors or agents a health carrier retains from prohibiting disclosure of (1) billed or allowed amounts, reimbursement rates, or out-of-pocket costs or (2) data related to the all-payer claims database			
<u>807</u>	<u>17-198 §§ 9-31</u>	(1) Delays the due date of the insurance commissioner's annual medical malpractice closed claims report, (2) increases financial solvency requirements for preferred provider networks and changes certain licensing dates, and (3) requires dental and vision carriers to abide by network adequacy requirements			
<u>808</u>	<u>17-114</u>	Increases the minimum amount of auto insurance required in Connecticut			
<u>5962</u>	<u>17-228</u>	Prohibits individual and group health insurance policies from requiring step therapy for cancer drugs prescribed to treat insureds diagnosed with stage IV metastatic cancer			

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		INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE (continued)			
<u>5968</u>	<u>17-55</u>	Expands the range of people eligible for infertility coverage under certain individual and group health insurance policies			
<u>7023</u>	<u>17-198 §§ 4-8</u>	(1) Authorizes group short-term care insurance policies to be sold in Connecticut; (2) allows HMOs to offer additional methods of health care; (3) requires insurers to disclose certain comparative information before renewing personal or commercial risk insurance policies with less favorable terms than an insured's current policy; (4) prohibits an insurer's liquidator from voiding commutation reinsurance agreements approved by the commissioner; and (5) allows the commissioner, under certain conditions, to take possession of impaired insurers			
<u>7124 §§ 2 &amp;</u> <u>3</u>	<u>17-241 § 1</u>	(1) Prohibits certain pharmacy services contracts from containing a provision prohibiting or penalizing a pharmacist's disclosure of certain information (e.g., therapeutic alternatives) to an individual purchasing prescription medication and (2) limits the amount an insured individual pays for a prescription			
		JUDICIARY			
726	<u>17-99 § 28</u>	Allows the Office of Victim Services to award up to \$5,000 in addition to the \$15,000 maximum award if, at the time the application for compensation or financial restitution is filed, the victim is a minor who has additional medical or mental health counselling needs			
<u>993</u>	<u>17-99 § 50</u>	(1) Specifies that any conveyance made and executed by a properly authorized trustee must be treated as if the transfer was made by the trust and (2) requires the town clerk to index an instrument by the name of the trust and trustee identified in the instrument if the grantor, grantee, releasor, releasee, assignor, assignee, transferor, or transferee is a trust			
		PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT			
<u>6481</u>	<u>17-238 § 13</u>	Requires municipalities to have certain real property that includes or is part of a watershed, or encompasses a well or reservoir, appraised to determine its fair market value before selling it			
<u>6966</u>	<u>17-230 §§ 16 &amp; 17</u>	Modifies certain parking laws for specified locations in New Haven and requires the transportation department to update state road design standards by July 1, 2018			
<u>7109</u>	<u>17-240 § 5</u>	Authorizes Orange to delay, for one year, a revaluation scheduled for October 1, 2017			
	PUBLIC HEALTH				
<u>34</u>	<u>17-146 §§ 40 &amp; 41</u>	Requires certain stroke-certified hospitals to annually report to DPH an attestation of the certification and requires DPH to (1) annually post a list of these hospitals on its website and send the list to the medical director of each emergency medical services (EMS) provider in Connecticut and (2) adopt a nationally recognized stroke triage assessment tool and pre-hospital care stroke protocols			
<u>438</u>	<u>SA 17-22</u>	Requires the economic and community development commissioner, by February 1, 2018, to review the application process for the Small Business Express Program to ensure it facilitates participation by physicians and physicians' offices and make any necessary modifications			

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	PUBLIC HEALTH (continued)				
<u>442</u>	<u>17-241 § 2</u>	(1) Allows indirect purchasers to recover against drug manufacturers for antitrust violations and (2) allows defendants to avoid duplicative liability if they can prove that the alleged overcharge was passed on by someone else			
<u>447</u>	<u>17-241 § 4</u>	Makes changes concerning hospitals' exchange of electronic health records, such as specifically requiring hospitals to send or receive such records upon request of a patient or provider under specified conditions			
<u>451</u>	<u>17-241 § 5</u>	Modifies patient notification requirements concerning facility fees charged by hospitals and health systems for outpatient services provided at hospital-based facilities			
<u>552</u>	<u>17-131 § 12</u>	Allows a prescribing practitioner authorized to prescribe an opioid antagonist to issue a standing order to a licensed pharmacist for an opioid antagonist under certain conditions			
<u>797</u>	<u>17-96</u>	Effectuates the elimination of the Office of Protection and Advocacy (OPA) by, among other things, (1) eliminating various statutory references to the office, (2) transferring various responsibilities from OPA to Disability Rights Connecticut, Inc., and (3) requiring OPA to transfer closed case files to OPM for retention and destruction			
<u>841</u>	<u>17-146 § 24</u>	Under certain conditions, prohibits disciplinary action against funeral directors or embalmers related to their national board examination			
<u>5755</u>	<u>17-131 § 11</u>	(1) Specifies that municipalities must amend their local EMS plans to require a minimum of one EMS provider likely to arrive first on the scene of a medical emergency to carry an opioid antagonist and complete a training on how to administer it and (2) extends the date, from October 1, 2016, to October 1, 2017, by which municipalities must amend these plans to include this requirement			
<u>6483</u>	<u>17-146 § 46</u>	Establishes a task force to study the projected psychiatry workforce shortage in the state			
<u>7010 §§ 1-7</u>	<u>17-131 §§ 6-10</u>	Includes various provisions related to prescription opioid drugs, such as requiring (1) specified state agencies to develop a one-page fact sheet, develop a marketing campaign, and make monthly public service announcements on opioid drugs; (2) DPH to post information on its website on how a prescribing practitioner may obtain certification to prescribe take-home medications to treat opioid use disorders; and (3) certain health insurers to cover specified inpatient detoxification services for individuals diagnosed with substance use disorder			
	PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY				
<u>849</u>	<u>17-131 § 7</u>	Requires the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council to convene a working group to study municipal police departments' substance abuse treatment referral programs and report on the study to the Public Health and Public Safety and Security committees by February 1, 2018			
<u>7137</u>	<u>17-231</u>	Generally transfers charitable gaming oversight and permitting functions from the state to municipalities			

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TRANSPORTATION					
<u>6059</u>	<u>17-79 § 22</u>	Prohibits a person from parking a motor vehicle on a street unless it is properly registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles			
<u>6956</u>	<u>17-230 § 11</u>	Strengthens motor vehicle child restraint (i.e., car seat) requirements			
<u>7099</u>	<u>17-79 §§ 17-20</u>	Makes several changes to laws affecting how garage owners may sell unclaimed vehicles towed to and stored by them			
	VETERANS' AFFAIRS				
<u>7178</u>	<u>17-79 § 23</u>	Allows veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to receive a removable windshield placard if the PTSD is service-connected and the disability limits or impairs their ability to walk			

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