



2026 Veto Package

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Overview

This report lists the vetoed acts from the 2026 regular legislative session and provides for each a brief summary, the final vote tallies, and excerpts from the governor’s veto message. It also includes the number of acts from each prior session that the current governor vetoed.

By law, the governor may veto (1) an entire act or (2) any provision making appropriations of money for distinct items while approving the remainder of the act (i.e. “line-item veto”). A vetoed act or provision will not become law unless it is reconsidered and passed again by a two-thirds vote of each legislative chamber. The legislature will meet for a veto session on June 15, 2026.

Table 1 below lists the sections of [PA 26-1](#) line item vetoed by the governor and the act’s vote tally.

Table 1: 2026 Vetoed Acts

Act No. (Bill No.)	Title	Vote Tally (Date Taken)
PA 26-1 (SB 298) Line item veto of §§ 5(a), 6, 7 & 11-13	<i>An Act Concerning the Reallocation of Certain State Funds and Various Provisions Relating to Education, Public Safety, General Government, Elections, Intermediate Care Facilities and Warehouse Distribution Centers</i>	Senate: 26 to 10 (February 25, 2026) House: 96 to 48 (February 26, 2026)

Summary and Governor's Explanation

PA 26-1: An Act Concerning the Reallocation of Certain State Funds and Various Provisions Relating to Education, Public Safety, General Government, Elections, Intermediate Care Facilities and Warehouse Distribution Centers

Among other things, the act makes several changes to appropriations, including:

1. transferring \$174,000 from the state Department of Education's (SDE) "Other Expenses" in fiscal year (FY) 26 to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) for a grant to the New London VFW;
2. using \$70,000 from the Judicial Department's "Other Expenses" in FY 26 for a grant to the Village Initiative Project;
3. using up to \$2,500,000 from the Office of Policy and Management's "Other Expenses" in FY 26 for the City of Hartford's outdoor recreation;
4. using \$330,000 from DECD's "Other Expenses" in FY 26 for a grant to Our Piece of the Pie;
5. requiring that \$750,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 from SDE's "Other Expenses" previously designated for a teacher residency program be used for the Capitol Region Education Council's teacher residency program; and
6. using \$200,000 from SDE's "Other Expenses" in FY 26 for a grant to Free Agent Now (with a non-lapsing carryforward provision).

([PA 26-1](#), §§ 5(a) & 6, 7 & 11-13, effective upon passage).

Excerpts from the governor's line item [veto message](#)

Let me be clear at the outset: my objection is not to the missions of the organizations named in these sections, nor to the goals the legislature seeks to advance. Many of these programs do meaningful work in communities across our state.

My objection is to the process.

Over the past year, Connecticut residents have rightly asked for greater transparency and accountability in how legislatively directed funds - commonly referred to as earmarks - are proposed, reviewed, and distributed. When taxpayer dollars are set aside for specific entities outside of a competitive or formula-based process, the public deserves to know exactly how

and why those decisions are made, what standards apply, and what oversight mechanisms are in place.

The veto message further addresses concerns regarding transparency and oversight of legislatively directed funds.

Until meaningful transparency and oversight standards are enacted into law, I will not approve new legislatively directed appropriations embedded in omnibus legislation.

Historical Context

Table 2 below lists the number of vetoes for the current governor by legislative session. Prior veto packages can be found under [“Veto Packages” on OLR’s website](#).

Table 2: Vetoes by Legislative Session Since 2019

Governor	Legislative Session	Vetoes	Vetoes Overridden	OLR Veto Package Report
Lamont	2019 Regular Session	3	0	2019-R-0155
Lamont	2019 July Special Session	0	0	-
Lamont	2019 December Special Session	0	0	-
Lamont	2020 Regular Session*	0	0	2020-R-0241
Lamont	2020 July Special Session	0	0	-
Lamont	2020 September Special Session	0	0	-
Lamont	2021 Regular Session	4	0	2021-R-0118
Lamont	2021 June Special Session	0	0	-
Lamont	2022 Regular Session	2	0	2022-R-0126
Lamont	2022 November Special Session	0	0	-
Lamont	2023 Regular Session	5	0	2023-R-0142
Lamont	2023 September Special Session	0	0	-
Lamont	2024 Regular Session	2	0	2024-R-0101
Lamont	2024 June Special Session	0	0	-
Lamont	2025 Regular Session	5	0	2025-R-0081
Lamont	2025 November Special Session	0	0	-

*suspended due to COVID-19

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