



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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DANNEL P. MALLOY
GOVERNOR

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BILL NOTIFICATION
RELEASE No. 11

For Immediate Release

Governor Dannel P. Malloy signed the following legislation of the 2018 Regular Session on June 1:

- SB 217 AN ACT REQUIRING THE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER TO
SA 18-6 ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE ISSUES CONCERNING
POLYPHARMACY AND MEDICATION RECONCILIATION.
This bill is effective from date of passage.
- SB 229 AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CIVIL
PA 18-44 SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.
This bill takes effect October 2, 2018.
- SB 145 AN ACT INCLUDING THE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE IN THE RECEIPT
PA 18-37 OF ANNUAL REPORTS RELATING TO MILITARY VETERANS AND LICENSURE.
This bill takes effect July 1, 2018.
- HB 5041 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE
PA 18-31 JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND CONCERNING THE
TRANSFER OF JUVENILE SERVICES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO THE COURT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION OF
THE JUDICIAL BRANCH
This bill has various effective dates.
- SB 391 AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MORTGAGOR
PA 18-53 REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL ATTEND THE FIRST FORECLOSURE
MEDIATION SESSION IN PERSON.
This bill takes effect October 1, 2018.
- SB 439 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO HUMAN SERVICES
PA 18-55 STATUTES.
This bill takes effect October 1, 2018.
- SB 489 AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND WEEKS.
PA 18-60 This bill is effective from passage.

- SB 176 AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN GIFTS TO THE STATE
PA 18-64 UNDER THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.
This bill takes effect October 1, 2018.
- SB 178 AN ACT DECREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION ON EQUITY
PA 18-65 AND OPPORTUNITY.
This bill is effective from passage.
- SB 196 AN ACT EXTENDING THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF AIRPORT AIRLINE
PA 18-66 CLUB ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR PERMITTEES.
This bill is effective from passage.
- SB 315 AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE STATUTES OF THE
PA 18-67 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND ESTABLISHING A PILOT
PROGRAM TO PERMIT ELECTRONIC REPORTING BY MANDATED
REPORTERS.
This bill has various effective dates.
- SB 375 AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'
PA 18-68 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND OTHER CHANGES TO THE
INSURANCE STATUTES.
This bill takes effective October 1, 2018.
- SB 243 AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITS OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS.
PA 18-76 This bill takes effect July 1, 2018.
- SB 246 AN ACT LIMITING AUTO REFILLS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS COVERED
PA 18-77 UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM AND REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF
SOCIAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE CHIP DATA TO THE HEALTH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY OFFICER.
This bill is effective from passage.
- SB 256 AN ACT CONCERNING RACIAL AND ETHNIC IMPACT STATEMENTS.
PA 18-78 This bill takes effect October 11, 2018.

Governor Dannel P. Malloy vetoed the following legislation of the 2018 Regular Session on June 1:

- HB 5171 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FROM MAKING
PA 18-35 RESCISSIONS OR OTHER REDUCTIONS TO THE EDUCATION COST
SHARING GRANT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR.
This bill had various effective dates. The Governor vetoed the bill.
***Scroll down to read the Governor's veto message.*

Governor Dannel P. Malloy will leave unsigned the following legislation of the 2018 Regular Session on June 2:

SB 206 AN ACT AUTHORIZING PREGNANCY AS A QUALIFYING EVENT FOR SPECIAL
PA 18-43 ENROLLMENT PERIODS FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.

This bill takes effect January 1, 2019.

***Governor Malloy wrote a letter to the members of the General Assembly regarding this bill. Scroll down to view that letter.*

As of this date, the Governor has signed seventy-one (71) bills, vetoed one (1) bill, and left unsigned one (1) bill of the 2018 Regular Session.

To be clear, increasing access to insurance for pregnant women is of course a laudable public policy. That's why the state already has a number of programs in place for pregnant women, including presumptive eligibility under HUSKY/Medicaid and higher income allowances. The annual income cut-off for pregnant women is at 263% of the federal poverty level – substantially higher than all other HUSKY categories. As we all know, our overall public health improves with access to prenatal and preventive health care, and as such we should rightly be proud of Connecticut's strong history on this front, and the improved health outcomes that have resulted from it.

If state policymakers believe the public policy encompassed in SB 206 plus the affordability of health insurance are important, then we should work together to devise a better way to cover these individuals without making individual health insurance unaffordable and unattainable to thousands of Connecticut residents. For instance, simply expanding eligibility for pregnant women under Connecticut's existing HUSKY initiatives (in order to take advantage of federal reimbursement) may be preferable to the approximately \$7 million increase in premium costs from this legislation that will negatively impact Access Health members. This idea would serve the same intent as Senate Bill 206, while preventing all costs from being passed directly to those residents of Connecticut who can least afford it.

I am eager to discuss this idea or others with anyone who is truly committed to protecting both our residents and the foundations of our health insurance marketplace. It is my hope that we can have these conversations this summer, and I would in fact welcome a Special Session to prevent the premium rate increases this bill will undoubtedly cause in the fall. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on these matters, and your suggestions for how we proceed together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Malloy", is written over the printed name and title.

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor