



Legislative Update



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY PUBLIC HEARINGS

IMPORTANT HEARING -- THIS MONDAY:

Finance Committee Hearing on Major Municipal Proposals

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FINANCE REVENUE & BONDING COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 15, 2010 at 11:00 A.M.
Legislative Office Building, Room 2E**

⇒ *The first hour of the hearing is reserved for invited speakers. The public portion will begin at noon. The order of speakers will be determined by a lottery.*

⇒ **Sign up:** 9:30 A.M. in the Atrium

⇒ **Number of copies of written testimony:** 75

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**If you wish testify or submit testimony
before this committee please contact:**

Robert Labanara

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Please Testify -- This Will Be The Only Hearing On These Issues!

SB 434 *Would make permanent the present rates of municipal real estate sales tax.*

SB 435 *Would increase various municipal fees.*

SB 436 *Would allow municipalities to (1) levy, by ordinance, any type of tax, including taxes on sales, food & beverages, amusements, hotels, payroll and hospital beds, and (2) impose a surcharge on any fee set by statute up to the cost to the municipality of providing a service.*

HB 5479 *Would permit more flexibility in the amortization schedule for municipal bonds.*

HB 5480 *Would allow RPOs to impose a regional sales tax, collected and administered by the State, to be used for "capital expenditures, distribution to municipalities, or any regular or special purpose" in the RPOs' budgets.*

HB 5481 *Would increase state revenues by clarifying that sales tax is due on internet purchases when an online retailer uses an in-state affiliate to sell its product.*

HB 5482 *Would, among other things, provide an extension of the filing dates for certain property tax exemptions.*

HB 5483 *Would allow RPOs to levy a hotel/lodging tax, collected by the State, to be used for "capital expenditures, distribution to municipalities or any regular or special purpose" in the RPOs' budgets.*

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 15, 2010 at 10:00 A.M.
Legislative Office Building, Room 2C**

⇒ *The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, State Agency Heads, and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. The order of speakers will be determined by a lottery.*

⇒ **Sign up:** 8:30 A.M. in Room 2500

⇒ **Number of copies of written testimony:** 75

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**If you wish testify or submit testimony
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HB 5496 Orders For The Protection Of Family Violence Victims In The Workplace.

HB 5497 The Recommendations Of The Speaker Of The House Of Representatives' Task Force On Domestic Violence.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 15, 2010 at 3:30 P.M.
Legislative Office Building, Room 1E**

⇒ *The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Elected Officials. The order of speakers will be determined by a lottery.*

⇒ **Sign up:** 12:00 P.M. in First Floor Atrium

⇒ **Number of copies of written testimony:** 50

Note: Submit an electronic copy of written testimony to chris.calabrese@cga.ct.gov by 10:00 A. M. on Monday, March 8, 2010.

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**If you wish testify or submit testimony
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SB 438 Enrollment and Funding of School Choice Programs

SB 439 Study of Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

SB 440 *Would expand the state-wide public school information system to collect and analyze measures of student growth for purposes of monitoring teacher effectiveness.*

SB 441 *Would create a study of education policy in Connecticut.*

SB 442 *Would allow the Commissioner of Education to reconstitute local or regional boards of education for school districts designated and listed as a low achieving school district.*

HB 5487 *Would increase the state funding to school districts receiving open choice program students.*

HB 5488 *Would study of issues involving interdistrict education programs in Connecticut.*

HB 5489 Secondary School Reform – *Would establish new statewide high school graduation requirements.*

HB 5490 Minimum Budget Requirement – *Would allow school districts whose student population has declined to reduce the budgeted appropriation for education for purposes of the minimum budget requirement.*

HB 5491 School District Reforms to Reduce the Achievement Gap – *Among other things would: allow parents to vote to restructure a school that has been identified as in need of improvement pursuant to the federal No Child Left Behind Act; establish an income tax reimbursement pilot competitive grant program for teachers in priority school districts; include student academic growth as a factor in educator performance evaluations; create an online credit recovery program for school districts with dropout rates of eight per cent or greater; require school districts to conduct two parent-teacher conferences per school year; establish a task force responsible for examining the achievement gap in Connecticut; change the date of counting students for purposes of ECS from October first to March first; and, require school districts to implement an advanced placement course program.*

HB 5492 Revisions to the Accountability Statutes – *Would amend the accountability statute for schools and districts in need of improvement by allowing the State Board of Education to require the local or regional board of education for such schools or districts to adopt new high school graduation requirements; collect student information regarding career and academic choices; and, allow for conducting examinations at the end of the school year for certain courses.*

HB 5493 Charter School Funding

Governor Puts TAR On Bond Commission Agenda

Governor Rell has put \$30 million in Town Aid Road grants on the agenda for the March 16 special meeting of the State Bond Commission.

Once approved, the Department of Transportation will send an allotment request to OPM for approval and DOT will disperse the funding. CCM will keep members apprized as to the timing of the fund distribution.

CCM appreciates the Governor's placing of TAR on the agenda this month. In recent months CCM had twice written to her urging her to do so.

SAVE THE DATE!

You are Needed!

Municipal Action Day - MAD

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

9:30 A. M.

At The State Capitol in Hartford

**** REMINDER ****

CCM Legislative Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Four Points Sheraton, Meriden

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