

CT Legislative Session: Mini-Recap

June 12, 2018



State Budget Highlights



Budget revisions:

- Restore HUSKY A eligibility limit to 155%FPL and 13,500 parents keep their coverage
- Fiscal restrictions:
 - ❖ Bond lock no longer applies to transportation bonds nor refinance bonds
 - ❖ Bond lock expires in 5 years
 - ❖ Volatility cap is indexed and can be modified
- Behavioral health sees ongoing cuts:
 - ❖ DCF personal services—part to hire social workers
 - ❖ DMHAS young adult services
 - ❖ School-based health centers reduced by \$295,780

Key Health Bills Passed





H.B. 5210 An Act Mandating Insurance Coverage Of Essential Health Benefits And Expanding Mandated Health Benefits For Women, Children And Adolescents

This bill protects essential healthcare for women and children and was passed by both chambers with widespread bipartisan support. It includes protections for mental health and addiction services.

H.B. 5213 An Act Concerning Oral Health Assessments of Children

This bill adds oral health assessments to school health assessment criteria and opens child care centers as locations where dental hygienists can practice.

H.B. 5290 An Act Concerning The Office of Health Strategy

This bill codifies parts of the role of the new Office of Health Strategy and clarifies its administrative structure. This office is poised to promote cross-agency coordination and integration of data and services.

S.B. 256 An Act Concerning Racial and Ethnic Impact Statements

Requires that certain bills include a racial and ethnic impact statement at the request of any legislator. Connecticut is the first state in the country to adopt this policy. Both chambers passed the bill with widespread bipartisan support (unanimously in the Senate, 104-44 in the House).

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