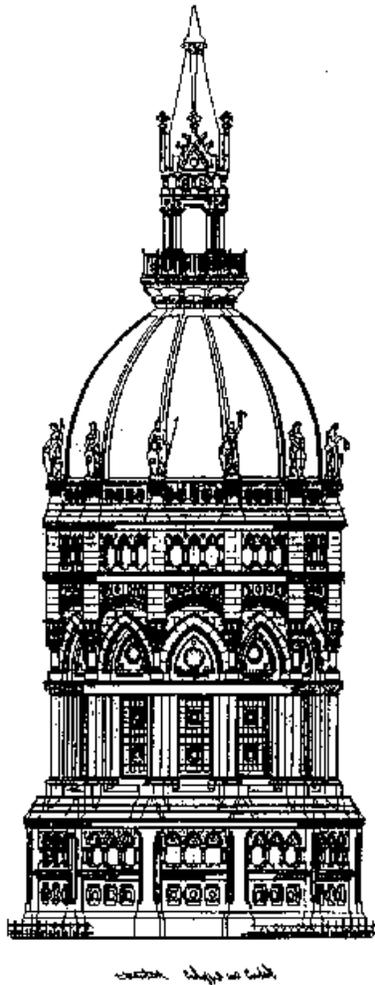


# STATE MANDATES ON MUNICIPALITIES: ACTIONS IN 2014



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To the Leaders of the Connecticut General Assembly:

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes [§ 2-32c](#), enclosed herewith is a listing of each state mandate on municipalities enacted by the [General Assembly](#) since the ACIR's [2013 report](#). This report encompasses public acts arising from the General Assembly's 2014 Regular Session.

The statutory definition of mandate utilized in this listing includes actions that require a local government to create, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues. Specifically excluded are legislation enacted to comply with federal mandates and state actions that are necessary to comply with court orders.

In 2014, twenty-one public acts were adopted that the ACIR considered to be mandates. That is four fewer than in 2013 and one fewer than in 2012, the previous even-year short legislative session.

An additional six public acts will have the impact of a mandate, but are not specifically directed at municipalities. That is one more than in 2013 and three more than in 2012. These are identified as "Section C" mandates in the ACIR's mandate compendium.

As described in the 2013 report, the ACIR no longer distinguishes between mandates and what were previously identified as being minimal mandates. Prior to 2013, minimal mandates were considered to be those that, individually, can likely be absorbed without additional appropriation but can have some minimal fiscal impact. However, mandates do not affect all towns equally and it can be difficult to predict the actual impact with that level of precision. Therefore, all are now identified as being mandates.

A long-standing objective of the Commission is to encourage mandate reductions that can lead to administrative and/or fiscal relief for municipalities. During the 2014 session, the legislature enacted five mandate reductions, which is six fewer than in 2013 and nine fewer than in 2012.

The list of bills was developed by ACIR staff and relied in part on the efforts of the General Assembly's [Office of Legislative Research](#) and the [Office of Fiscal Analysis](#). We believe that we have identified all relevant legislation, but we welcome input on any additional mandates.

In addition to the listing of the bills as required in the statute, we have provided several additional pieces of information to assist the General Assembly.

Mandate Description - a short explanation of those portions of the bill which meet the mandate definition.

Committee(s) Reviewing Bill - A listing, beginning with the Committee of Cognizance, of all committees which considered the bill.

OFA Fiscal Impact Statement - We have included the statements, if any, used by the OFA to characterize the municipal fiscal impact of the mandate.

The Commission urges the General Assembly to consider the impact of state mandates on local governments as being directly connected to the relationship between the State and its cities and towns. Each mandate that is unfunded or only partially funded is a direct addition to the burden of the property tax, as well as a reduction in local discretionary authority. State mandates represent decisions on local priorities being made in Hartford and, to the extent they are unfunded or underfunded, made by a state body which is separate from the local body that will have to raise the necessary funds. Similar consideration should be also be given when enacting mandates that are funded at the onset, but whose funding might be reduced or discontinued in future years.

Every mandate imposes a burden on local officials. The burden of a specific mandate might be large, in and of itself, and the legislature's Office of Fiscal Analysis, as well as municipalities, school districts and organizations representing them call attention to such mandates during the legislative session. Many mandates, on the other hand, impose only a small burden individually and, therefore, attract little attention as focus is drawn to larger concerns. Multiple small mandates, however, can have a substantial cumulative impact, creating a hidden burden on municipalities and municipal officials.

If there are any questions regarding the enclosed report, the ACIR will provide additional information as requested.

Sincerely yours,

W. David LeVasseur  
Chairman

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## State Mandate Definition

[Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 2-32b](#). *State mandates to local governments. Definitions. Cost estimate required. Procedures re bills creating or enlarging mandates.*

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Local government" means any political subdivision of the state having power to make appropriations or to levy taxes, including any town, city or borough, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and borough, any village, any school, sewer, fire, water or lighting district, metropolitan district, any municipal district, any beach or improvement association, and any other district or association created by any special act or pursuant to chapter 105, or any other municipal corporation having the power to issue bonds;

(2) "State mandate" means any constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues, excluding any order issued by a state court and any legislation necessary to comply with a federal mandate;

(3) "Local government organization and structure mandate" means a state mandate concerning such matters as: (A) The form of local government and the adoption and revision of statutes on the organization of local government; (B) the establishment of districts, councils of governments, or other forms and structures for interlocal cooperation and coordination; (C) the holding of local elections; (D) the designation of public officers, and their duties, powers and responsibilities and (E) the prescription of administrative practices and procedures for local governing bodies;

(4) "Due process mandate" means a state mandate concerning such matters as: (A) The administration of justice; (B) notification and conduct of public hearings; (C) procedures for administrative and judicial review of actions taken by local governing bodies and (D) protection of the public from malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance by local government officials;

(5) "Benefit spillover" means the process of accrual of social or other benefits from a governmental service to jurisdictions adjacent to or beyond the jurisdiction providing the service;

(6) "Service mandate" means a state mandate as to creation or expansion of governmental services or delivery standards therefor and those applicable to services having substantial benefit spillover and consequently being wider than local concern. For purposes of this section, applicable services include but are not limited to elementary and secondary education, community colleges, public health, hospitals, public assistance, air pollution control, water pollution control and solid

waste treatment and disposal. A state mandate that expands the duties of a public official by requiring the provision of additional services is a "service mandate" rather than a "local government organization and structure mandate";

(7) "Interlocal equity mandate" means a state mandate requiring local governments to act so as to benefit other local governments or to refrain from acting to avoid injury to, or conflict with neighboring jurisdictions, including such matters as land use regulations, tax assessment procedures for equalization purposes and environmental standards;

(8) "Tax exemption mandate" means a state mandate that exempts privately owned property or other specified items from the local tax base;

(9) "Personnel mandate" means a state mandate concerning or affecting local government: (A) Salaries and wages; (B) employee qualifications and training except when any civil service commission, professional licensing board, or personnel board or agency established by state law sets and administers standards relative to merit-based recruitment or candidates for employment or conducts and grades examinations and rates candidates in order of their relative excellence for purposes of making appointments or promotions to positions in the competitive division of the classified service of the public employer served by such commission, board or agency; (C) hours, location of employment, and other working conditions and (D) fringe benefits including insurance, health, medical care, retirement and other benefits.

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## **NEW STATE MANDATES**

### **[PA 14-33 \(HB 5057\)](#)**

An Act Concerning the Assessment of Horses and Ponies and Farm Machinery and the Transfer of Land Classified as Farm Land, Open Space Land, Forest Land and Marine Heritage Land

#### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 2 expands the existing mandate of CGS 12-91 by increasing the value farm machinery and horses eligible for the property tax exemption of 12-91.

#### **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Planning & Development – Committee of Cognizance  
Finance, Revenue and Bonding

#### **Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: Various Municipalities – Grand List Reduction

### **[PA 14-39 \(HB 5562\)](#)**

An Act Establishing the Office of Early Childhood, Expanding Opportunities for Early Childhood Education and Concerning Dyslexia and Special Education

#### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 7 requires a local or regional board of education to ensure that all children and staff are entered into the early childhood information system pursuant to this section..

#### **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Education – Committee of Cognizance  
Appropriations

#### **Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA did not see any fiscal impact on municipalities

### **[PA 14-41 \(SB 25\)](#)**

An Act Establishing the Connecticut Smart Start Program

#### **Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 requires local and regional boards of education to pay any costs that exceed amounts available in state grants for the specified preschool program and to provide classrooms and teachers as specified and to apply for grants as specified.

#### **Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Education – Committee of Cognizance  
Appropriations

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: potential costs and revenues

[PA 14-56 \(HB 5293\)](#)

An Act Concerning Stolen Valor, Veterans' Service Officers and Technical Corrections to the Definition of Veteran

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 2 expands the existing mandate in 27-135 by requiring a municipality that collaborates in a multi-municipality veterans' advisory committee to also provide funding for a veterans' service officer or designate a city or town employee to serve as a veterans' service contact person.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Veteran Affairs – Committee of Cognizance  
Judiciary

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: none

[PA 14-66 \(HB 5113\)](#)

An Act Concerning Youth Athletics and Concussions

**Mandate Description**

Sec 1 Creates a mandate in 10-149b requiring local and regional boards of education to implement the concussion education plan developed or approved as specified by the State Board of Education and requiring each school to provide an informed consent form and obtain a parent's or legal guardian's signature. Sec 2 Creates a mandate in 10-149c requiring a qualified school employee to notify an athlete's parent or legal guardian of a potential concussion as specified. Sec. 3 requires school districts to collect and report all occurrences of concussions to the state board of education as specified.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Children – Committee of Cognizance  
Education  
Judiciary

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: Local and Regional School Districts: STATE MANDATE - Cost

[PA 14-90 \(SB 475\)](#)

An Act Concerning Authorization of State Grant Commitments for School Building Projects and Concerning Changes to the Statutes Concerning School Building Projects

**Mandate Description**

Sec 4 creates a new mandate requiring a town or regional board of education conducting a safety assessment as specified to use the specified assessment tool or comparable alternative to measure compliance with the school safety infrastructure standards..

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Education – Committee of Cognizance  
Finance, Revenue & Bonding

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: none

[PA 14-93 \(SB 229\)](#)

An Act Concerning Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention

**Mandate Description**

Sec 1 creates a new mandate requiring a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics to annually review the approved sudden cardiac arrest awareness education program and obtain parents' or legal guardians' signature on an informed consent form.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Children – Committee of Cognizance  
Education  
Appropriations

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: none

[PA 14-101 \(SB 114\)](#)

An Act Establishing a Property Tax Program to Encourage the Preservation of Historic Agricultural Structures

**Mandate Description**

Sec 1 authorizes a municipality having a preservation program to abate property taxes for an historic agricultural structure as specified.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Planning & Development – Committee of Cognizance  
Finance, Revenue & Bonding

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: Revenue Loss

[PA 14-130 \(HB 5290\)](#) An Act Revising Motor Vehicle Laws

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 21 creates a mandate in CGS 14-145 requiring a local police department to follow specified procedures when notified of a property owner or lessee that a motor vehicle left without authorization on that property has been towed.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Transportation – Committee of Cognizance  
Appropriations

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: None

[PA 14-133 \(HB 5144\)](#) An Act Concerning Access to Birth Certificates and Parental Health Information for Adopted Persons

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 2 creates a mandate in CGS 7-53 requiring the registrar of vital statistics, for any new birth certificate of an adopted person received in accordance with this section, to file and index that certificate as specified.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Public Health – Committee of Cognizance  
Judiciary

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: None

[PA 14-149 \(HB 5389\)](#) An Act Concerning the Use of Electronic Defense Weapons by Police Officers

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 requires a police department choosing to authorize the use of an electronic defense weapon to follow specified procedures and prepare annual reports.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Public Safety – Committee of Cognizance

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: Law enforcement agencies that authorize the use of such weapons are anticipated to incur minimal costs for tracking and reporting on the use of electronic defense weapons annually.

[PA 14-165 \(HB 5456\)](#)

An Act Concerning Mandatory Reporting of Abuse and Neglect of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, the Definition of Abuse, and the Department of Developmental Services Abuse and Neglect Registry

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 6 expands a reporting requirement in 46a-11b to include the suspected abuse or neglect of a person with autism spectrum disorder.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Public Health – Committee of Cognizance

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: none

[PA 14-166 \(SB 55\)](#)

An Act Concerning Complaints that Allege Misconduct by Law Enforcement Agency Personnel

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 requires a municipal police department to adopt a policy regarding complaints against law enforcement personnel and to make that policy available to the public as specified..

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Judiciary – Committee of Cognizance

Public Safety

Appropriations

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: STATE MANDATE - Cost

[PA 14-172 \(SB 106\)](#)

An Act Concerning Improving Employment Opportunities Through Education and Ensuring Safe School Climates

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 2 expands existing mandate of CGS 10-222d by requiring additional notice to parents and invitation to an additional meeting, but does not affect description.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Human Services – Committee of Cognizance  
Education  
Labor

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: none

[PA 14-174 \(SB 447\)](#)

An Act Concerning a Program to Provide Property Tax Relief for Businesses, a Homeownership Incentive Program, Adjustments to a Property Tax System and a Municipal Option for Assessment of Property Used for Wholesale and Retail Business

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 creates a mandate that specifies administrative requirements for municipalities participating in the alternative commercial property assessment program and Sec 3 creates a mandate that specifies administrative requirements and applicable tax abatement for municipalities instituting a program to promote homeownership under CGS 12-62r.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Finance, Revenue & Bonding – Committee of Cognizance  
Planning & Development

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: Grand List Reduction

[PA 14-176 \(HB 5521\)](#)

An Act Concerning the Storage and Administration of Epinephrine at Public Schools

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 expands the existing mandate of CGS 10-212a by requiring each school to maintain a supply of epinephrine for emergency first aid and to designate and train a qualified to administer epinephrine in the absence of a school nurse.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Education – Committee of Cognizance  
Appropriations

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: Local and Regional School Districts: STATE  
MANDATE - Cost

[PA 14-188 \(HB 5312\)](#) An Act Concerning State Contracting, Government Administration and Notification Regarding Extensions of Polling Place Hours

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 17 creates a new mandate requiring a registrar of voters who is aware of court proceedings or an order extending polling hours to notify each candidate's contact person as specified.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Government Admin. & Elections – Committee of Cognizance

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: none

[PA 14-196 \(SB 203\)](#) An Act Concerning a State-Wide Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness Program

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 creates a new mandate requiring local and regional boards of education to implement the state-wide sexual abuse and assault awareness program as specified.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Children – Committee of Cognizance  
Education  
Appropriations

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: none

[PA 14-217 \(HB 5597\)](#) An Act Implementing Provisions of the State Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 22 creates a new mandate requiring a municipality seeking to change its primary service area responder to submit an alternative local emergency medical services plan as specified. Sec. 46 creates a new mandate requiring police basic training programs, including programs conducted or administered by a municipal police department, to include a course on handling incidents involving individuals affected with a serious mental illness and to require departments to make provisions for such a course in their review training program. Sec. 131 creates a new mandate requiring a secure box to be accessible on a twenty-four-hour daily

basis at each at each municipal police station for the drop-off of unwanted pharmaceuticals.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Emergency

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: none for Sec. 22, a minimal costs for Sec. 46 and a cost for Sec. 131.

[PA 14-226 \(HB 5528\)](#)

An Act Concerning Essential Public Health Services and the Euthanization of Animals in a Facility Subject to Regulation by the United States Department of Agriculture

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 3 creates a new mandate requiring municipal and district departments of health to ensure the provision of a basic health program including specified activities. This must be done within available appropriations specified in Sec. 19a-245 or 19a-202, including a specified municipal contribution.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Public Health – Committee of Cognizance  
Planning & Development

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: none

[PA 14-232 \(HB 5564\)](#)

An Act Concerning the Review and Approval of Safe School Climate Plans by the Department of Education and a Student Safety Hotline Feasibility Study

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 3 creates a new mandate requiring a local or regional board of education whose safe school climate plan has been rejected to redevelop and resubmit a plan as specified and, if the resubmitted plan is rejected, adopt an model plan as specified.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Public Health – Committee of Cognizance  
Planning & Development

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: none

## **MANDATES NOT SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AT MUNICIPALITIES**

[PA 14-01 \(SB 32\)](#)

An Act Concerning Working Families' Wages

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 1 increases the existing mandate of CGS 31-58 by increasing the minimum wage.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Labor and Public Employees – Committee of Cognizance  
Appropriations

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: STATE MANDATE – Cost

[PA 14-94 \(SB 357\)](#)

An Act Concerning Connecticut's Recycling and Materials Management Strategy, the Underground Damage Prevention Program and Revisions to Energy and Environmental Statutes

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 9 creates a mandate in CGS 16a-14e requiring municipal electric energy cooperatives to comply with applicable renewable energy procurement requirements as specified and to exclude specified costs from the amount the cooperative charges any other cooperative participant.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Energy & Technology – Committee of Cognizance  
Environment

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: Revenue Loss and Potential Revenue Gain

[PA 14-97 \(SB 10\)](#)

An Act Concerning Copayments for Breast Ultrasound Screenings and Occupational Therapy Services

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 2 amends CGS 38a-530, specifying a maximum copayment for group health insurance policies coverage of ultrasound breast cancer screening.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Insurance – Committee of Cognizance  
Appropriations

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: STATE MANDATE - Cost

[PA 14-118 \(SB 394\)](#)

An Act Concerning Requirements for Insurers' Use of Step Therapy

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 2 amends CGS 38a-544, prohibiting a group health insurance policy, as specified, from requiring the use of step therapy for a prescribed drug.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Insurance – Committee of Cognizance  
Appropriations

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: none

[PA 14-151 \(HB 5408\)](#)

An Act Concerning Tree Trimming

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 3 amends CGS 16-234, requiring municipalities and other utilities pruning or removing a tree or a shrub, if requested by a private property owner, to provide information regarding whether the tree or shrub is in the public right-of-way or on the owner's property.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Energy & Technology – Committee of Cognizance

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: Potential Cost

[PA 14-186 \(HB 5040\)](#)

An Act Concerning the Department of Children and Families and the Protection of Children

**Mandate Description**

Sec. 3 amends CGS 16-234, requiring municipalities and other utilities pruning or removing a tree or a shrub, if requested by a private property owner, to provide information regarding whether the tree or shrub is in the public right-of-way or on the owner's property.

**Committee(s) Reviewing Bill**

Energy & Technology – Committee of Cognizance

**Summary of OFA Municipal Fiscal Impact Statement (as relates to the mandate portion of the bill)**

OFA reported: Various Municipalities: Potential Cost

## **STATE MANDATE REDUCTIONS**

[PA 14-19 \(HB 5055\)](#)

An Act Eliminating Municipal Mandates

### **Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 1 reduces the existing A-mandate of CGS 14-33 by eliminating a state fee, but specifies required reporting be done monthly. Sec. 2 reduces the existing A-mandate of CGS 12-62 by allowing municipalities to delay revaluation as specified. Sec. 3 repeals the mandate of CGS 7-163b.

[PA 14-24 \(SB 100\)](#)

An Act Concerning Bazaars and Raffles

### **Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 1 eliminates the mandate of CGS 7-173, cited in the list following A-mandate 7-171 and Sec. 4 eliminates the mandate of CGS 7-182, cited in the list following A-mandate CGS 7-171.

[PA 14-44 \(SB 318\)](#)

An Act Concerning Electronic Prevailing Wage Notices, Information and Records

### **Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 1 reduces the mandate of CGS 31-53 by amending Sec (b), (e) & (f) to allow political subdivisions of the state to send certain notices & reports electronically.

[PA 14-94 \(SB 357\)](#)

An Act Concerning Connecticut's Recycling and Materials Management Strategy, the Underground Damage Prevention Program and Revisions to Energy and Environmental Statutes

### **Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 57 limits the extent of the renewable energy system property tax exemption of CGS 12-81 and Sec. 82 repeals CGS 22a-285f and CGS 22a-285g and their contained mandates.

[PA 14-161 \(HB 5442\)](#)

An Act Concerning the State-Administered General Assistance Program

**Mandate Reduction Description**

Sec. 4 eliminates the requirement in CGS 17b-195 for a municipality to pay for a resident's room & board at a residential substance abuse treatment facility.

## Appendix A

### MANDATE LEGISLATION LISTED BY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

#### Children

<a href="#">PA 14-66 (HB 5113)</a>	An Act Concerning Youth Athletics and Concussions
<a href="#">PA 14-93 (SB 229)</a>	An Act Concerning Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention
<a href="#">PA 14-196 (SB 203)</a>	An Act Concerning a State-Wide Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness Program
<a href="#">PA 14-186 (HB 5040)</a>	An Act Concerning the Department of Children and Families and the Protection of Children

#### Education Committee

<a href="#">PA 14-39 (HB 5562)</a>	An Act Establishing the Office of Early Childhood, Expanding Opportunities for Early Childhood Education and Concerning Dyslexia and Special Education
<a href="#">PA 14-41 (SB 25)</a>	An Act Establishing the Connecticut Smart Start Program
<a href="#">PA 14-90 (SB 475)</a>	An Act Concerning Authorization of State Grant Commitments for School Building Projects and Concerning Changes to the Statutes Concerning School Building Projects
<a href="#">PA 14-176 (HB 5521)</a>	An Act Concerning the Storage and Administration of Epinephrine at Public Schools
<a href="#">PA 14-232 (HB 5564)</a>	An Act Concerning the Review and Approval of Safe School Climate Plans by the Department of Education and a Student Safety Hotline Feasibility Study

#### Emergency Certification

<a href="#">PA 14-217 (HB 5597)</a>	An Act Implementing Provisions of the State Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015
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## **Energy & Technology**

[PA 14-94 \(SB 357\)](#) An Act Concerning Connecticut's Recycling and Materials Management Strategy, the Underground Damage Prevention Program and Revisions to Energy and Environmental Statutes

[PA 14-151 \(HB 5408\)](#) An Act Concerning Tree Trimming

## **Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee**

[PA 14-174 \(SB 447\)](#) An Act Concerning a Program to Provide Property Tax Relief for Businesses, a Homeownership Incentive Program, Adjustments to a Property Tax System and a Municipal Option for Assessment of Property Used for Wholesale and Retail Business

## **Government Administration and Elections Committee**

[PA 14-188 \(HB 5312\)](#) An Act Concerning State Contracting, Government Administration and Notification Regarding Extensions of Polling Place Hours

## **Human Services**

[PA 14-172 \(SB 106\)](#) An Act Concerning Improving Employment Opportunities Through Education and Ensuring Safe School Climates

## **Insurance and Real Estate Committee**

[PA 14-97 \(SB 10\)](#) An Act Concerning Copayments for Breast Ultrasound Screenings and Occupational Therapy Services

[PA 14-118 \(SB 394\)](#) An Act Concerning Requirements for Insurers' Use of Step Therapy

## **Judiciary Committee**

[PA 14-166 \(SB 55\)](#) An Act Concerning Complaints that Allege Misconduct by Law Enforcement Agency Personnel

## **Labor and Public Employees Committee**

[PA 14-1 \(SB 32\)](#) An Act Concerning Working Families' Wages

## **Planning and Development Committee**

[PA 14-33 \(HB 5057\)](#) An Act Concerning the Assessment of Horses and Ponies and Farm Machinery and the Transfer of Land Classified as Farm Land, Open Space Land, Forest Land and Marine Heritage Land

[PA 14-101 \(SB 114\)](#) An Act Establishing a Property Tax Program to Encourage the Preservation of Historic Agricultural Structures

## **Public Health Committee**

[PA 4-133 \(HB 5144\)](#) An Act Concerning Access to Birth Certificates and Parental Health Information for Adopted Persons

[PA 14-165 \(HB 5456\)](#) An Act Concerning Mandatory Reporting of Abuse and Neglect of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, the Definition of Abuse, and the Department of Developmental Services Abuse and Neglect Registry

[PA 14-226 \(HB 5528\)](#) An Act Concerning Essential Public Health Services and the Euthanization of Animals in a Facility Subject to Regulation by the United States Department of Agriculture

## **Public Safety and Security**

[PA 14-149 \(HB 5389\)](#) An Act Concerning the Use of Electronic Defense Weapons by Police Officers

## **Transportation Committee**

[PA 14-130 \(HB 5290\)](#) An Act Revising Motor Vehicle Laws

## **Veterans' Affairs**

[PA 14-56 \(HB 5293\)](#) An Act Concerning Stolen Valor, Veterans' Service Officers and Technical Corrections to the Definition of Veteran

## Appendix B

Sec. 2-32c. **Submission to General Assembly of list of state mandates.** Not more than ninety days after adjournment of any regular or special session of the General Assembly or September first immediately following adjournment of a regular session, whichever is sooner, the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, established pursuant to section 2-79a, shall submit to the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president pro tempore of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the minority leader of the House of Representatives and the minority leader of the Senate a report which lists each state mandate enacted during said regular or special session of the General Assembly. Within five days of receipt of the report, the speaker and the president pro tempore shall submit the report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and refer each state mandate to the joint standing committee or select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of the subject matter of the mandate. The secretary shall provide notice of the report to the chief elected official of each municipality.