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Growing New Businesses and Creating Jobs in Connecticut

The Majority Leaders' Job Growth Roundtable contains incentives for entrepreneurship, innovation, infrastructure enhancements, and education including:

- Student loan reimbursements for green technology degrees.
- Expanded tax credits, property tax exemptions and grants for investing in business growth.
- A manufacturing reinvestment fund for tax preferred purchase of machinery, equipment, and facilities.
- An innovation network that increases corporate-sponsored research and establishes a link between start-up technology companies and our universities. PA 11-140

Keeping Manufacturing Jobs in Connecticut

This new law provides tax incentives for businesses that acquire former aerospace or defense plants, improve the property, purchase machinery and equipment and create jobs. These incentives will help to keep skilled manufacturing jobs in Connecticut. PA 11-140

Contact Me for Your Copy of the 2011 Major Acts Reports

The following reports provide brief highlights of new laws affecting different issue areas enacted during the 2011 regular session and are available online at: www.cga.ct.gov/olr/actsaffecting.asp or by calling my office.

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Rep. Altobello presides over a House session.

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Better Health Care Access and Affordability

Health care benefits can be one of the largest expenses faced by individuals and employers. To help address this cost we combined two major health care reforms that protect and increase access to quality, affordable health care.

- » The Connecticut Health Care Partnership offers the state health insurance coverage to municipalities and to non-profit organizations. Taking advantage of the increased bargaining power and reduced administrative costs associated with the state plan will allow municipalities and non-profits to provide quality care for less cost.
- » Additionally, better health care delivery will be available to individuals and groups through a comprehensive plan that lays out a framework for a state-wide health care delivery system that also leverages the state health plan pool to contain costs and promote preventive care. PA 11-58

Restoring Medicaid Coverage of Podiatry Services

New legislation restores Medicaid coverage of podiatry services performed by independent practitioners. PA 11-44

Treatment of Ill and Injured Animals in Municipal Animal Shelters

Any regional or municipal dog pound may now contract with a public or private nonprofit animal rescue organization to pay a licensed veterinarian to treat an injured, sick, or diseased animal that is impounded. PA 11-111



Rep. Altobello with Speaker Donovan and Rep. Catherine Abercrombie in the House Chamber.

Saluting Our Veterans

Veterans, along with their families, deserve our support and appreciation for their service to our country. We passed many bills this session to help Veterans and their families.

Veterans’ bills passed this session:

- » Offers veterans’ license plates to a member of the U. S. armed forces or his or her surviving spouse. PA 11-56
- » Allows veteran status to be on a driver’s license or identity card. PA 11-56
- » Provides disabled wartime veterans with free parking, admission, and boat access parking to state recreational areas. PA 11-68
- » Expands the waiver of property tax interest for certain armed forces members in Iraq and Afghanistan. PA 11-62
- » Creates a one-stop website for services available for veterans. PA 11-3

Grandparent’s Rights

A new law establishes a task force to study grandparent’s visitation rights to clarify the rights of grandparents and other persons for visitation of minor children. This task force will report its recommendations to the legislature by February 1, 2012. SA 11-12

Creating An Airport Authority

This law moves administration of Bradley International Airport and the state’s five smaller airports (Killingly, Groton, Hartford, Oxford and Windham) from the state Department of Transportation to a public-private authority. By enabling these airports to operate under a leadership structure that is more flexible, they will become economic engines for the regions they serve. PA 11-84

Interlocal Agreements

PA 11-99 establishes a single process through which towns can collaborate on municipal functions.

Consumer Report Card on Health Insurance Carriers in Connecticut

To get a comprehensive look at all HMOs and the fifteen insurers with the highest premium volume in Connecticut please visit the CT Insurance Dept. website at www.ct.gov/cid under publications.

Foreclosure Assistance

Changes to the state’s foreclosure programs and laws include (1) extending the foreclosure mediation program by two years, (2) extending its services to properties owned by religious organizations, (3) adopting the federal Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act, and (4) extending its protections three years beyond the federal act’s sunset date. PA 11-201

Brownfield Remediation

A new law makes permanent a Connecticut Development Authority bond-funded program that can be used to finance brownfield redevelopment and fund clean up and re-use of “brownfields” – contaminated and long abandoned properties that can be remediated and turned into productive and safe sites for economic development, open space or other public uses. This new legislation can be used to aid future redevelopment projects in Meriden. PA 11-103

Use of Municipal Land for Recreation

This law limits the liability of municipalities, other political subdivisions of the state, municipal corporations, special districts, and water or sewer districts that make certain types of land available to the public for recreational purposes. PA 11-211

Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Tax Credits

The Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) provides business tax credits to companies that invest in certain municipally-approved community activities and programs. PA 11-140



Rep. Altobello with Speaker Donovan and students at H. C. Wilcox Technical School

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