



It is a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is now in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months.

I'm proud to have worked on a budget that delivers historic tax cuts and increased funding for students, families, and our most vulnerable residents, while paying down our long-term debt, including an additional \$2.072 billion in unfunded future pension liability.

Most importantly, we did it by working together - without gimmicks or partisan politics. We prioritized education, supported nonprofits, and invested in public safety without the fighting you see in Washington.

I'd love to hear from you if you would like more details or have any questions on any of the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,

Larry B. Butler



NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE LARRY B. BUTLER

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NEW LAWS IN CONNECTICUT 2023 2024

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OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES

HISTORIC TAX CUTS

A STATE BUDGET FOCUSED ON:



CUTTING YOUR TAXES

Our budget includes the **largest Personal Income Tax cut in CT history** by cutting marginal income tax rates, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit, capping mill rates, and eliminating even more retirement income taxes.



INDUSTRY GROWTH

Our budget **supports CT's growing industries** such as childcare, adult-use cannabis, manufacturing, and media, film, and theater production.



INVESTING IN STUDENTS

Our budget **invests over \$240M in public education** by stabilizing our state colleges and universities, expanding debt-free community college, fully funding our schools and local boards of education, and increasing scholarships and student debt relief.



SAFETY NET SERVICES

Our budget expands Temporary Family Assistance, increases Husky C. eligibility, provides funds to community action agencies for residents facing immediate economic hardship, supports the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and increases Medicaid rate reimbursements for providers and specialists.



IDD SUPPORTS

Our budget **invests over \$30M to better serve Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled individuals** by addressing agency waiting lists for services, bolstering employment opportunities, increasing Husky C eligibility, and breaking down silos for better coordination and data collection.

2023 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Early Voting

- Enacted early voting – providing voting opportunities 14 days before Election Day for general elections, 7 days before most primaries, and 4 days before special elections and the Presidential primary

Wrong Way Driving

- Installing at least 120 wrong-way driving systems on our highway exit ramps
- Installing emergency systems to alert all drivers about the presence of a wrong-way driver at high-risk exits
- Testing directional rumble strips to alert drivers that they are driving in the wrong direction

Mental Health Services for Children and Adults

- Creates mental health toolkits for new parents
- Creates pilot programs for substance abuse and mental health issues at correctional facilities

Financial Literacy in High Schools

- Legislation requires that high school students are to complete one-half credit in personal financial management and financial literacy
- The class may count as the student's nine credits of humanities or may be chosen as an elective

MAJOR FUNDING FOR WATERBURY

- Additional \$7.8M for our schools
- Additional \$21.5K for Adult Education
- Additional \$6.4M Motor Vehicle Tax Reimbursement to maintain the capped mill rate
- \$730K in local capital improvement
- Total increase of \$15.5M in municipal support from Hartford

