

## BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR CAREGIVERS

We want to keep dangerous people away from our loved ones. We expanded access to background checks to help identify potentially dangerous individuals seeking jobs that have contact with our elderly population. We have charged the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors to convene a working group to develop strategies to raise public awareness about the available information on caregivers. (SB 832)



## VERIFICACIÓN DE ANTECEDENTES PARA LOS CUIDADORES

Queremos mantener a las personas peligrosas lejos de nuestros seres queridos. Ampliamos el acceso a la verificación de antecedentes para ayudar a identificar personas potencialmente peligrosas que buscan trabajos que tienen contacto con nuestra población de edad avanzada. Hemos encargado a la Comisión de Mujeres, Niños y Personas de la Tercera Edad que convoque a un grupo de trabajo para desarrollar estrategias para aumentar la conciencia pública acerca de la información disponible sobre los cuidadores. (SB 832)



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Dear Friend and Neighbor,

Thank you for giving me the privilege of representing you in the CT General Assembly. It is such an honor to continue to serve you in the legislature. I wanted to provide some updates on what we worked on in the 2019 Legislative Session. The 2019 Legislative Session was “long” in duration and “long” on substance. The House passed a budget which is responsible, stable, and funds the Rainy Day Fund at historic levels. With significant investments in education, job growth, and economic development throughout the state, the budget holds the line on spending.

- We’ve increased funding for education from the Governor’s budget and we blocked the cost shifting of the teachers pension.
- Through an agreement, the budget funds local hospitals to expand access to healthcare and protect thousands of jobs.
- Expansions were made to the Angel Investor tax credit and a repeal of the Business Entity tax to support small business.

With this budget, we’ve made significant investments in Connecticut’s middle class by:

- Supporting the start-up funding for the Paid Family Medical Leave program.
- Funding the workforce development pipeline to better match our curriculum with employer needs.
- Increasing funding for Higher Education to help stabilize tuition and improve the long term stability of our college and university system while establishing a plan for debt-free college.

The budget also makes investments in Connecticut’s most vulnerable residents by expanding funding for essential programs like HUSKY A, Medicaid and Meals on Wheels while rejecting the Governor’s proposed asset test for the Medicare Savings Program. In an effort to support a healthier planet, we’ve found opportunities to reduce single-use waste by implementing a 10 cent tax on single-use plastic bags followed by a full ban in 2021. Polluting emissions were reduced through rebate incentives for the purchase of electric vehicles. And, we’ve done all this without income or broad based sales tax rate increases. Now, we have heard a lot of criticism from our colleagues on the other side of the aisle – but the truth is, despite being offered a seat at the table, Republicans offered zero cuts or policy ideas. Ultimately, they did not offer a budget. We’ve worked hard to present a budget that is a reflection of our values and aspirations for the future. With this budget, I believe we offer not only growth, but security for the residents of Connecticut. Over the years I have worked tirelessly with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do what’s best for New Haven and Connecticut. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to my office if I can be of service to you or your family.

Sincerely,



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### MINORITY TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

It is important for the minority students in our state to have more teachers who not only look like them, but understand the challenges they face in our society, so we passed legislation which creates an annual hiring goal of 250 new minority teachers and administrators across the state.

To accomplish this goal, the legislation includes:

- Expanding reciprocal teacher certification with other states.
- Re-employing retired teachers who are graduates of colleges and universities that serve minority students.
- Allowing for flexibility in certain teacher certification requirements.
- Removing subject matter assessments requirements for teachers seeking to be re-certified after their certification lapses in certain cases.

(SB 1022; Public Act 19-74)

### RECLUTAMIENTO Y RETENCIÓN DE MAESTROS MINORITARIOS

Es importante que los estudiantes minoritarios en nuestro estado tengan más maestros que no solo se parezcan a ellos, sino que también comprendan los desafíos que enfrentan en nuestra sociedad, por lo que aprobamos una legislación que crea un objetivo de contratación anual de 250 nuevos maestros y administradores de minorías en todo el estado.

Para lograr este objetivo, la legislación incluye:

- Ampliación de la certificación recíproca de maestros con otros estados.
- Recontratar maestros jubilados que se gradúen de colegios y universidades que atienden a estudiantes minoritarios.
- Permitir la flexibilidad en ciertos requisitos de certificación de maestros.
- Eliminación de los requisitos de evaluación de la materia para los maestros que buscan ser recertificados después de que su certificación caduque en ciertos casos.

(SB 1022; Ley Pública 19-74)

### RAISING WAGES

No one who works full time should live in poverty. Connecticut families will have more economic security as the state's minimum hourly wage gradually rises to \$15.00 by June 1, 2023. This legislation will provide an immediate raise to over 300,000 workers in our state when the wage rises to \$11.00 on October 1, 2019, followed by incremental increases until \$15.00 is reached.

This legislation will:

- Combat persistent pay disparities between races and genders.
- Stimulate our economy.
- Raise the minimum wage incrementally until it reaches \$15.00 an hour on June 1, 2023.
- Index future minimum wage increases to the Consumer Price Index.

(HB 5004; Public Act 19-4)

### AUMENTO DE LOS SALARIOS

Nadie que trabaja a tiempo completo debe vivir en la pobreza. Las familias de Connecticut tendrán más seguridad económica a medida que el salario mínimo por hora del estado aumente gradualmente a \$15.00 hasta el 1 de junio de 2023. Esta legislación proporcionará un aumento inmediato a más de 300,000 trabajadores en nuestro estado cuando el salario aumente a \$11.00 el 1 de octubre de 2019, seguido por incrementos graduales hasta llegar a \$15.00.

Esta legislación:

- Combatirá las disparidades salariales persistentes entre razas y géneros.
- Estimulará nuestra economía.
- Aumentará el salario mínimo gradualmente hasta que alcance \$15.00 por hora el 1 de junio de 2023.
- Indicará aumentos futuros del salario mínimo al Índice de Precios al Consumidor.

(HB 5004; Ley Pública 19-4)

### PAID FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE

In the event of a medical emergency, Paid Family and Medical Leave allows workers to care for themselves or a loved one without having to face the threat of financial ruin. By providing up to 12 weeks of Family and Medical Leave Insurance per year, equaling up to 95% of an employee's weekly paycheck, we will provide financial protection to those who find themselves in an unanticipated medical emergency. This will help pregnant women on medically-ordered bedrest, families with an infirm or aging parent and new parents who want to bond with an infant. The program is funded by employee contributions. If you or your family has an emergency, there will now be financial peace-of-mind. (SB 1; Public Act 19-25)

### LICENCIA FAMILIAR & MEDICA PAGADA

En el caso de una emergencia médica, la licencia familiar pagada y la licencia médica permiten a los trabajadores cuidarse a sí mismos ó a un ser querido sin tener que enfrentar la amenaza de la ruina financiera. Al proporcionar hasta 12 semanas de seguro de licencia familiar y médica por año, lo que equivale al 95% del sueldo semanal de un empleado, brindaremos protección financiera a aquellos que se encuentren en una emergencia médica imprevista. Esto ayudará a las mujeres embarazadas con reposo en cama ordenado médicamente, familias con un padre enfermo o anciano y nuevos padres que desean estar con su bebé recién nacido. El programa está financiado por las contribuciones de los empleados. Si usted o su familia tienen una emergencia, ahora habrá tranquilidad financiera. (SB 1; Ley Pública 19-25)

### ILLEGAL STREET RACING

Illegal street racing is a growing problem in our city and has resulted in a number of tragic deaths throughout the state. In response, I led passage of legislation that increases fines and penalties for illegal street racing, raises the penalty for negligent homicide with a motor vehicle and requires anyone convicted of illegal street racing to complete a driver retraining program. (HB 7378; Public Act 19-53)

### CARRERAS ILEGALES EN LAS CALLES

Las carreras ilegales en la calle son un problema creciente en nuestra ciudad y han resultado en una serie de muertes trágicas en todo el estado. En respuesta, lideré la aprobación de leyes que aumentan las multas y sanciones por carreras ilegales en la calle, aumenta la pena por homicidio negligente con un vehículo motorizado y requiere que cualquiera condenado por carreras ilegales en la calle complete un programa de capacitación para conductores. (HB 7378; Ley Pública 19-53)

### KEEPING GUNS IN CARS LOCKED AWAY

Due to the increase in gun thefts from cars, we are now requiring drivers to keep guns locked away. Having an unsecured gun in plain sight, increases the risk of theft, as well as gun injury and death. We hope to reverse this trend by requiring guns to be kept out of sight, locked away. (HB 7223; Public Act 19-7)

### MANTENIENDO LAS ARMAS EN LOS AUTOS BAJO LLAVE

Debido al aumento en los robos de armas de los automóviles, ahora estamos exigiendo a los conductores que mantengan las armas bajo llave. Tener un arma no asegurada a la vista, aumenta el riesgo de robo, así como lesiones y muerte. Esperamos revertir esta tendencia al exigir que las armas se mantengan fuera del alcance de la vista. (HB 7223; Ley Pública 19-7)

