

ELECTIONS AND VOTING

- Requires municipalities to video record absentee ballot drop boxes during elections and release recordings to the public
- Tracks how town clerks receive absentee ballots (mail, drop box, or in person)
- Limits the number of applications a person may request 90 days or more before an election and requires application forms to expire at the end of each year
- Prohibits foreign nationals from making contributions or expenditures to campaigns
- Allows emergency absentee ballots to be issued to voters in nursing homes



Dear neighbor,

It is a privilege and honor to continue to serve as your state representative. The 2024 legislative session ended in early May with many meaningful pieces of legislation adopted.

We continued to prioritize education, mental health, housing and affordability, and public safety.

The biennial budget that the General Assembly passed last year was not reopened this year, however \$370 million in expiring federal pandemic funds were allocated to higher education, mental health, childcare, and more.

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

Sincerely,

Amy



NEW LAWS IN CT: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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CAPITOL UPDATE 2024



STATE FUNDING FOR WETHERSFIELD

	2023	2024	2025
Education Funding	\$12,274,498	\$13,195,442	\$14,676,017
Town Funding	\$2,913,778	\$3,710,441	\$3,996,376
Total Funds	\$15,188,276	\$16,905,883	\$18,672,393



OUR BIENNIAL BUDGET INCLUDES **LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY**

- **\$600 million middle class tax cut**
- Increases **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- Expands cuts to retirement savings to **benefit seniors**

INVESTS:

- More funding for K - 12 education
- More funding for higher education
- More funding for nonprofits
- More funding for childcare
- **MORE FUNDING FOR WETHERSFIELD**



MAJOR INITIATIVES AFFECTING WETHERSFIELD

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Requires programs receiving financial assistance under Early Start CT to be accredited and sets a schedule for requiring certain qualifications for designated staff members
- Sets up and administers a wage supplement payment program that provides one-time payments of at least \$1,800 to over 4,200 eligible early childhood education teachers and assistants
- Allows Connecticut state agencies to more easily enroll qualifying children and parents into federal nutrition assistance programs and promotes outreach and education

HEALTH OF RESIDENTS

- Expands Paid Sick Days to cover almost all employees by 2027
- Continues pandemic era telehealth policies
- Establishes a new category of THC product “infused beverage” and prohibits the sale of these beverages to anyone under age 21, limiting where they can be sold

OUR SENIORS

- Makes it easier for seniors to age in place by providing a home care provider registry and requiring home care workers to wear an ID badge for better identification
- Creates a nursing home database, providing a reliable way to compare locations and services
- Establishes incentives to encourage nursing homes to improve their level of care

SAFETY

- Requires disclosure of intentionally added PFAS in products with a ban of intentionally added PFAS by 2028
- Restarts DOT’s work zone speed camera program
- Allows municipalities to adopt automated traffic enforcement in certain instances
- Addresses the safety of home health care workers and creates a program to provide safety escorts and purchase technology for staff safety checks