



Dear Neighbor,

It remains a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2024 legislative session is in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months.

We worked hard to deliver a budget that adheres to our fiscal guardrails while still providing hundreds of millions in more funding to our local schools, colleges and universities, and services for our most vulnerable residents. As part of our historic tax cuts that we passed in 2023 and protected in 2024, families of four who make \$50,000 or less annually will pay no state income taxes. This is another important step in making CT affordable for everyone.

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

Sincerely,



NEW LAWS FOR 2024-25

STATE REPRESENTATIVE GERALDO REYES JR.

Representative Geraldo Reyes Jr.
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
HARTFORD, CT
Permit No. 3937

EN ESPAÑOL

Escanee el código QR
o comuníquese con mi
oficina para ver este
boletín en español



NEW LAWS IN CT 2024 NUEVAS LEYES EN CT 2025



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
GERALDO REYES JR.

PROUDLY SERVING WATERBURY



- 860-240-8585
- Geraldo.Reyes@cga.ct.gov
- housedems.ct.gov/Reyes
- facebook.com/RepGeraldoReyes



SENIORS

- Made it easier for seniors to age in place and increased community-based services
- Created a nursing home database to connect seniors with quality care
- Established oversight to prevent negligence and abuse and incentives to encourage nursing homes to improve care
- Enacted requirements for nursing home facilities to be more transparent

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE

- Ensures mothers and children who are eligible for federal benefits, such as WIC, are enrolled in these programs with ease and confidence
- Promotes outreach and information to access these federal programs that CT underutilizes
- Required the Office of Early Childcare (OEC) to provide access for infants & toddlers and pre-school age children to high-quality early care and education programs that promote the health and safety of children and prepare them for school

PAID SICK DAYS

Supported middle-class and working families by granting most full- and part-time workers access to Paid Sick Days over a three-year period:

- Use for yourself or to care for a loved one
- Up to 40 hours per year
- Roll over time to the following year

2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

CONCENTRATED POVERTY PILOT PROGRAM

- Created a pilot program to reduce the levels of concentrated poverty in the state by developing and implementing 10-year plans for certain targeted areas of the state (including Waterbury)
- Created a new office within the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to oversee the plans' implementation and monitor the state's progress in reducing concentrated poverty
- Required the plans to include a list of possible projects determined to be the most appropriate and effective to eliminate concentrated poverty

AFFORDABLE HOUSING & RENTS

- Includes provisions that would require landlords to provide at least 45 days' notice prior to increasing a tenant's rent
- Encourages the use of surplus land for the purpose of constructing affordable housing
- Allows towns to set liens against property with unpaid zoning violations

IMPROVING HIGHER EDUCATION

- Invested in nonprofits that assist students with college and financial aid applications
- Required CT colleges and universities to disclose to students any reductions in their financial aid when they are awarded a scholarship
- Modified the automatic admissions program so students will be automatically admitted to certain public and private universities based on GPA, not class rank



ABOGANDO POR LA SALUD DE LOS HOMBRES

Mis colegas en la Asamblea General de Connecticut reconocen la importancia de la salud de los hombres. Este año aprobamos una legislación que requiere que el Departamento de Salud Pública cree una campaña que promueva la detección y la educación basadas en la comunidad para las enfermedades comunes que afectan a las poblaciones masculinas de alto riesgo. esto incluye:

- Cáncer colorrectal
- Cáncer de próstata
- Hipertensión
- Diabetes
- Colesterol alto
- Asma

Recuerde asistir siempre a los exámenes de salud y hacerse un chequeo si siente que algo anda mal con su cuerpo. podría salvarle la vida.



ADVOCATING FOR MEN'S HEALTH

My colleagues in the Connecticut General Assembly recognize the importance of men's health. We passed legislation this year requiring the Department of Public Health to create a campaign promoting community-based screening and education for common diseases affecting high-risk male populations. This includes:

- Colorectal cancer
- Prostate cancer
- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- High cholesterol
- Asthma

Remember to always attend your health screenings and to get a check-up if you feel anything is off with your body. It could potentially save your life.



For more information, please scan the QR code