



Speaker Christopher G. Donovan (left), Rep. Sanchez and Secretary of State Denise Merrill

Getting Tough on School Bullying

In response to growing concerns over increasing acts of school bullying, we passed legislation that strengthens school bullying laws and requires all school employees to complete annual training programs dealing with the problem.

The bill makes the school principal responsible to investigate and address bullying and electronic cyber-bullying whether it occurs in or out-of-school.

Expanding Educational Opportunities

Now, students who have been expelled from school may participate in adult education programs without being required to officially withdraw from school.

School Breakfast

We’ve increased the eligibility for the school breakfast program by expanding the program. Students learn best with proper nutrition that starts with breakfast.

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Better Health Care Access and Affordability

Health care benefits are one of the largest expenses faced by individuals and employers. 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 with less cost. When municipalities save money on health care, those savings are passed down to property taxpayers.

In addition, better health care delivery will be attained for 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.

Expectant or New Mom?

Text BABY to 51141 to get free health tips sent to your mobile phone every week during your pregnancy and your baby's first year! (Envia BEBE al 51141 para Espanol)



Rocco Tricarico, Governor Dannel P. Malloy and State Representative Robert Sanchez

Saluting Our Veterans

Providing a better life to those who protect us

Veterans, along with their families, have sacrificed so much so we can enjoy our freedom and a democratic way of life. Veterans returning from foreign engagements need to know that we appreciate what they do for us and that means passing legislation that helps them and their families.

Veterans' bills passed this session:

- » Offer veterans' license plates to a member of the U. S. armed forces or his or her surviving spouse.
- » Allow veteran status to be on a driver's license or identity card.
- » Provide disabled wartime veterans with free parking, admission, and boat access parking to state recreational areas.
- » Expand the waiver of property tax interest for certain armed forces members in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- » Waive the \$20 fee for one certified copy of a veteran's death certificate when requested by family.
- » Create a one-stop website for services available for veterans.

Real Tenant Representation

Public housing tenants deserve the right to elect their tenant commissioner and be actively involved in making their communities better places to live. If they choose to, tenants:

- » May petition in order to conduct an election to select the tenant commissioner
- » Can create a jurisdiction-wide resident council that meets federal standards and encompasses all of the duties of a housing authority to select the commissioner by means provided for in their by-laws.

Home Care for Elders

Despite an earlier proposal to raise the program cost-sharing from 6 to 15 percent for people in the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders, the Legislature successfully set a lower rate of 7 percent.

Helping With Grocery Bills

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (the Food Stamp program) has grown, making it easier for seniors to qualify and better afford their groceries. A household of two can earn up to \$2,248 monthly and still qualify for assistance. More information is available by calling: 800.742.6906



Paid Sick Leave

This year, we passed the first in the nation employee paid sick leave bill to let workers earn time off without fear of losing pay or their job. The bill includes exemptions for manufacturers and certain non-profit organizations. This landmark bill will help prevent the spread of disease at restaurants, daycare centers and within the workplace for both employees and the public.

Credit Reports for Jobs

We prohibited employers from requiring an employee or prospective employee to consent to a credit inquiry as a condition of employment. The bill allows employees to file a complaint about a violation of the bill's provisions with the labor commissioner.

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