



Rep. Santiago follows legislation on the House Floor

A Balanced Budget

Working cooperatively with Governor Dannel Malloy, we crafted an historic budget to address the financial crisis brought on by the worst recession since the Great Depression. Our budget will stabilize the state's finances, streamline state government, and create jobs.

The 2012-2013 budget passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor Malloy:

- » Cuts spending
- » Lowers taxes from the governor's proposed budget
- » Protects the middle class
- » Restores the state property tax credit to \$300
- » Balances the budget without borrowing for operating expenses
- » Streamlines government by consolidating state agencies
- » Maximizes the use of federal funds
- » Increases the millionaire's tax
- » Fairly distributes the income tax burden

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Better Health Care Access & 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.



Rep. Santiago and Rep. Ayala

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.

Brownfield Remediation

Creating Jobs & Helping the Environment

I am pleased to have co-sponsored a bill that could be one of the most important job generators in Connecticut. We funded clean up and re-use of "brownfields" – contaminated and long abandoned properties that can be remediated and turned into productive and safe sites for economic development, open space or other public uses. Our cities, small towns and rural areas are all winners because these remediation projects can be a catalyst for job creation and real estate development.

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.

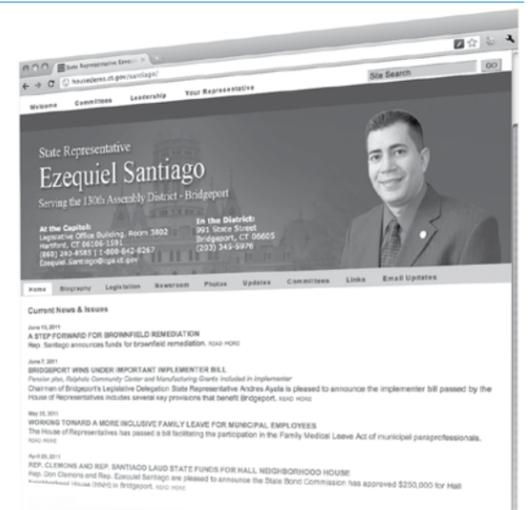
The bill makes the school principal responsible to investigate and address bullying and electronic cyber-bullying whether it occurs in or out of school.

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