

# The Connecticut General Assembly

## House Democrats



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## **REP. SIMMONS BACKS CYBERSECURITY BILL** *Legislation Receives Bipartisan Support in the House*

Legislation introduced by State Representative **Caroline Simmons** (D-Stamford) and co-sponsored by Representatives Livvy Floren (R-Greenwich, Stamford) and William Tong (D-Stamford, Darien), was approved today by the state House of Representatives.

The bill ([HB 6317](#)) directs the state to conduct a study to identify the main cybersecurity issues facing the state and to develop specific actions the state can take to improve our cybersecurity defenses and better protect state infrastructure, utilities, businesses and the public from cyber-attacks.

Rep. Simmons led debate on the floor of the House and urged her colleagues to support the measure.

“The Anthem security breach, as well as approximately 400 other data security breaches that took place in CT in 2013, illustrate the increasing threat of cyber-attacks and the vulnerability of our personal data,” Rep. Simmons said. “Connecticut has the opportunity to take the lead in this area.”

The legislation awaits action by the state Senate.

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