



It remains a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 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, families of four who make under \$50,000 annually **will pay no state income taxes**. This is another important step in making CT affordable for everyone.

We did it by working together – without the fighting you see in Washington.

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,

State Representative Bobby Gibson  
Deputy Speaker

## BIG WINS FOR BLOOMFIELD & WEST HARTFORD

- Largest and second largest tax cuts in CT history
- Cut more taxes on retirement income
- Historic funding for schools
- Massive deposit into Rainy Day Fund
- Sensible/sustainable budget
- Modern voting system with early voting
- Invest in growing healthcare workforce



# NEW LAWS FOR 2023-24

FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE BOBBY GIBSON

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# NEW LAWS IN CONNECTICUT 2023 2024

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OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES THE

# LARGEST TAX CUT IN STATE HISTORY

- ✔ \$600 million middle class tax cut
- ✔ Increase **Earned Income Tax Credit** for lower income workers
- ✔ Expand 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



Rep. Gibson at the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Leisure services center along with Sankofa Kuumba CAC 2023 Summer Camp

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BILLS WE PASSED



Scan the QR code with your smart phone or visit [tinyurl.com/bddrbfpb](https://tinyurl.com/bddrbfpb)

## BABY BONDS

- On July 1, the state set aside \$3,200 for each child covered by Medicaid when they are born. Between the ages of 18 and 30, they can use the money for an approved set of expenses that includes attending college, starting a business or buying a home. I am proud to have helped establish this program because it helps those in need with a fresh start in life.



Rep. Gibson's annual diaper drive at the capitol

## WORKING FOR YOU

### FARM-TO-SCHOOL

- General Funding money for this program through the State Department of Education will provide \$350,000 in FY 24 and \$1.5 million in FY 25.

### THE AMISTAD SHIP

- I secured nearly \$1.5 million in funding for repairs to the ship and educational programming.

### COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

In 2021, I helped craft the Community Investment Fund (CIF) 2030 Bill. CIF invests in alliance districts in Connecticut through economic development, small business, education, and infrastructure projects. This funding is directed towards projects proposed by eligible municipalities, community development corporations, or nonprofit organizations. I am proud that 28 projects from 20 municipalities were funded through CIF this year.

### THE WEST INDIAN FOUNDATION

- I secured \$150,000 in ARPA funds FY 24 under DECD.

### BLACK/LATINO/HOLOCAUST STUDIES

- Required an established person to be hired to oversee and monitor the curricula for the African American/Black & Puerto Rican/Latino and the Holocaust courses.

### WRONG WAY DRIVING

- Allocated funds to the educational portion of all Drivers Education programs to include more precautions against wrong way driving.