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**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE
AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

- 1 That the following shall be the Joint Rules of the Senate and House
2 of Representatives for the regular sessions of the General Assembly
3 and for interim periods during the 2015-2016 legislative term.

4 MESSAGES BETWEEN CHAMBERS

- 5 1. Messages from one chamber to the other shall be delivered to the
6 presiding officer.

7 JOINT CONVENTIONS

- 8 2. Joint conventions shall be held in the Hall of the House. Either
9 chamber may request a convention stating the purposes thereof in its
10 message. The President of the Senate shall preside. The President and
11 the Speaker shall make reports to their respective chambers of the

12 proceedings of the convention which shall be printed in the respective
13 journals.

14 JOINT COMMITTEES

15 3. (a) *Designation of Committees.* There shall be twenty-two joint
16 standing committees as provided in subsection (b) of this rule. There
17 shall be three statutory committees as provided in subsection (c) of this
18 rule. Committees shall consider all matters referred to them and report
19 as required by these rules.

20 (b) *Standing Committees.* Each joint standing committee shall
21 consist of not more than nine senators and not more than thirty-five
22 representatives, except that the joint standing committees on
23 Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and Bonding shall consist of not
24 more than thirteen senators and not more than forty-five
25 representatives. The joint standing committees shall be divided into
26 Group A and Group B as follows:

27 GROUP A

28 (1) A committee on APPROPRIATIONS that shall have cognizance
29 of all matters relating to appropriations and the operating budgets and
30 all matters relating to state employees' salaries, benefits and
31 retirement, teachers' retirement, veterans' pensions and collective
32 bargaining agreements and arbitration awards for state employees. In
33 addition, any bills or resolutions carrying or requiring appropriations,
34 or creating or enlarging a state mandate to local governments, defined
35 in subsection (a)(2) of section 2-32b of the general statutes, and
36 favorably reported by any other committee, except the payment of
37 claims by the state, shall be referred to the committee, unless such
38 reference is dispensed with by at least a two-thirds vote of each
39 chamber, provided the committee's consideration shall be limited to
40 their fiscal aspects and appropriation provisions of such bills or
41 resolutions and shall not extend to their other substantive provisions
42 or purpose, except to the extent that such other provisions or purpose

43 relate to the fiscal aspects and appropriation provisions of such bills or
44 resolutions.

45 (2) A committee on EDUCATION that shall have cognizance of all
46 matters relating to (A) the Department of Education and the Office of
47 Early Childhood, and (B) school building projects, local and regional
48 boards of education, the substantive law of collective bargaining
49 covering teachers and professional employees of such boards,
50 vocational rehabilitation, and libraries, including the State Library,
51 museums and historical and cultural associations.

52 (3) A committee on ENVIRONMENT that shall have cognizance of
53 all matters relating to (A) the Department of Energy and
54 Environmental Protection concerning the preservation and protection
55 of the air, water and other natural resources of the state and the
56 Department of Agriculture, including farming, dairy products and
57 domestic animals, and (B) conservation, recreation, pollution control,
58 fisheries and game, state parks and forests, water resources and flood
59 and erosion control, and the preservation and protection of the air,
60 water and other natural resources of the state.

61 (4) A committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING that
62 shall have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Department of
63 Revenue Services, and (B) finance, revenue, capital bonding and
64 taxation. Any bill or resolution favorably reported by another
65 committee relating to finance, revenue, capital bonding, taxation,
66 employer contributions for unemployment compensation purposes, all
67 matters relating to the Department of Revenue Services and the
68 revenue aspects of the Gaming Division within the Department of
69 Consumer Protection shall be referred to the committee, provided the
70 committee's consideration shall be limited to the financial provisions
71 and purposes of such bill or resolution, such as finance, revenue,
72 bonding, taxation and fees, and shall not extend to the other
73 substantive provisions or purposes, except to the extent that such other
74 provisions or purposes relate to the financial provisions of such bills or

75 resolutions.

76 (5) A committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND
77 ELECTIONS that shall have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) (i)
78 the Department of Administrative Services, including purchasing and
79 central collections, but excluding personnel and labor relations, fire
80 marshals, the fire safety code, the state building code and school
81 building projects, (ii) the administrative functions of the Office of
82 Governmental Accountability, including the office's personnel and
83 employment policies and information technology, and (iii) the
84 Freedom of Information Commission, the Office of State Ethics, the
85 Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board and the State Elections Enforcement
86 Commission, (B) state government organization and reorganization,
87 structures and procedures, (C) leasing, construction, maintenance,
88 purchase and sale of state property and facilities, (D) state and federal
89 relations, (E) interstate compacts, (F) compacts between the state and
90 Indian tribes, (G) constitutional amendments, and (H) all matters
91 relating to elections and election laws. Any bill favorably reported by
92 another committee that authorizes the conveyance of real property, or
93 any interest therein, by the state, or any resolution favorably reported
94 by another committee that proposes a constitutional amendment shall
95 be referred to the committee on Government Administration and
96 Elections.

97 (6) A committee on JUDICIARY that shall have cognizance of all
98 matters relating to (A) the Judicial Department, the Department of
99 Correction and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities,
100 (B) courts, judicial procedures, criminal law, probate courts, probation,
101 parole, wills, estates, adoption, divorce, bankruptcy, escheat, law
102 libraries, deeds, mortgages, conveyancing, preservation of land
103 records and other public documents, the law of business organizations,
104 uniform laws, validations, authorizations to sue and to appeal, claims
105 against the state, (C) all (i) judicial nominations, (ii) nominations of
106 workers' compensation commissioners, and (iii) nominations of
107 members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and (D) all bills

108 carrying civil penalties that exceed the sum of, or that may exceed in
109 the aggregate, five thousand dollars. Any bill favorably reported by
110 another committee that carries a criminal penalty, other than an
111 infraction, shall be referred to the committee, provided the committee's
112 consideration shall be limited to the criminal penalties established in
113 such bill and shall not extend to the other substantive provisions or
114 purposes of such bill.

115 (7) A committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT that shall
116 have cognizance of all matters relating to local governments, housing,
117 urban renewal, fire, sewer and metropolitan districts, home rule,
118 planning and zoning, regional planning and development activities,
119 the state plan of conservation and development and economic
120 development programs impacting local governments.

121 (8) A committee on PUBLIC HEALTH that shall have cognizance of
122 all matters relating to (A) the Department of Public Health, the
123 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service and the
124 Department of Developmental Services, and (B) health, including
125 emergency medical services, all licensing boards within the
126 Department of Public Health, nursing homes, pure foods and drugs,
127 and controlled substances, including the treatment of substance abuse.

128 (9) A committee on TRANSPORTATION that shall have cognizance
129 of all matters relating to (A) the Department of Transportation, the
130 Office of the State Traffic Administration and the Department of Motor
131 Vehicles, and (B) transportation, including highways and bridges,
132 navigation, aeronautics, mass transit and railroads.

133 **GROUP B**

134 (10) A committee on BANKING that shall have cognizance of all
135 matters relating to (A) the Department of Banking, and (B) banks,
136 savings banks, bank and trust companies, savings and loan
137 associations, credit unions, the supervision of the sale of securities,
138 fraternal benefit societies and secured and unsecured lending.

139 (11) A committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY that shall have
140 cognizance of all matters relating to (A)(i) the Public Utilities
141 Regulatory Authority, and (ii) the Department of Energy and
142 Environmental Protection concerning energy, energy policy planning
143 and regulation, telecommunications, information systems and related
144 technology, and (B) energy, energy policy planning and regulation,
145 telecommunications, information systems and related technology.

146 (12) A committee on GENERAL LAW that shall have cognizance of
147 all matters relating to (A) the Department of Consumer Protection,
148 except legalized gambling, and (B) alcoholic beverages, fair trade and
149 sales practices, consumer protection, mobile homes and occupational
150 licensing, except licensing by the Department of Public Health.

151 (13) A committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE that shall
152 have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Insurance
153 Department, and (B) insurance law and real estate law.

154 (14) A committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES that shall
155 have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Labor Department,
156 (B) workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, conditions
157 of employment, hours of labor, minimum wages, industrial safety,
158 occupational health and safety, labor unions and labor disputes, and
159 (C) conditions of employment of state and municipal employees and
160 the substantive law of state and municipal employees' collective
161 bargaining.

162 (15) A committee on HUMAN SERVICES that shall have cognizance
163 of all matters relating to the Department of Social Services, including
164 institutions under its jurisdiction, the Office of Protection and
165 Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities and the Department of
166 Rehabilitation Services.

167 (16) A committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY that shall
168 have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Department of
169 Emergency Services and Public Protection, and (B) civil preparedness

170 and homeland security, state police, the state-wide organized crime
171 investigative task force, municipal police training, fire marshals, the
172 fire safety code, the state building code, and legalized gambling.

173 (17) A committee on COMMERCE that shall have cognizance of all
174 matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community
175 Development and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

176 (18) A committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT
177 ADVANCEMENT that shall have cognizance of all matters relating to
178 (A) the Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Office of
179 Higher Education, and (B) public and independent institutions of
180 higher education, private occupational schools, post-secondary
181 education, job training institutions and programs, apprenticeship
182 training programs and adult job training programs offered to the
183 public by any state agency or funded in whole or in part by the state.

184 (19) A committee on HOUSING that shall have cognizance of all
185 matters relating to housing.

186 (20) A committee on AGING that shall have cognizance of all
187 matters relating to senior citizens.

188 (21) A committee on CHILDREN that shall have cognizance of all
189 matters relating to (A) the Department of Children and Families,
190 including institutions under its jurisdiction, and (B) children.

191 (22) A committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS that shall have
192 cognizance of all matters relating to military and veterans' affairs,
193 except veterans' pensions.

194 (c) *Statutory Committees.* In addition, there shall be:

195 (1) The committee on LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT that shall
196 conduct the business affairs of the General Assembly. The committee
197 shall be responsible for the operation of the General Assembly,
198 coordination and supervision of committee work, improvement of

199 legislative operations, deciding on matters of organization, procedures,
200 facilities and working conditions of the General Assembly,
201 compensation of employees of the legislative branch, and the
202 facilitation of positive relationships with the federal government and
203 other state governments. All bills and resolutions relating to such
204 matters may be referred to the committee. The committee shall consist
205 of (A) twenty members of the House who shall be (i) the Speaker, (ii)
206 the deputy speakers, (iii) the majority leader, (iv) four members
207 appointed by the Speaker, (v) three members appointed by the
208 majority leader, (vi) the minority leader, (vii) two deputy minority
209 leaders appointed by the minority leader, and (viii) five members
210 appointed by the minority leader, and (B) thirteen members of the
211 Senate who shall be (i) the President Pro Tempore, (ii) the majority
212 leader, (iii) a deputy majority leader appointed by the majority leader,
213 (iv) five members appointed by the President Pro Tempore, (v) the
214 minority leader, (vi) an assistant minority leader appointed by the
215 minority leader, and (vii) three members appointed by the minority
216 leader. In matters of legislative operations, the legislative
217 commissioners and the clerks of each chamber shall serve as ex-officio,
218 non-voting members of the committee. The committee shall be chaired
219 by the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker. A majority of the
220 membership shall constitute a quorum and all actions shall require the
221 affirmative vote of a majority. At any meeting, if a committee member
222 present of either chamber requests, a vote of the majority of the
223 members present of each chamber shall be required for approval of a
224 question.

225 (2) The committee on EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE
226 NOMINATIONS shall consist of (A) seventeen members of the House
227 who shall be (i) the majority leader, or the majority leader's designee,
228 (ii) the minority leader, or the minority leader's designee, (iii) nine
229 members appointed by the Speaker, and (iv) six members appointed
230 by the minority leader, and (B) six members of the Senate who shall be
231 (i) the majority leader, or the majority leader's designee, (ii) the
232 minority leader, or the minority leader's designee, (iii) three members

233 appointed by the President Pro Tempore, and (iv) one member
234 appointed by the minority leader. The chairpersons and ranking
235 members of the committee or committees having cognizance of
236 matters relating to the duties of a nominee for the position of a
237 department head, as defined in section 4-5 of the general statutes, shall
238 serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the committee on executive
239 and legislative nominations for the consideration of such nomination.
240 All executive and legislative nominations requiring action of either or
241 both chambers, except judicial nominations, nominations of workers'
242 compensation commissioners and nominations of members of the
243 Board of Pardons and Paroles, shall be referred to the committee on
244 executive and legislative nominations.

245 (3) A committee on LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND
246 INVESTIGATIONS, the members of which shall be appointed as
247 provided in section 2-53e of the general statutes, except that any
248 member may be appointed to the committee, which may originate and
249 report any bill it deems necessary concerning a program, department
250 or other matter under review or investigation by the committee, in the
251 manner prescribed in these rules.

252 (d) *Committee Appointments.* Appointments of committee
253 members, except to fill a vacancy caused by death or incapacity or by
254 resignation from the General Assembly or a committee of the General
255 Assembly, shall be made on or before the fifth regular session day of
256 the first year of the term and, except as otherwise provided in the rules
257 of each chamber, shall be for the entire term for which the members
258 were elected. Committee appointments of a member elected after the
259 fifth regular session day of the first year of the term shall be made not
260 later than five calendar days after the member takes the oath of office,
261 and may be made, at the discretion of the appointing authority, to any
262 committee.

263 Senate and House committees shall be appointed and organized in
264 accordance with the rules of each chamber and members of the

265 minority party shall be appointed on nomination of the minority
266 leader of each chamber.

267 LEADERS ON COMMITTEES

268 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House,
269 and majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the House shall be
270 ex-officio members of all committees, with the right to be present at all
271 meetings and to take part in deliberations but without the right to vote,
272 except as to those committees to which they are appointed members.

273 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

274 5. (a) *Scheduling*. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of
275 this rule and in Rule 15, chairpersons of committees shall jointly
276 schedule meetings during periods when the General Assembly is in
277 session as follows:

278 (1) Committees may meet on any day from January 7 through
279 January 14 in 2015 and from February 3 through February 5 in 2016.
280 The chairpersons of each committee shall jointly call a meeting during
281 said period in 2015 for the purpose of organization and to consider
282 such other business as is deemed necessary.

283 (2) Beginning on January 15 in 2015 and on February 8 in 2016, and
284 ending on the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions in
285 such year, as provided in Rule 15, Group A committees shall meet on
286 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only and Group B committees
287 shall meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

288 (3) Statutory committees, as described in subsection (c) of Rule 3,
289 may meet on any day.

290 (4) Committees, except conference committees, may not meet during
291 a session of either chamber without the consent of each chamber which
292 is in session.

293 (b) *Exceptions to Scheduling Requirements.*

294 (1) The committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and
295 Bonding may meet on any day. The committee on Judiciary may meet
296 on any day after March 27 in 2015 and after March 16 in 2016.

297 (2) Any committee may meet at the State Capitol or in the
298 Legislative Office Building on any day, provided certification of a
299 significant need for the meeting is made in writing by the Speaker of
300 the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or their
301 designees.

302 (3) If, in any week, the designated meeting day of a committee falls
303 on a holiday or on a day when the State Capitol or Legislative Office
304 Building is officially closed, the committee may meet on another day,
305 not so designated, within seven calendar days before or after such day,
306 provided certification of the need for the meeting is made, in writing,
307 by one of the following: The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
308 Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate or the majority
309 leader of the House and all reasonable efforts have been made to notify
310 each member of the committee of the meeting.

311 (c) *Conduct of Meetings.* A chairperson or a vice chairperson shall
312 convene all meetings. If a meeting, other than a meeting on the day of
313 the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions, as provided in
314 Rule 15, is not so convened within fifteen minutes following its
315 scheduled starting time, the meeting shall be deemed cancelled. In all
316 meetings of joint committees, and at all public hearings held by such
317 committees, the Senate and House chairpersons shall mutually agree
318 as to who shall preside and in the absence of agreement the Senate
319 chairperson and the House chairperson shall alternately preside. A
320 chairperson shall recognize each member wishing to be heard prior to
321 ordering the vote on the final question of a favorable or unfavorable
322 report, a favorable change of reference or the boxing of a bill or
323 resolution. All questions of order, hearings and other proceedings
324 including the raising of bills or resolutions and questions relating to

325 evidence shall be determined by a majority of votes but, if the majority
326 of the committee members present of either chamber so request, the
327 committee members of each chamber shall separately determine all
328 questions. A vote of a committee may be reconsidered only at the next
329 regular meeting of the committee, except that any vote on the day of
330 the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions as provided in
331 Rule 15, may be reconsidered at the same meeting not later than 5:00
332 p.m.

333 (d) *Final Action*. Except as otherwise provided, at each committee
334 meeting, the vote on the final question of a favorable or unfavorable
335 report, a favorable change of reference or the boxing of a bill or
336 resolution shall be recorded to show the names of the members voting
337 yea and the members voting nay. No motion to dispense with the
338 recording of the names of the members voting yea and the members
339 voting nay shall be entertained and no bill or resolution shall be
340 reported to either chamber unless the names of the members voting
341 yea and the members voting nay have been recorded and a record of
342 the names of the members voting yea and the members voting nay has
343 been attached to the bill or resolution submitted to the Legislative
344 Commissioners' Office as provided in Rule 13. A copy of the voting
345 record shall be sent to the clerk of the appropriate chamber, by the
346 Legislative Commissioners' Office, with the favorably or unfavorably
347 reported bill or resolution and retained by the clerks.

348 (e) *Proxies*. No member may vote by proxy and no committee shall
349 record a vote cast by any member as a proxy for any other member.

350 (f) *Notice Requirements*. Notice of the date, time and place of
351 committee meetings during periods when the General Assembly is in
352 session shall be (1) given to the clerk of each chamber at least one day
353 in advance of the meeting, and (2) when practicable, (A) given to the
354 Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in the next Legislative Bulletin,
355 and (B) posted on the General Assembly's web site. The committee
356 clerks shall post notice of the meetings in a conspicuous place in or

357 near their respective committee offices.

358 (g) *Exception to Notice Requirements.* A meeting may be held on
359 less than one calendar day's notice, provided announcement of the
360 meeting is made from the floor of the Senate or House during a session
361 and both chairpersons have approved the date, time, place and agenda
362 for the meeting. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If
363 the announcement cannot be made in one or both chambers because
364 no regular session is being held on that day, an emergency meeting
365 may still be held, provided certification of the need for the meeting is
366 made, in writing, by one of the following: The President Pro Tempore
367 of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the
368 Senate or the majority leader of the House, and all reasonable efforts
369 have been made to notify each member of the committee of the
370 meeting.

371 (h) *Agendas.* An agenda, approved by both chairpersons, shall be
372 prepared for each meeting and made available at least one day before
373 the meeting, except that for a meeting held under subsection (g) of this
374 rule, the agenda shall be prepared and made available prior to the
375 meeting. Items not on the agenda may be considered upon a majority
376 vote of the committee members present.

377 (i) *Substitute Language.* A committee clerk shall, as soon as
378 practicable, post on the committee's web site any written substitute
379 language offered at a committee meeting by a committee member that
380 has been prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office and
381 assigned an LCO number by that office and reported favorably
382 without any changes at such committee meeting.

383 PUBLIC HEARINGS

384 6. (a) *Scheduling.*

385 (1) A committee may hold subject matter public hearings on any
386 subject and on specified proposed bills and proposed resolutions, and

387 on committee and raised bills and resolutions, during sessions, except
388 that subject matter public hearings on proposed bills and proposed
389 resolutions shall be held not later than twenty-one calendar days in
390 2015 and fourteen calendar days in 2016 before the committee's
391 reporting out date designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15.

392 (2) Public hearings shall be scheduled for the convenience of the
393 public and in accordance with the schedule for committee meetings of
394 that committee as provided in Rule 5.

395 (3) In the event of inclement weather on the day on which a
396 committee has scheduled a public hearing:

397 (A) If the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have been
398 officially closed due to inclement weather:

399 (i) If the hearing has been convened prior to the official closing, the
400 committee may continue the hearing or may recess the hearing as
401 provided in subsection (c)(5) of this rule.

402 (ii) If the hearing has not been convened prior to the official closing,
403 the hearing shall be deemed cancelled and shall be rescheduled
404 pursuant to subsection (a)(3)(D) of this rule.

405 (B) If the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have not been
406 officially closed:

407 (i) If the hearing has been convened, the committee may recess the
408 hearing as provided in subsection (c)(5) of this rule.

409 (ii) If the hearing has not yet been convened, the chairpersons of the
410 committee may cancel the hearing if, in their opinion, the seriousness
411 of the weather conditions is likely to reduce substantially the
412 attendance at the hearing by members of the public or members of the
413 committee.

414 (C) If the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have not been

415 officially closed, the committee clerk shall give notice of cancellation to
416 the clerk of each chamber and shall post notice of the cancellation in a
417 conspicuous place in or near the committee office, at the location of the
418 scheduled hearing and on the General Assembly web site.

419 (D) The chairpersons shall reschedule a cancelled hearing on the
420 earliest feasible date that is on a day specified for that committee in
421 Rule 5(a) or 5(b) or on any other day with the approval of the President
422 Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the majority
423 leader of the Senate or the majority leader of the House. The committee
424 clerk shall give notice of the rescheduled hearing to the clerk of each
425 chamber and, when practicable, to the Legislative Bulletin clerk for
426 inclusion in the next Legislative Bulletin and shall post notice of the
427 rescheduled hearing in a conspicuous place in or near that committee
428 office and on the General Assembly web site. The notice of the
429 rescheduled hearing shall include the date, time, place and subject
430 matter of the rescheduled hearing, together with a list of the numbers
431 and titles of each bill and resolution to be considered, which subject
432 matter and list shall be identical to the subject matter and list in the
433 notice of the original hearing. The notice of the rescheduled hearing is
434 not subject to subsection (b) of this rule if the notice of the original
435 hearing complied with said subsection (b).

436 (4) Committees may group bills and resolutions by subject matter
437 and schedule hearings so that similar bills and resolutions are heard at
438 the same time.

439 (b) *Notice Requirements.* During the periods when the General
440 Assembly is in session, notice of the date, time, place and subject
441 matter of each hearing, together with a list of the numbers and titles of
442 each bill and resolution to be considered shall be published in the
443 Legislative Bulletin at least five calendar days in advance of the
444 hearing. In no event shall a bill or resolution be listed for a hearing
445 unless copies of the bill or resolution have been made in accordance
446 with section 2-23 of the general statutes, and the original bill or

447 resolution has been returned from the printer and is in the possession
448 of the committee.

449 For the purpose of meeting the hearing requirements under this
450 rule, the day of publication in the Legislative Bulletin during the time
451 the General Assembly is in session and the day of the hearing shall
452 both be counted as full days.

453 (c) *Conduct of Hearings.*

454 (1) *Convening and Procedures.* A chairperson or a vice chairperson
455 shall convene all hearings. If a hearing is not so convened within
456 fifteen minutes following its scheduled starting time, any member of
457 the committee may convene that hearing. The time of commencement
458 of the public hearing shall be designated in the published notice. The
459 order of testimony of the witnesses and the length of time that each
460 witness may testify shall be determined by the presiding chairperson
461 who shall give due regard for the convenience of the public. Members
462 of the public who wish to testify at a public hearing may place their
463 names on a list, which shall be made available at a time and place to be
464 determined by the chairpersons. Members of the public shall either (A)
465 place their own name on the list, if they wish to testify, or (B) place the
466 name of one other person on the list who will testify. Members of the
467 public placing the name of another person on the list shall also place
468 their own name on the list next to the name of the person who will
469 testify. The placement of another person's name on the list by a person
470 who receives a fee solely for that service shall be ineffective and the
471 person so named shall not be permitted to testify.

472 (2) *Testimony by Public Officials.* A committee may permit
473 legislators who are not members of the committee, representatives of
474 state agencies, and municipal chief elected officials testifying in their
475 official capacity to testify during but not beyond the first hour of a
476 public hearing. The public portion of the hearing shall be
477 uninterrupted by testimony from a legislator, a representative of a
478 state agency or a municipal chief elected official. If any legislators,

479 representatives of state agencies or municipal chief elected officials are
480 unable to testify during the first hour, they may testify at the end of the
481 hearing after all members of the public wishing to testify have been
482 heard.

483 (3) *Written Testimony.* Legislators, representatives of state agencies,
484 municipal chief elected officials and members of the public may
485 submit to the committee written testimony on a bill or resolution or
486 subject matter in person, by mail or facsimile transmission, or
487 electronically at any time and the written testimony may be included
488 by the committee in the transcript of the hearing. If the written
489 testimony is not included in the transcript, it shall be attached to the
490 transcript. Committee chairpersons should encourage a witness to
491 submit a written statement and confine oral testimony to a summary of
492 that statement, but the full written statement shall be included in or
493 attached to the transcript of the hearing.

494 (4) *Notifying Other Committees.* Each bill or resolution referred by
495 one committee to another with a favorable report shall be accompanied
496 by a notation of the date or dates on which public hearings were held
497 by the first committee. The chairpersons of any committee other than
498 Appropriations or Finance, Revenue and Bonding to which any bill or
499 resolution calling for an appropriation or a bond issue is referred shall
500 notify the chairpersons of the committee on Appropriations or Finance,
501 Revenue and Bonding of the date, time and place of the hearing
502 thereon.

503 (5) *Recessing.* The committee may recess any public hearing to a
504 date, time and place specified at the time of the recess, which shall be
505 on a day specified for that committee in Rule 5(a) or 5(b) or on any
506 other day with the approval of the President Pro Tempore of the
507 Senate, the Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate or
508 the majority leader of the House. The committee clerk shall give notice
509 of any hearing recessed to another date to the clerk of each chamber
510 and, when practicable, to the Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in

511 the next Legislative Bulletin, and shall post notice of the recessed
512 hearing in a conspicuous place in or near that committee office.

513 BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS GENERALLY

514 7. (a) *Definitions.* As used in these rules:

515 (1) "Proposed bill" means a bill drafted in informal, non-statutory
516 language setting forth the substance of a proposal;

517 (2) "Proposed resolution" means a resolution drafted in informal,
518 non-statutory language setting forth the substance of a proposal;

519 (3) "Committee bill" means a bill drafted in formal statutory
520 language that incorporates the principles expressed in a proposed bill
521 or proposed bills;

522 (4) "Committee resolution" means a resolution drafted in formal
523 statutory language that incorporates the principles expressed in a
524 proposed resolution or proposed resolutions;

525 (5) "Raised bill" means an original bill drafted in formal statutory
526 language raised by a committee without reference to a proposed bill or
527 proposed bills;

528 (6) "Raised resolution" means an original resolution drafted in
529 formal statutory language raised by a committee without reference to a
530 proposed resolution or proposed resolutions;

531 (7) "Emergency certified bill" means a bill drafted in formal
532 statutory language that is certified by the President Pro Tempore of the
533 Senate and the Speaker of the House to be of an emergency nature,
534 pursuant to subsection (c) of Rule 9; and

535 (8) "Governor's bill" means a bill drafted in formal statutory
536 language that accompanies the Governor's budget or other message.

537 (b) *Numbering.* Senate bills shall be numbered from 1 to 5000, House

538 bills shall be numbered from 5001 to 9999 and resolutions shall be
539 numbered starting with 1 in each chamber.

540 (c) *Preparation and Alteration.* Each proposed bill, proposed
541 resolution, committee bill, raised bill, committee resolution, raised
542 resolution, emergency certified bill and Governor's bill shall be
543 prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. No such bill or
544 resolution shall be altered after such bill or resolution has been filed,
545 except by the legislative commissioners, in accordance with the
546 provisions of Rule 13.

547 (d) *Form and Format.* (1) Each proposed bill, proposed resolution,
548 committee bill, committee resolution, raised bill, raised resolution,
549 emergency certified bill and Governor's bill shall be printed without
550 interlineation or erasure. All such bills and resolutions shall be printed
551 on white-colored and yellow-colored paper and filed with the clerk of
552 the chamber of the introducer in the form required by these rules. Each
553 copy of such bill or resolution shall include the number of such bill or
554 resolution, the session of introduction, the introducer or introducers of
555 such bill or resolution, and, if applicable, the committee to which it
556 was referred. In the case of a committee bill or committee resolution,
557 each copy of such committee bill or committee resolution shall also
558 include the names of any co-sponsors.

559 (2) Each committee bill, raised bill, emergency certified bill or
560 Governor's bill amending a statute or special act shall set forth in full
561 the section or subsection of the statute or the special act to be
562 amended. Text to be deleted or repealed shall be surrounded by
563 brackets or overstricken so that the deleted or repealed text remains
564 readable, and new text shall be indicated by capitalization, underlining
565 or italics. In the case of a section or subsection not amending an
566 existing section of the general statutes but intended to be part of the
567 general statutes, the section or subsection shall be preceded by the
568 word (NEW).

569 (e) *Statement of Purpose.* At the conclusion of each proposed bill,

570 proposed resolution, committee bill and raised bill there shall be a
571 statement of its purpose in not more than one hundred fifty words, to
572 be printed under the caption "STATEMENT OF PURPOSE". The
573 statement of purpose shall not be a part of such bill or resolution for
574 consideration and enactment into law.

575 (f) *Sponsors.* (1) Any member of the General Assembly may co-
576 sponsor (A) a proposed bill or proposed resolution by requesting the
577 Legislative Commissioners' Office, in writing, to add such member's
578 name to such proposed bill or proposed resolution in its possession, or
579 (B) a proposed bill, proposed resolution, committee bill, committee
580 resolution, raised bill, raised resolution, emergency certified bill or
581 Governor's bill by requesting the clerk of the chamber in which such
582 bill or resolution has been filed, in writing, to add such member's name
583 as a co-sponsor of such bill or resolution, provided such request is
584 made not later than the date of the signing of such bill, or the deadline
585 for the signing of such bill, by the Governor, whichever is earlier, or
586 the date of the adoption of such resolution.

587 (2) A member of the General Assembly may request the clerk of the
588 chamber in which a proposed bill, proposed resolution, committee bill,
589 committee resolution, raised bill, raised resolution, emergency certified
590 bill or Governor's bill was filed, in writing, to remove such member's
591 name as an introducer or a co-sponsor of such bill or resolution,
592 provided such request is made not later than the time specified in
593 subsection (f)(1)(B) of this rule. The clerk shall notify the Legislative
594 Commissioners' Office of such removal and the member's name shall
595 be removed from the legislative database for such bill or resolution.

596 (g) *Clerks' Certified Copies.* The clerk of each chamber shall certify
597 and keep on file in the clerk's office at all times a duplicate copy of
598 each proposed bill, proposed resolution, committee bill, committee
599 resolution, raised bill and raised resolution. The certified duplicate
600 copy shall be made on yellow-colored paper of the same size and
601 format as the original. If the original proposed bill, proposed

602 resolution, committee bill, committee resolution, raised bill and raised
603 resolution cannot be located, a copy of the certified duplicate copy of
604 such bill or resolution shall be made by the clerk and used in lieu of
605 such original. The clerk shall make a notation on the original of the
606 certified duplicate copy of all action taken on the original proposed
607 bill, proposed resolution, committee bill, committee resolution, raised
608 bill and raised resolution.

609 (h) *Copies.* Sufficient copies of proposed bills, proposed resolutions,
610 committee bills, committee resolutions, raised bills, raised resolutions
611 and Governor's bills shall be prepared, in accordance with section 2-23
612 of the general statutes, for use by the General Assembly and the public
613 and shall be available in the legislative bill room.

614 (i) *Types of Bills and Resolutions in 2016 Session.* In the 2016
615 session, only the following bills and resolutions may be introduced:
616 Those (1) relating to budgetary, revenue and financial matters, (2)
617 raised by committees of the General Assembly, and (3) relating to
618 matters certified in writing by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
619 and the Speaker of the House to be of an emergency nature.

620 **PROPOSED BILLS AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS**

621 8. (a) *Introduction by Members. Deadline.* Members of the General
622 Assembly may introduce proposed bills or proposed resolutions for
623 consideration by the joint standing committees and the Legislative
624 Management committee. The deadline for members of the General
625 Assembly to submit a request to the Legislative Commissioners' Office
626 to draft a proposed bill or proposed resolution shall be January 16,
627 2015, for the 2015 session and on February 5, 2016, for the 2016 session,
628 in each session at 5:00 p.m. or at an hour the presiding officer of each
629 chamber designates. The chamber of origin for a proposed bill or
630 proposed resolution shall be the chamber of the first introducer of such
631 proposed bill or proposed resolution.

632 (b) *Preparation.* At the request of any member of the General

633 Assembly, the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall prepare a
634 proposed bill or proposed resolution and return the proposed bill or
635 proposed resolution to the member who submitted the request or file
636 the proposed bill or proposed resolution with the clerk of the
637 appropriate chamber not later than ten days after the receipt of the
638 request, unless the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
639 Speaker of the House consent, in writing, to a request by a legislative
640 commissioner for an extension of time.

641 (c) *Suggested Committee Referral*. The Legislative Commissioners'
642 Office shall make a notation as to the suggested committee reference
643 for each proposed bill and proposed resolution based on its subject
644 matter. The clerk of the appropriate chamber shall, on introduction of
645 each such proposed bill or proposed resolution, make a tentative
646 reference for the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of
647 the House.

648 (d) *Receipt by Clerk; Initial Reference to Committee*. The clerk of
649 the Senate or House shall receive each proposed bill and proposed
650 resolution and shall cause copies to be prepared in accordance with
651 subsection (h) of Rule 7. After copies of the proposed bill or proposed
652 resolution have been made, the proposed bill or proposed resolution
653 shall receive its first reading as set forth in Rule 16. The President Pro
654 Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House shall refer the
655 proposed bill or proposed resolution to the appropriate joint standing
656 committee or the Legislative Management committee and then send
657 such proposed bill or proposed resolution to the other chamber for
658 concurring reference. The original of the proposed bill or proposed
659 resolution shall be delivered forthwith to the clerk of the appropriate
660 committee.

661 COMMITTEE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS, RAISED BILLS AND
662 RESOLUTIONS, EMERGENCY CERTIFIED BILLS AND
663 GOVERNOR'S BILLS

664 9. (a) *Committee Bills and Committee Resolutions*.

665 (1) *Introduction.* Committee bills and committee resolutions may be
666 introduced only by committees. A committee, upon receiving the
667 proposed bills or proposed resolutions referred to it pursuant to Rule
668 8, may separate them into subject categories and may vote to have
669 committee bills or resolutions on the subjects prepared by the
670 Legislative Commissioners' Office. Each committee bill and committee
671 resolution shall be (A) identified as a committee bill or committee
672 resolution, (B) endorsed with the signature of each chairperson of the
673 committee, except such chairperson may permit the vice chairperson of
674 the same chamber to sign any such bill or resolution, (C) filed with the
675 clerk of the appropriate chamber, and (D) assigned a number in
676 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection.

677 (2) *Deadlines.*

678 (A) *Initial Committee Action.* The deadline for committees to vote
679 (i) to reserve proposed bills and proposed resolutions for subject
680 matter public hearings under Rule 6, or (ii) to have the Legislative
681 Commissioners' Office prepare committee bills and committee
682 resolutions shall be 5:00 p.m. on the following dates in 2015:

T1	February 3	Aging
T2		Banking
T3		Housing
T4		Children
T5		Veterans' Affairs
T6	February 5	Energy and Technology
T7		Higher Education and Employment Advancement
T8		Insurance and Real Estate
T9		General Law
T10		Public Safety and Security
T11	February 10	Labor and Public Employees
T12		Legislative Management
T13		Commerce

T14		Human Services
T15	February 11	Education
T16		Environment
T17		Planning and Development
T18		Public Health
T19		Transportation
T20	February 18	Government Administration & Elections
T21		Judiciary
T22		Finance, Revenue and Bonding
T23		Appropriations

683 In 2016, such deadline shall be 5:00 p.m. on February 17 for the
684 committees in Group A and on February 18 for the committees in
685 Group B and the Legislative Management committee.

686 (B) *Committee Action on Bills and Resolutions Reserved for Subject*
687 *Matter Public Hearings.* The deadline for committees to vote to have
688 the Legislative Commissioners' Office prepare committee bills and
689 committee resolutions based on proposed bills or proposed resolutions
690 that have been reserved for subject matter public hearings under
691 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and on which subject matter
692 public hearings have been held under Rule 6 shall be 5:00 p.m. on the
693 seventeenth calendar day in 2015 and the tenth calendar day in 2016
694 prior to the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions in such
695 year, as provided in Rule 15.

696 (3) *Numbering.* Each committee bill and committee resolution shall
697 have the same number and chamber of origin as the proposed bill or
698 proposed resolution on which it is based. Such number and chamber
699 of origin shall be used in any reference to such proposed bill, proposed
700 resolution, committee bill or committee resolution. When a committee
701 bill is based on two or more proposed bills, or a committee resolution
702 is based on two or more proposed resolutions, the members of the
703 committee shall designate the proposed bill or proposed resolution

704 number to be used on the committee bill or committee resolution. The
705 numbers of any other proposed bills or proposed resolutions that the
706 committee bill or committee resolution is based on shall be listed at the
707 end of the committee bill or committee resolution with the names of
708 the introducers and co-sponsors. The number of any committee bill or
709 committee resolution based on proposed bills or proposed resolutions
710 on which subject matter public hearings have been held under Rule 6
711 shall be determined by the committee in the same manner as provided
712 in this subdivision.

713 (b) *Raised Bills and Raised Resolutions.*

714 (1) *Introduction.* Raised bills and raised resolutions may be
715 introduced only by committees. A committee may vote to raise bills
716 and resolutions and have such raised bills or raised resolutions
717 prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. Each raised bill
718 and raised resolution shall be (A) identified as a raised bill or raised
719 resolution, (B) endorsed with the signature of each chairperson of the
720 committee, except such chairperson may permit the vice chairperson of
721 the same chamber to sign any such bill or resolution, (C) filed with the
722 clerk of the appropriate chamber, and (D) assigned a number by such
723 clerk.

724 (2) *Deadline. Exceptions.* (A) Except as otherwise provided in
725 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the deadline for committees to
726 vote to have the Legislative Commissioners' Office prepare raised bills
727 and raised resolutions shall be, (i) in 2015, (I) 5:00 p.m. on February 18
728 for the committees in Group A, and the Program Review and
729 Investigations Committee, and (II) 5:00 p.m. on February 17 for the
730 committees in Group B and the Legislative Management committee,
731 and (ii) in 2016, (I) 5:00 p.m. on February 19 for the committees in
732 Group A and the Legislative Program Review and Investigations
733 Committee, and (II) 5:00 p.m. on February 18 for the committees in
734 Group B and the Legislative Management committee.

735 (B) The following may be raised at any time: (1) Bills or resolutions

736 to provide for the current expenses of government, (2) emergency
737 certified bills or resolutions the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
738 and the Speaker of the House certify in writing to be, in their opinion,
739 of an emergency nature, (3) bills or resolutions the Governor requests
740 in a special message addressed to the General Assembly, which
741 message sets forth the emergency or necessity requiring such bills or
742 resolutions, and (4) the legislative commissioners' revisor's bill.

743 (c) *Emergency Certified Bills.* Emergency certified bills may be
744 introduced by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
745 Speaker of the House. Such bills shall be certified by the President Pro
746 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to be of an
747 emergency nature. Each emergency certified bill shall be identified
748 simply as a bill, filed with the clerk of the appropriate chamber, and
749 assigned a number by such clerk.

750 (d) *Governor's Bills.*

751 (1) *Introduction.* Any fully drafted bill accompanying the
752 Governor's budget or other message may be introduced by the
753 legislative leaders of the Governor's party in the Senate and the House,
754 provided one copy of each bill is supplied by the Governor to the
755 legislative leaders of both parties. Each bill accompanying the
756 Governor's budget or other message shall be identified as a Governor's
757 bill, filed with the clerk of the appropriate chamber, and assigned a
758 number by such clerk.

759 (2) *Suggested Committee Referral; Receipt by Clerk; Initial*
760 *Reference to Committee.* The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall
761 make a notation as to the suggested committee reference for each
762 Governor's bill based on its subject matter. The clerk of the appropriate
763 chamber shall, on introduction of each such Governor's bill, make a
764 tentative reference for the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the
765 Speaker of the House. The clerk of the Senate or House shall receive
766 each Governor's bill.

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SUBSTITUTE BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS

768 10. A bill or resolution redrafted with a favorable report by a
769 committee shall be reported as a substitute bill or resolution.

770 Any substitute bill or resolution reported favorably shall be printed
771 on white-colored and yellow-colored paper and filed with the clerk of
772 the chamber where the bill or resolution originated. The yellow-
773 colored copy shall be certified by the clerk and shall be kept at all times
774 in the clerk's office. If the original bill or resolution cannot be located, a
775 copy of the certified copy shall be made by the clerk and used in lieu of
776 the original. The clerk shall make a notation on the certified copy of all
777 action taken on the original.

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PETITION FOR PREPARATION OF BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS

779 11. Not later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventh calendar day after the
780 deadline of a committee to request the drafting of a committee bill or
781 resolution, set forth in Rule 9, any member of the General Assembly
782 may present to the clerk of the member's chamber, who shall present
783 the same to the Legislative Commissioners' Office, a written petition
784 requesting preparation of a bill or resolution based on a proposed bill
785 or proposed resolution, introduced or co-sponsored by such member
786 and previously referred to such committee, unless the proposed bill or
787 resolution has been scheduled for a subject matter public hearing to be
788 held after the committee's deadline to request a committee bill or
789 resolution, in which case the petition may be presented not later than
790 5:00 p.m. on the seventh calendar day before the committee's reporting
791 out date designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15. The petition
792 shall be signed in the original by at least fifty-one members of the
793 House if a House petition and by at least twelve members of the Senate
794 if a Senate petition. The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall
795 prepare the requested bill or resolution and forward it to the clerk of
796 the chamber of origin for processing and referral to the appropriate
797 committee which shall hold a public hearing on the bill or resolution,
798 except that if the committee has already held a subject matter public

799 hearing on the bill or resolution no further public hearing shall be
800 required.

801 AMENDMENTS

802 12. All amendments to any bill or resolution in the Senate or House
803 shall be prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. An
804 original of each amendment to be offered and a copy of such
805 amendment shall be printed. The clerk of the appropriate chamber
806 shall certify the copy of each amendment and keep such certified copy
807 in such clerk's office at all times.

808 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'
809 PROCESS AFTER COMMITTEE ACTION

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811 13. (a) *Receipt*. When a committee reports a bill or resolution
812 favorably it shall be submitted forthwith to the Legislative
813 Commissioners' Office which shall immediately enter the receipt of the
814 bill or resolution in the legislative database and notify the Office of
815 Fiscal Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research of the bill or
816 resolution number and the committee's action.

817 (b) *Examination and Correction*. The legislative commissioners shall
818 examine the bill or resolution and make any correction therein as may
819 be necessary for the purpose of avoiding repetition and
820 unconstitutional provisions, and of ensuring accuracy in the text and
821 references, clearness and conciseness in the phraseology and
822 consistency with existing statutes. Whenever the legislative
823 commissioners make any changes in a bill or resolution, other than
824 corrections of spelling, grammar, punctuation or typographical errors
825 the correction of which in no way alters the meaning, they shall
826 prepare a statement which describes each change, where it was made,
827 and explicitly why they made the change. This statement shall be
828 entered into the legislative database and printed with the file copy of
829 the bill or resolution and shall bear the same file number as the bill or
830 resolution.

831 (c) *Deadline.* Unless the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker
832 consent, in writing, to a request by a legislative commissioner for an
833 extension of time, the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall complete
834 its examination of the bill or resolution within ten calendar days,
835 excluding holidays, after its receipt. If the bill or resolution is approved
836 by a commissioner, the commissioner shall notify the Office of Fiscal
837 Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research of the approval and, if
838 a substitute, furnish each office with a copy of the bill or resolution for
839 preparation of a fiscal note and bill analysis and, when requested
840 pursuant to Rule 15(c)(2), a racial and ethnic impact statement. Unless
841 the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker consent, in writing, to a
842 request by the director of the Office of Fiscal Analysis or the director of
843 the Office of Legislative Research for an extension of time, a legislative
844 commissioner shall transmit the bill or resolution with his or her
845 approval to the clerk of the chamber in which it originated within five
846 calendar days, excluding holidays, after such notice.

847 (d) *Bills or Resolutions Returned to Committee.* If the
848 commissioner finds upon completion of the examination of a bill or
849 resolution that the bill or resolution is unconstitutional or is already
850 law, the commissioner shall return the bill or resolution to the
851 committee and shall notify the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Office
852 of Legislative Research of its return. Whenever a bill or resolution has
853 been so returned to the committee, it may nevertheless be reported
854 favorably by the committee and be returned to the Legislative
855 Commissioners' Office for completion of the procedures prescribed
856 above, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15. If a bill or resolution
857 is returned after the committee's reporting out date designated in the
858 schedule shown in Rule 15, the committee shall take such action before
859 the start of the session on the third regular session day of the chamber
860 making the referral after the bill or resolution is returned by the
861 Legislative Commissioners' Office. The clerk shall enter it on the
862 calendar under a heading "Favorable Report, Matter Not Approved by
863 Legislative Commissioner" unless the committee reports a substitute
864 bill or resolution which the legislative commissioners approve.

865 (e) *Change of Reference.* Favorable changes of reference shall be
 866 treated as provided in this rule except that no fiscal note or bill
 867 analysis shall be required. When a committee votes a straight change
 868 of reference, the bill or resolution shall be submitted to the Legislative
 869 Commissioners' Office which shall prepare the change of reference
 870 jacket and deliver the bill or resolution to the clerk of the chamber of
 871 origin. Reading and referral of straight changes of reference shall be by
 872 printing in the House and Senate journals.

873 REPORTING OF BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS

874 14. Except as provided in Rules 19 and 20, all bills and joint
 875 resolutions reported by any committee shall be first reported to the
 876 chamber of origin, but any bill or resolution favorably reported by
 877 only one chamber shall first be reported to that chamber regardless of
 878 the chamber of origin.

879 FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

880 15. (a) *Deadline for Favorable Reports.* The deadline for committees
 881 to vote to report favorably and submit bills and resolutions proposing
 882 amendments to the constitution and other substantive resolutions to
 883 the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall be 5:00 p.m. on the dates
 884 designated in the following schedule:

	Committee	2015	2016
T25	Aging	March 10	March 10
T26	Children	March 10	March 10
T27	Veterans' Affairs	March 10	March 10
T28	Housing	March 12	March 10
T29	Banking	March 12	March 17
T30	Program Review and Investigations	March 16	March 11
T31	General Law	March 17	March 15
T32	Labor and Public Employees	March 17	March 17
T33	Legislative Management	March 18	March 14
T34	Public Safety and Security	March 19	March 15
T35	Insurance & Real Estate	March 19	March 17
T36	Transportation	March 23	March 18

T24	Committee	2015	2016
T37	Commerce	March 24	March 22
T38	Higher Education and Employment	March 24	March 15
T39	Advancement		
T40	Energy & Technology	March 26	March 24
T41	Human Services	March 26	March 22
T42	Environment	March 27	March 18
T43	Education	March 30	March 21
T44	Planning and Development	March 30	March 21
T45	Public Health	April 1	March 23
T46	Government Administration and Elections	April 1	March 23
T47	Judiciary	April 13	March 30
T48	Appropriations	April 30	March 31
T49	Finance, Revenue and Bonding	May 1	April 1

885 (b) *Hearing Requirement for Favorable Report.* Except as provided
886 in Rule 32 (2)(A), no bill and no resolution proposing an amendment to
887 the constitution or other substantive resolution shall be reported
888 favorably by a committee unless a public hearing has been held as
889 provided in Rule 6, but no further public hearing shall be required for
890 a favorable report on a substitute for such bill or resolution, provided
891 the substitute is based on or is germane to the subject matter of the
892 original bill or resolution, or for a bill or resolution petitioned under
893 Rule 11 on which a subject matter public hearing has been held.

894 (c) *Fiscal Notes and Bill Analyses; Bills or Resolutions*
895 *Unfavorably Reported; List of Reported Bills or Resolutions.* (1) Any
896 bill or resolution reported favorably by any committee which if passed
897 or adopted, would affect state or municipal revenue or would require
898 the expenditure of state or municipal funds, shall have a fiscal note
899 attached, as required by section 2-24 of the general statutes with
900 respect to bills. The fiscal note for a bill or resolution and the analysis
901 of a bill shall be printed with the bill or resolution and shall bear the
902 same file number as the bill or resolution. Any fiscal note printed with
903 or prepared for a bill or resolution and any analysis of a bill printed
904 with or prepared for a bill, are solely for the purpose of information,
905 summarization and explanation for members of the General Assembly

906 and shall not be construed to represent the intent of the General
907 Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. Each such fiscal
908 note and bill analysis shall bear the following disclaimer: "The
909 following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for
910 the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for
911 purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not
912 represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof
913 for any purpose." When an amendment is offered to a bill or resolution
914 in the House or the Senate, which, if adopted, would require the
915 expenditure of state or municipal funds or affect state or municipal
916 revenue, a fiscal note shall be available at the time the amendment is
917 offered and, in the case of an amendment which is substantially similar
918 to a favorably-reported bill for which a racial and ethnic impact
919 statement has been prepared pursuant to this rule, such fiscal note may
920 include a copy of such impact statement. Any fiscal note prepared for
921 such an amendment shall be construed in accordance with the
922 provisions of this rule and shall bear the disclaimer required under this
923 rule. Each fiscal note prepared under this subdivision shall include a
924 brief statement of the sources of information, in addition to the general
925 knowledge of the fiscal analyst, consulted or relied on to calculate the
926 fiscal impact.

927 (2) Whenever a committee reports a bill favorably which, if passed,
928 would increase or decrease the pretrial or sentenced population of
929 correctional facilities in this state, a majority of the committee members
930 present may request that a racial and ethnic impact statement be
931 prepared. The racial and ethnic impact statement shall be prepared by
932 the Office of Legislative Research and the Office of Fiscal Analysis,
933 which may, in the preparation of such statement, consult with any
934 person or agency including, but not limited to, the Judicial Branch, the
935 Office of Policy and Management, the Department of Correction and
936 the Connecticut Sentencing Commission. The statement shall indicate:
937 (A) Whether the bill would have a disparate impact on the racial and
938 ethnic composition of the correctional facility population and an
939 explanation of that impact, (B) that it cannot be determined whether

940 the bill would have a disparate impact on the racial and ethnic
941 composition of the correctional facility population, or (C) that the
942 offices cannot determine within the time limitation specified in Rule
943 13(c) whether the bill would have a disparate impact on the racial and
944 ethnic composition of the correctional facility population. The racial
945 and ethnic impact statement shall be attached to and printed with the
946 bill and shall bear the same file number as the bill. Any racial and
947 ethnic impact statement printed with or prepared for a bill is solely for
948 the purpose of information, summarization and explanation for
949 members of the General Assembly and shall not be construed to
950 represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof
951 for any purpose. Each racial and ethnic impact statement shall bear the
952 following disclaimer: "The following Racial and Ethnic Impact
953 Statement is prepared for the benefit of the members of the General
954 Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and
955 explanation and does not represent the intent of the General Assembly
956 or either chamber thereof for any purpose."

957 (3) All bills or resolutions unfavorably reported by a committee
958 shall be submitted to the Legislative Commissioners' Office not later
959 than 5:00 p.m. on the final reporting out date for favorable reports for
960 that committee, designated in the schedule shown in this rule.

961 (4) The legislative commissioners shall prepare a list of the bills or
962 resolutions submitted to them which at the deadline time for each
963 committee are not printed and in the files and the clerks shall print the
964 same in the House and Senate journals.

965 (d) *Bills or Resolutions Not Acted on by Committee; Bills or*
966 *Resolutions Not Printed and in Files.* All bills or resolutions not acted
967 on by the committees within the time limits established by this section
968 shall be deemed to have failed in committee, except that (1) a bill or
969 resolution shall be reported to the chamber in which it originated if the
970 Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
971 certify, in writing, the facts which in their opinion necessitate it being

972 acted on by the General Assembly or (2) if a majority of the members
973 of either chamber present to the clerk of such chamber a written
974 petition as provided by Rule 19, requesting that a bill or resolution be
975 reported, it shall be reported to the chamber in which the petition
976 originated. Any bill or resolution not printed and in the files of the
977 members of the General Assembly may be acted upon by the General
978 Assembly if the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore
979 of the Senate certify, in writing, the facts which in their opinion
980 necessitate an immediate vote on the bill or resolution, in which case a
981 copy of the bill or resolution, accompanied by a fiscal note, shall
982 nevertheless be upon the desks of the members, but not necessarily
983 printed, before the bill or resolution is acted upon.

984 (e) *Bills Authorizing Conveyance of Real Property by State.*
985 Notwithstanding any provision of these rules to the contrary (1) no bill
986 authorizing the conveyance of real property, or any interest therein, by
987 the state of Connecticut to any person or entity shall be printed or
988 placed on the calendar or in the files for action unless the bill has
989 received a favorable or unfavorable report from the joint standing
990 committee on government administration and elections, and (2) no bill
991 which has been amended to authorize the conveyance of real property,
992 or any interest therein, by the state of Connecticut to any person or
993 entity shall be passed by either chamber unless such bill, as amended,
994 has been referred to the joint standing committee on government
995 administration and elections, and that committee has reported
996 favorably or unfavorably on such amended bill to the chamber from
997 which it was referred at any time thereafter but before the start of the
998 session on the third regular session day of the chamber making the
999 referral after the date that the motion to refer is adopted, but no later
1000 than seven calendar days after such date of adoption.

1001 (f) *Referral of Bill or Resolution by Chamber to Committee After*
1002 *Deadline.* (1) Whenever a bill or resolution favorably or unfavorably
1003 reported by one committee is referred by the House or the Senate to
1004 another committee after its deadline under subsection (a) of this rule

1005 has passed, the committee receiving such referred bill or resolution
1006 shall meet to consider such bill or resolution on any day of the week
1007 and at any time (A) before the start of the session of the third regular
1008 session day of the referring chamber after the date that the motion to
1009 refer is adopted, or (B) not later than seven calendar days after such
1010 date of adoption, whichever occurs first. Such committee may take the
1011 following action on such referred bill or resolution: (i) report it
1012 favorably or unfavorably in accordance with the provisions of
1013 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this rule, (ii) box it, or (iii) take no action.
1014 Under no circumstances shall such committee refer such bill or
1015 resolution to another committee.

1016 (2) If the committee reports the bill or resolution favorably or
1017 unfavorably, and the bill or resolution has not been amended in either
1018 chamber, the committee may report a substitute bill or resolution, in
1019 which case, there shall be a reprinting of the file. The entry on the
1020 calendar in both chambers shall indicate the actions of the committee.

1021 (3) If the committee reports the bill or resolution favorably or
1022 unfavorably, and the bill or resolution has been amended in either
1023 chamber, the committee shall include in its report its recommendation
1024 on the adoption or rejection of each amendment, and may submit
1025 additional amendments to be offered on the floor. In such a case there
1026 shall be no reprinting of the file. The entry on the calendar in both
1027 chambers shall indicate the actions and recommendations of the
1028 committee.

1029 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS - READINGS**

1030 16. First reading of all bills and resolutions shall be (1) by the
1031 acceptance by each chamber of a printed list of bills and resolutions,
1032 prepared by the clerks of the House and Senate, setting forth numbers,
1033 introducers, titles and committees to which referred, or (2) by title,
1034 number and reference to a committee.

1035 Second reading shall be the report of a committee.

1036 Third reading shall be passage or rejection of a bill or adoption or
1037 rejection of a resolution on the calendar. Each bill and each resolution
1038 proposing an amendment to the constitution shall receive three
1039 readings in each chamber prior to passage or adoption, and no bill or
1040 resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution shall be read
1041 twice on the same day.

1042 FAVORABLE REPORTS

1043 17. (a) *Committee Clerk's Signature.* When the House and Senate
1044 members of any committee jointly vote to report a committee or raised
1045 bill or resolution favorably, the committee clerk shall sign the
1046 committee report form.

1047 (b) *Resolutions on Appointments and Nominations.* A favorable
1048 report by a joint standing committee of a resolution concerning a
1049 General Assembly appointment or a nomination requiring joint
1050 confirmation and a favorable report of any committee to which
1051 executive and legislative nominations are referred shall be tabled for
1052 the calendar and printed by number and title only. The report may be
1053 accepted and the resolution adopted after it has appeared on the
1054 calendar for two days.

1055 (c) *File Copies Available to Members.* All bills and all resolutions
1056 proposing amendments to the constitution and other substantive
1057 resolutions reported favorably by the committees to which they have
1058 been referred, or by a majority of the members of the Senate or House
1059 committee making the report, before third reading, shall be laid upon
1060 the table, and sufficient copies of each bill or resolution together with
1061 the number of committee members voting yea and the number voting
1062 nay shall be printed under the supervision of the Legislative
1063 Commissioners' Office for the use of the General Assembly.

1064 (d) *Timing of Action by Chambers.* Each bill and each joint
1065 resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution and each other
1066 substantive resolution so printed shall be in the files and on the

1067 calendar with a file number for two session days and shall be starred
1068 for action on the session day next succeeding, except that: (1) A bill or
1069 resolution certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general
1070 statutes, if filed in the House, may be transmitted to and acted upon
1071 first by the Senate with the consent of the Speaker; and if filed in the
1072 Senate, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the House with
1073 the consent of the President Pro Tempore, (2) any bill or resolution
1074 certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes may be
1075 acted upon immediately and may be transmitted immediately to the
1076 second chamber and may be acted upon immediately when received
1077 by the second chamber, (3) if one chamber rejects an amendment
1078 adopted by the other chamber, the bill or resolution after final action
1079 may be transmitted immediately to and may be placed on the calendar
1080 immediately in the second chamber, (4) during the last five calendar
1081 days of the session, if one chamber rejects an amendment adopted by
1082 the other chamber or adopts an amendment to a bill or resolution
1083 received from the other chamber, or takes any action on such bill or
1084 resolution requiring further action by the other chamber, the bill or
1085 resolution after final action may be transmitted immediately to the
1086 second chamber and placed immediately on the calendar and may be
1087 acted upon immediately in the second chamber, or (5) during the last
1088 five calendar days of the session, any bill or resolution, after final
1089 action in one chamber, may be transmitted immediately to the second
1090 chamber and may be placed on the calendar immediately in the second
1091 chamber.

1092 (e) *Action on Calendar.* All bills and resolutions starred for action
1093 shall be acted upon only when reached and any bill or resolution not
1094 acted upon shall retain its place on the calendar, unless it is put at the
1095 foot of the calendar or unless its consideration is made the order of the
1096 day for some specified time.

1097 (f) *Other Provisions.* When the House or Senate members only of a
1098 committee vote to report a bill or resolution favorably, the House or
1099 Senate chairperson of the committee, as the case may be, shall sign the

1100 bill or resolution. When the House members and Senate members of a
1101 committee vote to report separate versions of a bill or resolution and
1102 each chamber adopts its own version, both bills or resolutions may be
1103 referred by a joint resolution to a committee of conference, appointed
1104 as provided in Rule 22, with instructions to report a bill or resolution,
1105 as the case may be. If no bill or resolution is reported within three
1106 session days following the committee's appointment, the committee
1107 shall submit an interim report to both chambers and shall continue to
1108 report every second session day thereafter until a final decision is
1109 reached. If a bill or resolution is agreed upon by the committee it shall
1110 be submitted to the Legislative Commissioners' Office as a favorable
1111 report for processing as provided in Rule 13. A legislative
1112 commissioner shall transmit the bill or resolution with his or her
1113 approval to the clerk of the chamber which initiated the joint
1114 resolution for a committee of conference and the bill or resolution shall
1115 thereupon be tabled for the calendar and printing. The report of the
1116 committee may be accepted or rejected, but the bill or resolution may
1117 not be amended.

1118 No bill or resolution shall appear on the calendar of either chamber
1119 unless it has received a joint favorable report or a favorable report of
1120 the members of the committee of that chamber, except as provided in
1121 this rule or in Rule 19 or 20.

1122 (g) *Roll Call Requirement.* Each bill and each resolution proposing
1123 an amendment to the constitution and each other substantive
1124 resolution appearing on the regular calendar shall be voted upon by a
1125 roll call vote.

1126 **REPRINTING AFTER AMENDMENT**

1127 18. Whenever a bill or resolution is substantively amended there
1128 shall be no action on passage of the bill or resolution until it has been
1129 re-examined by the legislative commissioners for the purposes set
1130 forth in Rule 13 and it has been reprinted as amended. The chamber in
1131 which the bill or resolution is pending shall not take final action

1132 thereon until the reprinted bill or resolution has been made available
1133 to the members. This rule shall not apply to amendments offered
1134 solely for the purposes of correcting clerical defects or imperfections,
1135 such as but not limited to, grammatical or spelling errors or mistakes
1136 as to form or dates, or to make other changes which do not alter the
1137 substance of a bill or resolution. Reprinting of amended bills or
1138 resolutions shall not be required for bills or resolutions passed after
1139 May 30, 2015, for the 2015 session and April 30, 2016, for the 2016
1140 session.

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PETITION FOR COMMITTEE REPORT

1142 19. Upon presentation to the clerk of either chamber of a petition
1143 signed in the original by not less than a majority of the members of
1144 either chamber requesting a joint standing committee to report a bill or
1145 resolution in its possession, the clerk shall immediately give notice to
1146 the committee of the filing of the petition. The petition may not be
1147 presented sooner than the day following the committee's deadline,
1148 designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15, to report the bill or
1149 resolution out of committee and not later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventh
1150 calendar day after that deadline. Within two regular session days
1151 thereafter the committee shall report the bill or resolution with or
1152 without its recommendations to the chamber from which the petition
1153 was received. If no recommendation is made, the bill or resolution
1154 shall be considered as having received an unfavorable report and the
1155 procedures in Rule 20 shall be followed. Each petition or page of the
1156 petition shall contain a statement of its purpose and may be circulated
1157 only by a member of the chamber whose clerk will receive the petition.
1158 If the committee members of one chamber vote to report a bill or
1159 resolution favorably, the petition so circulated and presented to the
1160 clerk may be signed only by the members of the other chamber.

1161 Any bill or resolution so petitioned, except those carrying or
1162 requiring appropriations, shall not be referred to any other committee
1163 without first having been voted upon by the House or Senate. Those

1164 carrying or requiring appropriations shall be referred first to the joint
1165 standing committee on Appropriations. The Appropriations committee
1166 shall, within two session days after such reference, report such bill or
1167 resolution back to the chamber in which the petition originated with
1168 either a favorable or unfavorable report thereon and the bill or
1169 resolution shall then be voted upon. In the event of a conflict between
1170 the report of the original committee and that of the Appropriations
1171 committee, the vote shall be on the report of the Appropriations
1172 committee.

1173 UNFAVORABLE REPORTS

1174 20. All bills and resolutions reported unfavorably shall first be
1175 printed under the supervision of the legislative commissioners,
1176 without correction and without their approval, and shall be in the files
1177 and on the calendar as if favorably reported but shall appear on the
1178 calendar under the heading "Unfavorable Reports." If the unfavorable
1179 report is rejected by the chamber of origin, the bill or resolution shall
1180 be returned to the legislative commissioners for their approval and
1181 reprinting in final form, except that in the case of an unfavorable
1182 report of the committee on executive and legislative nominations, or an
1183 unfavorable report of the committee on judiciary of a judicial
1184 nomination, a nomination of a workers' compensation commissioner
1185 or a nomination of a member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the
1186 resolution shall not be returned to the legislative commissioners and
1187 may be acted upon immediately. If the bill or resolution is returned to
1188 the legislative commissioners after May 20, 2015, in the 2015 session or
1189 April 20, 2016, in the 2016 session, the legislative commissioners shall
1190 transmit the bill or resolution, with or without approval, to the clerk of
1191 the chamber from which it was received, not later than five calendar
1192 days after it is received. It shall then be in the files, with special
1193 marking on the calendar, as if favorably reported with a file number
1194 for two session days and starred for action on the session day next
1195 succeeding in the chamber of origin. If the unfavorable report is
1196 accepted by the chamber of origin, the bill or resolution shall be lost.

1197 When an unfavorable report is rejected by the first chamber and the
1198 bill is passed or the resolution adopted by that chamber, it shall then
1199 be in the files and on the calendar of the other chamber, but shall
1200 appear on the calendar under the heading "Unfavorable Reports".

1201 RECALL FROM OTHER CHAMBER FOR RECONSIDERATION

1202 21. No resolution or motion to recall a bill, resolution or other
1203 matter from the other chamber shall be allowed for the purpose of
1204 reconsideration or amendment after the time has elapsed for the
1205 reconsideration of any vote thereon except when there has clearly been
1206 a mistake in such vote or an error in the language of the bill, resolution
1207 or other matter.

1208 COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

1209 22. (a) *Appointment of Committee.* When one chamber rejects an
1210 amendment adopted by the other chamber, the bill or resolution shall
1211 be returned to the other chamber for further action. If that chamber
1212 readopts the rejected amendment, the readoption constitutes a matter
1213 for a committee of conference, and a committee of conference shall be
1214 appointed by the Speaker and the President Pro Tempore. The
1215 committee of conference shall be comprised of three members from
1216 each chamber. If the vote has not been unanimous there shall be at
1217 least one member of the committee who was not on the prevailing side
1218 in such member's chamber, except that in all cases, at least one member
1219 in each chamber shall be a member of the minority party.

1220 (b) *Committee Reports.* The committee may propose any changes
1221 within the scope of the bill or resolution, but any action, including
1222 changes, taken by the committee shall be by a majority vote of the
1223 members of each chamber on the committee. The committee report
1224 shall be made to both chambers at the same time. The committee
1225 report shall contain the following information: The bill or resolution
1226 number and title, the members of the committee, the action of the
1227 committee, indicating the adoption or rejection of each House or

1228 Senate amendment previously adopted, identified by schedule letter,
1229 which accompanied the bill or resolution, the adoption of a new
1230 amendment, if any, and the signature of the members of the committee
1231 accepting or rejecting the report. A member's refusal to sign shall be
1232 deemed a rejection. Any new amendment shall be prepared by the
1233 Legislative Commissioners' Office and shall be attached to and made a
1234 part of the report and shall be identified by a schedule letter of the
1235 chamber which created the disagreeing action.

1236 (c) *Action by Chambers.* Each chamber shall vote to accept or reject
1237 the report. A vote by either chamber to accept the report of the
1238 committee shall be final action by that chamber on the bill or
1239 resolution. If both chambers vote to accept the report of the committee,
1240 the bill is passed or the resolution is adopted as of the time the last
1241 chamber votes to accept the report. If either chamber rejects the report
1242 of the committee, the bill or resolution is defeated and the second
1243 chamber shall not be required to consider the committee report. The
1244 report of the committee may be accepted or rejected, but it may not be
1245 amended.

1246 RETURN OF BILL FROM GOVERNOR OR LEGISLATIVE
1247 COMMISSIONERS

1248 23. Whenever a bill has passed both chambers and has been
1249 transmitted to the Governor for approval, or to the legislative
1250 commissioners for engrossing, if either chamber desires its return for
1251 further consideration, the General Assembly may, by resolution
1252 adopted by both chambers, appoint a joint committee of one senator
1253 and two representatives to be sent to the Governor or the
1254 commissioners to request the return of the bill. In the case of a bill
1255 transmitted to the Governor, if the Governor consents, and in the case
1256 of a bill transmitted to the legislative commissioners, the bill shall be
1257 returned first to that chamber in which the motion for its return
1258 originated, and the bill may then be altered or totally rejected by a
1259 concurrent vote of the two chambers; but, if not altered or rejected by

1260 concurrent vote, it shall be again transmitted to the Governor or the
1261 legislative commissioners, as the case may be, in the same form in
1262 which it was first presented to the Governor or the legislative
1263 commissioners.

1264 EXAMINATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

1265 24. (a) *Examination and Correction.* All bills, and all resolutions
1266 proposing amendments to the constitution, when finally passed or
1267 adopted, shall be examined immediately by the legislative
1268 commissioners. If the legislative commissioners find that any
1269 correction should be made in the text, they shall report it to the
1270 committee on legislative management. If the committee believes that
1271 no correction should be made, it shall so inform the legislative
1272 commissioners. If the committee believes a correction should be made,
1273 it shall so inform the legislative commissioners who shall report the
1274 bill or resolution to the chamber which last took action upon it, with
1275 the proposed correction in the form of an amendment, within five
1276 calendar days, Sundays and holidays excepted, after its passage or
1277 adoption.

1278 (b) *Consideration of Proposed Correction.* The report shall be
1279 placed at the head of the calendar, and shall take precedence of all
1280 other business on the calendar; and the only question on the report
1281 shall be, "Shall the proposed amendment be adopted?" If the proposed
1282 amendment is adopted by both chambers, the bill or resolution shall
1283 stand as amended. If the proposed amendment is rejected by either
1284 chamber, the bill or resolution shall not be transmitted to the other
1285 chamber, but shall stand as originally passed or adopted. If, in the
1286 consequence of the adjournment of the General Assembly subject to
1287 reconvening for the consideration of vetoed bills or for any other
1288 reason, any bill or resolution which has been passed or adopted by
1289 both chambers fails to be amended as recommended by the
1290 commissioners, the bill or resolution shall stand as originally passed or
1291 adopted.

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ENGROSSING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

1293 25. All bills, all resolutions proposing amendments to the
1294 constitution and all resolutions memorializing Congress when finally
1295 passed or adopted shall be engrossed under the direction of the
1296 legislative commissioners, and immediately thereafter shall be
1297 transmitted to the clerks. The legislative commissioners shall carefully
1298 compare all engrossed bills and resolutions with the bills and
1299 resolutions as finally passed or adopted, and a commissioner shall
1300 certify by his or her signature to the correctness of the engrossed
1301 copies. As soon as engrossed and certified, as herein provided, the bill
1302 or resolution and amendment shall be presented to the House and
1303 Senate clerks, who shall sign the engrossed and certified copies.

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TRANSMITTAL TO GOVERNOR

1305 26. (a) *Transmittal of Copy*. On the passage of a bill by both
1306 chambers, the clerk of the chamber last taking action thereon shall
1307 forthwith cause a copy to be sent to the Governor.

1308 (b) *Engrossed Bills and Resolutions*. Each bill and resolution, with
1309 the engrossed copy, shall be transmitted by the clerks of the House and
1310 Senate to the Secretary of the State as soon as it has been signed, as
1311 herein provided, and not later than the twelfth day after the expiration
1312 of the time allowed for reconsideration under the rules of the General
1313 Assembly, Sundays and legal holidays excepted; and the Secretary of
1314 the State shall forthwith present the engrossed copy of each bill to the
1315 Governor for approval.

1316 (c) *Records of Transmittal*. The Secretary of the State shall give the
1317 clerks a receipt for each bill or resolution, and shall notify them of the
1318 date and time at which each bill was presented to the Governor. The
1319 Secretary of the State shall give the Governor a receipt showing the
1320 date and time at which the Governor approved it or returned it to the
1321 Secretary of the State with a statement of his or her objections and shall
1322 notify the clerks of the dates and times. The clerks shall record the

1323 dates and times of presentation and approval or return in the journals
1324 of the House and Senate.

1325 (d) *Immediate Transmittal*. The chamber last taking action on a bill,
1326 before engrossing, may order immediate transmittal of the bill to the
1327 Governor, in which case the clerk of that chamber shall forthwith
1328 present the bill to the Governor, taking a duplicate receipt therefor
1329 showing the date and time at which the bill was deposited in the
1330 executive office, one of which receipts the clerk shall deliver to the
1331 Secretary of the State. Except as provided in this subsection, a bill shall
1332 be transmitted to the Governor only after engrossing.

1333 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS NOT REPORTED**

1334 27. The official copies of all bills and joint resolutions not reported
1335 by committees shall be delivered to the Secretary of the State by the
1336 clerk of the committee.

1337 **DISTURBANCES**

1338 28. If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity
1339 in or about the State Capitol or the Legislative Office Building or the
1340 grounds thereof which, in the opinion of the President Pro Tempore
1341 and the Speaker, may impede the orderly transaction of the business of
1342 the General Assembly or any of its committees, they may take
1343 whatever action they deem necessary to preserve and restore order.

1344 **AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF RULES**

1345 29. These rules shall not be altered, amended or suspended except
1346 by the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present in each
1347 chamber.

1348 Motions to suspend the rules shall be in order on any session day.

1349 Suspension of the rules shall be for a specified purpose. Upon
1350 accomplishment of that purpose, any rule suspended shall be again in

1351 force.

1352 RESTRICTIONS

1353 30. (a) *Smoking*. No person shall smoke in the State Capitol or
1354 Legislative Office Building.

1355 (b) *Nonpartisan Offices*. Lobbyists shall be prohibited from the
1356 Legislative Commissioners' Office, the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the
1357 Office of Legislative Research but not from the legislative library.

1358 (c) *Wireless Telephones*. No person shall operate a wireless
1359 telephone or similar device in the senate chamber while the senate is
1360 meeting, in the house chamber while the house is meeting, or in any
1361 room while a committee is meeting or holding a public hearing in that
1362 room.

1363 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

1364 31. When a collective bargaining agreement, negotiated under the
1365 provisions of chapter 68 of the general statutes, or a supplemental
1366 understanding reached between the parties to such agreement, or an
1367 arbitration award resulting from an arbitration proceeding under that
1368 chapter, is submitted to the General Assembly for approval as
1369 provided in section 5-278 of the general statutes, the following
1370 procedures shall apply:

1371 (1) In the case of a collective bargaining agreement or supplemental
1372 understanding, the bargaining representative of the employer shall file
1373 one executed original and five photocopies of the agreement, or of the
1374 master agreement and individual working agreements or the
1375 supplemental understanding, to the clerk of the House, and one
1376 executed original and five photocopies to the clerk of the Senate. In the
1377 case of an arbitration award, the bargaining representative of the
1378 employer shall file five photocopies of the original arbitration award,
1379 showing that the original award was signed by the arbitrator, and a
1380 statement setting forth the amount of funds necessary to implement

1381 the award, to the clerk of the House and to the clerk of the Senate. The
1382 bargaining representative of the employer shall file with such
1383 agreement, supplemental understanding or award: (A) A list of the
1384 sections of the general statutes or state agency regulations, if any,
1385 proposed to be superseded, and (B) the effective date and expiration
1386 date of the agreement, supplemental understanding or award. An
1387 agreement shall be deemed executed only when it has been approved,
1388 in the case of an executive branch employer, including the division of
1389 criminal justice, by the Governor's designee, in the case of a judicial
1390 branch employer, by the chief administrative officer or such officer's
1391 designee, and in the case of a segment of the system of higher
1392 education, the chairperson of the appropriate board of trustees, and by
1393 the executive committee or officers of the respective bargaining unit or
1394 units and has been ratified by the membership of such bargaining unit
1395 or units.

1396 (2) (A) During periods when the General Assembly is in session, the
1397 agreement or supplemental understanding or the award shall be filed
1398 with the clerks, and the clerks shall stamp such agreement or
1399 supplemental understanding or award with the date of receipt and,
1400 within two calendar days thereafter, the Speaker of the House and the
1401 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall cause separate House and
1402 Senate resolutions to be prepared proposing approval of the agreement
1403 or supplemental understanding or, in the case of an award, separate
1404 House and Senate resolutions concerning the sufficiency of funds for
1405 implementation of the award. The agreement or supplemental
1406 understanding or the award shall be submitted to the General
1407 Assembly on the date that both such resolutions are filed with the
1408 clerks. Each resolution shall be given a first reading in the appropriate
1409 chamber. Resolutions proposing approval of a collective bargaining
1410 agreement or a supplemental understanding, together with a copy of
1411 the agreement or supplemental understanding, and resolutions
1412 concerning the sufficiency of funds for implementation of an
1413 arbitration award, together with a copy of the award, shall be referred
1414 to the committee on Appropriations. With respect to each resolution

1415 referred to the committee on or before the deadline of the committee to
1416 report favorably on a bill or resolution as designated in the schedule
1417 shown in Rule 15, the committee shall hold a public hearing on each
1418 such resolution, and within fifteen days after the referral, shall report
1419 the appropriate resolutions approving or disapproving the agreement
1420 or supplemental understanding or concerning the sufficiency of funds
1421 for implementation of the award to the House and the Senate,
1422 notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15. If the Appropriations
1423 committee fails to take action within the time period set forth in this
1424 rule, the agreement or supplemental understanding shall nevertheless
1425 be deemed approved or, in the case of an award, the sufficiency of
1426 funds affirmed and the resolutions shall be reported to the House and
1427 the Senate as favorable reports.

1428 (B) If an agreement or supplemental understanding is reached or an
1429 arbitration award is made during the interim between sessions, the
1430 provisions of subsection (b) of section 5-278 of the general statutes, as
1431 amended, shall apply.

1432 (3) Each resolution, favorably or unfavorably reported, shall be read
1433 in, and tabled for the calendar and printing, in the appropriate
1434 chamber. Copies of the master agreement and individual working
1435 agreements, identified by the resolution numbers, copies of the salary
1436 schedules and appendices, and copies of the arbitration awards,
1437 identified by the resolution numbers, and the statements setting forth
1438 the amount of funds necessary to implement the awards, shall be made
1439 available in the clerks' offices.

1440 (4) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall prepare an analysis of each
1441 agreement, supplemental understanding and award and a fiscal note
1442 both of which shall be upon the desks of the members, but not
1443 necessarily printed in the files, before the resolution is acted upon.

1444 (5) The respective resolutions shall be in the files and on the
1445 calendar with a file number for two session days and shall be starred
1446 for action on the session day next succeeding unless it has been

1447 certified in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes. The
1448 House and the Senate shall vote to approve or reject each resolution
1449 proposing approval of a collective bargaining agreement or a
1450 supplemental understanding and each resolution concerning the
1451 sufficiency of funds for implementation of an arbitration award within
1452 thirty days after the date of the filing of the agreement, supplemental
1453 understanding or award with the clerks of the House and Senate.

1454 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15, when a resolution
1455 proposing approval of a collective bargaining agreement or a
1456 supplemental understanding or a resolution concerning the sufficiency
1457 of funds for implementation of an arbitration award is referred to the
1458 committee on Appropriations after the deadline of the committee to
1459 report favorably on a bill or resolution as designated in the schedule
1460 shown in Rule 15, but was filed more than thirty days before the end of
1461 a regular session, the committee may act on such resolutions provided
1462 it reports such resolutions to the House and Senate not later than
1463 twelve days after such referral.

1464 (7) If the General Assembly is in regular session when an award,
1465 agreement or supplemental understanding is filed with the clerks, it
1466 may vote to approve or reject such award, agreement or supplemental
1467 understanding within thirty days after the date of filing. If the General
1468 Assembly does not vote to approve or reject such award, agreement or
1469 supplemental understanding within such thirty days, the award,
1470 agreement or supplemental understanding shall be deemed approved.
1471 If the regular session adjourns prior to such thirtieth day and the
1472 award, agreement or supplemental understanding has not been acted
1473 upon, the award, agreement or supplemental understanding shall be
1474 deemed to be filed on the first day of the next regular session.

1475 AGREEMENTS OR STIPULATIONS UNDER SECTION 3-125a

1476 32. When an agreement or stipulation is submitted to the General
1477 Assembly as provided in section 3-125a of the general statutes, the
1478 following procedures shall apply:

1479 (1) Six copies of the agreement or stipulation shall be submitted to
1480 the clerk of the House, and six copies to the clerk of the Senate.

1481 (2) (A) During periods when the General Assembly is in session, the
1482 agreement or stipulation shall be stamped by the clerks with the date
1483 of receipt and, within two calendar days thereafter, Saturdays,
1484 Sundays and holidays excepted, the Speaker of the House and the
1485 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall cause separate House and
1486 Senate resolutions to be prepared proposing approval of the agreement
1487 or stipulation. Each resolution shall be given a first reading in the
1488 appropriate chamber. The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker
1489 shall designate the committees of cognizance and the committees, if
1490 any, that will hold a public hearing on each agreement or stipulation.
1491 Each resolution, accompanied by the agreement or stipulation, shall be
1492 referred to the committees of cognizance, which shall report thereon.

1493 (B) If an agreement or stipulation is submitted during the interim
1494 between regular sessions, it shall be deemed to be submitted on the
1495 first day of the next regular session.

1496 (3) Each resolution, favorably or unfavorably reported, shall be read
1497 in, and tabled for the calendar and printing, in the appropriate
1498 chamber.

1499 (4) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall prepare an analysis of each
1500 agreement or stipulation and a fiscal note both of which shall be upon
1501 the desks of the members, but not necessarily printed in the files,
1502 before the resolution is acted upon.

1503 (5) The resolution shall be in the files and on the calendar with a file
1504 number for two session days and shall be starred for action on the
1505 session day next succeeding unless it has been certified in accordance
1506 with section 2-26 of the general statutes. The House and the Senate
1507 may vote to approve or reject each resolution within thirty days of the
1508 date of submittal of the agreement or stipulation.

1509 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15, when an agreement
1510 or stipulation is referred to a committee of cognizance after the
1511 deadline of the committee to report favorably on a bill or resolution as
1512 designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15, but not later than the
1513 time of submission specified in subdivision (7) of this rule, the
1514 committee may act on such resolution provided it reports such
1515 resolution not later than twelve days after such referral.

1516 (7) Any agreement or stipulation submitted to the clerks within
1517 thirty days before the end of a regular session and not acted upon
1518 dispositively before the end of such session shall be deemed to be
1519 submitted on the first day of the next regular session.

1520 **SPECIAL SESSIONS**

1521 33. A majority of the total membership of each chamber shall be
1522 required for the calling of a special session by the General Assembly.

1523 **INTERIM**

1524 34. (a) *Meetings*. During the interim between sessions, chairpersons
1525 of a committee may schedule meetings on any day. Notice of the date,
1526 time and place of committee meetings shall be given to the Office of
1527 Legislative Management.

1528 (b) *Public Hearings*. A committee may hold subject matter public
1529 hearings on any subject and on specified proposed bills and proposed
1530 resolutions, and on committee and raised bills and resolutions. Notice
1531 of any public hearing shall be given, not later than ten calendar days
1532 before the hearing, to the Office of Legislative Management for
1533 appropriate publication by that office at least five calendar days in
1534 advance of the hearing. The notice shall contain the date, time, place
1535 and general subject matter of the hearing and the title of the bills or
1536 resolutions, if any, to be considered. In no event shall a bill or
1537 resolution be listed for a public hearing unless the committee holding
1538 the public hearing has copies available for the public. For the purpose

1539 of meeting the hearing requirements under this rule, the day of
1540 publication by the Office of Legislative Management and the day of the
1541 hearing shall both be counted as full days.

1542 (c) *Raised Bills - Hearing During Session Required.* During the
1543 interim between the 2015 and 2016 sessions, a committee may, on or
1544 after October 1, 2015, raise bills and resolutions for public hearing and
1545 consideration during such interim, but no such bill or resolution shall
1546 be reported by any committee unless a public hearing has been held
1547 during the 2016 session, as provided in Rule 6.

1548 **SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY**

1549 35. The sexual harassment policy set forth in section 2.2 of the
1550 Connecticut General Assembly Employee Handbook, as amended
1551 from time to time, is incorporated by reference in these rules.