

Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

1. "Reproductive Health"

SB1108 requires colleges to establish a plan, ensuring "reproductive health care services" for students. This includes all services relating to the human reproductive system, including services relating to pregnancy, contraception, or pregnancy termination, and treatment of "gender dysphoria."

The Connecticut State House of Representatives passed SB1108 on June 1, 2023 by a vote of 114 to 34. We have assigned pluses to the nays because health care of any kind is not the role of higher education, especially publicly funded higher education. Taxpayers should not front the bill for student contraception, "gender dysphoria" and abortion services. The right to life is fundamental, God-given, and protected by the U.S. Constitution.

2. Redefining "Sexual Orientation"

HB6638 defines "sexual orientation" to mean a person's "identity" in relation to the gender or genders to which they are romantically, emotionally, or sexually attracted, and adds "age" as a protected class.

The Connecticut State House of Representatives passed HB6638 on May 9, 2023 by a vote of 132 to 17. We have assigned pluses to the nays because Marxists and Leftists are pushing their woke agenda — claiming that one can choose his or her own gender and pronouns, and then force society to affirm them. This bill also potentially opens the door to extending protections to pedophiles, and violates free-market principles by regulating whom businesses are required to consider for hiring.

3. Embracing Digital Currency

HB6752 empowers the Banking Commissioner to regulate digital asset business practices and sets forth requirements for virtual currency kiosk owners/operators to enhance transparency and consumer protection.

The Connecticut State House of Representatives passed HB6752 on May 4, 2023 by a vote of 129 to 14. We have assigned pluses to the nays because embracing digital currency is a slippery slope. Digital currency has nothing of value to back it up, making it unstable and dangerous. While this bill seeks to protect consumers, Connecticut should push to ban digital currency. The government should not be getting involved in digital currency, rather, they should embrace the gold standard and real money. The U.S. Constitution states that only the U.S. Congress has the power to "coin money."

4. Green Energy

SB1147 enhances the environmental and public health considerations made under the state's environmental justice statute and provide the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Connecticut Siting Council with the ability to deny permits based on "disproportionate" adverse impacts on "environmental justice communities."

The Connecticut State House of Representatives passed SB1147 on June 7, 2023 by a vote of 109 to 41. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this legislation creates more government interference in the free market economy and advances the Marxist climate change agenda. Businesses should have the freedom to conduct business without the government meddling in their affairs.

5. State Student Loan Grant

HB6901 establishes a pilot program to reimburse certain professionals for student loan payments. The bill requires the Office of Higher Education to determine eligibility and award grant payments. Each participant in the grant program is eligible to receive up to \$5,000 annually and no more than \$20,000, over four years of participation in the program.

The Connecticut State House of Representatives passed HB6901 on June 1, 2023 by a vote of 114 to 33. We have assigned pluses to the nays because taxpayers should not bear the burden of repaying student loans; rather, students who take out these loans should be responsible for repayment. Bills like this bloat budgets, interfere in the free market, expand government, and remove personal responsibility. Additionally, government should not be picking winners and losers.

6. Medicaid Expansion

HB6587 provides Medicaid coverage, to the extent permissible under federal law, for diapers.

The Connecticut State House of Representatives passed HB6587 on May 3, 2023 by a vote of 129 to 16. We have assigned pluses to the nays because neither healthcare nor social welfare is the legitimate object of government. Medicaid, like other so-called 'entitlement programs,' not only causes more debt, poverty, and government dependency in the United States, but continues the anti-constitutional and discriminatory act of income-based taxpayer theft, which deprives hardworking American citizens of their right to the wages they have earned. The Bill of Rights and 14th Amendment were intended to safeguard against undue disparagements of a person's "property" and provide "equal protection of the laws" for all Americans.