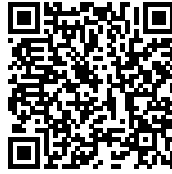




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This legislator voted constitutionally on **0%** of the votes shown below.

### CPH: Estimated cost per household.

★ Pro-liberty    ✗ Anti-liberty    ? Did not Vote    CPH    Vote

**1. SB171 Birth Control (Passed 36 to 0 on 5/26/2023).** Allows pharmacists to prescribe birth control medication over the counter. **Yes** ✗

**2. HB6638 Defining "Sexual Orientation" (Passed 32 to 4 on 6/7/2023).** Redefines "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. **Yes** ✗

**3. SB1108 "Reproductive Health" (Passed 34 to 2 on 5/25/2023).** Requires public higher education boards to establish a plan, ensuring "reproductive health care services" for residential campus students. **Yes** ✗

**4. HB6752 Embracing Digital Currency (Passed 24 to 12 on 6/5/2023).** Empowers the Banking Commissioner to regulate digital asset business practices, defines key terms like "virtual currency address," "virtual currency kiosk," and "virtual currency wallet," and sets forth requirements for virtual currency kiosk owners/operators to enhance transparency and consumer protection. **Yes** ✗

**5. SB1147 Green Energy (Passed 34 to 2 on 6/2/2023).** 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 certain permits. **Yes** ✗

**6. SB977 Government Healthcare Expansion (Passed 30 to 5 on 5/16/2023).** Requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner to cover bariatric surgery and specified medical services for Medicaid and HUSKY B beneficiaries with obesity under certain **Yes** ✗



## CONNECTICUT LEGISLATIVE **SCORECARD** BASED ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

**Sen. Herron Gaston**

**Lifetime Score: 0%**

**CT Scorecard 2023**

**2023 Regular Session Score 0%**

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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# Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

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## 1. Birth Control

SB171 allows pharmacists to prescribe birth control medication over the counter.

The Connecticut State Senate passed SB171 on May 26, 2023 by a vote of 36 to 0. We have assigned pluses to the nays because hormonal birth control drugs, particularly 'morning-after' pills, can and do prevent uterine implantation of developing pre-born children, causing them to function not only as "contraceptives," but also as abortifacients, thereby resulting in 'silent abortions.' Connecticut should act to forbid all methods of abortion and secure the right to life for every pre-born child. The right to life is the most fundamental, God-given, and unalienable right asserted in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the U.S. Constitution.

## 2. Redefining "Sexual Orientation"

HB6638 redefines "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 Senate passed HB6638 on June 7, 2023 by a vote of 32 to 4. 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. "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 Senate passed SB1108 on May 25, 2023 by a vote of 34 to 2. 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 5th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

## 4. 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 Senate passed HB6752 on June 5, 2023 by a vote of 24 to 12. 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. 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."

## 5. 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 Senate passed SB1147 on June 2, 2023 by a vote of 34 to 2. 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.

## 6. Government Healthcare Expansion

SB977 requires the DSS to cover bariatric surgery and specified medical services for Medicaid and HUSKY B beneficiaries with obesity. Under the act, these medical services include FDA-approved prescription drugs for outpatient treatment of obesity and nutritional counseling.

The Connecticut State Senate passed SB977 on May 16, 2023 by a vote of 30 to 5. We have assigned pluses to the nays because neither healthcare nor social welfare is the legitimate object of government. Healthcare "entitlement programs" not only causes more debt, poverty, and government dependency in the United States, but continue 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.