



2013 Legislative Update

This update summarizes legislation passed this year that impacts CCIC member institutions as well as highlights other relevant actions taken during the 2013 legislative session. The regular legislative session ended on June 5, 2013.

Key Legislation that Passed

Impacting Connecticut Independent Colleges and Universities

Public Act 13-118: AN ACT CONCERNING CHANGES TO PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND DATA SHARED BY INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- Modifies the academic program approval process for independent higher education institutions, which is administered by the Office of Higher Education (OHE), as follows:
 - With certain exceptions, it deems applications for (1) a program modification that meets all such academic standards, (2) a nonsubstantive change, (3) licensure, or (4) accreditation approved if OHE does not require any further action from the applicant within 45 days after receiving the application.
 - If the OHE determines that further review of an application is needed due at least in part to the applicant offering instruction in a new program of higher learning or new degree level, then the OHE shall conduct a focused or on-site review. A focused review" means a review by an out-of-state curriculum expert; and "on-site review" means a full team evaluation by the office at the institution of higher education.
 - The OHE may require a focused or on-site review of any program application in a health-related field where a license in Connecticut is required to practice in such field.
 - A complete application for licensure of a new institution in this state shall be subject to an on-site review. Such process shall be completed not later than nine months from the date said office receives the application.
 - If the OHE denies an application for licensure or accreditation of a program or institution of higher education, the applicant may appeal the denial not later than ten days from the date of denial.
 - Establishes an Academic Review Commission to be convened on an as needed basis to review such appeals. The Commission is required to make a decision on such appeal not later than thirty days from the date the applicant submits the appeal to said office.
 - Eliminates 1) the advisory council on accreditation (ACA) and (2) the role that the State Board of Education plays in the program approval process. OHE is the final approving authority.
 - Authorizes OHE to deem accredited any program for which evidence of programmatic accreditation is presented.
- Eliminates a requirement that the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) approve UConn's new and modified degree programs, thus making the UConn Board of Trustees the final approving authority for these programs. The bill requires both UConn and BOR to notify OHE of their new and modified degree programs (§§ 4-6).

- Exempts from liability any independent higher education institution that provides to certain entities, upon request, student data or records containing information that is confidential under federal or state law. (§23)

Public Act 13-184: AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

- Makes general fund appropriations to state agencies for the 2014 and 2015 fiscal years. Funding for line items impacting the independent colleges are as follows:

Line Item	FY 13 (current)	FY 14	FY 15
Governor's Scholarship	\$44,979,125*	\$42,011,398	\$43,623,498
CICS Grant	\$15,958,315	\$15,964,331**	\$15,704,459***
Reimbursements to Towns for Private Tax-Exempt Property (PILOT)	\$115,431,737	\$115,431,737	\$115,431,737

* Combined state allocation for student financial aid programs in FY 13, after the December 2013 rescissions.

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Public Act 13-247: AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

- Implements the biennium budget (**P.A. 13-184**) provisions relating to higher education, education, and more.
- Establishes the Governor's Scholarship program as a single, consolidated state financial aid program administered by the Office of Higher Education (OHE) for Connecticut residents who are undergraduates at in-state public and private higher education institutions, as follows: (§182)
 - Limits eligibility for the Governor's Scholarship to Connecticut residents enrolled in at least six semester credit hours and pursuing their first associate or bachelor degree.
 - Defines "**Eligible educational costs**" as the tuition and required fees for an individual student that are published by each institution of higher education participating plus a fixed amount for required books and educational supplies as determined by the OHE.
 - Establishes four award categories: a (1) need and merit-based award, (2) need-based award, (3) performance incentive pool, and (4) Charter Oak Grant.
 - **Need and merit-based award:**
 - Shall be funded at not less than 20% of available appropriations.
 - Available to any CT resident who is a full-time or part-time undergraduate student at any public or independent institution of higher education beginning in FY 14.
 - Eligibility determined by OHE based on a.) financial need, based on estimated family contribution (as determined by the FAFSA) and b.) merit, based on either previous high school academic achievement or performance on standardized academic aptitude tests.
 - Awards made by OHE according to a sliding scale, annually determined by OHE, up to a maximum family contribution and based on available appropriations and eligible students.
 - Grant awards shall be in an amount greater than the need-based grant.
 - Recipients of the need and merit-based grant shall not be eligible to receive an additional need-based award.
 - The accepting institution of higher education shall disburse sums awarded under such grant for payment of the student's eligible educational costs.

- ***Need-based award:***
 - Shall be funded at up to 80% of available appropriations.
 - Shall be available to any CT resident who is a full-time or part-time undergraduate student at any public or independent institution of higher education beginning in FY14.
 - OHE shall set an eligibility requirement based on expected family contribution.
 - The allocation to each institution of higher education shall be determined by its actual eligible enrollment based on family contribution during the fiscal year one year prior to the grant year.
 - Participating institutions of higher education shall make awards according to a sliding scale, annually determined by the OHE, up to a maximum family contribution and based on available appropriations and the number of eligible students.
 - Participating institution of higher education shall expend all of the moneys received under the Governor's Scholarship program as direct financial assistance only for eligible educational costs based on the sliding scale determined by the Office of Higher Education and the maximum award amounts set by said office.

- ***Performance Incentive pool:***
 - Shall be funded at not less than 2.5% of available appropriations.
 - Shall be created to encourage retention and completion for any student who (1) receives the Governor's Scholarship need-based grant, (2) returns with sufficient credits to complete such student's associate degree in two years or bachelor degree in four years, and (3) exceeds the minimum satisfactory academic performance standards as determined by the Office of Higher Education. Such student shall be eligible beginning in the second year of such student's need-based grant.
 - The pool shall be distributed to participating institutions of higher education based on eligibility as determined by the Office of Higher Education.
- Requires participating institutions of higher education to:
 - Provide OHE with data on all Connecticut students who applied for financial aid, including, but not limited to, students receiving a Governor's Scholarship grant, in a form and at a time determined by said office. Failure to provide such data as directed will disqualify the institution from participating in the scholarship program in the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which such institution failed to submit such information.
 - Maintain, for a period of not less than three years, records substantiating the reported number of Connecticut students and documentation utilized by the institution of higher education in determining eligibility of the student grant recipients. Such records shall be subject to audit.
 - Return any funds not obligated to OHE for reallocation by February 15th in the fiscal year the grant was made.
 - Designate the award as a grant from the Governor's Scholarship program.
 - Submit the results of an audit done by an independent certified public accountant for each year of participation in the program, commencing in FY 15.
- Requires OHE to develop and utilize fiscal procedures designed to ensure accountability of the public funds expended, including conducting compliance audits on any institution of higher education that participates in the program.

- **Note:** Any award made to a student in the fiscal year ending FY 13, under the capitol scholarship grant program or the CICS grant program shall be offered under the Governor's Scholarship program and be renewable for the life of the original award, provided such student meets and continues to meet the need and academic standards established for purposes of the program under which such student received the original award.

Impacting Higher Education Generally

Public Act 13-3: AN ACT CONCERNING GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND CHILDREN'S SAFETY

- Requires campuses to review the security protocol plan with each of its chiefs of police or heads of campus security to determine whether such plan adequately addresses campus security concerns or requires revisions. In the event that revisions are required, the institutions making revisions shall submit a revised security protocol plan to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection not later than August first of the year in which revisions are deemed necessary.
- Requires, not later than January 1, 2014, each constituent unit and independent institution of higher education to establish a trained threat assessment team for each of its campuses.

Public Act 13-68: AN ACT EXEMPTING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT OFFER FREE COURSES TO INMATES FROM STATE CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS

- Specifies that a higher education institution that enters into an agreement with the Department of Correction (DOC) for the institution's employees or agents to teach for-credit courses to inmates at no charge to DOC or the inmates is not considered a state contractor for the purposes of the agreement. Therefore, the institution does not have to, among other things, (1) file a representation and documentation that it complies with state anti-discrimination laws; (2) permit the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) access to pertinent books, records, and accounts on its employment practices and procedures; or (3) file compliance and employment reports with CHRO.

Public Act 13-95: AN ACT REQUIRING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH UNIFORM FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION.

- Requires institutions of higher education to provide **uniform financial aid information** to each admitted prospective student using the federal shopping sheet developed by the U.S. Department of Education and the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, beginning July 1, 2014.

Public Act 13-108: AN ACT UNLEASHING INNOVATION IN CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS

- Permits an additional, non-traditional method for high school students to earn academic credits towards graduation by demonstrating mastery based on competency and performance standards, in accordance with guidelines adopted by SBE. By law, a student may already earn non-traditional credit by completing coursework (1) at a Connecticut public institution of higher education or (2) online, in accordance with local or regional board of education policy. (§1)

Public Act 13-121: AN ACT CONCERNING ADULT EDUCATION AND TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

- Allows adult education programs to offer college preparatory classes for adults who (1) have either a high school diploma or its equivalent and (2) require post-high school developmental education, in order to help them directly enroll at a higher education institution after completing the program.

Public Act 13-184: AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUE FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

- Transfer \$500,000 from the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund (THTF) to UConn Health Center in FY 14 and FY 15 for the CT Health Information Network. (§19)

- Allows \$250,000 of UConn funding in FY 14 and FY 15 to be used for the CT Center for Advanced Technology. (§31)
- Specifies that up to \$150,000 within the Board of Regents for Higher Education in FY 14 and FY 15 shall be made available for the Institute of Municipal and Regional Policy for purposes of assisting in the development of the Connecticut specific model within the Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative. (§42)
- Eliminates a statutory transfer of \$10 million from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Stem Cell Research Fund in FY 14 and FY 15, which results in a \$10 million increase in GF revenue in each of FY 14 and FY 15. (§71) The money for the Stem Cell Research Fund is made up through a \$10 million bond obligation.

Public Act 13-208: AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES

- Extends, from October 1, 2012 to October 1, 2015, the date by which the DPH commissioner may issue a master social work license without examination. To receive such a license, an applicant must satisfactorily demonstrate that on or before October 1, 2013, instead of October 1, 2010 as under current law, he or she (1) held a master's degree from a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or (2) if educated outside of the U. S. or its territories, completed a program the council deemed equivalent. (§10)
- Requires that post-graduate clinical training programs for marital and family therapists be (1) accredited by COAMFTE and (2) offered by a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Current law requires that the training programs must be approved by COAMFTE and recognized by the U. S. Department of Education. (§71)

Public Act 13-233: AN ACT CONCERNING NEXT GENERATION CONNECTICUT

- Authorizes \$1.55 billion in new bonds for "Next Generation Connecticut," a capital improvement program under the UConn 2000 infrastructure program.
- Specifies the program's purposes and requires UConn to develop a comprehensive plan to guide the program's investments. UConn must (1) develop the plan in consultation with various groups, including leaders in the science, technology, engineering, and math-related industries, and (2) annually report to the legislature, beginning January 1, 2016, on its progress towards achieving the plan's goals. UConn must also assess its progress in meeting the Next Generation program's purposes by December 31, 2019 and five years thereafter.
- Requires UConn to develop, and submit to the legislature by July 1, 2015, a strategic master plan that (1) encompasses all of its academic programs and (2) establishes strategic goals and objectives for the university and such programs.

Public Act 13-240: AN ACT MAKING CLARIFYING CHANGES TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REORGANIZATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

- Makes a number of technical, conforming changes including transferring certain duties from the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) to the Office of Higher Education (OHE).
- Eliminates the requirement that the BOR be responsible for ensuring that independent institutions of higher education track **the unique identifiers** assigned to all in-state students by the State Department of Education, instead leaving the onus on the institutions themselves to do so. (§6) (Note: an identical provision is included in §4 of [PA 13-122](#))

Public Act 13-247: AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

- Requires the Board of Regents and UConn to report to the Higher Education Consolidation Committee on the program approval process for the constituent units. (§186)

- Requires SDE to establish a program allowing students in grades 11 and 12 to substitute fulfillment of high school graduation requirements with a passing grade on a national exam, if a certain GPA is achieved, as determined by the State Board of Education, and three letters of recommendation are obtained from school professionals. SDE is required to issue an “academic advancement program” certificate to any student who has successfully completed such program beginning in the 2014-15 school year. The certificate shall be treated in the same manner as a high school diploma for purposes of determining eligibility of a student for enrollment at a public institution of higher education in this state. (§188)
- Reconstitutes the **Commission for Educational Technology's** membership (CCIC maintains representation) and authorizes the Governor to appoint a chair (§255) and repeals laws requiring the commission to work with (1) DAS to develop technology standards for education-related programs and (2) SDE to develop a statewide plan for teacher and administrator competency in instructional technology. (§325 & §387)

Special Act 13-17: AN ACT CONCERNING NONDEGREE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS AND TECHNICAL TRAINING COURSES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL COMMUNITY-TECHNICAL COLLEGES AND A REPORT ON THE BUDGET, EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES OF THE CONSTITUENT UNITS

- Requires OHE to develop a list of nondegree certificate programs and technical training courses offered by the regional community-technical colleges that directly correlate with workforce shortage areas in this state, including, but not limited to, health care, manufacturing, transportation and energy and to report back to the legislature on such findings.
- Requires the Board of Regents and UConn to report to the legislature by February 2014 regarding the operating budget for the current fiscal year, the actual expenditures and revenues and status of budgetary reserves

Impacting Teacher Preparation Programs (Public and Private)

Public Act 13-108: AN ACT UNLEASHING INNOVATION IN CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS

- Requires the State Department of Education to conduct a study of issues relating to local partnerships for advancement of the teaching profession and to report, not later than June 30, 2015, to the Education Committee, on such study and any recommendations.

Public Act 13-122: AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES

- Eliminates indemnification eligibility for teacher mentors and assessors currently offered by employing boards of education. (§6)
- Broadens the scope of services that marital and family therapists may offer while employed by local or regional boards of education. (§8)
- Clarifies that records of individual teacher performance and evaluation kept by SDE are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act. (§9)
- Increases eligibility for elementary education certification that is valid for kindergarten to include students who are admitted to and complete such program at any time before June 30, 2017. (§11)
- Requires any SBE-approved ARC program for school administrators to admit any person who:
 1. provided service to a local or regional board of education in a supervisory or managerial role for at least four school years (40 months);
 2. held professional educator certification for at least one school year out of the four (10 months);
 3. holds a bachelor's degree from a college or university accredited by BOR or SBE or regionally accredited, and

4. received a performance-based recommendation from his or her immediate supervisor or district administrator. (§14)

Public Act 13-133: AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Requires candidates to complete training in how children learn and develop socially and emotionally. Such training must provide instruction about (1) a comprehensive, coordinated social and emotional assessment of, and early intervention for, children who appear to have social or emotional problems; (2) the availability of treatment services for such children; and (3) referrals for assessment, intervention, or treatment services.

Public Act 13-261: AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES

- Requires all teaching preparation programs that lead to professional certification to include instruction about the provision of services to gifted and talented children as part of student individualized education programs.

Public Act 13-247: AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

- By January 1, 2014 and quarterly thereafter requires the SDE commissioner to report to the Appropriations and Education committees on local and regional board of education talent development programs and the implementation of statewide education standards. Specifies the report contents, including performance measures, the program's status, status of certified evaluators, and program personnel and finances. (§45)

Impacting Economic Development

Public Act 13-239: AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION, ELIMINATION OF THE ACCUMULATED GAAP DEFICIT AND OTHER PURPOSES

- Establishes the **Connecticut Bioscience Innovation Fund** to finance a wide range of commercially viable bioscience projects that will create jobs while lowering health care costs and improving the delivery of health care services. It capitalizes the fund by authorizing up to \$200 million in GO bonds over 10 years and allows the proceeds to be granted, loaned, or invested in projects proposed by start-up or early stage businesses, colleges and universities, and nonprofit organizations. (§ 73)
- Authorizes \$ 10 million in general obligation bonds each year for FY's14 and 15 for the Department of Public Health's Stem Cell Research Fund.

Public Act 13-247: AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- Requires Connecticut Innovations, Inc. to spend up to \$ 50,000 to develop a plan to facilitate the growth of **bioscience and pharmaceutical businesses in southeastern Connecticut** and submit it to the governor, DECD, and the Commerce Committee by January 1, 2014. (§ 72)
- Establishes a 13-member Connecticut Arts Council within the Department of Economic and Community Development and authorizes it to establish a foundation to raise funds and receive gifts from private sources to encourage participation in, and promotion, development, acceptance, and appreciation of, artistic and cultural activities. (§244)

Impacting Labor

Public Act 13-117: AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE

- Increases the hourly minimum wage from its current \$ 8. 25 to \$ 8. 70 on January 1, 2014 and from \$ 8. 70 to \$ 9. 00 on January 1, 2015

Public Act 13-176: AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEE ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILES

- Specifies how quickly an employer must provide a current or former employee with access to his or her personnel file. It allows an employer to mail the file to a former employee if they cannot agree on a location for the former employee to inspect the files.
- Requires employers to (1) provide employees with copies of documentation of any disciplinary action or termination and (2) notify employees that they can include in their personnel file a written statement disagreeing with disciplinary, termination, or evaluation documents.

Impacting Energy Policy

Public Act 13-247: AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- Transfers \$ 19. 2 million from the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority to the General Fund for FY 15. (§378) This money will be made up through other environmental funds.

Public Act 13-239: AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION, ELIMINATION OF THE ACCUMULATED GAAP DEFICIT AND OTHER PURPOSES

- Authorizes grants-in-aid to establish energy microgrids to support critical municipal infrastructure.

Public Act 13-298: AN ACT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF CONNECTICUT'S COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY STRATEGY AND VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE ENERGY STATUTES

- The legislation is expected to lower consumer utility rates, expand energy choices, and create at least 10,000 clean energy jobs. For a complete summary, click [here](#).

Other Bills of Interest

Public Act 13-3: AN ACT CONCERNING GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND CHILDREN'S SAFETY

- The bill, among other things, expands the ban on assault weapons, bans the sale or purchase of large capacity magazines that can hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition, mandates the establishment of a deadly weapon offender registry, bans the sale of armor-piercing bullets, adds two members to the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners, expands the circumstances in which mental health history disqualifies a person for gun permits or other gun credentials, requires anyone buying ammunition to have an ammunition certificate or other gun credential, and appropriates \$ 1 million to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) for FY 14 to fund the statewide firearms trafficking task force.
- For additional details, click [here](#).

Public Act 13-49: AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY LEAVE FROM EMPLOYMENT

- Extends employment protections currently afforded to employees who are U. S. armed forces reservists or National Guard members to all members of the state armed forces who take time from their employment to perform ordered military duty.
- Expands the type of protected duty from meetings and drills to all ordered military duty. Workplace protections include (1) being permitted a leave of absence when the member is ordered to military duty, including meetings and drills, during regular working hours, and (2) protection from loss of vacation or holiday privileges, or prejudice in promotions, continuances, or reappointments of employment due to absences. In general, federal law similarly protects U. S. military members when performing federal duty.
- The act's protections cover employees serving in (1) Connecticut's organized militia, National Guard, naval militia, or Marine Corps branch of the naval militia, or (2) any reserve component of the U. S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Air Force, including the Connecticut National Guard performing duty under U. S. Code Title 32 (e. g. , certain homeland security missions). Under prior law, these protections covered only U. S. armed forces reservists and National Guard members.

Public Act 13-89: AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS' LICENSES.

- Allows people who cannot provide the motor vehicles (DMV) commissioner with proof of legal residence in the U. S. or a Social Security Number (SSN) to obtain driver's licenses for driving purposes only. The licenses cannot be used for federal identification purposes (e. g. , boarding a plane) or as proof of identity in order to vote.
- Specifies the types of proof of identity and proof of residence needed to obtain such a license, the restrictions on the use of the license, and prohibits the commissioner from issuing such a license to a person convicted of a felony in Connecticut.
- For more details, click [here](#).

Public Act 13-180: AN ACT CONCERNING DISCLOSURE OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES TO OTHER CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS AND ELECTION LAWS

- Increases the amounts state parties can spend.
- Doubles the amount that a donor can give to state party committees from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and it doubles the amount that a person can give to a town committee from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
- Changes the criminal penalties for a knowing and willful violation of Chapter 155 of the General Statutes (i. e. , campaign finance). Specifically, it (1) eliminates imprisonment as a possible penalty and (2) increases, from \$ 5,000 to \$ 25,000, the maximum fine, unless the law otherwise provides for a larger fine.
- For more details, click [here](#).

Public Act 13-183: AN ACT CONCERNING GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED FOOD

- Requires certain foods for human consumption that are entirely or partially genetically-engineered to be labeled as such. The requirement also applies to seed or seed stock intended to produce such food. The bill generally deems such items misbranded if they do not contain the required label. But these requirements only go into effect in the October following the enactment of similar laws in four other states meeting certain criteria. One of these states must border Connecticut, and the total population of such states in the northeast must be 20 million.
- For more details, click [here](#).

Public Act 13-174: AN ACT CONCERNING THE ABATEMENT OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

- Broadens the circumstances in which the public nuisance law applies by adding various firearm-related offenses and other crimes to the public nuisance abatement statutes. It also adds certain

municipal ordinance violations to these statutes and makes a corresponding change by allowing the state to file nuisance abatement suits when three or more citations for such violations are issued at a property within a year.

- For more details, click [here](#).

Key Legislation that Did Not Pass

HB 6400: AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED REPORTERS AND REQUIRING CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS FOR YOUTH CAMP DIRECTORS AND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

- This bill proposed to require that any administrator, faculty, staff, athletic director, athletic coach or athletic trainer employed by a constituent unit of the state system of higher education or private institution of higher education who is eighteen years of age or older be a mandated reporter. The bill failed.

HB 6359: AN ACT CONCERNING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM

- Established the Office of Early Childhood
- The Governor signed an **Executive Order** on June 24, 2013 establishing the Office of Early Childhood.