

# 2024 VOTING RECORDS: KEY BILLS

he following table
illustrates how members
of the Connecticut General
Assembly voted in 2024 on a series
of key bills, either in committee or
on the Senate or House floors.

If a lawmaker sponsored a bill and did not have an opportunity to vote on it, or abstained or was absent, that is also reflected in these records. Bill sponsorship is weighed the same as a vote in calculating legislators' overall voting scores.

While these bills reflect just a fraction of all legislation addressed during the session, they were chosen as the framework for CBIA's 2024 legislative voting records based on their potential impact—positive or negative—on job growth and the state's economic outlook.

CBIA's Transform Connecticut policy solutions, supported by a bipartisan group of 84 lawmakers, feature in a number of these bills.

Those solutions were designed to address the state's labor shortage crisis, lower the cost of living, develop and provide more housing options, remove workforce barriers, and ease the tax and regulatory burden on small businesses.

#### Occupational Licensing (SB 135):

Tackles employment barriers by capping state-imposed fees for more than 60 types of licenses impacting a range of occupations, including tradespeople, accountants, and engineers. Passed General Law Committee 22-0; Senate 36-0; no action taken by House. CBIA Position: Supported.

#### **Economic Development (SB 250):**

Establishes a three-year pilot program to attract and retain foreign entrepreneurs, incentivizing high-tech business start-ups and investment. Passed Commerce Committee 24-0; Senate 36-0; House 146-0; signed by Gov. Lamont. CBIA Position: Supported.

Operating Losses (SB 443): Allows net operating losses to be carried forward for 30 years, making Connecticut more competitive with other states with extended carry forward periods. While the Senate did not act on the bill, it was later included in the bonding bill approved by both chambers. Passed Finance Committee 51-0; no action taken by Senate. CBIA Position: Supported.

Childhood Education (HB 5002): Wideranging bill takes major steps toward addressing the state's childcare crisis, including establishing a trishare program in New London County, a private fund for childcare investments, and a one-time wage supplement for childcare educators. Passed Finance Committee 47-4; House 146-0; Senate 36-0; signed by Gov. Lamont. CBIA Position: Supported.

#### Sick Leave Expansion (HB 5005):

Hikes small business costs by expanding the state's paid sick leave mandate to cover all private sector employees while increasing eligibility and hours. Passed Labor Committee 8-4; House 88-61; Senate 23-12; signed by Gov. Lamont. CBIA Position: Opposed.

Healthcare Costs (HB 5247): Landmark, bipartisan legislation addresses a growing healthcare crisis by allowing small business employees access to affordable, high quality health plans, with unprecedented, nation-leading consumer protections. No action taken by the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. CBIA Position: Supported.

#### Noncompete Agreements (HB 5269):

Eliminates critical employment protections by invalidating most noncompete agreements, including voiding any agreement where an employee subjectively believes they have good cause to end an employment relationship. Passed Labor Committee 8-4; no action taken by House.

CBIA Position: Opposed.

#### Homebuyer Support (HB 5344):

Modeled after successful first-time home buyers' savings accounts in other states, the bill also leverages tax credits to incentivize employers to contribute to employee accounts. Passed **Banking Committee 12-0**; no action taken by House. CBIA Position: Supported.

#### Genome Sequencing (HB 5367):

Authorizes Medicaid coverage of rapid whole genome sequencing for critically ill infants, helping patients avoid unnecessary tests and treatments and lowering overall healthcare costs. Passed Human Services Committee 21-0; Appropriations Committee 53-0; House 150-0; Senate 36-0; signed by Gov. Lamont. CBIA Position: Supported.

Striking Workers (HB 5431): Controversial measure approved in the final minutes of the legislative session that created a \$3 million, taxpayer-funded account designed to provide unemployment benefits for striking workers. Passed House 90-59; Senate 23-12; vetoed by Gov. Lamont. CBIA Position: Opposed.

#### Teacher Certification (HB 5436):

Makes transformative updates to the certification and preparation process, including multiple provisions simplifying the process for aspiring and existing educators to get certified, receive cross-endorsements, and use alternative pathways. Passed Education Committee 32-12; House 150-0; Senate 36-0; signed by Gov. Lamont. CBIA Position: Supported.

Streaming Tax (HB 5446): Increased consumer costs by extending the existing gross earnings tax on cable and satellite television companies to other internet services, such as streaming.

Passed Energy and Technology

Committee 12-8; no action taken by House. CBIA Position: Opposed.



### **2024 VOTING RECORDS: STATE SENATE**

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Saud Anwar (D-South Windsor)	71%	•	•		•	•				•		•	
Eric Berthel* (R-Watertown)	100%	•	•		•	•			•	•	•	•	
Jorge Cabrera* (D-Hamden)	60%	•	•	•	•	•		•		•		•	
Paul Cicarella* (R-North Haven)	100%	•	•		•	•				•	•	•	
Christine Cohen* (D-Guilford)	78%	•	•	•	•				•	•		•	
Bob Duff (D-Norwalk)	71%	•	•		•					•		•	
Ryan Fazio (R-Greenwich)	100%	•	•	•	•	•	S			•	•	•	•
Mae Flexer (D-Willimantic)	71%	•	•		•					•		•	
John Fonfara (D-Hartford)	75%		•		•					•			
Herron Gaston (D-Bridgeport)	71%		•		•					•			
Jeff Gordon* (R-Woodstock)	100%		•		•	•				•	•		
Stephen Harding* (R-Brookfield)	100%	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	
Joan Hartley* (D-Waterbury)	100%	•	•		•	X	S			•	X	•	
Jan Hochadel (D-Meriden)	75%	•	•		•				•	•		•	
Tony Hwang (R-Fairfield)	100%		•		•	•				•	•		
Kevin Kelly (R-Stratford)	100%		•		•	•				•	•		
John Kissel (R-Enfield)	100%	•	•									•	
Julie Kushner (D-Danbury)	63%	•	•							•		•	
Matt Lesser (D-Middletown)	63%	•	•									•	
Martin Looney (D-New Haven)	71%	•	•							•		•	
Rick Lopes (D-New Britain)	75%	•	•	•	•	•				•		•	

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Ceci Maher (D-Wilton)	63%	•	•		•	•				•		•	
James Maroney (D-Milford)	67%	•	•	•	•					•		•	
Henri Martin* (R-Bristol)	100%	•	•		•	•				•	•	•	
Martha Marx (D-New London)	71%	•	•		•					•		•	
Doug McCrory (D-Hartford)	63%	•	•		•					•		•	•
Patricia Billie Miller (D-Stamford)	78%	•	•	•	•				•	•		•	
Marilyn Moore (D-Bridgeport)	75%	•	•	•	•					•		•	
Norm Needleman (D-Essex)	67%	•	•	•	•					•		•	•
Cathy Osten* (D-Baltic)	71%	•	•		•					•		•	
MD Rahman (D-Manchester)	67%	•	•	•	•					•		•	S
Rob Sampson (R-Wolcott)	100%	•	•	S	•	•	S	•		•	•	•	
Lisa Seminara* (R-Avon)	100%	•	•		•	•	S			•	•	•	
Derek Slap (D-West Hartford)	71%	•	•		•					•		•	
Heather Somers* (R-Groton)	100%	•					S					•	
Gary Winfield (D-New Haven)	71%	•	•		•					•		•	



## **2024 VOTING RECORDS: STATE HOUSE**

State Representative	SCORE	Occupational Licensing (SB 135)	Economic Development (SB 250)	Operating Losses (SB 443)	Childhood Education (HB 5002)	Sick Leave Expansion (SB 5005)	Healthcare Costs (HB 5247)	Noncompete Agreements (HB 5269)	Homebuyer Support (HB 5344)	Genome Sequencing (HB 5367)	Striking Workers (HB 5431)	Teacher Certification (HB 5436)	Streaming Tax (HB 5446)
Tim Ackert* (R-Coventry)	100%	•	•		•	•		•		•	•	•	
Raghib Allie-Brennan* (D-Bethel)	75%	•	•		•		S			X		•	•
Mark Anderson (R-Granby)	100%	S	•		•		S			•	•	•	
Chris Aniskovich* (R-Clinton)	89%				•	•			•	•	•		S
Tom Arnone (D-Enfield)	67%				•					•			
Hector Arzeno (D-Greenwich)	86%	S	X		•		S			•	•		
Andre Baker, Jr. (D-Bridgeport)	71%		•		•				S	•		•	
Jill Barry* (D-Glastonbury)	100%	S	•	•	•		S		S	•	•	•	
Kai Belton (D-Middletown)	57%		•		•			•		•		•	
Aimee Berger-Girvalo (D-Ridgefield)	67%		•		•					•			
Matt Blumenthal (D-Stamford)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Mitch Bolinsky* (R-Newtown)	100%	S	•		•	•				•	•	•	
Pat Boyd* (D-Pomfret)	86%		•		•	•	S			•		•	
Seth Bronko* (R-Naugatuck)	100%		•	•	•	•			S	•	•	•	
Kevin Brown (D-Vernon)	57%		•		•					•		•	S
Marcus Brown (D-Bridgeport)	75%	•	•	•	•					•		•	
William Buckbee* (R-New Milford)	100%		•							•		•	
Aundre Bumgardner (D-Groton)	63%		•	•						•		•	S
Larry Butler (D-Waterbury)	75%			•			S						
Patrick Callahan* (R-New Fairfield)	100%											•	
Juan Candelaria (D-New Haven)	71%	•	•		•						•	•	

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Vincent Candelora* (R-North Branford)	100%	S	•		•	•				•	•	•	
Devin Carney* (R-Old Lyme)	100%	S	•	•	•	•			S	•	•	•	
Christie Carpino* (R-Cromwell)	100%		•		•	•				•	•	•	
Jay Case* (R-Winsted)	100%		•		•	•				•		•	
Brandon Chafee (D-Middletown)	57%		•										S
Rachel Chaleski* (R-Danbury)	100%		•		•								
Holly Cheeseman* (R-Niantic)	100%		•						S				•
Robin Comey* (D-Branford)	57%		•										S
Julio Concepcion* (D-Hartford)	75%		•	•			S						
Christine Conley (D-Groton)	67%		•										
Michelle Cook* (D-Torrington)	71%		•										S
Francis Cooley* (R-Plainville)	100%	S	•		•	•	S			•		•	
Jeff Currey (D-East Hartford)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Mike D'Agostino (D-Hamden)	75%	•	•		•		S			•		•	
Laura Dancho* (R-Stratford)	100%		•		•	•	S			•		•	
Lucy Dathan* (D-New Canaan)	86%		•		•		S			•		•	
Anne Dauphinais (R-Danielson)	100%		•		•	•	S			•		•	
Mark DeCaprio* (R-Lebanon)	100%		•	S	•	•				•	•	•	
Hubert Delaney (D-Stamford)	67%		•										
Tom Delnicki* (R-South Windsor)	100%	S					S					•	
Mike Demicco* (D-Farmington)	57%		•									•	
Keith Denning* (D-Wilton)	71%		•		•		S			•		•	

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Michael DiGiovancarlo* (D-Waterbury)	71%		•		•	•	S			•		•	
Patricia Dillon (D-New Haven)	67%		•		•	•				•		•	
Jason Doucette* (D-Manchester)	75%		•	•	•				•	•		•	
Doug Dubitsky (R-Chaplin)	100%					•				•			
Josh Elliott (D-Hamden)	60%	S		•				S		•		•	
Tammy Exum (D-West Hartford)	60%		X							•		•	
Kate Farrar (D-West Hartford)	63%			•						•		•	
Jack Fazzino (D-Berlin)	71%	•								•		•	
Antonio Felipe (D-Bridgeport)	67%									•		•	
Charles Ferraro* (R-West Haven)	100%		X							•		•	•
Anabel Figueroa (D-Stamford)	67%											•	
Craig Fishbein (R-Wallingford)	100%									•		•	
Martin Foncello* (R-Brookfield)	100%		•		•							•	
Mary Fortier (D-Bristol)	67%											•	
Jaime Foster* (D-Ellington)	90%	S					S					•	•
Jane Garibay* (D-Windsor)	67%											•	
Fred Gee (D-Bridgeport)	71%		•	•	•							•	
Henry Genga (D-East Hartford)	71%						S			•		•	
Bobby Gibson, Jr. (D-Bloomfield)	71%											•	
Jillian Gilchrest (D-West Hartford)	67%									•		•	
Bob Godfrey* (D-Danbury)	67%									•		•	
Minnie Gonzalez (D-Hartford)	67%				•	•					•	•	

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Joe Gresko* (D-Stratford)	63%		•		•	•	S			•	•	•	•
Gregg Haddad (D-Mansfield)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Irene Haines* (R-East Haddam)	100%		•		•	•				•		•	
Carol Hall* (R-Enfield)	100%		•		•	•				•	•		
Joshua Hall (D-Hartford)	63%			•	•					•			
Cindy Harrison (R-Southbury)	100%				•	•				•			
Rick Hayes* (R-Putnam)	100%		•		•	•				•	X		
Bill Heffernan (D-West Haven)	67%				•					•			
Maria Horn* (D-Salisbury)	63%				•					•			
Greg Howard* (R-Pawcatuck)	100%	S			•	•	S			•		•	
Joe Hoxha (R-Bristol)	100%				•				•	•		•	
Anne Hughes (D-Easton)	57%		•		•					•		•	
Dominique Johnson (D-Norwalk)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Susan Johnson (D-Windham)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Eleni Kavros DeGraw* (D-Avon)	78%	S	•		•				S	•		•	
Sarah Keitt (D-Fairfield)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Kathy Kennedy* (R-Milford)	100%		•		•	•				•		•	
Maryam Khan (D-Windsor)	80%		•		•					•	X	•	
Rachel Khanna* (D-Greenwich)	100%	S	•		•	•	S		S	•		•	
Nicole Klarides-Ditria (R-Seymour)	100%	S		•			S					•	
David Labriola* (R-Oxford)	100%											•	
Brian Lanoue (R-Jewett City)	100%			S	•	•				•	•	•	

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Jennifer Leeper (D-Fairfield)	83%		•		•	•				•	•	•	
Roland Lemar (D-New Haven)	71%		•	•	•	•				•	•	•	
Liz Linehan* (D-Cheshire)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Geoff Luxenberg (D-Manchester)	75%		•	•	•					•		•	
Tracy Marra* (R-Darien)	100%									•			
Gale Mastrofrancesco (R-Wolcott)	100%						S			•			
Cristin McCarthy-Vahey* (D-Fairfield)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Kathleen McCarty* (R-Waterford)	100%		•		•	X				•	•	•	
Trenee McGee (D-West Haven)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Ben McGorty* (R-Shelton)	100%				•					•	•		
Stephen Meskers* (D-Greenwich)	89%		•	•	•	•	S			•		•	•
David Michel (D-Stamford)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Amy Morrin Bello (D-Wethersfield)	71%		•	•	•					•		•	
Mary Mushinsky* (D-Wallingford)	67%		X	•	•	X				•		•	•
Ron Napoli, Jr.* (D-Waterbury)	71%		•	•	•					•		•	
Anthony Nolan (D-New London)	57%		•		•					•		•	
Tammy Nuccio* (R-Tolland)	100%		•		•		S			•	•	•	
Tom O'Dea* (R-New Canaan)	100%	S	•		•					•	•	•	
Melissa Osborne* (D-Simsbury)	75%	•					S			•		•	
Christine Palm (D-Chester)	67%		•							•		•	
Al Paolillo, Jr.* (D-New Haven)	75%		•							•		•	
Corey Paris* (D-Stamford)	67%		•		•	•					•	•	

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John-Michael Parker* (D-Madison)	67%		•		•	•				•	•	•	
Cara Pavalock-D'Amato* (R-Bristol)	100%		•	•	•	•	S			•	•	•	
Jason Perillo (R-Shelton)	100%	S	•	•	•	•				•	•	X	
John Piscopo (R-Thomaston)	100%		•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•
William Pizzuto (R-Middlebury)	100%				•	•				•	•	•	
Joe Polletta* (R-Watertown)	100%			•	•	•				•	•	•	
Robyn Porter (D-New Haven)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Chris Poulos* (D-Plantsville)	100%				•	•	S			•	•	•	
Michael Quinn (D-Meriden)	71%		•		•		S			•		•	
Moira Rader (D-Guilford)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Karen Reddington-Hughes* (R-Woodbury)	100%				•	•				•	•	•	
Geraldo Reyes, Jr.* (D-Waterbury)	67%				•					•		•	
Matt Ritter (D-Hartford)	67%				•					•		•	
Kadeem Roberts (D-Norwalk)	67%				•					•		•	
Kara Rochelle (D-Derby)	71%				•					•		•	
Jason Rojas* (D-East Hartford)	67%				•					•		•	
Christopher Rosario (D-Bridgeport)	67%		•		•					•		•	
Dave Rutigliano* (R-Trumbull)	100%	•	•		•	•				•	•	•	
Kevin Ryan (D-Oakdale)	71%	S								•		•	
Manny Sanchez (D-New Britain)	57%											•	
James Sanchez (D-Hartford)	71%		•	•								•	
Robert Sanchez (D-New Britain)	71%		•		•	•					•	•	

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Hilda Santiago (D-Meriden)	71%		•	•	•	•				•	•	•	
Farley Santos* (D-Danbury)	75%	•	•		•	•			•	•	•	•	
Tony Scott* (R-Monroe)	100%	•	•		•	•			S		•	•	
Travis Simms* (D-Norwalk)	57%		•		•			S				•	
Frank Smith (D-Milford)	67%		•		•							•	
Steven Stafstrom (D-Bridgeport)	71%		•	•	•							•	
Jonathan Steinberg* (D-Westport)	71%		•		•	•						•	
Peter Tercyak (D-New Britain)	57%		•		•							•	
Gary Turco* (D-Newington)	71%		•		•				S			•	
Kurt Vail (R-Stafford Springs)	100%	S	•		•	•					•	•	
Donna Veach (R-Berlin)	100%		•	•	•	•						•	
Toni Walker (D-New Haven)	60%		X		•							•	
Steve Weir (R-Hebron)	100%		•		•	S	•	•				•	
Mary Welander (D-Orange)	67%		•		•							•	
Derell Wilson* (D-Norwich)	63%		•	•	•							•	
Kerry Wood* (D-Rocky Hill)	89%	S	•	•	•	•	S			•		•	
David Yaccarino* (R-North Haven)	100%	•											
Tami Zawistowski* (R-East Granby)	100%	S											
Joe Zullo (R-East Haven)	100%								S				
Lezlye Zupkus* (R-Prospect)	100%	S	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	

