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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 of
- 2 Representatives for the regular sessions of the General Assembly and
- 3 for interim periods during the 2023-2024 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 two 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) *Joint 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, and the joint standing committee on Judiciary shall
26 consist of not more than eleven senators and not more than thirty-five
27 representatives. The joint standing committees shall be divided into
28 Group A and Group B as follows:

29 GROUP A

30 (1) A committee on APPROPRIATIONS that shall have cognizance of
31 all matters relating to appropriations and the operating budgets and all
32 matters relating to state employees' salaries, benefits and retirement,
33 teachers' retirement, veterans' pensions and collective bargaining
34 agreements and arbitration awards for state employees. In addition, any
35 bills or resolutions carrying or requiring appropriations, or creating or
36 enlarging a state mandate to local governments, defined in subsection
37 (a)(2) of section 2-32b of the general statutes, and favorably reported by
38 any other committee, except the payment of claims by the state, shall be
39 referred to the committee, unless such reference is dispensed with by at
40 least a two-thirds vote of each chamber, provided the committee's
41 consideration shall be limited to their fiscal aspects and appropriation

42 provisions of such bills or resolutions and shall not extend to their other
43 substantive provisions or purpose, except to the extent that such other
44 provisions or purpose relate to the fiscal aspects and appropriation
45 provisions of such bills or resolutions.

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

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

63 (4) A committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING that shall
64 have cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Department of
65 Revenue Services, and (B) finance, revenue, capital bonding and
66 taxation. Any bill or resolution favorably reported by another
67 committee relating to finance, revenue, capital bonding, taxation,
68 employer contributions for unemployment compensation purposes, all
69 matters relating to the Department of Revenue Services and the revenue
70 aspects of the Gaming Division within the Department of Consumer
71 Protection shall be referred to the committee, provided the committee's
72 consideration shall be limited to the financial provisions and purposes
73 of such bill or resolution, such as finance, revenue, bonding, taxation

74 and fees, and shall not extend to the other substantive provisions or
75 purposes, except to the extent that such other provisions or purposes
76 relate to the financial provisions of such bills or resolutions.

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

100 (6) A committee on JUDICIARY that shall have cognizance of all
101 matters relating to (A) the Judicial Department, the Department of
102 Correction and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities,
103 (B) courts, judicial procedures, criminal law, probate matters, probation,
104 parole, wills, estates, adoption, divorce, bankruptcy, escheat, law
105 libraries, deeds, mortgages, conveyancing, preservation of land records
106 and other public documents, the law of business organizations, uniform

107 laws, validations, authorizations to sue and to appeal, claims against the
108 state, (C) all (i) judicial nominations, (ii) nominations of workers'
109 compensation commissioners, and (iii) nominations of members of the
110 Board of Pardons and Paroles, and (D) all bills carrying civil penalties
111 that exceed the sum of, or that may exceed in the aggregate, five
112 thousand dollars. Any bill favorably reported by another committee that
113 carries a criminal penalty, other than an infraction, shall be referred to
114 the committee, provided the committee's consideration shall be limited
115 to the criminal penalties established in such bill and shall not extend to
116 the other substantive provisions or purposes of such bill.

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

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

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

135 **GROUP B**

136 (10) A committee on BANKING that shall have cognizance of all
137 matters relating to (A) the Department of Banking, and (B) banks,

138 savings banks, bank and trust companies, savings and loan associations,
139 credit unions, the supervision of the sale of securities, fraternal benefit
140 societies and secured and unsecured lending.

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

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

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

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

163 (15) A committee on HUMAN SERVICES that shall have cognizance
164 of all matters relating to the Department of Social Services, including
165 institutions under its jurisdiction, and the Department of Aging and
166 Disability 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 fire
172 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 Higher
179 Education, and (B) public and independent institutions of higher
180 education, private occupational schools, post-secondary education, job
181 training institutions and programs, apprenticeship training programs
182 and adult job training programs offered to the public by any state
183 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 matters
187 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' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS that
192 shall have cognizance of all matters relating to military and veterans'
193 affairs, 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 facilitation
202 of positive relationships with the federal government and other state
203 governments. All bills and resolutions relating to such matters may be
204 referred to the committee. The committee shall consist of (A) twenty
205 members of the House who shall be (i) the Speaker, (ii) the deputy
206 speakers, (iii) the majority leader, (iv) four members appointed by the
207 Speaker, (v) three members appointed by the majority leader, (vi) the
208 minority leader, (vii) two deputy minority leaders appointed by the
209 minority leader, and (viii) five members appointed by the minority
210 leader, and (B) thirteen members of the Senate who shall be (i) the
211 President Pro Tempore, (ii) the majority leader, (iii) a deputy majority
212 leader appointed by the majority leader, (iv) five members appointed by
213 the President Pro Tempore, (v) the minority leader, (vi) an assistant
214 minority leader appointed by the minority leader, and (vii) three
215 members appointed by the minority leader. In matters of legislative
216 operations, the legislative commissioners and the clerks of each
217 chamber shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the committee.
218 The committee shall be chaired by the President Pro Tempore and the
219 Speaker. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum and
220 all actions shall require the affirmative vote of a majority. At any
221 meeting, if a committee member present of either chamber requests, a
222 vote of the majority of the members present of each chamber shall be
223 required for approval of a question.

224 (2) The committee on EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE
225 NOMINATIONS that shall consist of (A) nineteen members of the
226 House who shall be (i) the majority leader, or the majority leader's
227 designee, (ii) the minority leader, or the minority leader's designee, (iii)
228 ten members appointed by the Speaker, and (iv) seven members
229 appointed by the minority leader, and (B) eight members of the Senate
230 who shall be (i) the majority leader, or the majority leader's designee, (ii)

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

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

255 Senate and House committees shall be appointed and organized in
256 accordance with the rules of each chamber and members of the minority
257 party shall be appointed on nomination of the minority leader of each
258 chamber.

259 **LEADERS ON COMMITTEES**

260 4. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House,
261 and majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the House shall be
262 ex-officio members of all committees, with the right to be present at all

263 meetings and to take part in deliberations but without the right to vote,
264 except as to those committees to which they are appointed members.

265 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES**

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

270 (1) Committees may meet on any day from January 4 through January
271 11 in 2023 and from February 7 through February 9 in 2024. The
272 chairpersons of each committee may jointly call a meeting during said
273 period in 2023 for the purpose of organization and to consider such
274 other business as is deemed necessary.

275 (2) Beginning on January 12 in 2023 and on February 7 in 2024, and
276 ending on the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions in
277 such year, as provided in Rule 15, Group A committees shall meet on
278 Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only and Group B committees shall
279 meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays only.

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

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

285 (5) All meetings shall be broadcast contemporaneously on an Internet
286 web site identified in the notice provided under subsection (f) of this
287 rule for such meeting.

288 (6) Not more than a total of ten meetings or public hearings, or any
289 combination thereof, may be scheduled for or conducted at the same
290 time.

291 (b) *Exceptions to Scheduling Requirements.*

292 (1) The committees on Appropriations and Finance, Revenue and
293 Bonding may meet on any day. The committee on Judiciary may meet
294 on any day after March 17 in 2023 and after March 18 in 2024. The
295 committee on Government Administration and Elections may meet on
296 any day after March 29 in 2023 and after March 27 in 2024 to raise, hear
297 or report favorably or unfavorably a conveyance bill.

298 (2) Any committee may meet on any day, provided a record is made
299 certifying a significant need for the meeting by the Speaker of the House
300 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or their designees.

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

310 (c) *Conduct of Meetings.* A chairperson or a vice chairperson shall
311 convene all meetings, and such meetings shall provide for virtual
312 participation, on a virtual platform approved by the President Pro
313 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and in-person
314 participation by members of the committee. If a meeting, other than a
315 meeting on the day of the committee's deadline to report bills and
316 resolutions, as provided in Rule 15, is not so convened within fifteen
317 minutes following its scheduled starting time, the meeting shall be
318 deemed cancelled. In all meetings of joint committees, the Senate and
319 House chairpersons shall mutually agree as to who shall preside and in
320 the absence of agreement the Senate chairperson and the House
321 chairperson shall alternately preside. A chairperson shall recognize each
322 member wishing to be heard prior to ordering the vote on the final

323 question of a favorable or unfavorable report, a favorable change of
324 reference or the boxing of a bill or resolution. A committee member may
325 offer an oral amendment to any bill or resolution during the discussion
326 on the final question of a favorable or unfavorable report or a favorable
327 change of reference. If a committee member offers an amendment to a
328 bill or resolution during the discussion on the final question of a
329 favorable or unfavorable report or a favorable change of reference, and
330 such amendment has been prepared by the Legislative Commissioners'
331 Office and assigned an LCO number by that office, the committee clerk
332 shall distribute such amendment to all committee members prior to the
333 ordering of a vote on such amendment. The chairperson presiding over
334 the meeting shall, upon a request of a committee member, hold a roll
335 call vote on an amendment offered to a bill or resolution during the
336 discussion on the final question of a favorable or unfavorable report or
337 a favorable change of reference. All questions of order, hearings and
338 other proceedings, including the raising of bills or resolutions and
339 questions relating to evidence, shall be determined by a majority of
340 votes but, if the majority of the committee members present of either
341 chamber so request, the committee members of each chamber shall
342 separately determine all questions. In the case of a member who is
343 participating virtually in a meeting, such member may only cast a vote
344 on any question if such member is visible to the committee clerk on the
345 virtual platform when casting his or her vote. A vote of a committee may
346 be reconsidered only at the next regular meeting of the committee,
347 except that any vote on the day of the committee's deadline to report
348 bills and resolutions as provided in Rule 15, may be reconsidered at the
349 same meeting not later than 5:00 p.m. If a technological issue relating to
350 virtual participation by members of the committee prevents or
351 otherwise limits the transaction of the business of the committee or the
352 committee's ability to comply with these rules, prior to or during a
353 meeting, the chairpersons of the committee may take whatever action
354 they deem necessary, including, but not limited to, cancelling or
355 rescheduling such meeting, if notice is provided in accordance with the
356 provisions of subsection (f) of this rule for any such meeting that is

357 rescheduled.

358 (d) *Final Action.* At each committee meeting, the vote on the final
359 question of a favorable or unfavorable report, a favorable change of
360 reference or the boxing of a bill or resolution shall be recorded on the
361 vote tally sheet to show the names of the members voting yea and the
362 members voting nay. No motion to dispense with the recording of the
363 names of the members voting yea and the members voting nay shall be
364 entertained. No bill or resolution shall be reported to either chamber
365 unless the names of the members voting yea and the members voting
366 nay have been recorded on the vote tally sheet and such vote tally sheet
367 has been submitted to the Legislative Commissioners' Office as
368 provided in Rules 13 and 15(a). A copy of the vote tally sheet shall be
369 sent to the clerk of the appropriate chamber, by the Legislative
370 Commissioners' Office, with the favorably or unfavorably reported bill
371 or resolution and retained by the clerks.

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

374 (f) *Notice Requirements.* Notice of the date, time and place of
375 committee meetings during periods when the General Assembly is in
376 session shall be (A) given to the clerk of each chamber not later than 6:00
377 p.m. of the day before the meeting, (B) posted on the General Assembly's
378 web site not later than 6:00 p.m. of the day before the meeting, and (C)
379 when practicable, given to the Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in
380 the next Legislative Bulletin. The notice provided to committee
381 members and staff shall include the Internet web site address for
382 participation at such meeting, and the notice provided to members of
383 the public shall include the Internet web site address in which such
384 meeting will be broadcast.

385 (g) *Exception to Notice Requirements.* A committee may convene a
386 meeting without satisfying the notice requirements prescribed in
387 subsection (f) of this rule, provided announcement of the meeting is
388 made from the floor of the Senate or House during a session and both

389 chairpersons have approved the date, time, place and agenda for the
390 meeting. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the
391 announcement cannot be made in one or both chambers because no
392 regular session is being held on that day, an emergency meeting may
393 still be held, provided a record is made certifying the need for the
394 meeting by one of the following: The President Pro Tempore of the
395 Senate, the Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate or the
396 majority leader of the House, and all reasonable efforts have been made
397 to notify each member of the committee of the meeting.

398 (h) *Agendas.* An agenda, approved by both chairpersons, shall be
399 prepared for each meeting and made available on the General Assembly
400 web site not later than 6:00 p.m. of the day before the meeting, except
401 that for a meeting held under subsection (g) of this rule, the agenda shall
402 be prepared and made available prior to the meeting. Items not on the
403 agenda may be considered upon a majority vote of the committee
404 members present.

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

411 PUBLIC HEARINGS

412 6. (a) *Scheduling.*

413 (1) A committee may hold subject matter public hearings on any
414 subject and on specified proposed bills and proposed resolutions, and
415 on committee and raised bills and resolutions, during sessions, except
416 that subject matter public hearings on proposed bills and proposed
417 resolutions shall be held not later than twenty-one calendar days in 2023
418 and fourteen calendar days in 2024 before the committee's reporting out
419 date designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15.

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

423 (3) All public hearings shall be broadcast contemporaneously on an
424 Internet web site identified in the notice of such meeting provided
425 pursuant to subsection (b) of this rule. Not more than a total of ten public
426 hearings or meetings, or any combination thereof, may be scheduled for
427 or conducted at the same time.

428 (4) In the event of inclement weather on the day on which a
429 committee has scheduled a public hearing:

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

432 (i) If the hearing has been convened prior to the official closing, the
433 committee may continue the hearing or may recess the hearing in
434 accordance with the provisions of subsection (c)(5) of this rule.

435 (ii) If the hearing has not been convened prior to the official closing,
436 the hearing shall be deemed cancelled and shall be rescheduled in
437 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)(5)(D) of this rule.

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

440 (i) If the hearing has been convened, the committee may recess the
441 hearing in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c)(5) of this
442 rule.

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

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

448 officially closed, the committee clerk shall give notice of cancellation to
449 the clerk of each chamber and shall post notice of the cancellation on the
450 General Assembly web site.

451 (D) The chairpersons shall reschedule a cancelled hearing on the
452 earliest feasible date that is on a day specified for that committee in Rule
453 5(a) or 5(b) or on any other day with the approval of the President Pro
454 Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the majority leader of
455 the Senate or the majority leader of the House, provided a record is
456 made of such approval. The committee clerk shall give notice of the
457 rescheduled hearing to the clerk of each chamber and, when practicable,
458 to the Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in the next Legislative
459 Bulletin and shall post notice of the rescheduled hearing on the General
460 Assembly web site. The notice of the rescheduled hearing shall include
461 the information provided in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of
462 subsection (b) of this rule, and the subject matter and list of the numbers
463 and titles of each bill and resolution to be considered shall be identical
464 to the subject matter and list in the notice of the original hearing. The
465 notice of the rescheduled hearing is not subject to subsection (b) of this
466 rule if the notice of the original hearing complied with said subsection
467 (b).

468 (5) Committees may group bills and resolutions by subject matter and
469 schedule hearings so that similar bills and resolutions are heard at the
470 same time.

471 (b) *Notice Requirements.* Notice of the date, time, place and subject
472 matter of each public hearing during periods when the General
473 Assembly is in session, together with (1) a list of the numbers and titles
474 of each bill and resolution to be considered, (2) the Internet web site
475 address for testifying at such hearing, (3) the Internet web site address
476 in which such hearing will be broadcast, and (4) information relating to
477 how members of the public are to submit the names of persons who
478 wish to testify at such hearing to the committee clerk, shall be published
479 in the Legislative Bulletin at least five calendar days in advance of the

480 hearing and posted on the General Assembly web site at least five
481 calendar days in advance of the hearing. In no event shall a bill or
482 resolution be listed for a hearing unless such bill or resolution has been
483 posted on the General Assembly web site and is in the possession of the
484 committee. For purposes of this rule, a bill or resolution shall be
485 considered in the possession of the committee for purposes of listing
486 such bill or resolution for a hearing upon (A) referral of such bill or
487 resolution by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker
488 of the House to the committee, and (B) posting of such bill or resolution
489 on the General Assembly web site. For the purpose of meeting the
490 hearing requirements under this subsection, the day of publication in
491 the Legislative Bulletin during the time the General Assembly is in
492 session and the day of the hearing shall both be counted as full days.

493 (c) *Conduct of Public Hearings.*

494 (1) *Convening and Procedures.* A chairperson or a vice chairperson
495 shall convene all public hearings, and such public hearings shall provide
496 for virtual participation, on a virtual platform approved by the
497 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and
498 in-person participation by members of the committee, and shall provide
499 the option for such virtual participation by other individuals who wish
500 to testify. If a hearing is not so convened within fifteen minutes
501 following its scheduled starting time, any member of the committee
502 may convene the hearing. The time of commencement of the public
503 hearing shall be designated in the published notice. In all public
504 hearings of joint committees, the Senate and House chairpersons shall
505 mutually agree as to who shall preside and in the absence of agreement
506 the Senate chairperson and the House chairperson shall alternately
507 preside. The length of time that each witness may testify shall be
508 determined by the presiding chairperson who shall give due regard for
509 the convenience of the public. All other questions of order, including
510 other questions relating to time limits and questions relating to
511 testimony or evidence, shall be determined by a majority of votes but, if
512 the majority of the committee members present of either chamber so

513 request, the committee members of each chamber shall separately
514 determine all questions.

515 (2) *Testimony by Public Officials.* A committee may permit
516 legislators who are not members of the committee, representatives of
517 state agencies and municipal chief elected officials testifying in their
518 official capacity to testify during but not beyond the first hour of a public
519 hearing. The public portion of the hearing shall be uninterrupted by
520 testimony from a legislator, a representative of a state agency or a
521 municipal chief elected official. If any legislators, representatives of state
522 agencies or municipal chief elected officials are unable to testify during
523 the first hour, they may testify at the end of the hearing after all
524 members of the public wishing to testify have been heard.

525 (3) *Written Testimony.* Legislators, representatives of state agencies,
526 municipal chief elected officials and members of the public may submit
527 to the committee written testimony on a bill or resolution or subject
528 matter in person, by mail or facsimile transmission, or electronically at
529 any time, except no such written testimony may be submitted in person
530 when the State Capitol and Legislative Office Building have been
531 officially closed to the public. Any such written testimony may be
532 included by the committee in the transcript of the hearing. If the written
533 testimony is not included in the transcript, it shall be attached to the
534 transcript. Committee chairpersons should encourage a witness to
535 submit a written statement and confine oral testimony to a summary of
536 that statement, but the full written statement shall be included in or
537 attached to the transcript of the hearing.

538 (4) *Notifying Other Committees.* Each bill or resolution referred by
539 one committee to another with a favorable report shall be accompanied
540 by a notation of the date or dates on which public hearings were held
541 by the first committee. The chairpersons of any committee other than
542 Appropriations or Finance, Revenue and Bonding to which any bill or
543 resolution calling for an appropriation or a bond issue is referred shall
544 notify the chairpersons of the committee on Appropriations or Finance,

545 Revenue and Bonding of the date, time and place of the hearing thereon.

546 (5) *Recessing*. The committee may recess any public hearing to a date,
547 time and place specified at the time of the recess, which shall be on a
548 day specified for that committee in Rule 5(a) or 5(b) or on any other day
549 with the approval of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
550 Speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate or the majority
551 leader of the House, provided a record is made of such approval. The
552 committee clerk shall give notice of any hearing recessed to another date
553 to the clerk of each chamber and post such notice on the General
554 Assembly web site, and, when practicable, give such notice to the
555 Legislative Bulletin clerk for inclusion in the next Legislative Bulletin.

556 (6) *Signing Up to Testify*. Members of the public who wish to testify
557 at a public hearing may submit the names of persons who wish to testify
558 at such public hearing to the committee clerk, in a manner prescribed by
559 the chairpersons of the committee and indicated in the notice for such
560 public hearing, and such names shall be included in a lottery that will
561 determine the order of testimony of witnesses during the public portion
562 of the hearing. Such submission of names shall include whether such
563 person will be testifying in person at the public hearing or whether such
564 person will be participating virtually. After such submission, the
565 Internet web site address for testifying at such hearing shall be provided
566 to each such person.

567 (7) *Technological Issues*. In the event of a technological issue that is
568 preventing or otherwise limiting the transaction of the business of the
569 committee or the committee's ability to comply with this rule, prior to
570 or during a public hearing, the chairpersons of the committee may take
571 whatever action they deem necessary, including, but not limited to,
572 recessing such hearing in accordance with the provisions of subdivision
573 (5) of this subsection, or cancelling and rescheduling such public
574 hearing in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a)(5)(D) of this
575 rule.

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BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS GENERALLY

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

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

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

582 (3) "Committee bill" means a bill drafted in formal statutory language
583 that incorporates the principles expressed in a proposed bill or proposed
584 bills;

585 (4) "Committee resolution" means a resolution drafted in formal
586 statutory language that incorporates the principles expressed in a
587 proposed resolution or proposed resolutions;

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

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

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

598 (8) "Governor's bill" means a bill drafted in formal statutory language
599 that accompanies the Governor's budget or other message; and

600 (9) "Conveyance bill" means any committee bill, raised bill,
601 emergency certified bill or Governor's bill drafted in formal language
602 that requires a state agency to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any
603 real property or interest in real property that is under the custody or
604 control of such agency to any person or entity other than another state

605 agency.

606 (b) *Numbering*. Senate bills shall be numbered from 1 to 5000, House
607 bills shall be numbered from 5001 to 9999 and resolutions shall be
608 numbered starting with 1 in each chamber.

609 (c) *Preparation and Alteration*. Each proposed bill, proposed
610 resolution, committee bill, raised bill, committee resolution, raised
611 resolution, emergency certified bill and Governor's bill shall be
612 prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. No such bill or
613 resolution shall be altered after such bill or resolution has been filed,
614 except by the legislative commissioners, in accordance with the
615 provisions of Rule 13.

616 (d) *Form and Format*. (1) Each proposed bill, proposed resolution,
617 committee bill, committee resolution, raised bill, raised resolution,
618 emergency certified bill and Governor's bill shall include the number of
619 such bill or resolution, the session of introduction, the introducer or
620 introducers of such bill or resolution, and, if applicable, the committee
621 to which it was referred. In the case of a committee bill or committee
622 resolution, each such committee bill or committee resolution shall also
623 include the names of any co-sponsors.

624 (2) Each committee bill, raised bill, emergency certified bill or
625 Governor's bill amending a statute or special act shall set forth in full the
626 section or subsection of the statute or the special act to be amended. Text
627 to be deleted or repealed shall be surrounded by brackets or
628 overstricken so that the deleted or repealed text remains readable, and
629 new text shall be indicated by capitalization, underlining or italics. In
630 the case of a section or subsection not amending an existing section of
631 the general statutes but intended to be part of the general statutes, the
632 section or subsection shall be preceded by the word (NEW).

633 (e) *Statement of Purpose*. At the conclusion of each proposed bill,
634 proposed resolution, committee bill and raised bill there shall be a
635 statement of its purpose in not more than one hundred fifty words, to

636 be printed under the caption "STATEMENT OF PURPOSE". The
637 statement of purpose shall not be a part of such bill or resolution for
638 consideration and enactment into law.

639 (f) *Sponsors.* (1) Any member of the General Assembly may co-
640 sponsor (A) a proposed bill or proposed resolution by requesting the
641 Legislative Commissioners' Office, in writing, to add such member's
642 name to such proposed bill or proposed resolution in its possession, or
643 (B) a proposed bill, proposed resolution, committee bill, committee
644 resolution, raised bill, raised resolution, emergency certified bill or
645 Governor's bill by requesting the clerk of the chamber in which such bill
646 or resolution has been filed, in writing, to add such member's name as a
647 co-sponsor of such bill or resolution, provided such request is made not
648 later than the date of the signing of such bill, or the deadline for the
649 signing of such bill, by the Governor, whichever is earlier, or the date of
650 the adoption of such resolution.

651 (2) A member of the General Assembly may request the clerk of the
652 chamber in which a proposed bill, proposed resolution, committee bill,
653 committee resolution, raised bill, raised resolution, emergency certified
654 bill or Governor's bill was filed, in writing, to remove such member's
655 name as an introducer or a co-sponsor of such bill or resolution,
656 provided such request is made not later than the time specified in
657 subsection (f)(1)(B) of this rule. The clerk shall notify the Legislative
658 Commissioners' Office of such removal and the member's name shall be
659 removed from the legislative database for such bill or resolution.

660 (g) *Availability of Bills and Resolutions.* Copies of proposed bills,
661 proposed resolutions, committee bills, committee resolutions, raised
662 bills, raised resolutions and Governor's bills shall be prepared, in
663 accordance with section 2-23 of the general statutes, for use by the
664 General Assembly and the public and shall be made available in the
665 legislative bill room and posted on the General Assembly web site.

666 (h) *Types of Bills and Resolutions in 2024 Session.* In the 2024
667 session, only the following bills and resolutions may be introduced:

700 (d) *Receipt by Clerk; Initial Reference to Committee.* The clerk of the
701 Senate or House shall receive each proposed bill and proposed
702 resolution and shall cause copies to be made available in accordance
703 with subsection (g) of Rule 7. No proposed bill or proposed resolution
704 shall be invalid for lack of a signature of the member introducing such
705 proposed bill or proposed resolution. After receipt of a proposed bill or
706 proposed resolution, the proposed bill or proposed resolution shall
707 receive its first reading as set forth in Rule 16. The President Pro
708 Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House shall refer the
709 proposed bill or proposed resolution to the appropriate joint standing
710 committee or the Legislative Management committee and then send
711 such proposed bill or proposed resolution to the other chamber for
712 concurring reference. The proposed bill or proposed resolution shall be
713 delivered forthwith to the clerk of the appropriate committee. A
714 proposed bill or proposed resolution shall be considered in the
715 possession of the committee upon (1) such referral, and (2) posting of
716 such proposed bill or proposed resolution on the General Assembly web
717 site.

718 COMMITTEE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS, RAISED BILLS AND
719 RESOLUTIONS, EMERGENCY CERTIFIED BILLS AND
720 GOVERNOR'S BILLS

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

722 (1) *Introduction.* Committee bills and committee resolutions may be
723 introduced only by committees. A committee, upon receiving the
724 proposed bills or proposed resolutions referred to it pursuant to Rule 8,
725 may separate them into subject categories and may vote to have
726 committee bills or resolutions on the subjects prepared by the
727 Legislative Commissioners' Office. Each committee bill and committee
728 resolution shall be (A) identified as a committee bill or committee
729 resolution, (B) electronically approved by each chairperson of the
730 committee, except such chairperson may permit the vice chairperson of
731 the same chamber to electronically approve any such bill or resolution,

732 (C) filed with the clerk of the appropriate chamber, and (D) assigned a
733 number in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (3) of this
734 subsection. A committee bill or committee resolution shall be
735 considered in the possession of the committee upon (i) referral of such
736 committee bill or committee resolution by the President Pro Tempore of
737 the Senate and the Speaker of the House to the committee after such
738 committee bill or committee resolution has been filed and assigned a
739 number under this subdivision, and (ii) posting of such committee bill
740 or committee resolution on the General Assembly web site.

741 (2) *Deadlines.*

742 (A) *Initial Committee Action.* The deadline for committees to vote (i)
743 to reserve proposed bills and proposed resolutions for subject matter
744 public hearings under Rule 6, or (ii) to have the Legislative
745 Commissioners' Office prepare committee bills and committee
746 resolutions shall be 5:00 p.m. on the following dates in 2023:

T1	January 31	Aging
T2		Banking
T3		Housing
T4		Children
T5		Veterans' and Military Affairs
T6	February 2	Energy and Technology
T7		Higher Education and Employment Advancement
T8		Insurance and Real Estate
T9		General Law
T10		Public Safety and Security
T11	February 7	Labor and Public Employees
T12		Legislative Management
T13		Commerce
T14		Human Services
T15	February 8	Education
T16		Environment

T17		Planning and Development
T18		Public Health
T19		Transportation
T20	February 15	Government Administration & Elections
T21		Judiciary
T22		Finance, Revenue and Bonding
T23		Appropriations

747 In 2024, such deadline shall be 5:00 p.m. on February 23 for the
748 committees in Group A and on February 22 for the committees in Group
749 B and the Legislative Management committee.

750 (B) *Committee Action on Bills and Resolutions Reserved for Subject*
751 *Matter Public Hearings.* The deadline for committees to vote to have the
752 Legislative Commissioners' Office prepare committee bills and
753 committee resolutions based on proposed bills or proposed resolutions
754 that have been reserved for subject matter public hearings under
755 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and on which subject matter
756 public hearings have been held under Rule 6 shall be 5:00 p.m. on the
757 seventeenth calendar day in 2023 and the tenth calendar day in 2024
758 prior to the committee's deadline to report bills and resolutions in such
759 year, as provided in Rule 15.

760 (3) *Numbering.* Each committee bill and committee resolution shall
761 have the same number and chamber of origin as the proposed bill or
762 proposed resolution on which it is based. Such number and chamber of
763 origin shall be used in any reference to such proposed bill, proposed
764 resolution, committee bill or committee resolution. When a committee
765 bill is based on two or more proposed bills, or a committee resolution is
766 based on two or more proposed resolutions, the members of the
767 committee shall designate the proposed bill or proposed resolution
768 number to be used on the committee bill or committee resolution. The
769 numbers of any other proposed bills or proposed resolutions that the
770 committee bill or committee resolution is based on shall be listed at the
771 end of the committee bill or committee resolution with the names of the

772 introducers and co-sponsors. The number of any committee bill or
773 committee resolution based on proposed bills or proposed resolutions
774 on which subject matter public hearings have been held under Rule 6
775 shall be determined by the committee in the same manner as provided
776 in this subdivision.

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

778 (1) **Introduction.** Raised bills and raised resolutions may be
779 introduced only by committees. A committee may vote to raise bills and
780 resolutions and have such raised bills or raised resolutions prepared by
781 the Legislative Commissioners' Office. Each raised bill and raised
782 resolution shall be (A) identified as a raised bill or raised resolution, (B)
783 electronically approved by each chairperson of the committee, except
784 such chairperson may permit the vice chairperson of the same chamber
785 to electronically approve any such bill or resolution, (C) filed with the
786 clerk of the appropriate chamber, and (D) assigned a number by such
787 clerk. A raised bill or raised resolution shall be considered in the
788 possession of the committee upon (i) referral of such raised bill or raised
789 resolution by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker
790 of the House to the committee after such raised bill or raised resolution
791 has been filed and assigned a number under this subdivision, and (ii)
792 posting of such raised bill or raised resolution on the General Assembly
793 web site.

794 (2) **Deadline. Exceptions.** (A) Except as otherwise provided in
795 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the deadline for committees to
796 vote to have the Legislative Commissioners' Office prepare raised bills
797 and raised resolutions shall be, (i) in 2023, (I) 5:00 p.m. on February 15
798 for the committees in Group A, and (II) 5:00 p.m. on February 14 for the
799 committees in Group B and the Legislative Management committee, and
800 (ii) in 2024, (I) 5:00 p.m. on February 23 for the committees in Group A,
801 and (II) 5:00 p.m. on February 22 for the committees in Group B and the
802 Legislative Management committee.

803 (B) The following may be raised at any time: (i) Bills or resolutions to

804 provide for the current expenses of government, (ii) emergency certified
805 bills or resolutions the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
806 Speaker of the House certify in writing to be, in their opinion, of an
807 emergency nature, (iii) bills or resolutions the Governor requests in a
808 special message addressed to the General Assembly, which message
809 sets forth the emergency or necessity requiring such bills or resolutions,
810 and (iv) the legislative commissioners' revisor's bill.

811 (c) *Emergency Certified Bills.* Emergency certified bills may be
812 introduced by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker
813 of the House. Such bills shall be certified by the President Pro Tempore
814 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to be of an emergency nature.
815 Each emergency certified bill shall be identified simply as a bill, filed
816 with the clerk of the appropriate chamber, and assigned a number by
817 such clerk.

818 (d) *Governor's Bills.*

819 (1) *Introduction.* Any fully drafted bill accompanying the Governor's
820 budget or other message may be introduced by the legislative leaders of
821 the Governor's party in the Senate and the House, provided one copy of
822 each bill is supplied by the Governor to the legislative leaders of both
823 parties. Each bill accompanying the Governor's budget or other message
824 shall be identified as a Governor's bill, filed with the clerk of the
825 appropriate chamber, and assigned a number by such clerk.

826 (2) *Suggested Committee Referral; Receipt by Clerk; Initial Reference*
827 *to Committee.* The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall make a
828 notation as to the suggested committee reference for each Governor's
829 bill based on its subject matter. The clerk of the appropriate chamber
830 shall, on introduction of each such Governor's bill, make a tentative
831 reference for the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of
832 the House. The clerk of the Senate or House shall receive each
833 Governor's bill. A Governor's bill shall be considered in the possession
834 of the committee upon (A) referral of such Governor's bill by the
835 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to

836 the committee, and (B) posting of such Governor's bill on the General
837 Assembly web site.

838 (e) *Conveyance Bills.*

839 (1) The committee on Government Administration and Elections may
840 raise a conveyance bill on or before May 10 in 2023 and April 3 in 2024.

841 (2) A chamber may not pass a conveyance bill unless the sale, transfer
842 or other disposition of real property, or interest in real property, under
843 the custody or control of a state agency, that is the subject of such
844 conveyance bill has received a public hearing in accordance with the
845 provisions of Rule 6.

846 (3) No conveyance bill that requires the sale, transfer or disposition
847 of real property or an interest in real property that is under the custody
848 or control of the Department of Agriculture or the Department of
849 Energy and Environmental Protection, or a successor agency of either
850 department, shall be passed by either chamber without a yea vote of at
851 least two-thirds of the total membership of the chamber.

852 **SUBSTITUTE BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS**

853 10. A bill or resolution redrafted with a favorable report by a
854 committee shall be reported as a substitute bill or resolution. Any such
855 substitute bill or resolution shall be made available on the General
856 Assembly web site.

857 **PETITION FOR PREPARATION OF BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS**

858 11. Not later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventh calendar day after the
859 deadline of a committee to request the drafting of a committee bill or
860 resolution, set forth in Rule 9, any member of the General Assembly may
861 present to the clerk of the member's chamber, who shall present the
862 same to the Legislative Commissioners' Office, a written petition
863 requesting preparation of a bill or resolution based on a proposed bill or
864 proposed resolution, introduced or co-sponsored by such member and

865 previously referred to such committee, unless the proposed bill or
866 resolution has been scheduled for a subject matter public hearing to be
867 held after the committee's deadline to request a committee bill or
868 resolution, in which case the petition may be presented not later than
869 5:00 p.m. on the seventh calendar day before the committee's reporting
870 out date designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15. The petition shall
871 be signed in the original by at least fifty-one members of the House if a
872 House petition and by at least twelve members of the Senate if a Senate
873 petition. The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall prepare the
874 requested bill or resolution and forward it to the clerk of the chamber of
875 origin for processing and referral to the appropriate committee which
876 shall hold a public hearing on the bill or resolution, except that if the
877 committee has already held a subject matter public hearing on the bill
878 or resolution no further public hearing shall be required.

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AMENDMENTS

880 12. All amendments to any bill or resolution in the Senate or House
881 shall be prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. An original
882 of each amendment to be offered and a copy of such amendment shall
883 be printed. The clerk of the appropriate chamber shall certify the copy
884 of each amendment and keep such certified copy in such clerk's office at
885 all times.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS'
PROCESS AFTER COMMITTEE ACTION

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889 13. (a) *Receipt*. When a committee reports a bill or resolution
890 favorably, the vote tally sheet for such bill or resolution shall be
891 submitted forthwith to the Legislative Commissioners' Office. The
892 Legislative Commissioners' Office shall enter the receipt of the vote tally
893 sheet in the legislative database and notify the Office of Fiscal Analysis
894 and the Office of Legislative Research of the bill or resolution number
895 and the committee's action.

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(b) *Examination and Correction*. The legislative commissioners shall

897 examine the bill or resolution and make any correction therein as may
898 be necessary for the purpose of avoiding repetition and unconstitutional
899 provisions, and of ensuring accuracy in the text and references,
900 clearness and conciseness in the phraseology and consistency with
901 existing statutes. Whenever the legislative commissioners make any
902 changes in a bill or resolution, other than corrections of spelling,
903 grammar, punctuation or typographical errors the correction of which
904 in no way alters the meaning, they shall prepare a statement which
905 describes each change, where it was made and explicitly why they made
906 the change. This statement shall be entered into the legislative database
907 and printed with the file copy of the bill or resolution and shall bear the
908 same file number as the bill or resolution.

909 (c) *Deadline.* Unless the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker
910 consent, in writing, to a request by a legislative commissioner for an
911 extension of time, the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall complete
912 its examination of the bill or resolution within ten calendar days,
913 excluding holidays, after its receipt, except the Legislative
914 Commissioners' Office shall complete its examination of a conveyance
915 bill within five calendar days, excluding holidays, after its receipt. If the
916 bill or resolution is approved by a commissioner, the commissioner shall
917 notify the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research
918 of the approval and, if a substitute, furnish each office with a copy of the
919 bill or resolution for preparation of a fiscal note and bill analysis. Unless
920 the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker consent, in writing, to a
921 request by the director of the Office of Fiscal Analysis or the director of
922 the Office of Legislative Research for an extension of time, a legislative
923 commissioner shall transmit the bill or resolution with his or her
924 approval to the clerk of the chamber in which it originated within five
925 calendar days, excluding holidays, after such notice.

926 (d) *Bills or Resolutions Returned to Committee.* If the commissioner
927 finds upon completion of the examination of a bill or resolution that the
928 bill or resolution is unconstitutional or is already law, the commissioner
929 shall return the bill or resolution to the committee and shall notify the

930 Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Office of Legislative Research of its
931 return. Whenever a bill or resolution has been so returned to the
932 committee, it may nevertheless be reported favorably by the committee
933 and be returned to the Legislative Commissioners' Office for completion
934 of the procedures prescribed above, notwithstanding the provisions of
935 Rule 15. If a bill or resolution is returned after the committee's reporting
936 out date designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15, the committee
937 shall take such action before the start of the session on the third regular
938 session day of the chamber making the referral after the bill or resolution
939 is returned by the Legislative Commissioners' Office. The clerk shall
940 enter it on the calendar under a heading "Favorable Report, Matter Not
941 Approved by Legislative Commissioner" unless the committee reports
942 a substitute bill or resolution which the legislative commissioners
943 approve.

944 (e) *Change of Reference*. Favorable changes of reference shall be
945 treated as provided in this rule except that no fiscal note or bill analysis
946 shall be required. When a committee votes a straight change of reference
947 or a favorable change of reference for a bill or resolution, the vote tally
948 sheet for such bill or resolution shall be submitted to the Legislative
949 Commissioners' Office, which shall prepare the change of reference
950 jacket and deliver the bill or resolution to the clerk of the chamber of
951 origin. Reading and referral of straight changes of reference shall be by
952 printing in the House and Senate journals. A bill or resolution that has
953 received a straight change of reference or a favorable change of reference
954 shall be considered in the possession of the receiving committee upon
955 entering such straight change of reference or favorable change of
956 reference on the General Assembly web site.

957 **REPORTING OF BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS**

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

962 chamber of origin.

963 FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

964 15. (a) *Deadline for Favorable Reports.* The deadline for committees
 965 to take final action on any bill or resolution and submit the vote tally
 966 sheet for each such bill or resolution to the Legislative Commissioners'
 967 Office as provided in Rule 13 shall be 5:00 p.m. on the dates designated
 968 in the following schedule:

		2023	2024
T24	Committee		
T25	Aging	March 7	March 14
T26	Children	March 7	March 14
T27	Housing	March 7	March 14
T28	Veterans' and Military Affairs	March 9	March 14
T29	Banking	March 9	March 19
T30	Higher Education and Employment	March 14	March 19
T31	Advancement		
T32	Legislative Management	March 15	March 18
T33	Commerce	March 16	March 26
T34	Public Safety and Security	March 16	March 19
T35	Insurance and Real Estate	March 16	March 21
T36	Energy and Technology	March 16	March 26
T37	Transportation	March 20	March 22
T38	General Law	March 21	March 19
T39	Labor and Public Employees	March 21	March 26
T40	Human Services	March 23	March 28
T41	Environment	March 27	March 27
T42	Education	March 27	March 25
T43	Planning and Development	March 27	March 25
T44	Public Health	March 29	April 1
T45	Government Administration and Elections	March 29	March 27
T46	Judiciary	March 31	April 1
T47	Finance, Revenue and Bonding	April 20	April 4
T48	Appropriations	April 21	April 5

969 The deadlines designated in this subsection shall not apply to
 970 conveyance bills, and resolutions proposing amendments to the
 971 constitution and other substantive resolutions.

972 (b) *Hearing Requirement for Favorable Report.* (1) Except as
973 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection and Rule 32 (2)(A), no bill
974 and no resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution or other
975 substantive resolution shall be reported favorably by a committee
976 unless a public hearing has been held as provided in Rule 6, but no
977 further public hearing shall be required for a favorable report on a
978 substitute for such bill or resolution, provided the substitute is based on
979 or is germane to the subject matter of the original bill or resolution, or
980 for a bill or resolution petitioned under Rule 11 on which a subject
981 matter public hearing has been held.

982 (2) No bill requiring the sale, transfer or other disposition of real
983 property, or interest in real property, under the custody or control of a
984 state agency, shall be reported favorably or unfavorably by a committee
985 unless such sale, transfer or other disposition has been the subject of a
986 public hearing as provided in Rule 6.

987 (c) *Fiscal Notes and Bill Analyses; Bills or Resolutions Unfavorably*
988 *Reported; List of Reported Bills or Resolutions.* (1) Any bill or
989 resolution reported favorably by any committee which if passed or
990 adopted, would affect state or municipal revenue or would require the
991 expenditure of state or municipal funds, shall have a fiscal note
992 attached, as required by section 2-24 of the general statutes with respect
993 to bills. The fiscal note for a bill or resolution and the analysis of a bill
994 shall be printed with the bill or resolution and shall bear the same file
995 number as the bill or resolution. Any fiscal note printed with or
996 prepared for a bill or resolution and any analysis of a bill printed with
997 or prepared for a bill, are solely for the purpose of information,
998 summarization and explanation for members of the General Assembly
999 and shall not be construed to represent the intent of the General
1000 Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. Each such fiscal
1001 note and bill analysis shall bear the following disclaimer: "The following
1002 Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of
1003 the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of
1004 information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the

1005 intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any
1006 purpose." When an amendment is offered to a bill or resolution in the
1007 House or the Senate, which, if adopted, would require the expenditure
1008 of state or municipal funds or affect state or municipal revenue, a fiscal
1009 note shall be available at the time the amendment is offered. Any fiscal
1010 note prepared for such an amendment shall be construed in accordance
1011 with the provisions of this rule and shall bear the disclaimer required
1012 under this rule. Each fiscal note prepared under this subdivision shall
1013 include a brief statement of the sources of information, in addition to the
1014 general knowledge of the fiscal analyst, consulted or relied on to
1015 calculate the fiscal impact.

1016 (2) All bills or resolutions unfavorably reported by a committee shall
1017 be submitted to the Legislative Commissioners' Office not later than 5:00
1018 p.m. on the final reporting out date for favorable reports for that
1019 committee, designated in the schedule shown in this rule.

1020 (3) The legislative commissioners shall prepare a list of the bills or
1021 resolutions submitted to them which at the deadline time for each
1022 committee are not printed and in the files and the clerks shall print the
1023 same in the House and Senate journals.

1024 (d) *Bills or Resolutions Not Acted on by Committee; Bills or*
1025 *Resolutions Not Printed and in Files.* All bills or resolutions not acted
1026 on by the committees within the time limits established by this section
1027 shall be deemed to have failed in committee, except that (1) a bill or
1028 resolution shall be reported to the chamber in which it originated if the
1029 Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
1030 certify, in writing, the facts which in their opinion necessitate it being
1031 acted on by the General Assembly, or (2) if a majority of the members of
1032 either chamber present to the clerk of such chamber a written petition
1033 as provided by Rule 19, requesting that a bill or resolution be reported,
1034 it shall be reported to the chamber in which the petition originated. Any
1035 bill or resolution not printed and in the files of the members of the
1036 General Assembly may be acted upon by the General Assembly if the

1037 Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
1038 certify, in writing, the facts which in their opinion necessitate an
1039 immediate vote on the bill or resolution, in which case a copy of the bill
1040 or resolution, accompanied by a fiscal note, shall nevertheless be upon
1041 the desks of the members, but not necessarily printed, before the bill or
1042 resolution is acted upon.

1043 (e) *Conveyance Bills*. Subject to the provisions of Rule 9(e), the
1044 deadline for the committee on Government Administration and
1045 Elections to vote to report favorably or unfavorably and submit
1046 conveyance bills to the Legislative Commissioners' Office shall be 5:00
1047 p.m. on May 17 in 2023 and April 10 in 2024.

1048 (f) *Referral of Bill or Resolution by Chamber to Committee After*
1049 *Deadline*. (1) Whenever a bill or resolution favorably or unfavorably
1050 reported by one committee is referred by the House or the Senate to
1051 another committee after its deadline under subsection (a) of this rule has
1052 passed, the committee receiving such referred bill or resolution shall
1053 meet to consider such bill or resolution on any day of the week and at
1054 any time (A) before the start of the session of the third regular session
1055 day of the referring chamber after the date that the motion to refer is
1056 adopted, or (B) not later than seven calendar days after such date of
1057 adoption, whichever occurs first. Such committee may take the
1058 following action on such referred bill or resolution: (i) Report it
1059 favorably or unfavorably in accordance with the provisions of
1060 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this rule, (ii) box it, or (iii) take no action.
1061 Under no circumstances shall such committee refer such bill or
1062 resolution to another committee. A bill or resolution referred by the
1063 House or the Senate under this subdivision shall be considered in the
1064 possession of the committee to which such bill or resolution has been
1065 referred upon such referral and the entering of such referral on the
1066 General Assembly web site.

1067 (2) If the committee reports the bill or resolution favorably or
1068 unfavorably, and the bill or resolution has not been amended in either

1069 chamber, the committee may report a substitute bill or resolution, in
1070 which case, there shall be a reprinting of the file. The entry on the
1071 calendar in both chambers shall indicate the actions of the committee.

1072 (3) If the committee reports the bill or resolution favorably or
1073 unfavorably, and the bill or resolution has been amended in either
1074 chamber, the committee shall include in its report its recommendation
1075 on the adoption or rejection of each amendment, and may submit
1076 additional amendments to be offered on the floor. In such a case there
1077 shall be no reprinting of the file. The entry on the calendar in both
1078 chambers shall indicate the actions and recommendations of the
1079 committee.

1080 (g) *Referral of Bill or Resolution by Chamber to Committee Before*
1081 *Deadline.* Whenever a bill or resolution favorably or unfavorably
1082 reported by one committee is referred by the House or the Senate to
1083 another committee before its deadline under subsection (a) of this rule
1084 has passed, such referred bill or resolution shall be considered in the
1085 possession of the committee to which such bill or resolution has been
1086 referred upon such referral and the entering of such referral on the
1087 General Assembly web site.

1088 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS-READINGS**

1089 16. First reading of all bills and resolutions shall be (1) by the
1090 acceptance by each chamber of a printed list of bills and resolutions,
1091 prepared by the clerks of the House and Senate, setting forth numbers,
1092 introducers, titles and committees to which referred, or (2) by title,
1093 number and reference to a committee.

1094 Second reading shall be the report of a committee.

1095 Third reading shall be passage or rejection of a bill or adoption or
1096 rejection of a resolution on the calendar. Each bill and each resolution
1097 proposing an amendment to the constitution shall receive three
1098 readings in each chamber prior to passage or adoption, and no bill or

1099 resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution shall be read
1100 twice on the same day.

1101 FAVORABLE REPORTS

1102 17. (a) *Committee Clerk's Approval.* When the House and Senate
1103 members of any committee jointly vote to report a committee or raised
1104 bill or resolution favorably, the committee clerk shall approve the
1105 committee report form for such committee or raised bill or resolution.

1106 (b) *Resolutions on Appointments and Nominations.* A favorable
1107 report by a joint standing committee of a resolution concerning a
1108 General Assembly appointment or a nomination requiring joint
1109 confirmation and a favorable report of any committee to which
1110 executive and legislative nominations are referred shall be tabled for the
1111 calendar and printed by number and title only. The report may be
1112 accepted and the resolution adopted after it has appeared on the
1113 calendar for two days.

1114 (c) *File Copies Available to Members.* All bills and all resolutions
1115 proposing amendments to the constitution and other substantive
1116 resolutions reported favorably by the committees to which they have
1117 been referred, or by a majority of the members of the Senate or House
1118 committee making the report, before third reading, shall be laid upon
1119 the table, and sufficient copies of each bill or resolution together with
1120 the vote tally sheet shall be printed under the supervision of the
1121 Legislative Commissioners' Office for the use of the General Assembly.

1122 (d) *Timing of Action by Chambers.* Each bill and each joint resolution
1123 proposing an amendment to the constitution and each other substantive
1124 resolution so printed shall be in the files and on the calendar with a file
1125 number for two session days and shall be starred for action on the
1126 session day next succeeding, except that: (1) A bill or resolution certified
1127 in accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes, if filed in the
1128 House, may be transmitted to and acted upon first by the Senate with
1129 the consent of the Speaker; and if filed in the Senate, may be transmitted

1130 to and acted upon first by the House with the consent of the President
1131 Pro Tempore, (2) any bill or resolution certified in accordance with
1132 section 2-26 of the general statutes may be acted upon immediately and
1133 may be transmitted immediately to the second chamber and may be
1134 acted upon immediately when received by the second chamber, (3) if
1135 one chamber rejects an amendment adopted by the other chamber, the
1136 bill or resolution after final action may be transmitted immediately to
1137 and may be placed on the calendar immediately in the second chamber,
1138 (4) during the last five calendar days of the session, if one chamber
1139 rejects an amendment adopted by the other chamber or adopts an
1140 amendment to a bill or resolution received from the other chamber, or
1141 takes any action on such bill or resolution requiring further action by
1142 the other chamber, the bill or resolution after final action may be
1143 transmitted immediately to the second chamber and placed
1144 immediately on the calendar and may be acted upon immediately in the
1145 second chamber, or (5) during the last five calendar days of the session,
1146 any bill or resolution, after final action in one chamber, may be
1147 transmitted immediately to the second chamber and may be placed on
1148 the calendar immediately in the second chamber.

1149 (e) *Action on Calendar.* All bills and resolutions starred for action
1150 shall be acted upon only when reached and any bill or resolution not
1151 acted upon shall retain its place on the calendar, unless it is put at the
1152 foot of the calendar or unless its consideration is made the order of the
1153 day for some specified time.

1154 (f) *Other Provisions.* When the House or Senate members only of a
1155 committee vote to report a bill or resolution favorably, the House or
1156 Senate chairperson of the committee, as the case may be, shall sign the
1157 bill or resolution. When the House members and Senate members of a
1158 committee vote to report separate versions of a bill or resolution and
1159 each chamber adopts its own version, both bills or resolutions may be
1160 referred by a joint resolution to a committee of conference, appointed as
1161 provided in Rule 22, with instructions to report a bill or resolution, as
1162 the case may be. If no bill or resolution is reported within three session

1163 days following the committee's appointment, the committee shall
1164 submit an interim report to both chambers and shall continue to report
1165 every second session day thereafter until a final decision is reached. If a
1166 bill or resolution is agreed upon by the committee it shall be submitted
1167 to the Legislative Commissioners' Office as a favorable report for
1168 processing as provided in Rule 13. A legislative commissioner shall
1169 transmit the bill or resolution with his or her approval to the clerk of the
1170 chamber which initiated the joint resolution for a committee of
1171 conference and the bill or resolution shall thereupon be tabled for the
1172 calendar and printing. The report of the committee may be accepted or
1173 rejected, but the bill or resolution may not be amended.

1174 No bill or resolution shall appear on the calendar of either chamber
1175 unless it has received a joint favorable report or a favorable report of the
1176 members of the committee of that chamber, except as provided in this
1177 rule or in Rule 19 or 20.

1178 (g) **Roll Call Requirement.** Each bill and each resolution proposing
1179 an amendment to the constitution and each other substantive resolution
1180 appearing on the regular calendar shall be voted upon by a roll call vote.

1181 **REPRINTING AFTER AMENDMENT**

1182 18. Whenever a bill or resolution is substantively amended there shall
1183 be no action on passage of the bill or resolution until it has been re-
1184 examined by the legislative commissioners for the purposes set forth in
1185 Rule 13 and it has been reprinted as amended. The chamber in which
1186 the bill or resolution is pending shall not take final action thereon until
1187 the reprinted bill or resolution has been made available to the members.
1188 This rule shall not apply to amendments offered solely for the purposes
1189 of correcting clerical defects or imperfections, such as but not limited to,
1190 grammatical or spelling errors or mistakes as to form or dates, or to
1191 make other changes which do not alter the substance of a bill or
1192 resolution. Reprinting of amended bills or resolutions shall not be
1193 required for bills or resolutions passed after June 3, 2023, for the 2023
1194 session and May 4, 2024, for the 2024 session.

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PETITION FOR COMMITTEE REPORT

1196 19. Upon presentation to the clerk of either chamber of a petition
1197 signed in the original by not less than a majority of the members of either
1198 chamber requesting a joint standing committee to report a bill or
1199 resolution in its possession, the clerk shall immediately give notice to
1200 the committee of the filing of the petition. The petition may not be
1201 presented sooner than the day following the committee's deadline,
1202 designated in the schedule shown in Rule 15, to report the bill or
1203 resolution out of committee and not later than 5:00 p.m. on the seventh
1204 calendar day after that deadline. Within two regular session days
1205 thereafter the committee shall report the bill or resolution with or
1206 without its recommendations to the chamber from which the petition
1207 was received. If no recommendation is made, the bill or resolution shall
1208 be considered as having received an unfavorable report and the
1209 procedures in Rule 20 shall be followed. Each petition or page of the
1210 petition shall contain a statement of its purpose and may be circulated
1211 only by a member of the chamber whose clerk will receive the petition.
1212 If the committee members of one chamber vote to report a bill or
1213 resolution favorably, the petition so circulated and presented to the
1214 clerk may be signed only by the members of the other chamber.

1215 Any bill or resolution so petitioned, except those carrying or
1216 requiring appropriations, shall not be referred to any other committee
1217 without first having been voted upon by the House or Senate. Those
1218 carrying or requiring appropriations shall be referred first to the joint
1219 standing committee on Appropriations. The Appropriations committee
1220 shall, within two session days after such reference, report such bill or
1221 resolution back to the chamber in which the petition originated with
1222 either a favorable or unfavorable report thereon and the bill or
1223 resolution shall then be voted upon. In the event of a conflict between
1224 the report of the original committee and that of the Appropriations
1225 committee, the vote shall be on the report of the Appropriations
1226 committee.

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UNFAVORABLE REPORTS

1228 20. All bills and resolutions reported unfavorably shall first be
1229 printed under the supervision of the legislative commissioners, without
1230 correction and without their approval, and shall be in the files and on
1231 the calendar as if favorably reported but shall appear on the calendar
1232 under the heading "Unfavorable Reports." If the unfavorable report is
1233 rejected by the chamber of origin, the bill or resolution shall be returned
1234 to the legislative commissioners for their approval and reprinting in
1235 final form, except that in the case of an unfavorable report of the
1236 committee on executive and legislative nominations, or an unfavorable
1237 report of the committee on judiciary of a judicial nomination, a
1238 nomination of a workers' compensation commissioner or a nomination
1239 of a member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, the resolution shall
1240 not be returned to the legislative commissioners and may be acted upon
1241 immediately. If the bill or resolution is returned to the legislative
1242 commissioners after May 24, 2023, in the 2023 session or April 24, 2024,
1243 in the 2024 session, the legislative commissioners shall transmit the bill
1244 or resolution, with or without approval, to the clerk of the chamber from
1245 which it was received, not later than five calendar days after it is
1246 received. It shall then be in the files, with special marking on the
1247 calendar, as if favorably reported with a file number for two session
1248 days and starred for action on the session day next succeeding in the
1249 chamber of origin. If the unfavorable report is accepted by the chamber
1250 of origin, the bill or resolution shall be lost.

1251 When an unfavorable report is rejected by the first chamber and the
1252 bill is passed or the resolution adopted by that chamber, it shall then be
1253 in the files and on the calendar of the other chamber, but shall appear
1254 on the calendar under the heading "Unfavorable Reports".

1255 RECALL FROM OTHER CHAMBER FOR RECONSIDERATION

1256 21. No resolution or motion to recall a bill, resolution or other matter
1257 from the other chamber shall be allowed for the purpose of
1258 reconsideration or amendment after the time has elapsed for the

1259 reconsideration of any vote thereon except when there has clearly been
1260 a mistake in such vote or an error in the language of the bill, resolution
1261 or other matter.

1262 COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

1263 22. (a) *Appointment of Committee.* When one chamber rejects an
1264 amendment adopted by the other chamber, the bill or resolution shall
1265 be returned to the other chamber for further action. If that chamber
1266 readopts the rejected amendment, the readoption constitutes a matter
1267 for a committee of conference, and a committee of conference shall be
1268 appointed by the Speaker and the President Pro Tempore. The
1269 committee of conference shall be comprised of three members from each
1270 chamber. If the vote has not been unanimous there shall be at least one
1271 member of the committee who was not on the prevailing side in such
1272 member's chamber, except that in all cases, at least one member in each
1273 chamber shall be a member of the minority party.

1274 (b) *Committee Reports.* The committee may propose any changes
1275 within the scope of the bill or resolution, but any action, including
1276 changes, taken by the committee shall be by a majority vote of the
1277 members of each chamber on the committee. The committee report shall
1278 be made to both chambers at the same time. The committee report shall
1279 contain the following information: The bill or resolution number and
1280 title, the members of the committee, the action of the committee,
1281 indicating the adoption or rejection of each House or Senate amendment
1282 previously adopted, identified by schedule letter, which accompanied
1283 the bill or resolution, the adoption of a new amendment, if any, and the
1284 signature of the members of the committee accepting or rejecting the
1285 report. A member's refusal to sign shall be deemed a rejection. Any new
1286 amendment shall be prepared by the Legislative Commissioners' Office
1287 and shall be attached to and made a part of the report and shall be
1288 identified by a schedule letter of the chamber which created the
1289 disagreeing action.

1290 (c) *Action by Chambers.* Each chamber shall vote to accept or reject

1291 the report. A vote by either chamber to accept the report of the
1292 committee shall be final action by that chamber on the bill or resolution.
1293 If both chambers vote to accept the report of the committee, the bill is
1294 passed or the resolution is adopted as of the time the last chamber votes
1295 to accept the report. If either chamber rejects the report of the committee,
1296 the bill or resolution is defeated and the second chamber shall not be
1297 required to consider the committee report. The report of the committee
1298 may be accepted or rejected, but it may not be amended.

1299 RETURN OF BILL FROM GOVERNOR OR LEGISLATIVE
1300 COMMISSIONERS

1301 23. Whenever a bill has passed both chambers and has been
1302 transmitted to the Governor for approval, or to the legislative
1303 commissioners for engrossing, if either chamber desires its return for
1304 further consideration, the General Assembly may, by resolution
1305 adopted by both chambers, appoint a joint committee of one senator and
1306 two representatives to be sent to the Governor or the commissioners to
1307 request the return of the bill. In the case of a bill transmitted to the
1308 Governor, if the Governor consents, and in the case of a bill transmitted
1309 to the legislative commissioners, the bill shall be returned first to that
1310 chamber in which the motion for its return originated, and the bill may
1311 then be altered or totally rejected by a concurrent vote of the two
1312 chambers; but, if not altered or rejected by concurrent vote, it shall be
1313 again transmitted to the Governor or the legislative commissioners, as
1314 the case may be, in the same form in which it was first presented to the
1315 Governor or the legislative commissioners.

1316 EXAMINATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

1317 24. (a) *Examination and Correction.* All bills, and all resolutions
1318 proposing amendments to the constitution, when finally passed or
1319 adopted, shall be examined immediately by the legislative
1320 commissioners. If the legislative commissioners find that any correction
1321 should be made in the text, they shall report it to the committee on
1322 legislative management. If the committee believes that no correction

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DISTURBANCES

1387 28. (a) If there is any disturbance, disorderly conduct or other activity
1388 in or about the State Capitol or the Legislative Office Building or the
1389 grounds thereof which, in the opinion of the President Pro Tempore and
1390 the Speaker of the House, may impede the orderly transaction of the
1391 business of the General Assembly or any of its committees, they may
1392 take whatever action they deem necessary to preserve and restore order.

1393 (b) The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker may take whatever
1394 action they deem necessary to preserve public health and maintain
1395 order, including prohibiting access to the Hall of the House, the Senate
1396 or the State Capitol or Legislative Office Building, except for the
1397 members, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State,
1398 authorized staff of the legislative, executive and judicial departments,
1399 authorized telecommunications personnel and authorized or
1400 credentialed members of the media.

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AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF RULES

1402 29. These rules shall not be altered, amended or suspended except by
1403 the vote of at least two-thirds of the members present in each chamber.

1404 Motions to suspend the rules shall be in order on any session day.

1405 Suspension of the rules shall be for a specified purpose. Upon
1406 accomplishment of that purpose, any rule suspended shall be again in
1407 force.

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RESTRICTIONS

1409 30. (a) *Smoking*. No person shall smoke in the State Capitol or
1410 Legislative Office Building.

1411 (b) *Nonpartisan Offices*. Lobbyists shall be prohibited from the
1412 Legislative Commissioners' Office, the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the
1413 Office of Legislative Research but not from the legislative library.

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COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

1415 31. When a collective bargaining agreement, negotiated under the
1416 provisions of chapter 68 of the general statutes, or a supplemental
1417 understanding reached between the parties to such agreement, or an
1418 arbitration award resulting from an arbitration proceeding under that
1419 chapter, is submitted to the General Assembly for approval as provided
1420 in section 5-278 of the general statutes, the following procedures shall
1421 apply:

1422 (1) In the case of a collective bargaining agreement or supplemental
1423 understanding, the bargaining representative of the employer shall file
1424 one executed original and five photocopies of the agreement, or of the
1425 master agreement and individual working agreements or the
1426 supplemental understanding, and an electronic copy of such agreement
1427 or supplemental understanding to the clerk of the House, and one
1428 executed original, five photocopies and an electronic copy to the clerk
1429 of the Senate. In the case of an arbitration award, the bargaining
1430 representative of the employer shall file five photocopies of the original
1431 arbitration award, showing that the original award was signed by the
1432 arbitrator, and a statement setting forth the amount of funds necessary
1433 to implement the award, and an electronic copy of such award to the
1434 clerk of the House and to the clerk of the Senate. The bargaining
1435 representative of the employer shall file with such agreement,
1436 supplemental understanding or award: (A) A list of the sections of the
1437 general statutes or state agency regulations, if any, proposed to be
1438 superseded, and (B) the effective date and expiration date of the
1439 agreement, supplemental understanding or award. An agreement shall
1440 be deemed executed only when it has been approved, in the case of an
1441 executive branch employer, including the division of criminal justice, by
1442 the Governor's designee, in the case of a judicial branch employer, by
1443 the chief administrative officer or such officer's designee, and in the case
1444 of a segment of the system of higher education, the chairperson of the
1445 appropriate board of trustees, and by the executive committee or
1446 officers of the respective bargaining unit or units and has been ratified

1447 by the membership of such bargaining unit or units.

1448 (2) (A) During periods when the General Assembly is in session, the
1449 agreement or supplemental understanding or the award shall be filed
1450 with the clerks, and the clerks shall stamp such agreement or
1451 supplemental understanding or award with the date of receipt and,
1452 within two calendar days thereafter, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays
1453 excepted, the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of
1454 the Senate shall cause separate House and Senate resolutions to be
1455 prepared proposing approval of the agreement or supplemental
1456 understanding or, in the case of an award, separate House and Senate
1457 resolutions concerning the sufficiency of funds for implementation of
1458 the award. The agreement or supplemental understanding or the award
1459 shall be submitted to the General Assembly on the date that both such
1460 resolutions are filed with the clerks. Each resolution shall be given a first
1461 reading in the appropriate chamber. Resolutions proposing approval of
1462 a collective bargaining agreement or a supplemental understanding,
1463 together with a copy of the agreement or supplemental understanding,
1464 and resolutions concerning the sufficiency of funds for implementation
1465 of an arbitration award, together with a copy of the award, shall be
1466 referred to the committee on Appropriations. Any such resolution shall
1467 be considered in the possession of the committee on Appropriations
1468 upon referral of such resolution. With respect to each resolution referred
1469 to the committee on or before the deadline of the committee to report
1470 favorably on a bill or resolution as designated in the schedule shown in
1471 Rule 15, the committee shall hold a public hearing on each such
1472 resolution, and within fifteen days after the referral, shall report the
1473 appropriate resolutions approving or disapproving the agreement or
1474 supplemental understanding or concerning the sufficiency of funds for
1475 implementation of the award to the House and the Senate,
1476 notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15. If the Appropriations
1477 committee fails to take action within the time period set forth in this rule,
1478 the agreement or supplemental understanding shall nevertheless be
1479 deemed approved or, in the case of an award, the sufficiency of funds
1480 affirmed and the resolutions shall be reported to the House and the

1481 Senate as favorable reports.

1482 (B) If an agreement or supplemental understanding is reached or an
1483 arbitration award is made during the interim between sessions, the
1484 provisions of subsection (b) of section 5-278 of the general statutes, as
1485 amended, shall apply.

1486 (3) Each resolution, favorably or unfavorably reported, shall be read
1487 in, and tabled for the calendar and printing, in the appropriate chamber.
1488 Copies of the master agreement and individual working agreements,
1489 identified by the resolution numbers, copies of the salary schedules and
1490 appendices, and copies of the arbitration awards, identified by the
1491 resolution numbers, and the statements setting forth the amount of
1492 funds necessary to implement the awards, shall be made available in the
1493 clerks' offices.

1494 (4) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall prepare an analysis of each
1495 agreement, supplemental understanding and award and a fiscal note
1496 both of which shall be upon the desks of the members, but not
1497 necessarily printed in the files, before the resolution is acted upon.

1498 (5) (A) The respective resolutions shall be in the files and on the
1499 calendar with a file number for two session days and shall be starred for
1500 action on the session day next succeeding unless it has been certified in
1501 accordance with section 2-26 of the general statutes. The House and the
1502 Senate shall vote to approve or reject each resolution proposing
1503 approval of a collective bargaining agreement or a supplemental
1504 understanding and each resolution concerning the sufficiency of funds
1505 for implementation of an arbitration award within thirty days after the
1506 date of the filing of the agreement, supplemental understanding or
1507 award with the clerks of the House and Senate.

1508 (B) The House and the Senate shall each permit not more than six
1509 hours of total time for debate of each such resolution. Those speaking in
1510 favor of such resolution shall be allocated not more than three hours of
1511 total time for debate, and those speaking in opposition to such

1512 resolution shall be allocated not more than three hours of total time for
1513 debate. A vote shall be taken on the resolution upon the conclusion of
1514 the debate.

1515 (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this
1516 subdivision, if the debate on such resolution occurs during the last three
1517 days of the thirty-day period, the House and the Senate shall each
1518 permit not more than four hours of total time for debate of such
1519 resolution. Those speaking in favor of such resolution shall be allocated
1520 not more than two hours of total time for debate and those speaking in
1521 opposition to such resolution shall be allocated not more than two hours
1522 of total time for debate. A vote shall be taken on the resolution upon the
1523 conclusion of the debate.

1524 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15, when a resolution
1525 proposing approval of a collective bargaining agreement or a
1526 supplemental understanding or a resolution concerning the sufficiency
1527 of funds for implementation of an arbitration award is referred to the
1528 committee on Appropriations after the deadline of the committee to
1529 report favorably on a bill or resolution as designated in the schedule
1530 shown in Rule 15, but was filed more than thirty days before the end of
1531 a regular session, the committee may act on such resolutions provided
1532 it reports such resolutions to the House and Senate not later than twelve
1533 days after such referral.

1534 (7) If the General Assembly is in regular session when an award,
1535 agreement or supplemental understanding is filed with the clerks, it
1536 shall vote to approve or reject such award, agreement or supplemental
1537 understanding within thirty days after the date of filing. If the General
1538 Assembly does not vote to approve or reject such award, agreement or
1539 supplemental understanding within such thirty days, the award,
1540 agreement or supplemental understanding shall be deemed rejected. If
1541 the regular session adjourns prior to such thirtieth day and the award,
1542 agreement or supplemental understanding has not been acted upon, the
1543 award, agreement or supplemental understanding shall be deemed to

1544 be filed on the first day of the next regular session.

1545 (8) (A) If an agreement is rejected, the matter shall be returned to the
1546 parties in accordance with section 5-278(b)(2)(A) of the general statutes.
1547 The parties may submit any award issued pursuant to arbitration
1548 initiated under said section 5-278(b)(2)(A) to the General Assembly for
1549 approval in the same manner as the rejected agreement. If the arbitration
1550 award is rejected by the General Assembly, the matter shall be returned
1551 again to the parties in accordance with said section 5-278(b)(2)(A). Any
1552 award issued pursuant to further arbitration initiated under said section
1553 5-278(b)(2)(A) shall be deemed approved by the General Assembly.

1554 (B) If an arbitration award, other than an award issued pursuant to
1555 section 5-278(b)(2)(A) of the general statutes, is rejected, the matter shall
1556 be returned to the parties in accordance with section 5-278(b)(2)(B) of
1557 the general statutes. Any award issued pursuant to further arbitration
1558 initiated under said section 5-278(b)(2)(B) shall be deemed approved by
1559 the General Assembly.

1560 **AGREEMENTS OR STIPULATIONS UNDER SECTION 3-125a**

1561 32. When an agreement or stipulation is submitted to the General
1562 Assembly as provided in section 3-125a of the general statutes, the
1563 following procedures shall apply:

1564 (1) Six copies of the agreement or stipulation and an electronic copy
1565 of the agreement or stipulation shall be submitted to the clerk of the
1566 House, and six copies and an electronic copy to the clerk of the Senate.

1567 (2) (A) During periods when the General Assembly is in session, the
1568 agreement or stipulation shall be stamped by the clerks with the date of
1569 receipt and, within two calendar days thereafter, Saturdays, Sundays
1570 and holidays excepted, the Speaker of the House and the President Pro
1571 Tempore of the Senate shall cause separate House and Senate
1572 resolutions to be prepared proposing approval of the agreement or
1573 stipulation. Each resolution shall be given a first reading in the

1574 appropriate chamber. The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker shall
1575 designate the committees of cognizance and the committees, if any, that
1576 will hold a public hearing on each agreement or stipulation. Each
1577 resolution, accompanied by the agreement or stipulation, shall be
1578 referred to the committees of cognizance, which shall report thereon.
1579 Any such resolution shall be considered in the possession of the
1580 committee of cognizance upon referral of such resolution.

1581 (B) If an agreement or stipulation is submitted during the interim
1582 between regular sessions, it shall be deemed to be submitted on the first
1583 day of the next regular session.

1584 (3) Each resolution, favorably or unfavorably reported, shall be read
1585 in, and tabled for the calendar and printing, in the appropriate chamber.

1586 (4) The Office of Fiscal Analysis shall prepare an analysis of each
1587 agreement or stipulation and a fiscal note both of which shall be upon
1588 the desks of the members, but not necessarily printed in the files, before
1589 the resolution is acted upon.

1590 (5) The resolution shall be in the files and on the calendar with a file
1591 number for two session days and shall be starred for action on the
1592 session day next succeeding unless it has been certified in accordance
1593 with section 2-26 of the general statutes. The House and the Senate may
1594 vote to approve or reject each resolution within thirty days of the date
1595 of submittal of the agreement or stipulation.

1596 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 15, when an agreement or
1597 stipulation is referred to a committee of cognizance after the deadline of
1598 the committee to report favorably on a bill or resolution as designated
1599 in the schedule shown in Rule 15, but not later than the time of
1600 submission specified in subdivision (7) of this rule, the committee may
1601 act on such resolution provided it reports such resolution not later than
1602 twelve days after such referral.

1603 (7) Any agreement or stipulation submitted to the clerks within thirty

1604 days before the end of a regular session and not acted upon dispositively
1605 before the end of such session shall be deemed to be submitted on the
1606 first day of the next regular session.

1607 SPECIAL SESSIONS

1608 33. A majority of the total membership of each chamber shall be
1609 required for the calling of a special session by the General Assembly.

1610 INTERIM

1611 34. (a) *Meetings*. During the interim between sessions, chairpersons
1612 of a committee may schedule meetings on any day. Notice of the date,
1613 time and place of committee meetings shall be given to the Office of
1614 Legislative Management. Any such meeting shall be conducted in a
1615 manner consistent with the provisions of Rule 5.

1616 (b) *Public Hearings*. A committee may hold subject matter public
1617 hearings on any subject and on specified proposed bills and proposed
1618 resolutions, and on committee and raised bills and resolutions. Notice
1619 of any public hearing shall be given, not later than ten calendar days
1620 before the hearing, to the Office of Legislative Management for
1621 appropriate publication by that office at least five calendar days in
1622 advance of the hearing. The notice shall contain the date, time, place and
1623 general subject matter of the hearing and the title of the bills or
1624 resolutions, if any, to be considered. In no event shall a bill or resolution
1625 be listed for a public hearing unless such bill or resolution has been
1626 posted on the General Assembly web site. Any such public hearing shall
1627 be conducted in a manner consistent with the provisions of Rule 6. For
1628 the purpose of meeting the hearing requirements under this subsection,
1629 the day of publication by the Office of Legislative Management and the
1630 day of the hearing shall both be counted as full days.

1631 (c) *Raised Bills-Hearing During Session Required*. During the interim
1632 between the 2023 and 2024 sessions, a committee may, on or after
1633 October 1, 2023, raise bills and resolutions for public hearing and

1634 consideration during such interim, but no such bill or resolution shall
1635 be reported by any committee unless a public hearing has been held
1636 during the 2024 session, as provided in Rule 6.

1637 SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

1638 35. The sexual harassment policy set forth in section 2.2 of the
1639 Connecticut General Assembly Employee Handbook, as amended from
1640 time to time, is incorporated by reference in these rules.