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Connecticut

Senator, SD-021 (R)

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vote history**CT Legislative Scorecard 2024****Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution**

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★ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional ? Did not Vote	\$/Year	Vote
1. SB248 Connecticut-Ireland Trade Commission (passed 36 to 0 on 4/17/2024). Establishes the Connecticut-Ireland Trade Commission to "advance bilateral trade and investment," "initiate joint action on policy issues," and "encourage mutual economic support."		YES ✗
2. SB356 Paying School Board Members (passed 24 to 12 on 4/30/2024). Would allow towns to pay salaries and provide compensation to school board members.		NO ★
3. SB5 Expanding State-Subsidized Child Care (passed 36 to 0 on 5/2/2024). Expands eligibility for the Care 4 Kids program to Medicaid recipients.	-\$162.00	YES ✗
4. HB5523 Allocation of Unspent Federal COVID-19 Funds (passed 26 to 10 on 5/7/2024). Would allow towns to pay salaries and provide compensation to school board members.	-\$263.00	YES ✗
5. HB5239 Student Financial Aid for Illegal Aliens (passed 36 to 0 on 5/8/2024). Apportions up to \$100,000 in grants annually for nonprofit organizations to help students "without legal immigration status" apply for financial aid.		YES ✗
6. HB5003 Increasing Access to "Food Stamps" (passed 36 to 0 on 5/8/2024). Streamlines cross-enrollment of children in federal and state "food and nutrition" assistance programs.	-\$24.00	YES ✗

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\$293,188

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Why do these votes matter?

1. Connecticut-Ireland Trade Commission

SB248 establishes the Connecticut-Ireland Trade Commission. This trade commission between Connecticut and Ireland undermines state and national sovereignty. It serves as a sub-federal forum for globalists to push for a supra-national "free trade" agreement between the United States and the European Union. "Free trade" necessitates "open borders," which is why Article I of the U.S. Constitution gives Congress, not the States, the power to "regulate Commerce with foreign Nations." The potential for political and economic integration involving the U.S. and the EU threatens to end American liberty and independence—the penultimate step to building a totalitarian one-world state. The Constitution was written to secure the interests of "ourselves and our Posterity," so the people of Connecticut must demand that lawmakers uphold it by pursuing a policy of America First.

2. Paying School Board Members

SB356 would allow towns to pay salaries and provide compensation to school board members.

State and local boards of education should be terminated, not compensated. Education is not the role of government—it is the responsibility of a child's parents or family. Schools can and should be privatized, without the support of public funds. The best "school choice," by far, is for parents to choose not to place their child's education in the hands of the power-hungry school board members or bureaucrats. Educational and economic freedom cannot be achieved by forcing other citizens to furnish their hard-earned tax dollars to fund all that now entails a compulsory, failing, and government-run K-12 school system.

3. Expanding State-Subsidized Child Care

SB5 expands eligibility for the Care 4 Kids program to Medicaid recipients. Subsidizing child care for "low-income" families is not the legitimate object of government.

Subsidizing child care for "low-income" families is not the legitimate object of government. The Care 4 Kids program relies on immoral, anti-constitutional, and discriminatory forms of taxation (e.g., income and property taxes) that provide "benefits" to "eligible" persons at the expense of others. The reality is that "cradle-to-grave" or "nanny-state" policies result in more debt, dependency, and poverty. Moreover, Medicaid is unauthorized according to Article 1, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution.

4. Allocation of Unspent Federal COVID-19 Funds

HB5523 allocates approximately \$373 million in remaining federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for various purposes in fiscal year 2025.

This bill is effectively a "budget in disguise." It uses leftover federal COVID-19 stimulus money returned by state agencies to circumvent the spending cap in the biennial budget. The General Assembly has absolutely no business coercing taxpayers into furnishing proliferate amounts of unconstitutional federal money to spend on "pork-barrel" state and local projects that exist entirely outside the limited purpose and scope of government. Legislators in Connecticut should rein in big government at every level by cutting reckless, out-of-control spending.

5. Student Financial Aid for Illegal Aliens

HB5239 apportions up to \$100,000 in grants annually for nonprofit organizations to help students "without legal immigration status" apply for financial aid.

Illegal aliens ought not to have sanctuary or residency in Connecticut, let alone be permitted to attend institutions of higher education and receive taxpayer-funded assistance in seeking student financial aid. Rather than pursue blatantly anti-American policies that undermine the rule of law and erode the value of citizenship, Connecticut should use its sovereign powers reserved under the 10th Amendment to stop illegal migration and provide for the public safety.

6. Increasing Access to "Food Stamps"

HB5003 streamlines cross-enrollment of children in federal and state "food and nutrition" assistance programs.

The responsibility for feeding children belongs to parents or family members, not the government. There exists no "right to food" apart from a person working and earning it themselves or having received it privately and voluntarily from someone else. Taxation in the name of "social welfare" is neither just nor charitable. Nothing in Article 1, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution authorizes either the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).