

Republican Budget Summary

(9/17/17)

All State Employees

Section 317-320	Removing Overtime from pension calculations (2027) Removes Retirement Commission Eliminating COLA (2027 amend 2/3 vote 80% funded)
Section 156	Contract approval – immediate
Section 313	Modify Contract – negatively affect bonding rating
Section 313-314	Ability Pay/Separate from raising revenue
Section 313	Superseding- unconstitutional
Section 315	Eliminates 30-day approval provision” pocket rejected”
	Limits SEBAC agreement for only 4 years can’t be superseded (no fiscal impact)
Section 323	Remove biannual evaluation to annual to captive savings sooner; implements selection group – no public or labor on it
	Implements Bonding Cap
325	Governor must recover savings
Section 158	Mandatory 7% to pensions – ALL TIERS Eliminate Tier IIs Breakpoint
	State would run afoul of constitutional due process priorities: costly law suits. Guts instead of savings \$100million - last time went to court and only \$300,000 impacted people Now it will be Billions of Dollars
Section 154	Non-union employees 3%-5% contribution to retire healthcare

UConn/UConn Health Center

Section 255	UCHC Public Private Partnership – must seek Privatization - -
	Any salary over \$100,000 - pay all salary and all fringe total – bankrupt the whole UConn system
Section 258-263	Eliminates purchasing for and contracting constraints
	Drastic Reduction in Funds - \$185 million (UConn Storrs) and \$109 million over 2 years (UCHC)

PreK-12 Public Education

Section 323	TRS under influence of private consultant firm
Section 153	Increase teacher contributions to the TRB – would go to General Fund 1/1/18 – 6% to 7% and 7/1/158 – 7% to 8% Which would cost the average teacher \$1500 per year Without stabilizing the teachers retirement fund because it goes to General Fund Flat out tax for teachers!!

Section 246	Allows voluntary to do union work for town services regardless of collective bargaining agreements (Big for Paras and Substitutes)
Section 303	Changes to MARB (no \$ for Hartford) Will force Hartford into Bankruptcy Gut Collective bargaining and destroys pension and healthcare
Section 247	General Assembly cannot adopt municipal mandates without a 2/3 vote.
Section 238	Reduces state contributions to the Teacher's Retiree Health Services Funded 33% - only have to do if they have funds to 25%
	<p>Contains numerous provision that transfer power from board of education to the board of finance or mayor/board of selectman For example, the town (not the BOE) must authorize leases of school equipment, computers, portable classrooms, etc.; the town must approve hiring new school position not specifically enumerated in the budget. Etc.</p> <p>Taking decision rights from BOE – taking democracy away at the local level. They are elected by their communities</p> <p>ECS – take it away from cities (black and brown communities)</p>

Municipal Employees

Section 162	Regionalization - ends collective bargaining agreements and changes to timeline and due process
Section 163	Timeline changes to binding arbitration – no fiscal impact
Section 153	Requires that 15% of a town's budget reserve shall not be considered toward a town's ability to pay.
Section 166-167	Prevailing wage – increase threshold \$400,000 to 1 million (new constructions) \$100,000 to \$500,000 (renovation and remodeling projects)
	Allows towns to override arbitration decisions with a 2/3 vote of the local legislative bodies

All Residents

Section 180-212	Eliminates Citizen Election Program – cuts \$23million Eliminates penalties for certain corruption issues Big Impact: To take over legislative (re-districting) Increase contributions for corporations by 3 times
	EITC Cuts
	Implements Bonding Cap - \$2billion
	Constitutional Spending Republican Automatic and Democrat: phase-in
Section 173-179	Medicaid Cuts (hurts seniors)
	Modifies Roberta Willis Scholarship – cap students