



# State Policy Update

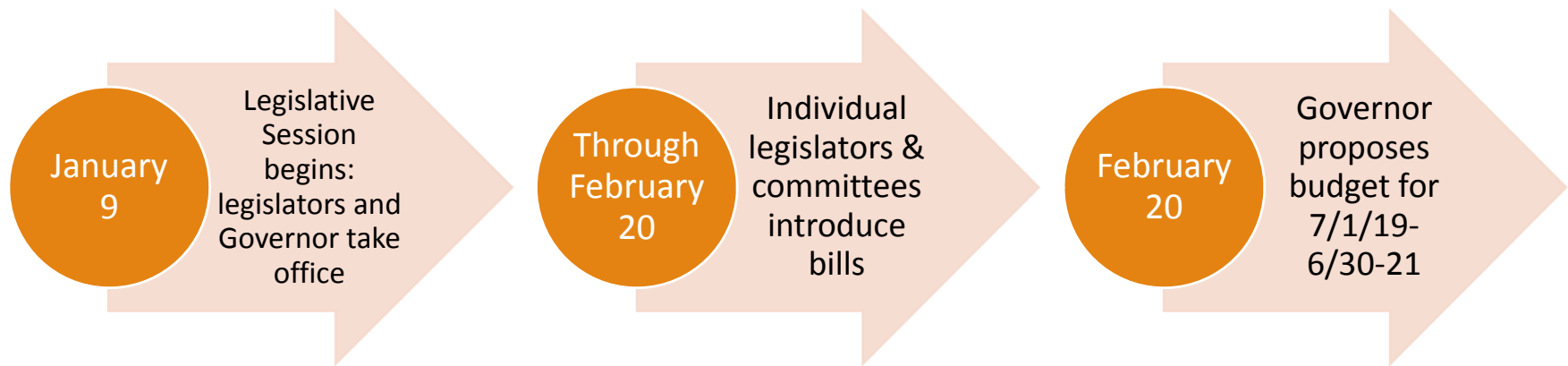
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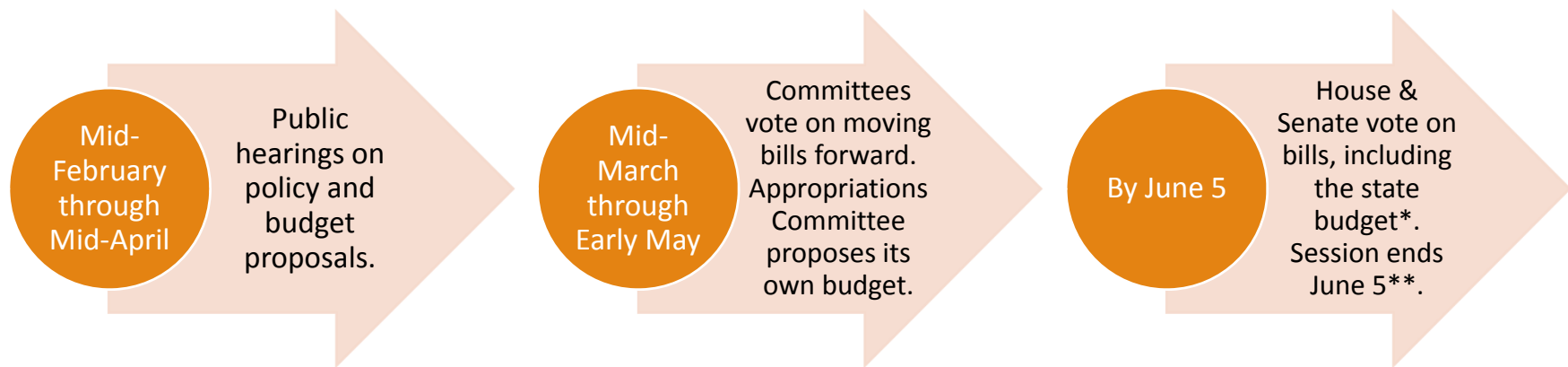
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\* Probably a compromise between the Governor's & Appropriations Committee's versions.

\*\* If the work is not done, they can call themselves into Special Session.

# How To Know What's Going On

[www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov)

The Connecticut General Assembly web site is your place to:

- Identify your state legislators
- See what committee meetings/hearings are coming up
- See what bills are introduced
- Read current and old bills and reports
- ...and more!

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Connecticut General Assembly website. At the top left is the state seal. The main header reads "CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY" and "State Capitol | Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1562". On the right, there are links for "Quick Bill Search" and "Translate Website", along with a date "Wednesday, January 23, 2019" and a "SITE SEARCH" box. A navigation menu includes "Representation", "Committees", "Offices", "Commissions", "Session Items", "Statutes", "Bill Info", "Associated", and "State Auditors". A central banner for the "2019 Regular Session" displays "HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE: TBA" and "SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE: TBA", both with a link to "Amendment Receipt Report". Below this is a large image of the State Capitol building with a red overlay that says "Regular Session 2019 Convenes January 9th / Adjourns June 5th". To the right of the image are buttons for "Broadcast Media", "House Stream", "Senate Stream", and "CT-N". At the bottom, there is a "Quick Bill Search" form with fields for "Bill" (set to "2019") and "No.", and a "GO" button.

# How Else to Know What's Going On

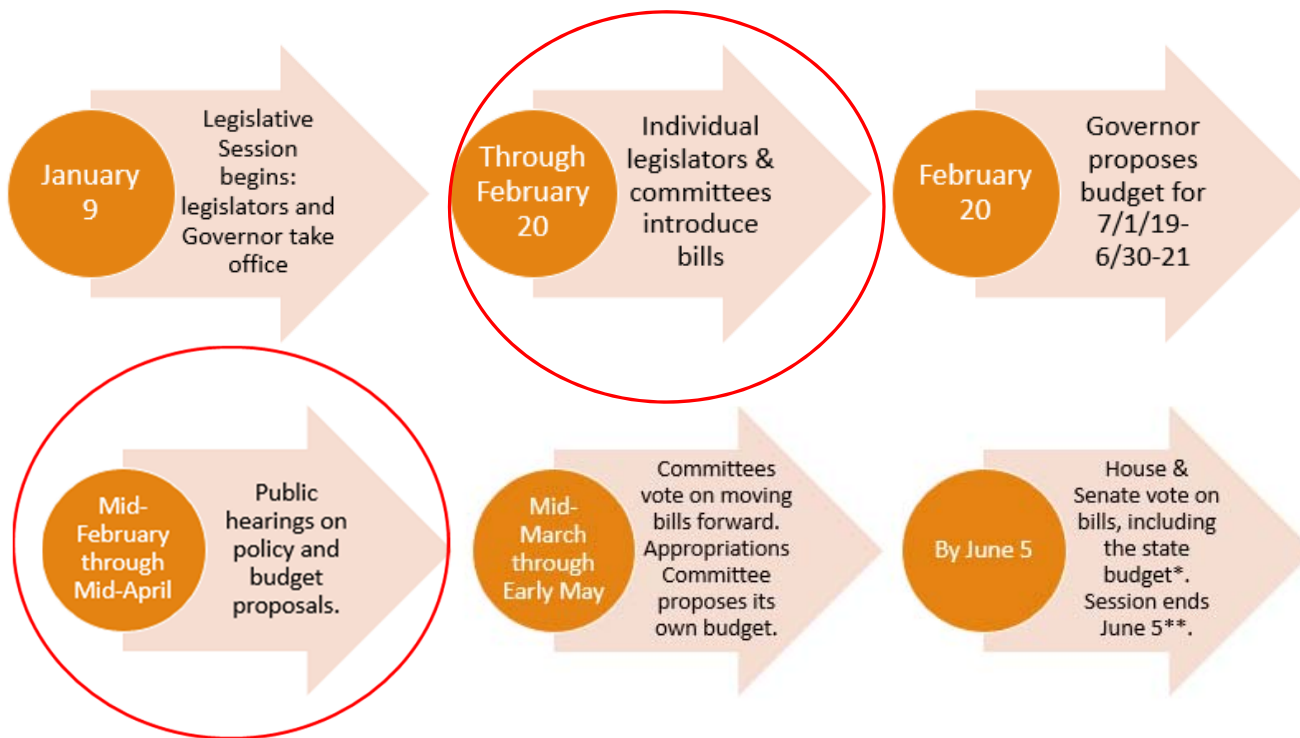
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- Read local media outlets that are focused on policy issues, including CT Mirror & CT NewsJunkie
- Check web sites of groups like CT Voices, CHCACT, CT Nonprofit Alliance
- Get on mailing lists for newsletters from advocacy groups, like CT Voices, CT Oral Health Initiative, CT Association of School-Based Health Centers, CT Association for Basic Human Needs



# How Can YOU Make an Impact?

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And you can always contact your legislators!

- Email
- Phone
- Hard copy letter
- Formal meetings
- Informal meetings

# Proposals We're Expecting or Watching

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1. Medicaid services & eligibility
  - Reduction in HUSKY A parents eligibility from 155% to 138%
  - Reduction in eligibility for the Medicare Savings Program
  - Reduction in services, such as adult dental
2. Cash Assistance
  - Temporary Family Assistance – increase in benefit to allow the purchase of diapers
3. Nonemergency Medical Transportation
  - Solutions to system operation
4. Public Insurance Option
  - State-level or National

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5. Telehealth: HUSKY coverage for real time telemedicine, remote patient monitoring, and eConsults, including for federally-qualified health centers
6. Professionalization (licensing/certification/billing) of Community Health Workers
7. Prescription Drug Prices
8. Prevention of Lead Poisoning
  - Would require local health departments to investigate the cause of lead poisoning when a child's blood lead level is 5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$  or more.
9. The unknown!



Questions?

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