

# Legislative Action Committee

## 2009 General Assembly Session Agenda

Working with fellow members in SEIU-affiliated unions through our Connecticut State Council, we are pursuing the following CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 agenda \* objectives during the legislature's 2009 session and beyond, if necessary:

### 1. A Fair State Budget

Passage of a 2009 – 2010 State budget that doesn't rely on cuts to vital public services to close a \$10 billion deficit, and which includes new revenues from a more progressive income tax;

### 2. Expanded Rights to Form a Union (HB 6545)

**Support** for a bill granting collective bargaining rights for State public service workers currently prohibited from joining a union;

### 3. Free Choice to Join a Union (HB 6534)

**Support** for legislation similar to the Employee Free Choice Act introduced in Congress that creates a union card-signing authorization process under the State Board of Labor Relations;

### 4. Telecommuting for State Workers (SB 1144)

**Support** for proposed legislation to improve State workers' telecommuting options, which would reduce congestion and pollution, while increasing employee productivity;

### 5. Security for Criminal Justice Professionals (HB 6709)

**Support** for legislation to limit inmate access to Department of Correction custody, supervisory, educational, vocational, and recreational workforce confidential information;

### 6. Block Outsourcing Public Info Tech Services (HB 6373)

**Opposing** a bill that repeals a statute that protects State information technology services from being contract-out to unaccountable private vendors;

### 7. Prohibit Captive Audience Meetings (SB 365)

**Support** for legislation that would prohibit employers from coercing workers into company-sponsored meetings to espouse religious or political views or conduct anti-union activity.

### 8. Healthcare Reform (HB 6582)

**Support** for the "Connecticut Healthcare Partnership," which will allow municipal and school district public service workers into the State healthcare "pool;"

### 9. Universal Healthcare (HB 6600)

**Support** for the "Sustinet" plan, which will begin to implement universal insurance coverage; and

### 10. Paid Sick Days (HB 6187)

**Support** of legislation to require companies with at least fifty employees to provide access to paid sick days.

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