

## PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

### Regional Emergency Dispatch Center

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection has completed a comprehensive review of consolidated dispatch centers and **outlined a plan to reinstate dispatch and call-taking functions at all troops in the Western and Eastern Districts starting July 1, 2015.** The rollout of this plan will coincide with the installation of the state's new next-generation 9-1-1 system, with a projected completion date of this fall.

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Senator Andrew Maynard talks with representatives of General Dynamics/Electric Boat during the **2015 MANUFACTURING & TECHNOLOGY DAY** at the State Capitol in May. Featured from left to right: Senator Maynard, Susan Adams, Ken Suckau and Hank Teskey.

## ELECTRIC BOAT JOB FAIR

As you know, Electric Boat recently secured the largest Navy contract in history, a \$17.6 billion deal signed in 2014 to build 10 Virginia-class submarines over the next five years. What does that mean? **More jobs.** In fact, Electric Boat announced they will be adding **520 jobs annually** over the next 5 years. So far, they have held 43 job fairs at 43 different schools between February and April with more to follow. For more information visit [www.gdeb.com/careers](http://www.gdeb.com/careers) or [www.ewib.org](http://www.ewib.org).

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# Legislative Update

This report details some of the **major, bipartisan legislative initiatives that Senator Maynard has been working on** in the Senate.

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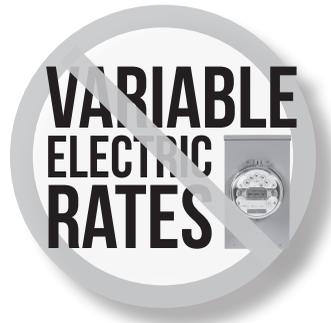
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## PROTECTING CONSUMERS

### Transparency and Fairness for Electricity Pricing

Many consumers have reported that they were enticed into signing a variable-rate contract with a low “teaser” rate, only to see their bills increase significantly without warning. Electric customers deserve stable, predictable rates, whether obtained through standard offer service or from competitive offers in the private supplier marketplace.

Senate Bill 573 will ban variable rates charged to residential electric customers and ensure fixed-rate contracts that provide consumers with stability and security.



### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In 2014, the General Assembly passed a law which enacted several reforms for the protection of electric consumers. Perhaps the most significant of these measures was a new requirement that, beginning this July, every residential electric customer’s monthly bill must display their rate for the coming month.



**To file a consumer complaint, contact PURA:**

1-800-382-4586 or [www.ct.gov/pura](http://www.ct.gov/pura)

## STANDING UP FOR VETERANS



Senator Maynard and Representative Paul Brycki marched in the **2015 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN STERLING** which honored the sacrifices of local veterans.

### Women Veterans’ Program

The legislature unanimously approved the creation of the Connecticut Women Veterans’ Program, which will require the state Department of Veterans’ Affairs to establish a program that will reach out to women veterans to improve their awareness of federal and state veterans’ benefits and services. The bill also calls for an assessment of women veterans’ needs for benefits and services, as well as a review of programs and initiatives currently available to women veterans in our state.

### Supporting Veterans on Campus

The legislature passed and the governor has signed a bill that examines ways to make Connecticut’s OASIS (Operation Academic Support for Incoming Service Members) centers for veterans more effective. There are about 6,000 veterans enrolled in Connecticut colleges and universities; veterans use the OASIS centers to meet, study, relax and talk and to gather information on federal veterans benefits, the GI Bill, tuition waivers, disability benefits and more.

## SUPPORTING FAMILIES & PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

### Helping Children with Dyslexia

The legislature passed a bill designed to help the thousands of Connecticut children struggling with dyslexia. As defined by the bill, dyslexia is a type of “specific learning disability” that impacts reading, specifically spelling, decoding words and fluent word recognition. The bill will help parents and boards of education to detect and assist students with dyslexia, establish teacher preparation programs and provide in-service training programs for teachers that include dyslexia education and training.



### Helping to Preserve Long Island Sound

The legislature approved a measure to establish the Blue Plan for Long Island Sound, a coordinated strategy for the future use of Long Island Sound. The plan requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and relevant stakeholders to study and compile an inventory of the Sound’s natural and human resources.

The inventory and final plan compiled by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will be submitted to the General Assembly for its final approval. Once finished, the Blue Plan will provide a detailed inventory of all natural resources, plant and animal habitats, and environmental features along Connecticut’s coastline. It will also provide information on the impact that climate change could have on the coast, allowing for more effective preservation strategies in the future.