

Policies and steps we have taken to address social inequities:

Body Cameras

The legislature passed laws to provide cities and towns with funds for police body cameras. In this day and age, you have a camera on your phone and you can have a video doorbell, why should we expect any less of law enforcement – every police officer should wear a body camera and every police car should have a dash camera.

The pushback a couple of years ago was over money, but we solved that problem by providing grants. If we need to put more money behind the program, we should do so immediately.

Police Accountability

The law we approved last year narrows the instances when deadly force is justified, and:

- Opens body-worn or dashboard camera recordings to public scrutiny
- Updates regulations on police vehicle pursuit
- Forbids police from firing their weapons at motor vehicles unless there is an imminent threat to life
- Creates the Police Accountability Task Force

Hate Crimes

We updated hate crime statutes to increase penalties, broadened threatening statutes and expand the definition of a hate crime.

Voting Reforms

Protecting the right to vote of every resident in the state of Connecticut, we are committed to expanding access to the ballot.

Black and Latino Studies

We modernized school curricula to include African-American and Latino studies in social studies.

Pretrial Justice Reform

Justice is not always colorblind. Minorities are more often remanded to custody, unable to make bail. We limit the financial burden on those accused of many nonviolent crimes and banned many "cash-only" bail requirements.

In addition, we have been leaders in juvenile justice reform. Working with the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee and the new Improving Outcomes for Youth (IOYOUTH) Statewide Task Force, we are touching every facet of the state's juvenile justice system to improve outcomes for young people.