



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5189**

February Session, 2024



**AN ACT CONCERNING A SMALL HARBOR IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECTS ACCOUNT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Connecticut Port  
2 Authority shall establish an account to be known as the "small harbor  
3 improvement projects account". There shall be deposited in the account:  
4 (1) The proceeds of notes, bonds or other obligations issued by the state  
5 for the purpose of deposit therein and used in accordance with the  
6 permissible uses thereof; (2) funds appropriated by the General  
7 Assembly for the purpose of deposit therein and used in accordance  
8 with the permissible uses thereof; and (3) any other funds required or  
9 permitted by law to be deposited in the account. The funds in said  
10 account shall be expended by the authority for the purpose of initiating  
11 small harbor improvement projects in accordance with section 13b-55a  
12 of the general statutes and for the purposes described in subsection (b)  
13 of this section.

14 (b) The small harbor improvement projects account may be used (1)  
15 for federal and nonfederal dredging projects to (A) support, in full or in  
16 part, local and state matching requirements for such projects; (B) cover  
17 the incremental costs associated with applicable environmental  
18 regulatory requirements or management practices, including beneficial  
19 use; and (C) cover part or all of the costs of such projects in the absence

20 of adequate federal funds; and (2) to fund private maritime  
21 infrastructure projects. If the account is used for the purpose described  
22 in subparagraph (C) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the authority  
23 shall pursue reimbursement to the account from the federal  
24 government.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*