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**Public Act No. 23-205**

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND CONCERNING CERTAIN GRANT AND FINANCING PROGRAMS, STATE CONSTRUCTION RELATED THRESHOLDS, SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, THE FAILURE TO FILE FOR CERTAIN GRAND LIST EXEMPTIONS, THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES, CAPITAL CITY PROJECTS, CERTAIN CONSUMER AGREEMENTS, CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO MUNICIPAL CHARTERS AND PETITIONS FOR CERTAIN TOWN REFERENDA, ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CERTAIN CASES BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND OTHER ITEMS IMPLEMENTING THE STATE BUDGET.**

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

Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate not exceeding \$751,290,000.

Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The proceeds of the sale of bonds described in sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act, to the extent hereinafter stated, shall be used for the purpose of acquiring, by purchase or condemnation, undertaking, constructing, reconstructing, improving or

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equipping, or purchasing land or buildings or improving sites for the projects hereinafter described, including payment of architectural, engineering, demolition or related costs in connection therewith, or of payment of the cost of long-range capital programming and space utilization studies as hereinafter stated:

(a) For the Office of Legislative Management: For alterations, renovations and restoration to the State Capitol, including interior and exterior restoration and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, not exceeding \$35,000,000.

(b) For the Office of Policy and Management: For an information technology capital investment program, not exceeding \$65,000,000.

(c) For the Department of Veterans Affairs: Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds, and land acquisition, not exceeding \$3,000,000.

(d) For the Department of Administrative Services:

(1) Removal or encapsulation of asbestos and hazardous materials in state-owned buildings, not exceeding \$2,500,000;

(2) Infrastructure repairs and improvements, including fire, safety and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, improvements to state-owned buildings and grounds, including energy-conservation and off-site improvements, and preservation of unoccupied buildings and grounds, including office development, acquisition, renovations for additional parking and security improvements at state-occupied buildings, not exceeding \$30,000,000;

(3) Upgrades and modernization of the Capital Area System, not exceeding \$19,000,000;

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(4) Purchase of electric vehicles and the construction and installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure at state facilities, not exceeding \$35,000,000.

(e) For the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection:

(1) Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds, including utilities, mechanical systems and energy conservation projects, not exceeding \$3,500,000;

(2) Alterations, renovations, improvements and repairs for an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, not exceeding \$5,000,000.

(f) For the Department of Motor Vehicles: Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds, not exceeding \$2,000,000.

(g) For the Military Department:

(1) State matching funds for anticipated federal reimbursable projects, not exceeding \$5,000,000;

(2) Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds, including utilities, mechanical systems and energy conservation, not exceeding \$300,000.

(h) For the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection:

(1) Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program for recreation, open space, resource protection and resource management, not exceeding \$3,000,000;

(2) Alterations, renovations and new construction at state parks and other recreation facilities, including Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, not exceeding \$30,000,000;

(3) Water pollution control projects at state facilities and for

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engineering reports for regional planning agencies, not exceeding \$600,000;

(4) For the purpose of funding projects in state buildings and assets that result in decreased environmental impacts, including projects: That improve energy efficiency pursuant to section 16a-38l of the general statutes; that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from building heating and cooling, including installation of renewable thermal heating systems; that expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure to support charging on state property; that reduce water use; that reduce waste generation and disposal; or for any renewable energy, or combined heat and power project in state buildings, not exceeding \$20,000,000;

(5) Various flood control improvements, flood repair, erosion damage repairs and municipal dam repairs, not exceeding \$3,000,000, provided not less than \$500,000 shall be used for alterations, repairs, renovations or construction at Lake Whitney Dam in Hamden;

(6) For environmental clean-up of the property of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority in Hartford and preparation of such property for development, not exceeding \$50,000,000.

(i) For the Capital Region Development Authority:

(1) Alterations, renovations and improvements at the Connecticut Convention Center and Rentschler Field, not exceeding \$17,000,000;

(2) Alterations, renovations and improvements to parking garages in Hartford, not exceeding \$5,000,000;

(3) Alterations, renovations and improvements at the XL Center in Hartford, including acquisition of abutting real estate and rights-of-way, not exceeding \$15,000,000.

(j) For the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner: For design,

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alteration, renovation, additions and construction of facilities for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, including land acquisition, not exceeding \$28,000,000.

(k) For the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services:

(1) Fire, safety and environmental improvements to regional facilities for client and staff needs, including improvements in compliance with current codes, including intermediate care facilities and site improvements, handicapped access improvements, utilities, repair or replacement of roofs, air conditioning and other interior and exterior building renovations and additions at all state-owned facilities, not exceeding \$36,090,000;

(2) Design and installation of sprinkler systems, including related fire safety improvements, in direct patient care buildings, not exceeding \$12,450,000.

(l) For the State Library: Renovation of Middletown Library Service Center, not exceeding \$400,000.

(m) For The University of Connecticut:

(1) Design, land acquisition and construction of a nursing program facility, not exceeding \$30,000,000;

(2) Acquisition or leasing of property at the XL Center, and planning, design and construction related to use of such property as academic space for The University of Connecticut Hartford campus, not exceeding \$5,000,000;

(3) Equipment, library collections and telecommunications, not exceeding \$10,000,000.

(n) For The University of Connecticut Health Center:

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(1) Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements, not exceeding \$30,000,000;

(2) System telecommunications infrastructure upgrades, improvements and expansions, not exceeding \$3,000,000;

(3) Equipment, library collections and telecommunications, not exceeding \$10,000,000.

(o) For the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities:

(1) System telecommunications infrastructure upgrades, improvements and expansions, not exceeding \$16,450,000;

(2) Advanced manufacturing and emerging technology programs, not exceeding \$4,000,000;

(3) All state colleges and universities: Security improvements, not exceeding \$3,000,000;

(4) All universities: Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements, not exceeding \$40,000,000;

(5) All universities: New and replacement instruction, research or laboratory equipment, not exceeding \$26,000,000;

(6) All community colleges: Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements, not exceeding \$54,000,000;

(7) All community colleges: New and replacement instruction, research or laboratory equipment, not exceeding \$24,000,000.

(p) For the Department of Correction: Alterations, renovations and improvements to existing state-owned buildings for inmate housing, programming and staff training space and additional inmate capacity, and for support facilities and off-site improvements, not exceeding

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\$55,000,000.

(q) For the Judicial Department:

(1) Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds at state-owned and maintained facilities, not exceeding \$10,000,000;

(2) Security improvements at various state-owned and maintained facilities, not exceeding \$2,000,000;

(3) Alterations and improvements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, not exceeding \$1,000,000;

(4) Implementation of the Technology Strategic Plan Project, not exceeding \$2,000,000.

Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act and temporary notes issued in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds.

Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) None of the bonds described in sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on behalf of such state officer,

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department or agency and stating such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require.

Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) For the purposes of sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act, "state moneys" means the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized pursuant to said sections 1 to 7, inclusive, or of temporary notes issued in anticipation of the moneys to be derived from the sale of such bonds. Each request filed as provided in section 4 of this act for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for which the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and expended and, in addition to any terms and conditions required pursuant to said section 4, shall include the recommendation of the person signing such request as to the extent to which federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with any such project should be added to the state moneys available or becoming available hereunder for such project. If the request includes a recommendation that some amount of such federal, private or other moneys should be added to such state moneys, then, if and to the extent directed by the State Bond Commission at the time of authorization of such bonds, such amount of such federal, private or other moneys then available, or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with such project, may be added to any state moneys available or becoming available hereunder for such project and shall be used for such project. Any other federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with such project shall, upon receipt, be used by the State Treasurer, in conformity with applicable federal and state law, to meet the principal of outstanding bonds issued pursuant to sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act, or to meet the principal of temporary notes issued in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of bonds theretofore authorized pursuant to said sections 1 to 7, inclusive, for the purpose of financing such costs, either by purchase or redemption and cancellation of such bonds or notes or by payment thereof at maturity. Whenever any of the federal,



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private or other moneys so received with respect to such project are used to meet the principal of such temporary notes or whenever principal of any such temporary notes is retired by application of revenue receipts of the state, the amount of bonds theretofore authorized in anticipation of which such temporary notes were issued, and the aggregate amount of bonds which may be authorized pursuant to section 1 of this act, shall each be reduced by the amount of the principal so met or retired. Pending use of the federal, private or other moneys so received to meet principal as hereinabove directed, the amount thereof may be invested by the State Treasurer in bonds or obligations of, or guaranteed by, the state or the United States or agencies or instrumentalities of the United States, shall be deemed to be part of the debt retirement funds of the state, and net earnings on such investments shall be used in the same manner as the moneys so invested.

Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Any balance of proceeds of the sale of said bonds authorized for any project described in section 2 of this act in excess of the cost of such project may be used to complete any other project described in said section 2, if the State Bond Commission shall so determine and direct. Any balance of proceeds of the sale of said bonds in excess of the costs of all the projects described in said section 2 shall be deposited to the credit of the General Fund.

Sec. 7. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The bonds issued pursuant to this section and sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 8. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The State Bond Commission shall have

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power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 9 and 10 of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding \$100,000,000.

Sec. 9. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The proceeds of the sale of bonds described in sections 8 to 11, inclusive, of this act shall be used by the Department of Housing for the purposes hereinafter stated: Housing development and rehabilitation, including moderate cost housing, moderate rental, congregate and elderly housing, urban homesteading, community housing development corporations, housing purchase and rehabilitation, housing for the homeless, housing for low-income persons, limited equity cooperatives and mutual housing projects, abatement of hazardous material, including asbestos and lead-based paint in residential structures, emergency repair assistance for senior citizens, housing land bank and land trust, housing and community development, predevelopment grants and loans, reimbursement for state and federal surplus property, private rental investment mortgage and equity program, housing infrastructure, demolition, renovation or redevelopment of vacant buildings or related infrastructure, septic system repair loan program, acquisition and related rehabilitation, including loan guarantees for private developers of rental housing for the elderly, projects under the program established in section 8-37pp of the general statutes and participation in federal programs, including administrative expenses associated with those programs eligible under the general statutes, not exceeding \$100,000,000, provided not more than \$30,000,000 shall be used for revitalization of state moderate housing units on the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority's State Housing Portfolio.

Sec. 10. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) None of the bonds described in sections 8 to 11, inclusive, of this act shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request

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for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require.

Sec. 11. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section and sections 8 to 10, inclusive, of this act, are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section and sections 8 to 10, inclusive, of this act and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. Such bonds issued pursuant to section 8 of this act shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 12. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 13 to 19, inclusive, of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding \$371,500,000.

Sec. 13. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The proceeds of the sale of the bonds described in sections 12 to 19, inclusive, of this act shall be used for the

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purpose of providing grants-in-aid and other financing for the projects, programs and purposes hereinafter stated:

(a) For the Office of Policy and Management:

(1) Grants-in-aid to distressed municipalities eligible under section 32-9s of the general statutes for capital purposes, not exceeding \$7,000,000;

(2) Grants-in-aid to private, nonprofit health and human service organizations that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and that receive funds from the state to provide direct health or human services to state agency clients, for alterations, renovations, improvements, additions and new construction, including health, safety, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and energy conservation improvements, information technology systems, technology for independence, purchase of vehicles and acquisition of property, not exceeding \$25,000,000;

(3) Grants-in-aid for regional and local improvements and development, not exceeding \$20,000,000;

(4) Grants-in-aid for the development of an advanced manufacturing facility in Hartford, not exceeding \$15,000,000;

(b) For the Department of Administrative Services: Grants-in-aid for alterations, renovations and improvements at interdistrict magnet school facilities to support additional preschool and elementary slots, not exceeding \$20,000,000.

(c) For the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection:

(1) Grants-in-aid to municipalities for open space land acquisition and development for conservation or recreational purposes, not exceeding \$10,000,000;

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(2) Grants-in-aid for containment, removal or mitigation of identified hazardous waste disposal sites, not exceeding \$19,000,000;

(3) Grants-in-aid for identification, investigation, containment, removal or mitigation of contaminated industrial sites in urban areas, not exceeding \$2,500,000;

(4) Grants-in-aid to municipalities for the purpose of testing for pollution from perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, providing potable water to persons affected by such pollution, remedial action to address such pollution and buyback of aqueous film-forming firefighting foam containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, not exceeding \$3,000,000;

(5) Grants-in-aid to provide matching funds necessary for municipalities, local and regional boards of education and school bus operators to submit federal grant applications in order to maximize federal funding for the purchase or lease of zero-emission school buses and electric vehicle charging or fueling infrastructure, not exceeding \$10,000,000;

(6) Microgrid and resilience grant and loan pilot program, not exceeding \$5,000,000;

(7) Grants-in-aid to municipalities for renovations and expansion of, and equipment for, solid waste facilities, not exceeding \$15,000,000;

(8) Grants-in-aid for water system improvements in West Hartford, not exceeding \$30,000,000;

(9) Grants-in-aid for repairs and reconstruction related to flood damage in Bridgeport, not exceeding \$17,000,000.

(d) For the Department of Economic and Community Development:

(1) For the Brownfield Remediation and Revitalization program, not

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exceeding \$35,000,000;

(2) For the Small Business Express program established by section 32-7g of the general statutes, provided not less than \$11,000,000 shall be provided to the Minority Business Revolving Loan Fund established pursuant to subsection (d) of section 32-7g of the general statutes, not exceeding \$36,000,000;

(3) For the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund established by section 32-7o of the general statutes, not exceeding \$15,000,000.

(e) For the Department of Public Health:

(1) Grants-in-aid to public water systems for drinking water projects, not exceeding \$25,000,000;

(2) Grants-in-aid to local and regional boards of education for the purchase, installation and maintenance of water bottle filling stations at schools designated to receive services pursuant to Title I of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, not exceeding \$3,500,000.

(f) For the Department of Education:

(1) Grants-in-aid to local and regional boards of education to assist targeted local and regional school districts for alterations, repairs, improvements, technology and equipment in low-performing schools, not exceeding \$5,000,000;

(2) Grants-in-aid to regional educational service centers for capital expenses at interdistrict magnet schools, not exceeding \$8,500,000.

(g) For the Office of Early Childhood: Grants-in-aid for constructing, improving or equipping child care centers, including, but not limited to, payment of associated costs for architectural, engineering or demolition services related to the infant and toddler pilot program, not exceeding \$5,000,000.

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(h) For the State Library: Grants-in-aid to public libraries for construction, renovations, expansions, energy conservation and handicapped accessibility under the provisions of section 11-24c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, not exceeding \$5,000,000.

(i) For the Capital Region Development Authority:

(1) Grants-in-aid for the purpose of encouraging development as provided in section 32-602 of the general statutes, not exceeding \$25,000,000;

(2) Grant-in-aid to the municipality of East Hartford for the purposes of general economic development activities, including the development of the infrastructure and improvements to the riverfront; the creation of housing units through rehabilitation and new construction; the demolition or redevelopment of vacant buildings; and redevelopment, not exceeding \$10,000,000.

Sec. 14. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 12 to 19, inclusive, of this act are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to sections 12 to 19, inclusive, of this act and temporary notes issued in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said sections 12 to 19, inclusive, and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds.

Sec. 15. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) None of the bonds described in sections 12 to 19, inclusive, of this act shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request

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for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require.

Sec. 16. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) For the purposes of sections 12 to 19, inclusive, of this act, "state moneys" means the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized pursuant to said sections 12 to 19, inclusive, or of temporary notes issued in anticipation of the moneys to be derived from the sale of such bonds. Each request filed as provided in section 15 of this act for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for which the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and expended and, in addition to any terms and conditions required pursuant to said section 15, include the recommendation of the person signing such request as to the extent to which federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with any such project should be added to the state moneys available or becoming available under said sections 12 to 19, inclusive, for such project. If the request includes a recommendation that some amount of such federal, private or other moneys should be added to such state moneys, then, if and to the extent directed by the State Bond Commission at the time of authorization of such bonds, such amount of such federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with such project may be added to any state moneys available or becoming available hereunder for such project and be used for such project. Any other federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with such project upon receipt shall, in conformity with applicable federal and state law, be used by the State Treasurer to meet the principal of outstanding bonds issued pursuant to said sections 12 to 19, inclusive, or to meet the principal of temporary notes issued in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of bonds theretofore authorized pursuant to said sections 12 to 19, inclusive, for



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the purpose of financing such costs, either by purchase or redemption and cancellation of such bonds or notes or by payment thereof at maturity. Whenever any of the federal, private or other moneys so received with respect to such project are used to meet the principal of such temporary notes or whenever the principal of any such temporary notes is retired by application of revenue receipts of the state, the amount of bonds theretofore authorized in anticipation of which such temporary notes were issued, and the aggregate amount of bonds which may be authorized pursuant to section 12 of this act shall each be reduced by the amount of the principal so met or retired. Pending use of the federal, private or other moneys so received to meet the principal as directed in this section, the amount thereof may be invested by the State Treasurer in bonds or obligations of, or guaranteed by, the state or the United States or agencies or instrumentalities of the United States, shall be deemed to be part of the debt retirement funds of the state, and net earnings on such investments shall be used in the same manner as the moneys so invested.

Sec. 17. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The bonds issued pursuant to sections 12 to 19, inclusive, of this act shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 18. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) In accordance with section 13 of this act, the state, through the state agencies specified in said section 13, may provide grants-in-aid and other financings to or for the agencies for the purposes and projects as described in said section 13. All financing shall be made in accordance with the terms of a contract at such time or times

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as shall be determined within authorization of funds by the State Bond Commission.

Sec. 19. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) In the case of any grant-in-aid made pursuant to subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) or (i) of section 13 of this act that is made to any entity which is not a political subdivision of the state, the contract entered into pursuant to section 13 of this act shall provide that if the premises for which such grant-in-aid was made ceases, within ten years of the date of such grant, to be used as a facility for which such grant was made, an amount equal to the amount of such grant, minus ten per cent per year for each full year which has elapsed since the date of such grant, shall be repaid to the state and that a lien shall be placed on such land in favor of the state to ensure that such amount shall be repaid in the event of such change in use, provided if the premises for which such grant-in-aid was made are owned by the state, a municipality or a housing authority, no lien need be placed.

Sec. 20. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 21 to 26, inclusive, of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate not exceeding \$520,345,000.

Sec. 21. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The proceeds of the sale of bonds described in sections 20 to 26, inclusive, of this act, to the extent hereinafter stated, shall be used for the purpose of acquiring, by purchase or condemnation, undertaking, constructing, reconstructing, improving or equipping, or purchasing land or buildings or improving sites for the projects hereinafter described, including payment of architectural, engineering, demolition or related costs in connection therewith, or of payment of the cost of long-range capital programming and space utilization studies as hereinafter stated:

(a) For the Office of Policy and Management: For an information

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technology capital investment program, not exceeding \$65,000,000.

(b) For the Department of Administrative Services:

(1) Removal or encapsulation of asbestos and hazardous materials in state-owned buildings, not exceeding \$2,500,000;

(2) Infrastructure repairs and improvements, including fire, safety and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, improvements to state-owned buildings and grounds, including energy-conservation and off-site improvements, and preservation of unoccupied buildings and grounds, including office development, acquisition, renovations for additional parking and security improvements at state-occupied buildings, not exceeding \$25,000,000.

(c) For the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection: Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds, including utilities, mechanical systems and energy conservation projects, not exceeding \$31,500,000.

(d) For the Department of Motor Vehicles: Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds, not exceeding \$2,000,000.

(e) For the Military Department:

(1) State matching funds for anticipated federal reimbursable projects, not exceeding \$3,000,000;

(2) Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds, including utilities, mechanical systems and energy conservation, not exceeding \$200,000.

(f) For the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection:

(1) Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program for recreation,

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open space, resource protection and resource management, not exceeding \$3,000,000;

(2) Alterations, renovations and new construction at state parks and other recreation facilities, including Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, not exceeding \$30,000,000;

(3) Water pollution control projects at state facilities and for engineering reports for regional planning agencies, not exceeding \$1,000,000;

(4) For the purpose of funding projects in state buildings and assets that result in decreased environmental impacts, including projects: That improve energy efficiency pursuant to section 16a-38l of the general statutes; that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from building heating and cooling, including installation of renewable thermal heating systems; that expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure to support charging on state property; that reduce water use; that reduce waste generation and disposal; or for any renewable energy, or combined heat and power project in state buildings, not exceeding \$20,000,000;

(5) Dam repairs, including state-owned dams, not exceeding \$2,500,000;

(6) Various flood control improvements, flood repair, erosion damage repairs and municipal dam repairs, not exceeding \$2,500,000.

(g) For the Capital Region Development Authority:

(1) Alterations, renovations and improvements at the Connecticut Convention Center and Rentschler Field, not exceeding \$17,000,000;

(2) Alterations, renovations and improvements to parking garages in Hartford, not exceeding \$5,000,000.

(h) For the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services:

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Fire, safety and environmental improvements to regional facilities for client and staff needs, including improvements in compliance with current codes, including intermediate care facilities and site improvements, handicapped access improvements, utilities, repair or replacement of roofs, air conditioning and other interior and exterior building renovations and additions at all state-owned facilities, not exceeding \$30,990,000.

(i) For the State Library: Renovation of the Middletown Library Service Center, not exceeding \$355,000.

(j) For The University of Connecticut:

(1) Equipment, library collections and telecommunications, not exceeding \$10,000,000;

(2) Renovations, alterations and improvements to Harry A. Gampel Pavilion, not exceeding \$10,000,000.

(k) For The University of Connecticut Health Center:

(1) Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements, not exceeding \$30,000,000;

(2) System telecommunications infrastructure upgrades, improvements and expansions, not exceeding \$3,000,000;

(3) Equipment, library collections and telecommunications, not exceeding \$10,000,000.

(l) For the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities:

(1) System telecommunications infrastructure upgrades, improvements and expansions, not exceeding \$9,000,000;

(2) Advanced manufacturing and emerging technology programs,

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not exceeding \$3,000,000;

(3) All state colleges and universities: Security Improvements, not exceeding \$3,000,000;

(4) All universities: Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements, not exceeding \$65,200,000;

(5) All universities: New and replacement instruction, research or laboratory equipment, not exceeding \$20,000,000;

(6) All community colleges: Deferred maintenance, code compliance and infrastructure improvements, not exceeding \$27,600,000;

(7) All community colleges: New and replacement instruction, research or laboratory equipment, not exceeding \$18,000,000.

(m) For the Department of Correction: Alterations, renovations and improvements to existing state-owned buildings for inmate housing, programming and staff training space and additional inmate capacity, and for support facilities and off-site improvements, not exceeding \$55,000,000.

(n) For the Judicial Department:

(1) Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds at state-owned and maintained facilities, not exceeding \$10,000,000;

(2) Security improvements at various state-owned and maintained facilities, not exceeding \$2,000,000;

(3) Alterations and improvements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, not exceeding \$1,000,000;

(4) Implementation of the Technology Strategic Plan Project, not

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exceeding \$2,000,000.

Sec. 22. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 20 to 26, inclusive, of this act are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to sections 20 to 26, inclusive, of this act and temporary notes issued in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds.

Sec. 23. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) None of the bonds described in sections 20 to 26, inclusive, of this act, shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require.

Sec. 24. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) For the purposes of sections 20 to 26, inclusive, of this act, "state moneys" means the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized pursuant to said sections 20 to 26, inclusive, or of temporary notes issued in anticipation of the moneys to be derived from the sale of such bonds. Each request filed as provided in section 23 of this act for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for which the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and expended and, in addition to any terms and conditions required pursuant to said section 23, shall include the recommendation of the person signing such request as to the extent to which federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with

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any such project should be added to the state moneys available or becoming available hereunder for such project. If the request includes a recommendation that some amount of such federal, private or other moneys should be added to such state moneys, then, if and to the extent directed by the State Bond Commission at the time of authorization of such bonds, such amount of such federal, private or other moneys then available, or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with such project, may be added to any state moneys available or becoming available hereunder for such project and shall be used for such project. Any other federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with such project shall, upon receipt, be used by the State Treasurer, in conformity with applicable federal and state law, to meet the principal of outstanding bonds issued pursuant to sections 20 to 26, inclusive, of this act, or to meet the principal of temporary notes issued in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of bonds theretofore authorized pursuant to said sections 20 to 26, inclusive, for the purpose of financing such costs, either by purchase or redemption and cancellation of such bonds or notes or by payment thereof at maturity. Whenever any of the federal, private or other moneys so received with respect to such project are used to meet the principal of such temporary notes or whenever principal of any such temporary notes is retired by application of revenue receipts of the state, the amount of bonds theretofore authorized in anticipation of which such temporary notes were issued, and the aggregate amount of bonds which may be authorized pursuant to section 20 of this act, shall each be reduced by the amount of the principal so met or retired. Pending use of the federal, private or other moneys so received to meet principal as hereinabove directed, the amount thereof may be invested by the State Treasurer in bonds or obligations of, or guaranteed by, the state or the United States or agencies or instrumentalities of the United States, shall be deemed to be part of the debt retirement funds of the state, and net earnings on such investments shall be used in the same manner as the moneys so



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invested.

Sec. 25. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Any balance of proceeds of the sale of said bonds authorized for any project described in section 21 of this act in excess of the cost of such project may be used to complete any other project described in said section 21, if the State Bond Commission shall so determine and direct. Any balance of proceeds of the sale of said bonds in excess of the costs of all the projects described in said section 21 shall be deposited to the credit of the General Fund.

Sec. 26. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The bonds issued pursuant to this section and sections 20 to 25, inclusive, of this act shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 27. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 28 and 29 of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding \$100,000,000.

Sec. 28. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The proceeds of the sale of bonds described in sections 27 to 30, inclusive, of this act shall be used by the Department of Housing for the purposes hereinafter stated: Housing development and rehabilitation, including moderate cost housing, moderate rental, congregate and elderly housing, urban homesteading, community housing development corporations, housing purchase and rehabilitation, housing for the homeless, housing for low-income persons, limited equity cooperatives and mutual housing projects,

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abatement of hazardous material including asbestos and lead-based paint in residential structures, emergency repair assistance for senior citizens, housing land bank and land trust, housing and community development, predevelopment grants and loans, reimbursement for state and federal surplus property, private rental investment mortgage and equity program, housing infrastructure, demolition, renovation or redevelopment of vacant buildings or related infrastructure, septic system repair loan program, acquisition and related rehabilitation, including loan guarantees for private developers of rental housing for the elderly, projects under the program established in section 8-37pp of the general statutes and participation in federal programs, including administrative expenses associated with those programs eligible under the general statutes, not exceeding \$100,000,000, provided not more than \$30,000,000 shall be used for revitalization of state moderate housing units on the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority's State Housing Portfolio.

Sec. 29. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) None of the bonds described in sections 27 to 30, inclusive, of this act shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require.

Sec. 30. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section and sections 27 to 29, inclusive, of this act are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section and sections 27 to 29, inclusive, of this act and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20

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and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. Such bonds issued pursuant to section 27 of this act shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 31. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 32 to 38, inclusive, of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding \$306,000,000.

Sec. 32. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The proceeds of the sale of the bonds described in sections 31 to 38, inclusive, of this act shall be used for the purpose of providing grants-in-aid and other financing for the projects, programs and purposes hereinafter stated:

(a) For the Office of Policy and Management:

(1) Grants-in-aid to distressed municipalities eligible under section 32-9s of the general statutes for capital purposes, not exceeding \$7,000,000;

(2) Grants-in-aid to private, nonprofit health and human service organizations that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and that receive funds from the state to provide direct health or human services to state agency clients, for alterations,

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renovations, improvements, additions and new construction, including health, safety, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and energy conservation improvements, information technology systems, technology for independence, purchase of vehicles and acquisition of property, not exceeding \$25,000,000;

(3) Grants-in-aid for regional and local improvements and development, not exceeding \$20,000,000.

(b) For the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection:

(1) Grants-in-aid to municipalities for open space land acquisition and development for conservation or recreational purposes, not exceeding \$10,000,000;

(2) Grants-in-aid for containment, removal or mitigation of identified hazardous waste disposal sites, not exceeding \$17,000,000;

(3) Grants-in-aid for identification, investigation, containment, removal or mitigation of contaminated industrial sites in urban areas, not exceeding \$2,500,000;

(4) Grants-in-aid to municipalities for the purpose of testing for pollution from perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, providing potable water to persons affected by such pollution, remedial action to address such pollution and buyback of aqueous film-forming firefighting foam containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, not exceeding \$2,000,000;

(5) Grants-in-aid to provide matching funds necessary for municipalities, local and regional boards of education and school bus operators to submit federal grant applications in order to maximize federal funding for the purchase or lease of zero-emission school buses and electric vehicle charging or fueling infrastructure, not exceeding \$10,000,000;

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(6) Microgrid and resilience grant and loan pilot program, not exceeding \$25,000,000;

(7) Grants-in-aid for repairs and reconstruction related to flood damage in Bridgeport, not exceeding \$25,000,000.

(c) For the Department of Economic and Community Development:

(1) For the Brownfield Remediation and Revitalization program, not exceeding \$35,000,000;

(2) For the Small Business Express program established by section 32-7g of the general statutes, not exceeding \$25,000,000;

(3) For the Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund established by section 32-7o of the general statutes, not exceeding \$15,000,000.

(d) For the Department of Public Health: For grants-in-aid to public water systems for drinking water projects, not exceeding \$25,000,000.

(e) For the Department of Education:

(1) Grants-in-aid to local and regional boards of education to assist targeted local and regional school districts for alterations, repairs, improvements, technology and equipment in low-performing schools, not exceeding \$5,000,000;

(2) Grants-in-aid to regional educational service centers for capital expenses at interdistrict magnet schools, not exceeding \$12,500,000.

(f) For the Office of Early Childhood: Grants-in-aid for constructing, improving or equipping child care centers, including, but not limited to, payment of associated costs for architectural, engineering or demolition services related to the infant and toddler pilot program, not exceeding \$5,000,000.

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(g) For the State Library: Grants-in-aid to public libraries for construction, renovations, expansions, energy conservation and handicapped accessibility under the provisions of section 11-24c of the general statutes, as amended by this act, not exceeding \$5,000,000.

(h) For the Capital Region Development Authority:

(1) Grants-in-aid for the purpose of encouraging development as provided in section 32-602 of the general statutes, not exceeding \$25,000,000;

(2) Grant-in-aid to the municipality of East Hartford for the purposes of general economic development activities, including the development of the infrastructure and improvements to the riverfront; the creation of housing units through rehabilitation and new construction; the demolition or redevelopment of vacant buildings; and redevelopment, not exceeding \$10,000,000.

Sec. 33. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 31 to 38, inclusive, of this act are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to sections 31 to 38, inclusive, of this act and temporary notes issued in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said sections 31 to 38, inclusive, and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds.

Sec. 34. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) None of the bonds described in sections 31 to 38, inclusive, of this act shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request

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for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require.

Sec. 35. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) For the purposes of sections 31 to 38, inclusive, of this act, "state moneys" means the proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized pursuant to said sections 31 to 38, inclusive, or of temporary notes issued in anticipation of the moneys to be derived from the sale of such bonds. Each request filed as provided in section 34 of this act for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for which the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and expended and, in addition to any terms and conditions required pursuant to said section 34, include the recommendation of the person signing such request as to the extent to which federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with any such project should be added to the state moneys available or becoming available under said sections 31 to 38, inclusive, for such project. If the request includes a recommendation that some amount of such federal, private or other moneys should be added to such state moneys, then, if and to the extent directed by the State Bond Commission at the time of authorization of such bonds, such amount of such federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with such project may be added to any state moneys available or becoming available hereunder for such project and be used for such project. Any other federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with such project upon receipt shall, in conformity with applicable federal and state law, be used by the State Treasurer to meet the principal of outstanding bonds issued pursuant to said sections 31 to 38, inclusive, or to meet the principal of temporary notes issued in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of bonds theretofore authorized pursuant to said sections 31 to 38, inclusive, for

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the purpose of financing such costs, either by purchase or redemption and cancellation of such bonds or notes or by payment thereof at maturity. Whenever any of the federal, private or other moneys so received with respect to such project are used to meet the principal of such temporary notes or whenever the principal of any such temporary notes is retired by application of revenue receipts of the state, the amount of bonds theretofore authorized in anticipation of which such temporary notes were issued, and the aggregate amount of bonds which may be authorized pursuant to section 31 of this act shall each be reduced by the amount of the principal so met or retired. Pending use of the federal, private or other moneys so received to meet the principal as directed in this section, the amount thereof may be invested by the State Treasurer in bonds or obligations of, or guaranteed by, the state or the United States or agencies or instrumentalities of the United States, shall be deemed to be part of the debt retirement funds of the state, and net earnings on such investments shall be used in the same manner as the moneys so invested.

Sec. 36. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The bonds issued pursuant to sections 31 to 38, inclusive, of this act shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 37. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) In accordance with section 32 of this act, the state, through the state agencies specified in said section 32, may provide grants-in-aid and other financings to or for the agencies for the purposes and projects as described in said section 32. All financing shall be made in accordance with the terms of a contract at such time or times



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as shall be determined within authorization of funds by the State Bond Commission.

Sec. 38. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) In the case of any grant-in-aid made pursuant to subsection (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (h) of section 32 of this act that is made to any entity which is not a political subdivision of the state, the contract entered into pursuant to section 32 of this act shall provide that if the premises for which such grant-in-aid was made ceases, within ten years of the date of such grant, to be used as a facility for which such grant was made, an amount equal to the amount of such grant, minus ten per cent per year for each full year which has elapsed since the date of such grant, shall be repaid to the state and that a lien shall be placed on such land in favor of the state to ensure that such amount shall be repaid in the event of such change in use, provided if the premises for which such grant-in-aid was made are owned by the state, a municipality or a housing authority, no lien need be placed.

Sec. 39. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 40 to 44, inclusive, of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of special tax obligation bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding \$1,557,699,000.

Sec. 40. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The proceeds of the sale of bonds described in sections 39 to 44, inclusive, of this act, to the extent hereinafter stated, shall be used for the purpose of payment of the transportation costs, as defined in subdivision (6) of section 13b-75 of the general statutes, with respect to the projects and uses hereinafter described, which projects and uses are hereby found and determined to be in furtherance of one or more of the authorized purposes for the issuance of special tax obligation bonds set forth in section 13b-74 of the general statutes. For the Department of Transportation:

(a) For the Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations:

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- (1) Interstate Highway Program, not exceeding \$50,346,000;
- (2) Urban Systems Projects, not exceeding \$22,000,000;
- (3) Intrastate Highway Program, not exceeding \$86,000,000;
- (4) Environmental compliance, soil and groundwater remediation, hazardous materials abatement, demolition, salt shed construction and renovation, storage tank replacement and environmental emergency response at or in the vicinity of state-owned properties or related to Department of Transportation operations, not exceeding \$15,350,000;
- (5) State bridge improvement, rehabilitation and replacement projects, not exceeding \$57,500,000;
- (6) Capital resurfacing and related reconstruction, not exceeding \$125,000,000;
- (7) Fix-it-First program to repair the state's bridges, not exceeding \$51,500,000;
- (8) Fix-it-First program to repair the state's roads, not exceeding \$152,115,000;
- (9) Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program, not exceeding \$76,000,000;
- (10) Local Bridge Program, not exceeding \$20,000,000;
- (11) Highway and bridge renewal equipment, not exceeding \$22,513,000;
- (12) Community connectivity and alternative mobility program, not exceeding \$15,000,000;
- (13) Transportation Rural Improvement Program, not exceeding \$10,000,000;

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(14) Purchase, installation and implementation of advanced wrong-way driving technology and other wrong-way driving countermeasures, not exceeding \$20,000,000;

(15) Renovations and improvements to service plazas along highways, not exceeding \$10,000,000.

(b) For the Bureau of Public Transportation:

(1) Bus and rail facilities and equipment, including rights-of-way, other property acquisition and related projects, not exceeding \$264,250,000;

(2) Northeast Corridor Modernization Match Program, not exceeding \$398,165,000.

(c) For the Bureau of Administration: Department facilities, not exceeding \$161,960,000.

Sec. 41. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) None of the bonds described in sections 39 to 44, inclusive, of this act shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it (1) a request for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require, and (2) any capital development impact statement and any human services facility colocation statement required to be filed with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to section 4b-31 of the general statutes, any advisory report regarding the state conservation and development policies plan required pursuant to section 16a-31 of the general statutes and any statement regarding farmland required pursuant to subsection (g) of section 3-20 of the general statutes and section 22-6 of the general statutes, provided the State Bond Commission may authorize said bonds without a finding that the

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reports and statements required by this subdivision have been filed with it if said commission authorizes the secretary of said commission to accept such reports and statements on its behalf. No funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized by said commission without a finding that the reports and statements required by subdivision (2) of this section have been filed with it shall be allotted by the Governor for any project until the reports and statements required by subdivision (2) of this section, with respect to such project, have been filed with the secretary of said commission.

Sec. 42. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) For the purposes of sections 39 to 44, inclusive, of this act, each request filed, as provided in section 41 of this act, for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for which the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and expended and, in addition to any terms and conditions required pursuant to said section 41, include the recommendation of the person signing such request as to the extent to which federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with any such project should be added to the state moneys available or becoming available from the proceeds of bonds and temporary notes issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of bonds. If the request includes a recommendation that some amount of such federal, private or other moneys should be added to such state moneys, then, if and to the extent directed by the State Bond Commission at the time of authorization of such bonds, such amount of such federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with such project shall be added to such state moneys.

Sec. 43. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Any balance of proceeds of the sale of bonds authorized for the projects or purposes of section 40 of this act, in excess of the aggregate costs of all the projects so authorized, shall be used in the manner set forth in sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the general statutes and in the proceedings of the State Bond

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Commission respecting the issuance and sale of said bonds.

Sec. 44. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Bonds issued pursuant to this section and sections 39 to 43, inclusive, of this act shall be special obligations of the state and shall not be payable from or charged upon any funds other than revenues of the state pledged therefor in subsection (b) of section 13b-61 of the general statutes and section 13b-61a of the general statutes, or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged therefor. Said bonds shall not be payable from or charged upon any funds other than such pledged revenues or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged therefor, nor shall the state or any political subdivision thereof be subject to any liability thereon, except to the extent of such pledged revenues or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged therefor. Said bonds shall be issued under and in accordance with the provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the general statutes.

Sec. 45. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 46 to 50, inclusive, of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of special tax obligation bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding \$1,530,772,000.

Sec. 46. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The proceeds of the sale of bonds described in sections 45 to 50, inclusive, of this act, to the extent hereinafter stated, shall be used for the purpose of payment of the transportation costs, as defined in subdivision (6) of section 13b-75 of the general statutes, with respect to the projects and uses hereinafter described, which projects and uses are hereby found and determined to be in furtherance of one or more of the authorized purposes for the issuance of special tax obligation bonds set forth in section 13b-74 of the general statutes. For the Department of Transportation:

(a) For the Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations:

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- (1) Interstate Highway Program, not exceeding \$15,400,000;
- (2) Urban Systems Projects, not exceeding \$22,000,000;
- (3) Intrastate Highway Program, not exceeding \$88,000,000;
- (4) Environmental compliance, soil and groundwater remediation, hazardous materials abatement, demolition, salt shed construction and renovation, storage tank replacement and environmental emergency response at or in the vicinity of state-owned properties or related to Department of Transportation operations, not exceeding \$17,065,000;
- (5) State bridge improvement, rehabilitation and replacement projects, not exceeding \$58,200,000;
- (6) Capital resurfacing and related reconstruction, not exceeding \$135,000,000;
- (7) Fix-it-First program to repair the state's bridges, not exceeding \$62,250,000;
- (8) Fix-it-First program to repair the state's roads, not exceeding \$180,729,000;
- (9) Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program, not exceeding \$78,000,000;
- (10) Local Bridge Program, not exceeding \$20,000,000;
- (11) Highway and bridge renewal equipment, not exceeding \$22,513,000;
- (12) Community connectivity and alternative mobility program, not exceeding \$15,000,000;
- (13) Transportation Rural Improvement Program, not exceeding \$10,000,000;

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(14) Purchase, installation and implementation of advanced wrong-way driving technology and other wrong-way driving countermeasures, not exceeding \$20,000,000.

(b) For the Bureau of Public Transportation:

(1) Bus and rail facilities and equipment, including rights-of-way, other property acquisition and related projects, not exceeding \$273,450,000;

(2) Northeast Corridor Modernization Match Program, not exceeding \$438,175,000.

(c) For the Bureau of Administration: Department facilities, not exceeding \$74,990,000.

Sec. 47. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) None of the bonds described in sections 45 to 50, inclusive, of this act shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it (1) a request for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require, and (2) any capital development impact statement and any human services facility colocation statement required to be filed with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to section 4b-31 of the general statutes, any advisory report regarding the state conservation and development policies plan required pursuant to section 16a-31 of the general statutes and any statement regarding farmland required pursuant to subsection (g) of section 3-20 of the general statutes and section 22-6 of the general statutes, provided the State Bond Commission may authorize said bonds without a finding that the reports and statements required by this subdivision have been filed with it if said commission authorizes the secretary of said commission to

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accept such reports and statements on its behalf. No funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized by said commission without a finding that the reports and statements required by subdivision (2) of this section have been filed with it shall be allotted by the Governor for any project until the reports and statements required by subdivision (2) of this section, with respect to such project, have been filed with the secretary of said commission.

Sec. 48. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) For the purposes of sections 45 to 50, inclusive, of this act, each request filed, as provided in section 47 of this act, for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for which the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and expended and, in addition to any terms and conditions required pursuant to said section 47, include the recommendation of the person signing such request as to the extent to which federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with any such project should be added to the state moneys available or becoming available from the proceeds of bonds and temporary notes issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of bonds. If the request includes a recommendation that some amount of such federal, private or other moneys should be added to such state moneys, then, if and to the extent directed by the State Bond Commission at the time of authorization of such bonds, such amount of such federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with such project shall be added to such state moneys.

Sec. 49. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Any balance of proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized for the projects or purposes of section 46 of this act, in excess of the aggregate costs of all the projects so authorized, shall be used in the manner set forth in sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the general statutes, and in the proceedings of the State Bond Commission respecting the issuance and sale of said bonds.

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and sections 45 to 49, inclusive, of this act shall be special obligations of the state and shall not be payable from or charged upon any funds other than revenues of the state pledged therefor in subsection (b) of section 13b-61 of the general statutes and section 13b-61a of the general statutes, or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged therefor. Said bonds shall not be payable from or charged upon any funds other than such pledged revenues or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged therefor, nor shall the state or any political subdivision thereof be subject to any liability thereon, except to the extent of such pledged revenues or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged therefor. Said bonds shall be issued under and in accordance with the provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the general statutes.

Sec. 51. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 4-66c of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) For the purposes of subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have power, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [two billion three hundred forty-four million four hundred eighty-seven thousand five hundred forty-four dollars] two billion five hundred forty-four million four hundred eighty-seven thousand five hundred forty-four dollars, provided one hundred million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2024. All provisions of section 3-20, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section, are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such

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bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization, which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission in its discretion may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

(b) (1) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent hereinafter stated, shall be used, subject to the provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this section, for the purpose of redirecting, improving and expanding state activities which promote community conservation and development and improve the quality of life for urban residents of the state as hereinafter stated: (A) For the Department of Economic and Community Development: Economic and community development projects, including administrative costs incurred by the Department of Economic and Community Development, not exceeding sixty-seven million five hundred ninety-one thousand six hundred forty-two dollars, one million dollars of which shall be used for a grant to the development center program and the nonprofit business consortium deployment center approved pursuant to section 32-411; (B) for the Department of Transportation: Urban mass transit, not exceeding two million dollars; (C) for the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection: Recreation development and solid waste disposal projects,

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not exceeding one million nine hundred ninety-five thousand nine hundred two dollars; (D) for the Department of Social Services: Child day care projects, elderly centers, shelter facilities for victims of domestic violence, emergency shelters and related facilities for the homeless, multipurpose human resource centers and food distribution facilities, not exceeding thirty-nine million one hundred thousand dollars, provided four million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 1994; (E) for the Department of Economic and Community Development: Housing projects, not exceeding three million dollars; (F) for the Department of Housing: Homeownership initiative in collaboration with one or more local community development financial institutions in qualified census tracts for the purpose of construction or redevelopment, performed by developers or nonprofit organizations residing in that municipality, which leads to new homeownership opportunities for residents of such qualified census tracts, not exceeding twenty million dollars; (G) for the Office of Policy and Management: (i) Grants-in-aid to municipalities for a pilot demonstration program to leverage private contributions for redevelopment of designated historic preservation areas, not exceeding one million dollars; (ii) grants-in-aid for urban development projects including economic and community development, transportation, environmental protection, public safety, children and families and social services projects and programs, including, in the case of economic and community development projects administered on behalf of the Office of Policy and Management by the Department of Economic and Community Development, administrative costs incurred by the Department of Economic and Community Development, not exceeding [two billion two hundred twenty-nine] two billion four hundred nine million eight hundred thousand dollars. For purposes of this subdivision, "local community development financial institution" means an entity that meets the requirements of 12 CFR 1805.201, and "qualified census tract" means a census tract designated as a qualified census tract by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in

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accordance with 26 USC 42(d)(5)(B)(ii), as amended from time to time.

(2) (A) Five million dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph (G)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection may be made available to private nonprofit organizations for the purposes described in said subparagraph (G)(ii). (B) Twelve million dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph (G)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection may be made available for necessary renovations and improvements of libraries. (C) Five million dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph (G)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be made available for small business gap financing. (D) Ten million dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph (G)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection may be made available for regional economic development revolving loan funds. (E) One million four hundred thousand dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph (G)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be made available for rehabilitation and renovation of the Black Rock Library in Bridgeport. (F) Two million five hundred thousand dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph (G)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be made available for site acquisition, renovation and rehabilitation for the Institute for the Hispanic Family in Hartford. (G) Three million dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph (G)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be made available for the acquisition of land and the development of commercial or retail property in New Haven. (H) Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph (G)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be made available for repairs and replacement of the fishing pier at Cummings Park in Stamford. (I) Ten million dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph (G)(ii) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be made available for development of an intermodal transportation facility in northeastern Connecticut.

Sec. 52. Subsection (a) of section 4-66g of the general statutes is

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repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [three hundred sixteen] three hundred eighty-six million dollars, provided thirty-five million of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2024.

Sec. 53. Subsection (a) of section 4a-10 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [five hundred sixty-one million one hundred thousand dollars] six hundred eleven million one hundred thousand dollars, provided twenty-five million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2024.

Sec. 54. Subsection (a) of section 7-538 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [one billion seventy] one billion one hundred sixty million dollars, provided [thirty] forty-five million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, [2022] 2024.

Sec. 55. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in

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subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred eighty-two million dollars, provided ninety-one million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2024.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Office of Policy and Management for grants-in-aid to municipalities for the purposes set forth in subsection (a) of section 13a-175a of the general statutes, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025. Such grant payments shall be made annually as follows:

| Municipalities | FY 2024   | FY 2025   |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Andover        | 2,620     | 2,620     |
| Ansonia        | 85,419    | 85,419    |
| Ashford        | 3,582     | 3,582     |
| Avon           | 261,442   | 261,442   |
| Barkhamsted    | 41,462    | 41,462    |
| Beacon Falls   | 43,809    | 43,809    |
| Berlin         | 1,593,642 | 1,593,642 |
| Bethany        | 67,229    | 67,229    |
| Bethel         | 282,660   | 282,660   |
| Bethlehem      | 7,945     | 7,945     |
| Bloomfield     | 3,201,687 | 3,201,687 |
| Bolton         | 24,859    | 24,859    |
| Bozrah         | 138,521   | 138,521   |
| Branford       | 374,850   | 374,850   |
| Bridgeport     | 1,031,564 | 1,031,564 |
| Bridgewater    | 587       | 587       |
| Bristol        | 4,856,624 | 4,856,624 |
| Brookfield     | 118,281   | 118,281   |
| Brooklyn       | 10,379    | 10,379    |
| Burlington     | 15,300    | 15,300    |
| Canaan         | 20,712    | 20,712    |
| Canterbury     | 2,022     | 2,022     |

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| Canton           | 7,994     | 7,994     |
| Chaplin          | 601       | 601       |
| Cheshire         | 736,700   | 736,700   |
| Chester          | 89,264    | 89,264    |
| Clinton          | 191,674   | 191,674   |
| Colchester       | 39,009    | 39,009    |
| Colebrook        | 550       | 550       |
| Columbia         | 26,763    | 26,763    |
| Cornwall         | -         | -         |
| Coventry         | 10,533    | 10,533    |
| Cromwell         | 31,099    | 31,099    |
| Danbury          | 3,027,544 | 3,027,544 |
| Darien           | -         | -         |
| Deep River       | 104,136   | 104,136   |
| Derby            | 14,728    | 14,728    |
| Durham           | 153,897   | 153,897   |
| East Granby      | 1,096,577 | 1,096,577 |
| East Haddam      | 1,696     | 1,696     |
| East Hampton     | 18,943    | 18,943    |
| East Hartford    | 8,052,926 | 8,052,926 |
| East Haven       | 43,500    | 43,500    |
| East Lyme        | 22,442    | 22,442    |
| East Windsor     | 295,024   | 295,024   |
| Eastford         | 54,564    | 54,564    |
| Easton           | 2,660     | 2,660     |
| Ellington        | 223,527   | 223,527   |
| Enfield          | 256,875   | 256,875   |
| Essex            | 74,547    | 74,547    |
| Fairfield        | 96,747    | 96,747    |
| Farmington       | 545,804   | 545,804   |
| Franklin         | 23,080    | 23,080    |
| Glastonbury      | 240,799   | 240,799   |
| Goshen           | 2,648     | 2,648     |
| Granby           | 35,332    | 35,332    |
| Greenwich        | 89,022    | 89,022    |
| Griswold         | 31,895    | 31,895    |
| Groton (Town of) | 2,362,532 | 2,362,532 |
| Guilford         | 64,848    | 64,848    |
| Haddam           | 3,554     | 3,554     |

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|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Hamden         | 286,689   | 286,689   |
| Hampton        | -         | -         |
| Hartford       | 1,419,161 | 1,419,161 |
| Hartland       | 955       | 955       |
| Harwinton      | 21,506    | 21,506    |
| Hebron         | 2,216     | 2,216     |
| Kent           | -         | -         |
| Killingly      | 1,228,578 | 1,228,578 |
| Killingworth   | 5,148     | 5,148     |
| Lebanon        | 30,427    | 30,427    |
| Ledyard        | 421,085   | 421,085   |
| Lisbon         | 3,683     | 3,683     |
| Litchfield     | 3,432     | 3,432     |
| Lyme           | -         | -         |
| Madison        | 6,795     | 6,795     |
| Manchester     | 1,912,643 | 1,912,643 |
| Mansfield      | 6,841     | 6,841     |
| Marlborough    | 7,313     | 7,313     |
| Meriden        | 1,663,015 | 1,663,015 |
| Middlebury     | 84,264    | 84,264    |
| Middlefield    | 248,652   | 248,652   |
| Middletown     | 3,966,295 | 3,966,295 |
| Milford        | 2,257,853 | 2,257,853 |
| Monroe         | 179,106   | 179,106   |
| Montville      | 528,644   | 528,644   |
| Morris         | 3,528     | 3,528     |
| Naugatuck      | 341,656   | 341,656   |
| New Britain    | 2,864,920 | 2,864,920 |
| New Canaan     | 200       | 200       |
| New Fairfield  | 1,149     | 1,149     |
| New Hartford   | 139,174   | 139,174   |
| New Haven      | 2,214,643 | 2,214,643 |
| New London     | 33,169    | 33,169    |
| New Milford    | 1,298,881 | 1,298,881 |
| Newington      | 1,785,740 | 1,785,740 |
| Newtown        | 235,371   | 235,371   |
| Norfolk        | 7,207     | 7,207     |
| North Branford | 301,074   | 301,074   |
| North Canaan   | 359,719   | 359,719   |



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| North Haven      | 2,249,113 | 2,249,113 |
| North Stonington | -         | -         |
| Norwalk          | 402,915   | 402,915   |
| Norwich          | 187,132   | 187,132   |
| Old Lyme         | 1,888     | 1,888     |
| Old Saybrook     | 46,717    | 46,717    |
| Orange           | 104,962   | 104,962   |
| Oxford           | 84,313    | 84,313    |
| Plainfield       | 144,803   | 144,803   |
| Plainville       | 541,936   | 541,936   |
| Plymouth         | 152,434   | 152,434   |
| Pomfret          | 27,820    | 27,820    |
| Portland         | 90,840    | 90,840    |
| Preston          | -         | -         |
| Prospect         | 70,942    | 70,942    |
| Putnam           | 171,800   | 171,800   |
| Redding          | 1,329     | 1,329     |
| Ridgefield       | 561,986   | 561,986   |
| Rocky Hill       | 221,199   | 221,199   |
| Roxbury          | 602       | 602       |
| Salem            | 4,699     | 4,699     |
| Salisbury        | 83        | 83        |
| Scotland         | 7,681     | 7,681     |
| Seymour          | 281,186   | 281,186   |
| Sharon           | -         | -         |
| Shelton          | 584,121   | 584,121   |
| Sherman          | -         | -         |
| Simsbury         | 77,648    | 77,648    |
| Somers           | 82,324    | 82,324    |
| South Windsor    | 2,187,387 | 2,187,387 |
| Southbury        | 20,981    | 20,981    |
| Southington      | 1,427,348 | 1,427,348 |
| Sprague          | 386,528   | 386,528   |
| Stafford         | 437,917   | 437,917   |
| Stamford         | 1,154,179 | 1,154,179 |
| Sterling         | 24,398    | 24,398    |
| Stonington       | 100,332   | 100,332   |
| Stratford        | 5,784,708 | 5,784,708 |
| Suffield         | 180,663   | 180,663   |

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| Thomaston                   | 395,346   | 395,346   |
| Thompson                    | 76,733    | 76,733    |
| Tolland                     | 85,064    | 85,064    |
| Torrington                  | 605,345   | 605,345   |
| Trumbull                    | 189,309   | 189,309   |
| Union                       | -         | -         |
| Vernon                      | 151,598   | 151,598   |
| Voluntown                   | 2,002     | 2,002     |
| Wallingford                 | 3,481,872 | 3,481,872 |
| Warren                      | 288       | 288       |
| Washington                  | 158       | 158       |
| Waterbury                   | 4,435,497 | 4,435,497 |
| Waterford                   | 34,255    | 34,255    |
| Watertown                   | 642,281   | 642,281   |
| West Hartford               | 805,784   | 805,784   |
| West Haven                  | 147,516   | 147,516   |
| Westbrook                   | 267,405   | 267,405   |
| Weston                      | 453       | 453       |
| Westport                    | -         | -         |
| Wethersfield                | 21,785    | 21,785    |
| Willington                  | 20,018    | 20,018    |
| Wilton                      | 842,618   | 842,618   |
| Winchester                  | 306,204   | 306,204   |
| Windham                     | 454,575   | 454,575   |
| Windsor                     | 2,075,052 | 2,075,052 |
| Windsor Locks               | 2,784,595 | 2,784,595 |
| Wolcott                     | 234,916   | 234,916   |
| Woodbridge                  | 29,920    | 29,920    |
| Woodbury                    | 56,908    | 56,908    |
| Woodstock                   | 68,767    | 68,767    |
| Jewett City(Bor.)           | 4,195     | 4,195     |
| Barkhamsted FD              | 2,500     | 2,500     |
| Berlin - Kensington FD      | 11,389    | 11,389    |
| Berlin - Worthington FD     | 941       | 941       |
| Bloomfield: Center FD       | 4,173     | 4,173     |
| Bloomfield Blue Hills FD    | 103,086   | 103,086   |
| Cromwell FD                 | 1,832     | 1,832     |
| Enfield FD 1                | 14,636    | 14,636    |
| Enfield: Thompsonville FD 2 | 3,160     | 3,160     |

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|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Enfield: Hazardville Fire #3   | 1,373   | 1,373   |
| Enfield: N Thompsonville FD 4  | 69      | 69      |
| Enfield: Shaker Pines FD 5     | 6,403   | 6,403   |
| Groton City                    | 164,635 | 164,635 |
| Groton Sewer                   | 1,688   | 1,688   |
| Groton Old Mystic FD 5         | 1,695   | 1,695   |
| Groton: Poq. Bridge FD         | 22,300  | 22,300  |
| Killingly Attawaugan F.D.      | 1,836   | 1,836   |
| Killingly Dayville F.D.        | 42,086  | 42,086  |
| Killingly Dyer Manor           | 1,428   | 1,428   |
| E. Killingly F.D.              | 95      | 95      |
| So. Killingly F.D.             | 189     | 189     |
| Killingly Williamsville F.D.   | 6,710   | 6,710   |
| Manchester Eighth Util.        | 68,425  | 68,425  |
| Middletown: South FD           | 207,080 | 207,080 |
| Middletown Westfield F.D.      | 10,801  | 10,801  |
| Middletown City Fire           | 33,838  | 33,838  |
| New Htfd. Village F.D. #1      | 7,128   | 7,128   |
| New Htfd Pine Meadow #3        | 131     | 131     |
| New Htfd South End F.D.        | 10      | 10      |
| Plainfield Central Village FD  | 1,466   | 1,466   |
| Plainfield - Moosup FD         | 2,174   | 2,174   |
| Plainfield: Plainfield FD      | 1,959   | 1,959   |
| Plainfield Wauregan FD         | 5,136   | 5,136   |
| Pomfret FD                     | 1,032   | 1,032   |
| Putnam: E. Putnam FD           | 10,109  | 10,109  |
| Simsbury F.D.                  | 2,638   | 2,638   |
| Stafford Springs Service Dist. | 15,246  | 15,246  |
| Sterling F.D.                  | 1,293   | 1,293   |
| Stonington Mystic FD           | 600     | 600     |
| Stonington Old Mystic FD       | 2,519   | 2,519   |
| Stonington Pawcatuck F.D.      | 5,500   | 5,500   |
| Stonington Quiambaug F.D.      | 72      | 72      |
| Stonington Wequetequock FD     | 73      | 73      |
| Trumbull Center                | 555     | 555     |
| Trumbull Long Hill F.D.        | 1,105   | 1,105   |
| Trumbull Nichols F.D.          | 3,435   | 3,435   |
| W. Haven: West Shore FD        | 34,708  | 34,708  |
| W. Haven: Allingtown FD        | 21,515  | 21,515  |

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|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| West Haven First Ctr FD 1 | 4,736      | 4,736      |
| Windsor Wilson FD         | 214        | 214        |
| Windsor FD                | 14         | 14         |
| Windham First             | 8,929      | 8,929      |
| Total                     | 91,000,000 | 91,000,000 |

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 56. Subsection (a) of section 8-336n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

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(a) For the purpose of capitalizing the Housing Trust Fund created by section 8-336o, the State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding [four] eight hundred fifty million dollars, provided (1) [twenty million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2005, (2) twenty million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2006, (3) twenty million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2007, (4) thirty million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2008, (5) twenty million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2009, (6) twenty-five million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2011, (7) twenty-five million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2012, (8) thirty million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2013, (9) thirty million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2014, (10) forty million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2015, (11) twenty-five million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2016, (12) thirty million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2018, and (13) fifty million dollars shall be effective July 1, 2022] two hundred million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2024, and (2) not more than two hundred million dollars shall be provided by the Department of Housing to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to administer a revolving loan fund to finance workforce housing projects. The proceeds of the sale of bonds pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Housing Trust Fund.

Sec. 57. Subsection (a) of section 10-66jj of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [forty-five] fifty-five million dollars, provided five million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, [2018] 2024.

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Sec. 58. Subsection (a) of section 10-265t of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [seventy-five million dollars] three hundred seventy-five million dollars, provided one hundred fifty million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2024.

Sec. 59. Section 10-287d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

For the purposes of funding (1) grants to projects that have received approval of the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to sections 10-287 and 10-287a, subsection (a) of section 10-65 and section 10-76e, (2) grants to assist school building projects to remedy safety and health violations and damage from fire and catastrophe, and (3) technical education and career school projects pursuant to section 10-283b, the State Treasurer is authorized and directed, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of section 3-20, to issue bonds of the state from time to time in one or more series in an aggregate amount not exceeding [thirteen billion six hundred twelve] thirteen billion eight hundred sixty-two million one hundred sixty thousand dollars. Bonds of each series shall bear such date or dates and mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years from their respective dates and be subject to such redemption privileges, with or without premium, as may be fixed by the State Bond Commission. They shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest and the full faith and credit of the state is pledged for the payment of the interest thereon and the principal thereof as the same shall become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all

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amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due. The State Treasurer is authorized to invest temporarily in direct obligations of the United States, United States agency obligations, certificates of deposit, commercial paper or bank acceptances such portion of the proceeds of such bonds or of any notes issued in anticipation thereof as may be deemed available for such purpose.

Sec. 60. Section 11-24c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) The State Library Board shall make construction grants to public libraries established pursuant to this chapter. The board shall [:(1) Establish] establish criteria for the purpose of developing a priority listing of all construction projects. [, and (2) prior to September 1, 2007, grant an amount equal to one-third of the total construction cost, not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars for each approved project within the limits of the available funding for such projects.] In the event that the available funding is insufficient to fund projects as provided above, projects remaining on the priority list shall be included in the priority listing for the next fiscal year. Each application for such grant shall be filed on or before September first, annually, on forms to be prescribed by said board.

(b) [For applications submitted on or after September 1, 2007, and prior to July 1, 2013, the board shall grant an amount equal to one-third the total construction cost, not to exceed one million dollars, for each approved project within the limits of the available funding for such projects.] For applications submitted on or after July 1, 2013, and before July 1, 2023, the board shall grant an amount up to one-half of the total construction cost, not to exceed one million dollars, for each approved project within the limits of the available funding for such projects. For applications submitted on or after July 1, 2023, the board shall grant for

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each approved project, within the limits of the available funding for such projects, (1) an amount up to one-half of the total construction cost of such project, not to exceed two million dollars, or (2) an amount up to eighty per cent of the total construction cost of such project, not to exceed two million dollars, if such project is located in a distressed municipality, as defined in section 32-9p.

(c) The State Library Board shall make emergency repair grants to public libraries established pursuant to this chapter for emergency repairs to buildings and equipment, as approved by the board. The board may grant an amount up to one-half of the emergency repair cost, not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars for each approved emergency repair project within the limits of the available funding for such project.

Sec. 61. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 13b-236 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [~~seventeen~~] twenty-seven million five hundred thousand dollars.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department of Transportation for a program of competitive grants for commercial rail freight lines operating in the state for improvements and repairs to, and the modernization of, existing rail, rail beds and related facilities. Such program shall include the following: (1) (A) Grants of one hundred per cent of the amount necessary to improve, repair or modernize state-owned rights of way, and (B) grants of seventy per cent of the amount necessary to improve, repair or modernize privately owned rail lines,



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provided the commissioner may waive the requirement for a thirty per cent matching grant if such improvement, repair or modernization demonstrably increases rail freight traffic; and (2) preference for grants shall be given to (A) [proposals that are on the Department of Transportation's list of freight rail projects eligible to receive funds pursuant to P.L. 111-5, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, (B)] freight rail projects that improve at-grade rail crossings to eliminate hazards or increase safety, [(C)] (B) freight rail projects that provide connection to major freight generators, [(D)] (C) projects that further the goals and objectives of the Department of Transportation's Connecticut State Rail Plan, and [(E)] (D) freight rail projects that improve freight rail infrastructure by increasing the capacity for rail freight traffic.

Sec. 62. Subsection (a) of section 22a-483 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) For the purposes of sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts, not exceeding in the aggregate [two billion sixty-five] two billion one hundred forty-five million one hundred twenty-five thousand nine hundred seventy-six dollars, provided [one hundred] forty million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, [2022] 2024.

Sec. 63. Subsection (d) of section 22a-483 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall preclude the State Bond Commission from authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds, in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [four billion four hundred eighty-six] four billion five hundred eleven million eighty

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thousand dollars, [provided two hundred thirty-seven million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2022,] that are not general obligations of the state of Connecticut to which the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal and interest. Such revenue bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such revenue bonds. The revenue bonds, revenue state bond anticipation notes and revenue state grant anticipation notes authorized to be issued under sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive, shall be special obligations of the state and shall not be payable from nor charged upon any funds other than the revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys pledged therefor as provided in said sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive, including the repayment of municipal loan obligations; nor shall the state or any political subdivision thereof be subject to any liability thereon except to the extent of such pledged revenues or the receipts, funds or moneys pledged therefor as provided in said sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive. The issuance of revenue bonds, revenue state bond anticipation notes and revenue state grant anticipation notes under the provisions of said sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive, shall not directly or indirectly or contingently obligate the state or any political subdivision thereof to levy or to pledge any form of taxation whatever therefor or to make any appropriation for their payment. The revenue bonds, revenue state bond anticipation notes and revenue state grant anticipation notes shall not constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the state or of any political subdivision thereof, except the property mortgaged or otherwise encumbered under the provisions and for the purposes of said sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive. The substance of such limitation shall be plainly stated on the face of each revenue bond, revenue state bond anticipation note and revenue state grant anticipation note issued pursuant to said sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive, shall not be

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subject to any statutory limitation on the indebtedness of the state and such revenue bonds, revenue state bond anticipation notes and revenue state grant anticipation notes, when issued, shall not be included in computing the aggregate indebtedness of the state in respect to and to the extent of any such limitation. As part of the contract of the state with the owners of such revenue bonds, revenue state bond anticipation notes and revenue state grant anticipation notes, all amounts necessary for the punctual payment of the debt service requirements with respect to such revenue bonds, revenue state bond anticipation notes and revenue state grant anticipation notes shall be deemed appropriated, but only from the sources pledged pursuant to said sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive. The proceeds of such revenue bonds or notes may be deposited in the Clean Water Fund for use in accordance with the permitted uses of such fund. Any expense incurred in connection with the carrying out of the provisions of this section, including the costs of issuance of revenue bonds, revenue state bond anticipation notes and revenue state grant anticipation notes may be paid from the accrued interest and premiums or from any other proceeds of the sale of such revenue bonds, revenue state bond anticipation notes or revenue state grant anticipation notes and in the same manner as other obligations of the state. All provisions of subsections (g), (k), (l), (s) and (u) of section 3-20 or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions of said sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive, are hereby adopted and shall apply to all revenue bonds, state revenue bond anticipation notes and state revenue grant anticipation notes authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to said sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive. For the purposes of subsection (o) of section 3-20, "bond act" shall be construed to include said sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive.

Sec. 64. Subsection (a) of section 23-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

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(a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [twenty-two million dollars] forty-two million dollars, provided ten million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2024.

Sec. 65. Subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department of Economic and Community Development (1) for the purposes of sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, including economic cluster-related programs and activities, and for the Connecticut job training finance demonstration program pursuant to sections 32-23uu and 32-23vv, provided (A) three million dollars shall be used by said department solely for the purposes of section 32-23uu, (B) not less than one million dollars shall be used for an educational technology grant to the deployment center program and the nonprofit business consortium deployment center approved pursuant to section 32-41l, (C) not less than two million dollars shall be used by said department for the establishment of a pilot program to make grants to businesses in designated areas of the state for construction, renovation or improvement of small manufacturing facilities, provided such grants are matched by the business, a municipality or another financing entity. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall designate areas of the state where manufacturing is a substantial part of the local economy and shall make grants under such pilot program which are likely to produce a significant economic development benefit for the designated area, (D) five million dollars may be used by said department for the manufacturing competitiveness grants program, (E)

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one million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, for the purposes of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 32-7f, (F) fifty million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of grants to the United States Department of the Navy, the United States Department of Defense or eligible applicants for projects related to the enhancement of infrastructure for long-term, on-going naval operations at the United States Naval Submarine Base-New London, located in Groton, which will increase the military value of said base. Such projects shall not be subject to the provisions of sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a, (G) two million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of a grant to the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology, Inc., for manufacturing initiatives, including aerospace and defense, and (H) four million dollars shall be used by said department for the purpose of a grant to companies adversely impacted by the construction at the Quinnipiac Bridge, where such grant may be used to offset the increase in costs of commercial overland transportation of goods or materials brought to the port of New Haven by ship or vessel, (2) for the purposes of the small business assistance program established pursuant to section 32-9yy, provided fifteen million dollars shall be deposited in the small business assistance account established pursuant to said section 32-9yy, (3) to deposit twenty million dollars in the small business express assistance account established pursuant to section 32-7h, (4) to deposit four million nine hundred thousand dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2019, inclusive, and June 30, 2021, and nine million nine hundred thousand dollars in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in the CTNext Fund established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext to provide grants-in-aid to designated innovation places, as defined in section 32-39j, planning grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39l, and grants-in-aid for projects that network innovation places pursuant to subsection (b) of section 32-39m, provided not more than three million dollars be used for grants-in-aid for such projects, and further provided any portion of any such

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deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by CTNext for any purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (5) to deposit two million dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2019, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, in the CTNext Fund established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext for the purpose of providing higher education entrepreneurship grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39g, provided any portion of any such deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by CTNext for any purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (6) for the purpose of funding the costs of the Technology Talent Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 32-7p, provided [two million dollars per year in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, shall be used] not more than ten million dollars may be used on or after July 1, 2023, for such purpose, (7) to provide (A) a grant-in-aid to the Connecticut Supplier Connection in an amount equal to two hundred fifty thousand dollars in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, and (B) a grant-in-aid to the Connecticut Procurement Technical Assistance Program in an amount equal to three hundred thousand dollars in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, (8) to deposit four hundred fifty thousand dollars per year, in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2021, inclusive, in the CTNext Fund established pursuant to section 32-39i, which shall be used by CTNext to provide growth grants-in-aid pursuant to section 32-39g, provided any portion of any such deposit that remains unexpended in a fiscal year subsequent to the date of such deposit may be used by CTNext for any purpose described in subsection (e) of section 32-39i, (9) to transfer fifty million dollars to the Labor Department which shall be used by said department for the purpose of funding workforce pipeline programs selected pursuant to section 31-11rr, provided, notwithstanding the provisions of section 31-11rr, (A) not less than five million dollars shall be provided to the workforce development board in Bridgeport serving

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the southwest region, for purposes of such program, and the board shall distribute such money in proportion to population and need, and (B) not less than five million dollars shall be provided to the workforce development board in Hartford serving the north central region, for purposes of such program, (10) to transfer twenty million dollars to Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, provided ten million dollars shall be used by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for the purpose of the proof of concept fund established pursuant to subsection (b) of section 32-39x and ten million dollars shall be used by Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated for the purpose of the venture capital fund program established pursuant to section 32-41oo. Not later than thirty days prior to any use of unexpended funds under subdivision (4), (5) or (8) of this subsection, the CTNext board of directors shall provide notice of and the reason for such use to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and finance, revenue and bonding.

Sec. 66. Subsection (a) of section 47a-56i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) The expenses incurred by a receiver in removing or remedying a condition pursuant to the provisions of sections 47a-14a to 47a-14g, inclusive, and sections 47a-56 to 47a-56i, inclusive, shall be met by the rents collected by the receiver, the municipality in which the property is located or, with court approval, from a fund to be known as the Housing Receivership Revolving Fund, which shall be maintained by the Commissioner of Housing. The court may also approve resort to such fund to meet expenses incurred by a receiver of rents for residential premises pursuant to the provisions of section 16-262f or 47a-14h or chapter 735a or pursuant to any other action involving the making of repairs to residential rental property under court supervision. A court may authorize resort to such fund if (1) sufficient sources of money are

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not otherwise immediately available, [(2) the property which is the subject of the receivership is a building which contains not more than twenty dwelling units or is a mobile manufactured home park or a space or lot in such park] and [(3)] (2) the anticipated average expense from the fund per dwelling unit or per space or lot in such park is not in excess of [five] ten thousand dollars.

Sec. 67. Subsection (a) of section 47a-56k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate fifty million three hundred thousand dollars, the proceeds of the sale of which shall be used by the Department of Housing to provide funds for the Housing Receivership Revolving Fund established in accordance with section 47a-56i, as amended by this act, provided [not] twenty five million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2024. Not more than [two hundred thousand] one million dollars may be expended from said fund in any single municipality per year.

Sec. 68. Subsection (a) of section 85 of public act 13-3, as amended by section 74 of public act 14-98, section 67 of public act 15-1 of the June special session, section 26 of public act 18-178, section 74 of public act 20-1 and section 62 of public act 21-111, is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [eighty-seven] one hundred seven million dollars, provided ten million dollars of said



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authorization shall be effective July 1, [2022] 2024.

Sec. 69. Section 388 of public act 17-2 of the June special session, as amended by section 77 of public act 21-111, is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 389 to 395, inclusive, of public act 17-2 of the June special session, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding [~~\$240,950,000~~] \$235,950,000.

Sec. 70. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 389 of public act 17-2 of the June special session is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2023*)

Sec. 71. Section 407 of public act 17-2 of the June special session, as amended by section 35 of public act 18-178 and section 81 of public act 21-111, is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 408 to 414, inclusive, of public act 17-2 of the June special session, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding [~~\$196,000,000~~] \$184,000,000.

Sec. 72. Subsection (b) of section 408 of public act 17-2 of the June special session is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(b) For the Department of Administrative Services: Grants-in-aid to alliance districts to assist in paying for general improvements to school buildings, not exceeding [~~\$30,000,000~~] \$18,000,000.

Sec. 73. Section 20 of public act 20-1, as amended by section 343 of public act 22-118, is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the

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provisions of this section and sections 326 to 331, inclusive, of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate not exceeding [~~\$386,500,000~~] \$336,500,000.

Sec. 74. Subsection (g) of section 21 of public act 20-1, as amended by section 344 of public act 22-118, is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(g) For the Department of Transportation: For construction, repair or maintenance of highways, roads, bridges, noise barriers or bus and rail facilities and equipment, not exceeding [~~\$180,000,000~~] \$130,000,000, provided not more than \$75,000,000 shall be used for a matching grant program to assist municipalities to modernize existing traffic signal equipment and operations.

Sec. 75. Section 31 of public act 20-1, as amended by section 86 of public act 21-111, is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 32 to 38, inclusive, of public act 20-1, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding [~~\$215,000,000~~] \$209,000,000.

Sec. 76. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 32 of public act 20-1 is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2023*)

Sec. 77. Section 12 of public act 21-111, as amended by section 469 of public act 21-2 of the June special session and section 347 of public act 22-118, is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 13 to 19, inclusive, of public act 21-111, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state

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in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding [~~\$316,550,000~~] \$351,550,000.

Sec. 78. Subsection (d) of section 13 of public act 21-111, as amended by section 470 of public act 21-2 of the June special session and section 351 of public act 22-118, is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(d) For the Connecticut Port Authority: Grants-in-aid for improvements to deep water ports, including dredging, not exceeding [~~\$90,000,000~~] \$120,000,000, provided not less than \$20,000,000 shall be used for deep water ports outside of New London.

Sec. 79. Subsection (h) of section 13 of public act 21-111, as amended by section 471 of public act 21-2 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(h) For the Department of Public Health: For the Health Disparities and Prevention Grant Program, not exceeding [~~\$25,000,000~~] \$30,000,000, provided (1) not more than [~~\$15,000,000~~] \$20,000,000 shall be used for federally qualified health centers, and not more than \$300,000 of such amount may be used to conduct a health disparities study, and (2) not more than \$10,000,000 shall be used for mental health and substance abuse treatment providers.

Sec. 80. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 21 of public act 21-111 is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(2) For the purpose of funding projects in state buildings and assets that result in decreased environmental impacts, including projects: That improve energy efficiency pursuant to section 16a-38l of the general statutes; that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from building heating and cooling, including installation of renewable thermal heating systems; that expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure to support charging on state [~~owned or leased electric vehicles~~] property; that

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reduce water use; that reduce waste generation and disposal; or for any renewable energy, or combined heat and power project in state buildings, not exceeding \$10,000,000.

Sec. 81. Subsection (b) of section 89 of public act 21-111 is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the [Office of Policy and Management for the purpose of providing a grant-in-aid to] Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Commission on Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention, for the purpose of providing grants-in-aid for capital purposes to community gun violence and prevention programs and to support strategies addressing community gun violence.

Sec. 82. Subsection (a) of section 102 of public act 21-111 is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) The State Bond Commission shall authorize the issuance of bonds of the state, in accordance with the provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [twenty-five] twenty million dollars for the Connecticut Port Authority established pursuant to section 15-31a of the general statutes. The amount authorized for the issuance and sale of such bonds in each of the following fiscal years shall not exceed the following corresponding amount for each such fiscal year, provided, to the extent the authority does not provide for the use of all or a portion of such amount in any such fiscal year, such amount not provided for shall be carried forward and added to the authorized amount for the next succeeding fiscal year, and, provided further, the costs of issuance and capitalized interest, if any, may be added to the capped amount in each fiscal year, and each of the authorized amounts shall be effective on July first of the fiscal year indicated as follows:

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| Fiscal Year Ending<br>June Thirtieth | Amount              |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2022                                 | \$5,000,000         |
| 2023                                 | 5,000,000           |
| 2024                                 | [5,000,000]         |
|                                      | <u>2,500,000</u>    |
| 2025                                 | [5,000,000]         |
|                                      | <u>2,500,000</u>    |
| 2026                                 | 5,000,000           |
| Total                                | [\$25,000,000]      |
|                                      | <u>\$20,000,000</u> |

Sec. 83. Section 306 of public act 22-118 is amended to read as follows  
(Effective July 1, 2023):

The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and sections 307 to 312, inclusive, of [this act] public act 22-118, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate not exceeding [\$125,800,000] \$135,800,000.

Sec. 84. Subsection (b) of section 307 of public act 22-118 is amended to read as follows (Effective from passage):

(b) For the Office of Policy and Management: State matching funds for projects and programs allowed under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act or the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, not exceeding \$75,000,000.

Sec. 85. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 307 of public act 22-118 is amended to read as follows (Effective July 1, 2023):

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(2) Construction and equipment for additions and renovations to the Valley Laboratory in Windsor, not exceeding [~~\$8,000,000~~] \$18,000,000.

Sec. 86. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 314 of public act 22-118 is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(1) Grants-in-aid to provide matching funds necessary for municipalities, [~~school districts~~] local and regional boards of education and school bus operators to submit federal grant applications in order to maximize federal funding for the purchase or lease of zero-emission school buses and electric vehicle charging or fueling infrastructure, not exceeding \$20,000,000;

Sec. 87. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Any proceeds from the sale of bonds for CareerConneCT workforce training programs, described in subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of section 13 of public act 21-111 and subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of section 32 of public act 21-111, shall be allocated to the Office of Workforce Strategy and such agency shall be responsible for administering such programs.

Sec. 88. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate thirty-three million dollars, provided three million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2024.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Secretary of the State for the purpose of purchasing and deploying tabulators and related equipment, purchasing equipment and services to implement and integrate the centralized voter registration system and purchasing equipment and software to improve the operation of the business recording system and other functions of the business services division.

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(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 89. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred fifty million dollars, provided seventy-five million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2024.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department

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of Housing for purposes of the time to own program.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 90. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Alliance district" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-262u of the general statutes;

(2) "Environmental justice community" has the same meaning as provided in section 22a-20a of the general statutes; and



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(3) "Low-income resident" means, after adjustments for family size, individuals or families whose income is not greater than (A) sixty per cent of the state median income, or (B) eighty per cent of the area median income for the area in which the resident resides, as determined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(b) There is established a revolving loan fund to be known as the "Housing Environmental Improvement Revolving Loan Fund". The fund may be funded from the proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to section 91 of this act or from any moneys available to the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection or from other sources. Investment earnings credited to the fund shall become part of the assets of the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fund for the next fiscal year. Payments of principal or interest on a low interest loan made pursuant to this section shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Housing Environmental Improvement Revolving Loan Fund. The fund shall be used to make low interest loans pursuant to this section and to pay reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in administering loans under this section. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may enter into contracts with nonprofit corporations to provide for the administration of the Housing Environmental Improvement Revolving Loan Fund by such nonprofit corporations, provided no low interest loan shall be made from the fund without the authorization of the commissioner as provided in this section.

(c) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in collaboration with the Commissioner of Housing, shall establish a pilot program or programs to provide financing from the fund established in subsection (b) of this section for retrofitting projects for multifamily residences located in environmental justice communities or alliance districts that (1) improve the energy efficiency of such residences, which may include, but need not be limited to, the installation of heat pumps,

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solar power generating systems, improved roofing, exterior doors and windows, improved insulation, air sealing, improved ventilation, appliance upgrades and any electric system or wiring upgrades necessary for such retrofit, (2) remediate health and safety concerns that are barriers to any such retrofit, including, but not limited to, mold, vermiculite, asbestos, lead and radon, or (3) provide services to assist residents and building owners to access and implement the programs established pursuant to this section or other available state or federal programs that enable the implementation of energy efficiency retrofitting.

(d) On and after July 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or any program administrator the commissioner may designate, shall accept applications, in a form specified by the commissioner, from any owner of a residential dwelling unit for financing under the program or programs. Any such financing may be awarded to an owner of a residential dwelling unit that is (1) not owner-occupied, and (2) occupied by a tenant or, if vacant, to be occupied by a tenant not more than one hundred eighty days after the award. If such dwelling unit is not occupied within one hundred eighty days of the award, the owner shall return any funds received by the owner to the commissioner.

(e) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall prioritize the awarding of financing for projects that benefit any resident or prospective resident who is a low-income resident.

(f) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall exclude from the program any owner of a residential dwelling unit determined by the Commissioner of Housing to be in violation of chapter 830 of the general statutes.

(g) On or before October 1, 2027, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall file a report, in accordance with the

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provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, with the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing (1) analyzing the success of the pilot program, and (2) recommending whether a permanent program should be established in the state and, if so, any proposed legislation for such program.

(h) The pilot program established pursuant to this section shall terminate on September 30, 2028.

Sec. 91. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred twenty-five million dollars, provided seventy-five million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2024.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the purpose of retrofitting projects for multifamily residences as provided in section 90 of this act.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that

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there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 92. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate sixty million dollars.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority for the purpose of capitalization.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that

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there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 93. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate fifteen million dollars.

(b) (1) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department of Economic and Community Development for the purpose of providing grants-in-aid to business and industrial development corporations, as defined in section 36a-626 of the general statutes, whose primary purposes are to (A) provide financing assistance and management assistance to minority-owned and women-owned small businesses that serve or seek to serve underserved or minority communities, (B) provide education and training to such businesses and communities, and (C) work collaboratively with similar organizations and with lenders to foster economic development and growth in such communities. Any business and industrial development corporation that receives a grant-in-aid under this section may use up to ten per cent in the aggregate of the amount of such grant-in-aid for operational costs and to fund a loan loss reserve fund.

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(2) Any applicant for a license under section 36a-628 of the general statutes that meets the provisions of subdivisions (2) to (4), inclusive, of subsection (b) of said section to the Banking Commissioner's satisfaction shall be eligible to receive a grant-in-aid under this section. No such applicant or no business and industrial development corporation shall receive more than five million dollars in the aggregate under this section.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 94. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) For the purposes described in

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subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate fifty million dollars.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department of Economic and Community Development for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Office of Community Economic Development Assistance.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay

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such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 95. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate eight hundred thousand dollars.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection for the grant-in-aid program established pursuant to section 7 of public act 23-137, for the establishment of a local voluntary public safety registration system for residents with an intellectual disability or other developmental disabilities.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and



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interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 96. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate two hundred thousand dollars.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to section 16 of public act 23-137, to provide funding for private providers to comply with fire regulation requirements concerning water tanks at group homes.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its

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discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 97. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate fifteen million dollars.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Commissioner of Developmental Services for the grant-in-aid program established pursuant to section 53 of public act 23-137, for supportive housing for persons with an intellectual disability or other developmental disabilities, including, but not limited to, autism spectrum disorder.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be

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authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 98. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate one million dollars.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department of Economic and Community Development for the purpose of providing grants to nonprofit organizations that employ individuals with an intellectual disability, as defined in section 1-1g of the general statutes, pursuant to section 63 of public act 23-137, provided the department may retain not more than ten per cent of such proceeds for the costs incurred by the department in administering such grant program.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived

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from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 99. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate ten million dollars.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority for the purpose of a nursing student loan subsidy program.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this

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section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 100. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate ten million dollars, provided five million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2024.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department of Housing for the purpose of grants or forgivable loans to individuals who are participants in the time to own program for capital improvements to residential properties purchased with the assistance of such program.

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(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 101. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section, "high poverty-low opportunity census tract" means a United States census tract in which thirty per cent or more of the residents within such census tract have incomes below the federal poverty level, according to the most recent five-year United States Census Bureau American Community Survey.

(b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall compile a list of high poverty-low opportunity census tracts in the state

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and the municipalities in which such census tracts are located and shall, not later than July 31, 2023, submit such list to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The secretary shall post such list to the Internet web site of the Office of Policy and Management and shall review and update such list as necessary. Whenever the secretary updates such list, the secretary shall submit such updated list to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

(c) (1) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall establish a grant program to fund eligible projects within high poverty-low opportunity census tracts. An eligible project shall seek to reduce concentrated poverty within such tracts and the effects of such poverty, including, but not limited to, the lower lifetime income of residents within such tracts, the lower lifetime income expectations of future generations within such tracts, increased crime and risk of incarceration for residents within such tracts and educational deficiencies within such tracts. An eligible project includes:

(A) Construction, renovation or rehabilitation of mixed-income rental housing and owner-occupied housing, in order to retain individuals and families of different income levels and to increase the percentage of owner-occupied housing within such census tract or tracts;

(B) The establishment or improvement of workforce development programs, including, but not limited to, programs that partner with organizations to identify unemployed or underemployed individuals and at-risk youth residing in such census tracts, identify workforce training opportunities and other resources for such individuals and link such individuals with the appropriate training and resources that will increase the skills and earning potential of such individuals; and

(C) Construction, renovation or rehabilitation of public infrastructure, in order to support and improve the private investment

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opportunities, quality of life and public safety within such census tract or tracts.

(2) Beginning on January 1, 2024, and not later than January 1, 2030, each municipality in which a high poverty-low opportunity census tract is located may apply to the commissioner, in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner, to receive a grant for an eligible project or any combination of eligible projects. An application may target one high poverty-low opportunity census tract or more than one such census tract if such census tracts are geographically contiguous or within reasonable proximity of each other. An applicant shall not be prohibited from filing more than one application for different high poverty-low opportunity census tracts or groups of such census tracts.

(d) (1) Not later than January 1, 2024, the commissioner shall establish criteria for the awarding of grants as described in subdivision (2) of this subsection, requirements for documents and information as described in subdivision (3) of this subsection and deadlines for submitting applications and revised and modified applications under subsection (e) of this section. The commissioner shall post such criteria, requirements and deadlines on the Internet web site of the Department of Economic and Community Development, notify each municipality in which a high poverty-low opportunity census tract is located of such posting and promote the availability of the grant program established by this section in each high poverty-low opportunity census tract.

(2) Criteria for the awarding of grants pursuant to this section shall include, but need not be limited to:

(A) The likelihood that a proposal will reduce adult or child poverty within a high poverty-low opportunity census tract;

(B) The likelihood that a proposal will reduce the likelihood that children currently residing within a high poverty-low opportunity



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census tract will live in poverty after reaching adulthood;

(C) The likelihood that a proposal will produce persistent and meaningful improvements in residents' wealth, financial security, employability or quality of life beyond the duration of the proposal;

(D) The feasibility of the initiatives in a proposal and the demonstrated or perceived capacity to execute upon the scope of work in a proposal, including, but not limited to, adequate staffing levels of entities involved with the proposal; and

(E) The interconnectivity and mutual reinforcement among all proposed initiatives in the same high poverty-low opportunity census tract area or areas, such as providing workforce training programs to parents of children enrolled in a supported early childhood program.

(3) Requirements for documents and information to be submitted by municipalities to evaluate applications shall include, but need not be limited to:

(A) A description of how the proposal intends to address each type of eligible project described in subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section, and whether there are existing projects or programs to address such eligible projects;

(B) A description of each initiative within the proposal, which may include multiple simultaneous initiatives, and how each initiative will meet one of the criteria established pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection;

(C) A description of sufficient efforts, as determined by the commissioner, to engage residents of the high poverty-low opportunity census tract in formulating a proposal;

(D) For an initiative that is an eligible project described in

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subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section, a description of the municipality's consultations with the regional workforce development board that serves the municipality regarding the development of such project and efforts to coordinate such project with the board's activities;

(E) A description of each organization that will participate in an eligible project described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section, and information on each organization's commitment to provide continuous, sustained engagement with residents of such tract throughout the project;

(F) A description of the entity or organization responsible for coordinating the implementation of each component of the application and overseeing the various projects and programs outlined in such application;

(G) A description of plans for ongoing engagement with residents of such census tracts and solicitation of feedback on the progress of a proposal during its implementation; and

(H) A description of plans to provide residents of such tract with opportunities to become involved in implementation of a proposal.

(e) (1) The department shall review and evaluate each application submitted and shall work with the applicant municipality to revise the application if the department believes such revisions will improve or strengthen the application. The department shall assist an applicant in identifying and applying for funding under other programs in order to maximize the amount of funding available for an applicant, including seeking funding under section 4-66c of the general statutes, as amended by this act. For a proposal for an eligible project described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section, the commissioner shall evaluate such project in consultation with the

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Commissioner of Housing and the Commissioner of Housing shall assist the applicant with obtaining funding for such project through programs operated by the Department of Housing.

(2) The commissioner shall submit to the Governor all applications that are deemed to satisfy the requirements of subsection (d) of this section. The Governor shall review such applications and may approve or disapprove an application or return an application to the commissioner for modifications. If an application is returned to the commissioner, the commissioner shall work with the applicant to modify the application and shall resubmit such application with modifications to the Governor. If the Governor approves an application, the Governor shall make a grant award from bond proceeds under section 102 of this act, provided the Governor may use funds from other bond proceeds authorized for the general purposes described in subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section for such grants. Grants awarded under this section shall be for a period of three years, and in an amount sufficient to carry out the objectives of the application, but not less than five hundred thousand dollars. Each application that the Governor approves shall be considered at a State Bond Commission meeting not later than two months after the date the application was approved by the Governor.

(f) At the conclusion of the initial grant period, the commissioner shall evaluate the municipality's progress toward reducing the number of residents within the applicable high poverty-low opportunity census tract who have incomes below the federal poverty level to less than thirty per cent of the residents of such tract. Such evaluation shall consider, among other factors, any change in the percentage of residents within such census tract who have incomes below the federal poverty level, and whether the actions taken pursuant to such grant during the initial grant period: (1) May reasonably result in a future reduction in the percentage of residents within such census tract who have incomes

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below the federal poverty level, (2) have resulted in a reduction in child poverty within such census tract, (3) may reasonably result in a future reduction in child poverty within such census tract, or (4) may reasonably decrease the likelihood that children who are currently living within such census tract will have incomes below the federal poverty level after they reach adulthood. Upon a determination by the commissioner that reasonable progress has been made, the municipality shall be eligible for subsequent grants under this section, provided at the conclusion of each subsequent grant period of three years, each applicant municipality shall be subject to an evaluation and determination under this subsection prior to being eligible to apply for a subsequent grant. An application for a subsequent grant and the awarding of a subsequent grant shall be in accordance with the provisions of subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section.

(g) Not later than August 1, 2024, and annually thereafter until August 1, 2029, the commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the General Assembly, that includes the municipalities that submitted applications and that were awarded grants under this section in the prior fiscal year, a description of each purpose and eligible project a municipality awarded a grant under this section is seeking to accomplish or undertaking, a progress report, if applicable, for each such purpose or eligible project and any other information the commissioner deems relevant.

Sec. 102. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the purposes described in subdivision (b) of this subsection, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate three hundred million dollars, provided fifty million dollars shall be effective each fiscal year for the fiscal years commencing July 1, 2023, to July 1, 2028, inclusive.

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(b) The proceeds of the sale of such bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subdivision (a) of this subsection, shall be used by the Department of Economic and Community Development for the purpose of the high poverty-low opportunity census tract grant program established pursuant to section 101 of this act.

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this subsection are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section. Temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this subsection shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 103. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, the Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, direct resources and support to school districts

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which contain within their geographic boundaries one or more high poverty-low opportunity census tracts identified on the list compiled pursuant to subsection (b) of section 101 of this act. Such resources and supports may include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) Individualized education program quality training support for such districts, as identified by the Commissioner of Education;

(2) Free provision of the Connecticut Special Education Employment System, including social media advertisement for recruiting special education educators in urban centers;

(3) Fiscal stipends to implement the Department of Education's Special Education Data System;

(4) Fiscal stipends for special education recovery activities;

(5) Tutoring in reading for students in kindergarten to grade three, inclusive, that includes in-person or on-camera remote learning; and

(6) A special education fiscal risk rubric to support districts with activities related to the submission of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B grant.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the department to conduct all of the activities described in subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section in each district that contains one or more high poverty-low opportunity census tracts.

Sec. 104. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than February 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Early Childhood shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children:

(1) Providing an asset map of services currently available to support

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families with young children in the high poverty-low opportunity census tracts identified on the list compiled pursuant to subsection (b) of section 101 of this act;

(2) Identifying the number of children and families in need of support in such census tracts and providing a plan, which includes identifying the necessary staffing and funding, to assure that each child under five years of age and their families will have access to early childhood services, including, but not limited to, home visits, child care, access to family resource centers and health care; and

(3) Providing a plan to prioritize early childhood services and assess the cost of assuring that such services are available and accessible in such census tracts.

Sec. 105. Section 4b-51 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall have charge and supervision of the remodeling, alteration, repair or enlargement of any real asset, except any dam, flood or erosion control system, highway, bridge or any mass transit, marine or aviation transportation facility, a facility of the Connecticut Marketing Authority, an asset of the Department of Agriculture program established pursuant to section 26-237a, or any building under the supervision and control of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, involving an expenditure in excess of [five hundred thousand] one million dollars, and except that: (1) The University of Connecticut shall have charge and supervision of the remodeling, alteration, repair, construction or enlargement of any project, as defined in subdivision (16) of section 10a-109c, notwithstanding the amount of the expenditure involved, and (2) (A) until June 30, 2028, (i) the Judicial Branch may have charge and supervision of the remodeling, alteration, repair, construction or enlargement of any real asset involving an expenditure of not more than

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[two] three million dollars, [(2)] (ii) each constituent unit of the state system of higher education may have charge and supervision of the remodeling, alteration, repair, construction or enlargement of any real asset involving an expenditure of not more than [two] three million dollars, [(3) The University of Connecticut shall have charge and supervision of the remodeling, alteration, repair, construction, or enlargement of any project, as defined in subdivision (16) of section 10a-109c, notwithstanding the amount of the expenditure involved, and (4)] and (iii) the Military Department may have charge and supervision of the remodeling, alteration, repair, construction or enlargement of any real asset involving an expenditure of not more than [two] three million dollars; and (B) on and after July 1, 2028, the maximum dollar amounts listed in subparagraphs (A)(i) to (A)(iii), inclusive, of this subdivision for which the Judicial Branch, each such constituent unit and the Military Department shall have charge and supervision of the remodeling, alteration, repair, construction or enlargement of real assets shall be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. In any decision to remodel, alter, repair or enlarge any real asset, the commissioner shall consider the capability of the real asset to facilitate recycling programs.

(b) Not later than July 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall (1) adjust the maximum dollar amounts listed in subparagraphs (A)(i) to (A)(iii), inclusive, of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section by the percentage change in the Producer Price Index by Commodity: Construction (Partial) (WPU80), not seasonally adjusted, or its successor index, as calculated by the United States Department of Labor, over the preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars; and (2) post such adjusted dollar amounts on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services.

[(b)] (c) No officer, department, institution, board, commission or



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council of the state government, except the Commissioner of Administrative Services, the Commissioner of Transportation, the Connecticut Marketing Authority, the Department of Agriculture for purposes of the program established pursuant to section 26-237a, the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, the Judicial Branch, a constituent unit of the state system of higher education or the Military Department as authorized in subsection (a) of this section, shall, unless otherwise specifically authorized by law, make or contract for the making of any alteration, repair or addition to any real asset involving an expenditure of more than [five hundred thousand] one million dollars.

[(c)] (d) The plans necessary for any such remodeling, alteration, repair or enlargement of any state humane institution, as defined in section 17b-222, shall be subject to the approval of the administrative head of such humane institution.

[(d)] (e) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Administrative Services may select consultants to be on a list established for the purpose of providing any consultant services. Such list shall be established as provided in sections 4b-56 and 4b-57, as amended by this act. The commissioner may enter into a contract with any consultant on such list to perform a range of consultant services or to perform a range of tasks pursuant to a task letter detailing services to be performed under such contract.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Administrative Services may (A) compile a list of architects, professional engineers and construction administrators for the limited purpose of providing consultant services for a particular program involving various projects for the construction of new buildings or renovations to existing buildings where such buildings are under the operation and control of either the Military Department or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and (B) enter into

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a contract with any architect, professional engineer or construction administrator on such list for such limited purpose, except that the Adjutant General may perform the functions described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision for any such building under the operation and control of the Military Department.

(3) As used in this subsection, "consultant" means "consultant" as defined in section 4b-55, "consultant services" means "consultant services" as defined in section 4b-55, and "program" means multiple projects involving the planning, design, construction, repair, improvement or expansion of specified buildings, facilities or site improvements, wherein the work (A) will be of a repetitive nature, (B) will share a common funding source that imposes particular requirements, or (C) would be significantly facilitated if completed by the same design professional or construction administrator.

[(e)] (f) Costs for projects authorized under subsection [(b)] (c) of this section shall be charged to the bond fund account for the project for which such costs are incurred. The Department of Administrative Services shall develop procedures for expediting the administration of projects for alterations, repairs or additions authorized under said subsection. [(b).]

[(f)] (g) Any state agency proposing to remodel, alter or enlarge any real asset shall submit a statement to the commissioner demonstrating the capability of the real asset to facilitate recycling programs.

Sec. 106. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 4b-52 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) (1) [No] Except as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, no repairs, alterations or additions involving expense to the state of [five hundred thousand] one million dollars or less or, in the

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case of repairs, alterations or additions to a building rented or occupied by (A) the Judicial Branch, [one million two hundred fifty thousand] three million dollars or less or [, in the case of repairs, alterations or additions to a building rented or occupied by] (B) a constituent unit of the state system of higher education, [two] three million dollars or less, shall be made to any state building or premises occupied by any state officer, department, institution, board, commission or council of the state government and no contract for any construction, repairs, alteration or addition shall be entered into without the prior approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services, except repairs, alterations or additions to a building under the supervision and control of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management or the Military Department and repairs, alterations or additions to a building under the supervision of The University of Connecticut. Repairs, alterations or additions which are made pursuant to such approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall conform to all guidelines and procedures established by the Department of Administrative Services for agency-administered projects. (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, repairs, alterations or additions involving expense to the state of five hundred thousand dollars or less may be made to any state building or premises under the supervision of the Office of the Chief Court Administrator or a constituent unit of the state system of higher education, under the terms of section 4b-11, and any contract for any such construction, repairs or alteration may be entered into by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator or a constituent unit of the state system of higher education without the approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services.

(b) (1) Except as provided in this section, no repairs, alterations or additions involving an expense to the state of more than [five hundred thousand] one million dollars or, in the case of any repair, alteration or addition administered by the Department of Administrative Services,

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more than one million five hundred thousand dollars, shall be made to any state building or premises occupied by any state officer, department, institution, board, commission or council of the state government, nor shall any contract for any construction, repairs, alteration or addition be entered into, until the Commissioner of Administrative Services or, in the case of the construction of or repairs, alterations or additions to a building under the supervision and control of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management of the General Assembly, said joint committee or, in the case of the construction of or repairs, alterations or additions to a building involving expenditures (A) in excess of [five hundred thousand] one million dollars but not more than [one million two hundred fifty thousand] three million dollars under the supervision and control of the Judicial Branch, said Judicial Branch, [or, in the case of the construction of or repairs, alterations or additions to a building involving expenditures] (B) in excess of [five hundred thousand] one million dollars but not more than [two] three million dollars under the supervision and control of one of the constituent units of higher education, such constituent unit, or [, in the case of the construction of or repairs, alterations or additions to a building involving expenditures] (C) in excess of [five hundred thousand] one million dollars but not more than [two] three million dollars under the supervision and control of the Military Department, said department, has invited bids thereon and awarded a contract thereon, in accordance with the provisions of sections 4b-91 to 4b-96, inclusive. The Commissioner of Administrative Services, with the approval of the authority having the supervision of state employees or the custody of inmates of state institutions, without the necessity of bids, may employ such employees or inmates and purchase or furnish the necessary materials for the construction, erection, alteration, repair or enlargement of any such state building or premises occupied by any state officer, department, institution, board, commission or council of the state government.

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(2) Not later than July 1, 2028, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall (A) adjust the maximum dollar amounts listed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section and subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of this subsection by the percentage change in the Producer Price Index by Commodity: Construction (Partial) (WPU80), not seasonally adjusted, or its successor index, as calculated by the United States Department of Labor, over the preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars; and (B) post such adjusted dollar amounts on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 107. Subdivision (6) of section 4b-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(6) "Project" means any state program requiring consultant services if the cost of such services is estimated to exceed ~~[five hundred]~~ seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, adjusted annually on and after July 1, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of section 108 of this act;

Sec. 108. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall (1) adjust the threshold cost for consultant services for a state program to be deemed a project for the purposes of sections 4b-1 and 4b-55 to 4b-59, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act, by the percentage change in the Producer Price Index by Commodity: Construction (Partial) (WPU80), not seasonally adjusted, or its successor index, as calculated by the United States Department of Labor, over the preceding calendar year, rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars, and (2) post such adjusted threshold cost on the Internet web site of the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 109. Subsection (i) of section 4b-23 of the general statutes is

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repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(i) As used in this subsection, (1) "project" means any state program, except the downtown Hartford higher education center project, as defined in section 4b-55, as amended by this act, requiring consultant services if the cost of such services is estimated to exceed one hundred thousand dollars or, in the case of a constituent unit of the state system of higher education, the cost of such services is estimated to exceed three hundred thousand dollars, or in the case of a building or premises under the supervision of the Office of the Chief Court Administrator or property where the Judicial Department is the primary occupant, the cost of such services is estimated to exceed three hundred thousand dollars; (2) "consultant" means "consultant" as defined in section 4b-55; and (3) "consultant services" means "consultant services" as defined in section 4b-55. Any contracts entered into by the Commissioner of Administrative Services with any consultants for employment (A) for any project under the provisions of this section, (B) in connection with a list established under subsection [(d)] (e) of section 4b-51, as amended by this act, or (C) by task letter issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services to any consultant on such list pursuant to which the consultant will provide services valued in excess of one hundred thousand dollars, shall be subject to the approval of the Properties Review Board prior to the employment of such consultant or consultants by the commissioner. The Properties Review Board shall, not later than thirty days after receipt of such selection of or contract with any consultant, approve or disapprove the selection of or contract with any consultant made by the Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to sections 4b-1 and 4b-55 to 4b-59, inclusive, as amended by this act. If upon the expiration of the thirty-day period a decision has not been made, the Properties Review Board shall be deemed to have approved such selection or contract.

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Sec. 110. Subsection (e) of section 4b-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(e) There shall be established, within the Department of Administrative Services, a State Construction Services Selection Panel that shall consist of three members. Such members shall be appointed by the commissioner, shall be current employees of the Department of Administrative Services or any agency for which consultant services may be contracted, and shall serve only for deliberations involving the selection of consultants under subsection [(d)] (e) of section 4b-51, as amended by this act, for which the employees are appointed.

Sec. 111. Section 4b-57 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) Whenever consultant services are required by the commissioner in fulfilling the responsibilities under section 4b-1, and in the case of each project, the commissioner shall invite responses from such firms by posting notice on the State Contracting Portal, except that the commissioner may receive consultant services under a contract entered into pursuant to subsection [(d)] (e) of section 4b-51, as amended by this act. The commissioner shall prescribe, by regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54, the advance notice required for, the manner of submission, and conditions and requirements of, such responses.

(b) In the case of a project, the responses received shall be considered by the selection panel. The panel shall select from among those responding no fewer than three firms, which such panel determines in accordance with criteria established by the commissioner are most qualified to perform the required consultant services. In the case of any project that requires consultant services by an architect or professional engineer, additional criteria to be considered by such panel in selecting a list of the most qualified firms shall include: (1) Such firm's knowledge

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of this state's building and fire codes, and (2) the geographic location of such firm in relation to the geographic location of the proposed project. The selection panel shall submit a list of the most qualified firms to the commissioner for the commissioner's consideration unless fewer than three responses for a particular project have been received, in which case the panel shall submit the names of all firms who have submitted responses.

(c) In the case of consultants selected under subsection [(d)] (e) of section 4b-51, as amended by this act, the responses received shall be considered by the selection panel. The panel shall select, from among those persons responding, a list of those persons most qualified to perform the consultant services. Knowledge of the state building and fire code and whether the consultant is a micro business, as defined in subsection (c) of section 4a-59, shall be considered in determining a consultant's qualifications.

Sec. 112. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than October 1, 2023, and quarterly thereafter until completion of the projects identified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section, the Department of Administrative Services shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding, and government administration and elections, on the status of (1) the design, alteration, renovation and construction of facilities for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, and (2) the design, rehabilitation and construction of the parking garage, surface parking and related work at the Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center in Bridgeport.

Sec. 113. Subsection (p) of section 3-20j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):



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(p) (1) Prior to July 1, [2023] 2025, net earnings of investments of proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to section 3-20 or pursuant to this section and accrued interest on the issuance of such bonds and premiums on the issuance of such bonds shall be deposited to the credit of the General Fund, after (A) payment of any expenses incurred by the Treasurer or State Bond Commission in connection with such issuance, or (B) application to interest on bonds, notes or other obligations of the state.

(2) On and after July 1, [2023] 2025, notwithstanding subsection (f) of section 3-20, (A) net earnings of investments of proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to section 3-20 or pursuant to this section and accrued interest on the issuance of such bonds shall be deposited to the credit of the General Fund, and (B) premiums, net of any original issue discount, on the issuance of such bonds shall, after payment of any expenses incurred by the Treasurer or State Bond Commission in connection with such issuance, be deposited at the direction of the Treasurer to the credit of an account or fund to fund all or a portion of any purpose or project authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to any bond act up to the amount authorized by the State Bond Commission, provided the bonds for such purpose or project are unissued, and provided further the certificate of determination the Treasurer files with the secretary of the State Bond Commission for such authorized bonds sets forth the amount of the deposit applied to fund each such purpose and project. Upon such filing, the Treasurer shall record bonds in the amount of net premiums credited to each purpose and project as set forth in the certificate of determination of the Treasurer as deemed issued and retired and the Treasurer shall not thereafter exercise authority to issue bonds in such amount for such purpose or project. Upon such recording by the Treasurer, such bonds shall be deemed to have been issued, retired and no longer authorized for issuance or outstanding for the purposes of section 3-21, and for the purpose of aligning the funding of such authorized purpose and project with amounts generated by net

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premiums, but shall not constitute an actual bond issuance or bond retirement for any other purposes including, but not limited to, financial reporting purposes.

Sec. 114. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, having reviewed applications for state grants for public school building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of the general statutes on the basis of priorities for such projects and standards for school construction established by the State Board of Education, and having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects ranked in order of priority, as determined by said commissioner together with the amount of the estimated grant with respect to each eligible project, and having submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to December 15, 2022, to a committee of the General Assembly established under section 10-283a of the general statutes for the purpose of reviewing such listing, is hereby authorized to enter into grant commitments on behalf of the state in accordance with said section 10-283a with respect to the priority listing of such projects and in such estimated amounts as approved by said committee prior to February 1, 2023, as follows:

(1) Estimated Grant Commitments.

| School District<br>School<br>Project Number       | Estimated<br>Project Costs | Estimated<br>Grant |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|
| BRISTOL   |                            |                    |
| New Northeast Middle School<br>23DASY017088N0623  | \$89,068,965               | \$52,800,082       |
| CHESHIRE  |                            |                    |
| New Norton Elementary School<br>23DASY025102N0623 | \$76,656,200               | \$38,328,100       |
| CHESHIRE  |                            |                    |
| New North End Elementary School                   |                            |                    |

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|---|--------------|--------------|
| 23DASY025103N0623                               | \$89,942,900 | \$44,971,450 |
| CROMWELL  |              |              |
| New Cromwell Middle School                      |              |              |
| 23DASY033055N0623                               | \$69,114,717 | \$34,308,546 |
| MADISON   |              |              |
| New Elementary School                           |              |              |
| 23DASY076067N0623                               | \$61,150,000 | \$11,135,415 |
| NORWALK   |              |              |
| New South Norwalk Elementary School             |              |              |
| 23DASY103264N0623                               | \$76,000,000 | \$45,600,000 |
| STAMFORD  |              |              |
| New Roxbury Elementary School                   |              |              |
| 23DASY135281N0623                               | \$86,000,000 | \$51,600,000 |
| DARIEN  |              |              |
| Hindley Elementary School                       |              |              |
| 23DASY035121EA0623                              | \$27,550,000 | \$5,705,605  |
| DARIEN  |              |              |
| Holmes Elementary School                        |              |              |
| 23DASY035122EA0623                              | \$25,600,000 | \$5,301,760  |
| DARIEN  |              |              |
| Royle Elementary School                         |              |              |
| 23DASY035123EA0623                              | \$29,100,000 | \$6,026,610  |
| HARTFORD  |              |              |
| Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School |              |              |
| 23DASY064319A0623                               | \$94,571,305 | \$89,842,740 |
| HARTFORD  |              |              |
| Parkville Community School                      |              |              |
| 23DASY064320A0623                               | \$60,888,341 | \$57,843,924 |

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| HARTFORD<br>McDonough Middle School<br>23DASY064321A0623                   | \$59,859,491 | \$56,866,516 |
| REGIONAL DISTRICT 18<br>Mile Creek Elementary School<br>22DASY218040EA0623 | \$24,911,028 | \$9,075,088  |
| ACES<br>ACES @ Bassett<br>23DASY244043SP0623                               | \$65,533,047 | \$52,426,438 |
| ACES<br>ACES @ Chase<br>23DASY244044MAG0623                                | \$69,624,095 | \$55,699,276 |
| ACES<br>Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet<br>School<br>23DASY244045MAG0623  | \$20,180,514 | \$16,144,411 |
| CROMWELL<br>Central Administration<br>23DASY033056BE0623                   | \$4,285,000  | \$1,063,537  |
| STRATFORD<br>Franklin Elementary School<br>23DASY138113A0623               | \$521,920    | \$311,273    |
| STRATFORD<br>Wilcoxson Elementary School<br>23DASY138114A0623              | \$400,946    | \$239,124    |
| NORWICH<br>John B. Stanton Elementary School<br>104-0118N                  | \$66,078,262 | \$52,862,610 |
| NORWICH  |              |              |

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| Greeneville Elementary School<br>104-0119N | \$60,368,429 | \$48,294,743 |
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(2) Previously Authorized Projects That Have Changed Substantially in Scope or Cost which are Seeking Reauthorization.

| School District<br>School<br>Project Number | Authorized | Requested |
|---|------------|-----------|
|---|------------|-----------|

FARMINGTON  
Farmington High School  
052-0076 N

|                                  |               |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Estimated<br>Total Project Costs | \$131,666,047 | \$141,366,047 |
| Total Grant                      | \$24,924,383  | \$42,409,814  |

STAMFORD  
Westhill High School  
135-0280 N

|                                  |               |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Estimated<br>Total Project Costs | \$257,938,824 | \$301,313,888 |
| Total Grant                      | \$206,531,059 | \$241,051,110 |

Sec. 115. Section 10-292q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) There is established a School Building Projects Advisory Council. The council shall consist of: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, (2) the Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee, (3) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, (4) the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the commissioner's designee, (5) the chairperson of the Technical Education

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and Career System board, or the chairperson's designee, and [(4)] (6) six members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a person with experience in school building project matters, one of whom shall be a person with experience in architecture, one of whom shall be a person with experience in engineering, one of whom shall be a person with experience in school safety, one of whom shall be a person with experience with the administration of the State Building Code, and one of whom shall be a person with experience and expertise in construction for students with disabilities and the accessibility provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12101 et seq. The chairperson of the council shall be the Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee. A person employed by the Department of Administrative Services who is responsible for school building projects shall serve as the administrative staff of the council. The council shall meet at least quarterly to discuss matters relating to school building projects.

(b) The School Building Projects Advisory Council shall (1) develop model blueprints for new school building projects that are in accordance with industry standards for school buildings and the school safety infrastructure criteria, developed pursuant to section 10-292r, (2) conduct studies, research and analyses, (3) make recommendations for improvements to the school building projects processes to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, education and finance, revenue and bonding, and (4) periodically review and update, as necessary, the school safety infrastructure criteria developed pursuant to section 10-292r.

Sec. 116. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-285a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) (1) The percentage of school building project grant money a local

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board of education may be eligible to receive, under the provisions of section 10-286, as amended by this act, shall be assigned by the Commissioner of Administrative Services in accordance with the percentage calculated by the Commissioner of Education as follows: (A) For grants approved pursuant to section 10-283 for which application is made on and after July 1, 1991, and before July 1, 2011, (i) each town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261; and (ii) based upon such ranking, a percentage of not less than twenty nor more than eighty shall be determined for each town on a continuous scale; (B) for grants approved pursuant to section 10-283 for which application is made on and after July 1, 2011, and before July 1, 2017, (i) each town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261, and (ii) based upon such ranking, (I) a percentage of not less than ten nor more than seventy shall be determined for new construction or replacement of a school building for each town on a continuous scale, and (II) a percentage of not less than twenty nor more than eighty shall be determined for renovations, extensions, code violations, roof replacements and major alterations of an existing school building and the new construction or replacement of a school building when a town or regional school district can demonstrate that a new construction or replacement is less expensive than a renovation, extension or major alteration of an existing school building for each town on a continuous scale; (C) for grants approved pursuant to section 10-283 for which application is made on and after July 1, 2017, and before June 1, 2022, (i) each town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to the adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261, of the town two, three and four years prior to the fiscal year in which application is made, (ii) based upon such ranking, (I) a percentage of not less than ten nor more than seventy shall be determined for new construction or replacement of a school building

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for each town on a continuous scale, and (II) a percentage of not less than twenty nor more than eighty shall be determined for renovations, extensions, code violations, roof replacements and major alterations of an existing school building and the new construction or replacement of a school building when a town or regional school district can demonstrate that a new construction or replacement is less expensive than a renovation, extension or major alteration of an existing school building for each town on a continuous scale; [and] (D) except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for grants approved pursuant to section 10-283 for which application is made on and after June 1, 2022, (i) each town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to the adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261, of the town two, three and four years prior to the fiscal year in which application is made, and (ii) based upon such ranking, (I) a percentage of not less than ten nor more than seventy shall be determined for new construction or replacement of a school building for each town on a continuous scale, and (II) a percentage of not less than twenty nor more than eighty shall be determined for renovations, extensions, code violations, roof replacements and major alterations of an existing school building and the new construction or replacement of a school building when a town or regional school district can demonstrate that a new construction or replacement is less expensive than a renovation, extension or major alteration of an existing school building for each town on a continuous scale; and (E) except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for grants approved pursuant to section 10-283 for which application is made on and after July 1, 2024, (i) each town shall be ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to the adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261, of the town two, three and four years prior to the fiscal year in which application is made, and (ii) based upon such ranking, (I) a percentage of not less than ten nor more than eighty shall be determined for new construction or replacement of a school building for



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each town on a continuous scale, and (II) a percentage of not less than twenty nor more than eighty shall be determined for renovations, extensions, code violations, roof replacements and major alterations of an existing school building and the new construction or replacement of a school building when a town or regional school district can demonstrate that a new construction or replacement is less expensive than a renovation, extension or major alteration of an existing school building for each town on a continuous scale.

Sec. 117. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-286 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(2) (A) In the case of any grants computed under this section for a school building project authorized pursuant to section 10-283 after July 1, 1979, but prior to July 1, 2023, any federal funds or other state funds received for such school building project shall be deducted from project costs prior to computation of the grant.

(B) In the case of any grants computed under this section for a school building project authorized pursuant to section 10-283 after July 1, 2023, any other state funds received for such school building project shall be deducted from project costs prior to computation of the grant.

Sec. 118. Section 10-283d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

[Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or any regulations adopted under this chapter, if the town, whose school district is the priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p with the largest student enrollment as of October 2003, uses] A town may use any federal funds received by [the] such town to finance a school [construction projects] building project pursuant to this chapter, and such federal funds shall be deemed to be part or all of the town's local

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share for such [projects] project.

Sec. 119. Subsection (f) of section 10-265r of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(f) [No grant funds received under this section by a local or regional board of education or a regional educational service center shall be used to supplant local matching requirements for federal or state funding otherwise received by such district for] A local or regional board of education or a regional educational service center may use any federal funds received by such board or center to finance a project for the installation, replacement or upgrading of heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems or other improvements to indoor air quality in school buildings for which a grant is received under this section, and such federal funds shall be deemed to be part or all of the town's local share for such project.

Sec. 120. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, for any school building project that was previously authorized and that has changed substantially in scope or cost and is seeking reauthorization, the renovation project at Bulkeley High School (Project Number 064-0313 RNV) in the town of Hartford with costs not to exceed two hundred ten million three hundred thousand dollars shall be included in section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Hartford meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

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(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project for any school building project that was previously authorized and that has changed substantially in scope or cost and is seeking reauthorization, the town of Hartford may use the reimbursement rate of ninety-five per cent for the renovation project at Bulkeley High School (Project Number 064-0313 RNV) for the purpose of implementing the District Model for Excellence Restructuring Recommendations and School Closures approved by the board of education for the Hartford school district on January 23, 2018.

Sec. 121. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, for any school building project that was previously authorized and that has changed substantially in scope or cost and is seeking reauthorization, the board of education/central administration facility project at Bulkeley High School (Project Number 064-0314 BE) in the town of Hartford with costs not to exceed thirty-four million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be included in section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Hartford meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by

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the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project for any school building project that was previously authorized and that has changed substantially in scope or cost and is seeking reauthorization, the town of Hartford may use the reimbursement rate of ninety-five per cent for the construction of a central administration facility as part of the board of education/central administration facility project at Bulkeley High School.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services limiting reimbursement to one-half of the eligible percentage of the net eligible cost of construction to a town for the construction, extension or major alteration of a public school administrative or service facility, the town of Hartford shall receive full reimbursement of the reimbursement percentage described in subdivision (1) of this subsection of the net eligible cost of the board of education/central administration facility project at Bulkeley High School.

Sec. 122. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, the new construction project at John B. Stanton Elementary School (Project Number 104-0118N) in the town of Norwich with costs not to exceed sixty-six million seventy-eight thousand two hundred sixty-two dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Norwich files an application for such school building project prior to October 1, 2023, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the

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general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project, the town of Norwich may use the reimbursement rate of eighty per cent for the new construction project at John B. Stanton Elementary School (Project Number 104-118N).

Sec. 123. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, the new construction project at Greeneville Elementary School (Project Number 104-0119N) in the town of Norwich with costs not to exceed sixty million three hundred sixty-eight thousand four hundred twenty-nine dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Norwich files an application for such school building project prior to October 1, 2023, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building

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project, the town of Norwich may use the reimbursement rate of eighty per cent for the new construction project at Greeneville Elementary School (Project Number 104-0119N).

Sec. 124. Section 118 of public act 21-111 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2020, the renovation project at Holmes Elementary School in the town of New Britain with costs not to exceed [~~fifty-five~~] seventy million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 113 of [this act] public act 21-111 and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of New Britain files an application for such school building project prior to October 1, 2023, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project, the town of New Britain may use the reimbursement rate of ninety-five per cent for the renovation project at Holmes Elementary School, provided (1) the school district for the town of New Britain is an educational reform district, as defined in section 10-262u of the general statutes, on the effective date of this section, and (2) the school building committee responsible for undertaking such school building project is established in accordance with the provisions of section 120 of [this act]

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public act 21-111, as amended by this act.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of New Britain shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the renovation project at Holmes Elementary School.

Sec. 125. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, the renovation project at Jefferson Elementary School in the town of New Britain with costs not to exceed seventy million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of New Britain files an application for such school building project prior to October 1, 2026, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project, the town of New Britain may use the reimbursement rate of ninety-five per cent for the renovation project at Jefferson Elementary School, provided (1) the school district for the town of New Britain is an

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educational reform district, as defined in section 10-262u of the general statutes, on the effective date of this section, and (2) the school building committee responsible for undertaking such school building project is established in accordance with the provisions of section 120 of public act 21-111, as amended by this act.

Sec. 126. Section 120 of public act 21-111 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292v of the general statutes, and any special act, municipal charter, local ordinance, home rule ordinance or other ordinance, on and after July 1, 2021, the school building committee responsible for undertaking the school building projects at Holmes Elementary School [and Jefferson Elementary School, as described in sections 118 and 119 of this act] as described in section 118 of public act 21-111, as amended by this act, and at Jefferson Elementary School, as described in section 125 of this act, for the town of New Britain shall be established as follows: (1) Three members appointed by the Common Council for the town of New Britain, one of whom shall have experience in the construction industry, (2) two members appointed by the mayor of the town of New Britain, and (3) two members appointed by the board of education for the town of New Britain.

Sec. 127. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, the alteration and code compliance project at Naubuc Elementary School (Project Number 054-0099 A/CV) in the town of Glastonbury with costs not to exceed three million two hundred thousand dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Glastonbury files an



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application for such school building project prior to October 1, 2023, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

Sec. 128. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2022, the renovation and extension and alteration project at John Winthrop Elementary School (Project Number 015-0182 RNV/EA) in the town of Bridgeport with costs not to exceed seventy-five million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 114 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Bridgeport files an application for such school building project prior to October 1, 2023, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

Sec. 129. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project, the town of Windham may use the reimbursement rate of ninety-five per cent for the central administration project at Windham High School (Project Number 163-0083 BE).

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by

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the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services limiting reimbursement to one-half of the eligible percentage of the net eligible cost of construction to a town for construction of a central administration facility, the town of Windham shall receive full reimbursement of the reimbursement percentage described in subsection (a) of this section of the net eligible cost of the central administration project at Windham High School.

Sec. 130. Section 128 of public act 21-111 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall waive any audit deficiencies for the town of Hartford related to costs associated with the projects at (1) the University High School of Science and Engineering (Project Number 064-0287 MAG/N), (2) Capitol Preparatory Magnet School (Project Number 064-0290 MAG/EA), (3) R. J. Kinsella Magnet School (Project Number 064-0292 MAG/E), (4) Environmental Sciences Magnet School at Mary Hooker (Project Number 064-0293 MAG/EA), (5) Hartford Public High School (Project Number 064-0246 RNV/E), (6) Fisher Magnet School (Project Number 064-0291 MAG/EA), (7) Webster School (Project Number 064-0270 EA), and (8) Sport and Medical Sciences Academy (Project Number 064-0279 MAG/N).

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning ineligible costs, the town of Hartford shall be eligible to receive reimbursement for certain ineligible costs for the projects described in subsection (a) of this section in an amount not to exceed nineteen million two hundred thirty-nine thousand four hundred thirty-two dollars, provided the town of Hartford expends said nineteen million two hundred thirty-nine thousand four hundred thirty-two dollars to cover the local share of the cost to the town for the (1)

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alteration project at Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School (Project Number 23DASY064319A0623), (2) alteration project at Parkville Community School (Project Number 23DASY0644320A0623), (3) alteration project at McDonough Middle School (Project Number 23DASY064321A0623), (4) renovation project at Bulkeley High School (Project Number 064-0313 RNV), and (5) board of education/central administration facility project at Bulkeley High School (Project Number 064-0314 BE).

Sec. 131. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall waive any audit deficiencies for the town of New Haven related to costs associated with the projects at (1) Wilbur Cross High School (Project Number 093-327 RNV/E), (2) Davis Street Magnet School (Project Number 093-354 MAG/N), and (3) East Rock School (Project Number 093-355 N).

Sec. 132. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-287 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-287, requiring a competitive bidding process for orders and contracts for school building projects receiving state assistance under chapter 173 of the general statutes, the town of New London shall be eligible to receive full reimbursement for the ineligible costs associated with the contract and change orders for abatement and demolition work performed during the period of 2020 to 2023, inclusive, for the renovation project at New London High School (Project Number 095-0090 RNV).

Sec. 133. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services regarding eligible costs for roof replacement projects and requiring that a roof be at least twenty years old to qualify for a grant for a replacement of such roof, the roof at

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Granby Memorial High School shall be deemed to be twenty years old and the town of Granby may replace the roof at Granby Memorial High School and be eligible to receive a grant based on the eligible percentages determined pursuant to said section 10-286 of the eligible project costs.

Sec. 134. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of New Fairfield shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the new construction project at New Fairfield High School (Project Number 20DASY091044N0620).

Sec. 135. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Cromwell shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the new construction project at Cromwell Middle School (Project Number 23DASY033055N0623).

Sec. 136. Section 384 of public act 22-118 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2021, the new construction project at Danbury Career Academy at

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Cartus (Project Number 034-0153 N) in the town of Danbury with costs not to exceed one hundred fifty-four million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 362 of [this act] public act 22-118 and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Danbury files an application for such school building project prior to October 1, 2022, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project, the town of Danbury may use the reimbursement rate of eighty per cent for the new construction project, including site acquisition, limited eligible costs and the associated board of education/central administration facility project, at Danbury Career Academy at Cartus.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Danbury shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the new construction project at Danbury Career Academy at Cartus.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the reimbursement percentage that

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a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project, the town of Danbury may use the reimbursement rate of eighty per cent for site acquisition costs associated with the purchase of any parcels of land adjacent to the site of the new construction project at Danbury Career Academy at Cartus.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning ineligible costs, the town of Danbury shall be eligible to receive reimbursement for certain ineligible costs for the new construction project at Danbury Career Academy at Cartus, provided such ineligible costs do not exceed nine hundred ninety-two thousand eight hundred forty-two dollars.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning ineligible costs and section 10-286d of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section relating to grants for site acquisition costs, the town of Danbury shall be eligible to receive reimbursement in an amount of thirty-nine million four hundred thousand dollars for its site acquisition costs for the new construction project at Danbury Career Academy at Cartus.

(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286d of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section requiring the site for a school building project to be approved by the Commissioner of Administrative Services prior to the date of the beginning of construction, the town of Danbury shall be eligible to receive reimbursement for its eligible costs for the new construction project at Danbury Career Academy at Cartus.

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Sec. 137. Section 404 of public act 22-118 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, [2021] 2022, the interdistrict magnet facility and alteration project at Goodwin University Industry 5.0 Magnet Technical High School on the East Hartford Campus (Project Number 542-TBD MAG/A) with costs not to exceed [twenty-eight million nine hundred eighty-six thousand seven hundred] seventy-five million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of [section 362 of this act] public act 22-118 and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided Goodwin University files an application for such school building project prior to December 31, [2022] 2023, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-264h of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning the reimbursement rate for the construction of interdistrict magnet schools, Goodwin University may use one hundred per cent as the reimbursement rate for the interdistrict magnet facility and alteration project at Goodwin University Industry 5.0 Magnet Technical High School on the East Hartford Campus, provided such project assists the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general

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statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, Goodwin University shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the interdistrict magnet facility and alteration project at Goodwin University Industry 5.0 Magnet Technical High School on the East Hartford Campus.

Sec. 138. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall waive any audit deficiencies for the town of Watertown related to costs associated with the projects at Judson Elementary School (Project Number 153-0052 RNV/E).

Sec. 139. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall waive any audit deficiencies for the town of Watertown related to costs associated with the projects at Polk Elementary School (Project Number 153-0053 EA).

Sec. 140. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2022 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the town of Berlin, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the town of Berlin shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely



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Sec. 141. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2022 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the town of Bloomfield, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the town of Bloomfield shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 142. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2022 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the town of East Hampton, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the town of East Hampton shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and

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penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 143. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of subdivision (11) of section 12-81 of the general statutes and section 12-87a of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2021 and 2022 grand list exemption in the town of Middletown, except that such person failed to submit evidence of certification pursuant to section 12-89a of the general statutes within the time period prescribed by the assessor or board of assessors or failed to file the required statements within the time period prescribed, or both, shall be regarded as having filed such evidence of certification or statements in a timely manner if such person files such evidence of certification or statements, or both, as required by the assessor, not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fees pursuant to section 12-87a of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fees and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemptions for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemptions are approved, the town of Middletown shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the evidence of certification or statements, or both, had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 144. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the town of Thomaston, except that such person failed to file the required statements within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statements in a timely manner if such person files such statements not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fees pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of

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the receipt of such fees and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemptions for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemptions are approved, the town of Thomaston shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statements had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 145. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2021 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the town of Thompson, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the town of Thompson shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 146. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (7) of section 12-81 of the general statutes and section 12-87a of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2021 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the town of West Hartford, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than thirty days after the effective date of this

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section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-87a of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the town of West Hartford shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 147. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (76) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2021 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the city of West Haven, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the city of West Haven shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 148. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of special act 89-19, the agreement and plan of consolidation made and entered into on March 8, 2023, between the town of Manchester and the Eighth Utilities District is validated.

Sec. 149. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 12-55 and 12-111 of the general statutes, the acts and

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proceedings of the officers and officials of the city of Norwalk related to the mailing of the notice of assessment increase for the October 1, 2022, grand list for said city and the hearings for appeals of such assessments conducted by the board of assessment appeals of said city are validated.

Sec. 150. (*Effective from passage*) The town of Windham shall be permitted to update, not later than July 1, 2023, the statements it filed with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to section 12-9 of the general statutes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, for purposes of the motor vehicle property tax grants under section 4-66l of the general statutes.

Sec. 151. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$5,000,000 transferred to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, for flood damage remediation, pursuant to subdivision (26) of subsection (b) of section 41 of public act 23-204, shall be transferred to the State Comptroller, for Other Expenses, and made available for the same purpose.

Sec. 152. Section 32-666a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The city of Hartford, upon approval of its legislative body, may negotiate and fix assessments on improvements for retail, commercial and housing purposes during the period of construction of such improvements and for additional periods of up to [fifteen] twenty years from the completion of such improvements, which improvements either (1) constitute a capital city project, as defined in subdivision (2) of section 32-600, [receiving five million dollars or more in financial assistance from the authority,] (2) are within the Adriaen's Landing site, including the on-site related private development, or (3) constitute a capital city project, as defined in subdivision (2) of section 32-600, receiving three million dollars or more in financial assistance from the authority for purposes of creating downtown housing units with

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ancillary commercial or parking facilities for which project the authority makes a financial commitment in the year ending June 30, 2003.

Sec. 153. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$100,000 allocated in section 41 of special act 21-15, as amended by section 306 of public act 21-2 of the June special session, section 3 of special act 22-2, section 10 of public act 22-118, section 1 of public act 22-146, section 2 of public act 22-1 of the November special session, section 1 of public act 23-1 and section 48 of public act 23-204, to the Department of Economic and Community Development, for Emery Park, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, shall also be available for a grant to the town of Kent for Kent Commons, and any amount of such allocation previously issued to the town of Kent for Emery Park shall also be available for use at Kent Commons.

Sec. 154. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$200,000 of the unexpended balance of funds appropriated in section 1 of special act 21-15, as amended by section 1 of public act 22-118, to the State Comptroller – Fringe Benefits, for State Employees Health Service Cost, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, shall not lapse on June 30, 2023, and such funds shall be transferred to the Department of Economic and Community Development, for Other Expenses, and \$100,000 of such funds shall be made available during each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, for a grant to the Hill-Stead Museum.

Sec. 155. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 4-66k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(d) (1) For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2022, and [each fiscal year thereafter] June 30, 2023, funds from the regional planning incentive account shall be distributed to each regional council of governments formed pursuant to section 4-124j, in the amount of one hundred eighty-five thousand five hundred dollars plus sixty-eight

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cents per capita, using population information from the most recent federal decennial census.

Sec. 156. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 1 of public act 23-191 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(4) "Consumer agreement" means any verbal, telephonic, written or electronic agreement, initially entered into or amended on or after October 1, 2023, between a business and a consumer under which a business agrees to provide consumer goods or consumer services to a consumer. "Consumer agreement" does not include any such agreement (A) concerning any service provided by a business or its affiliate where either the business or its affiliate is doing business pursuant to (i) a franchise issued by a political subdivision of the state, or (ii) a license, franchise, certificate or other authorization issued by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, (B) concerning any service provided by a business or its affiliate where either the business or its affiliate is regulated by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, the Federal Communications Commission or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, (C) with any entity regulated by the Insurance Department or an affiliate of such entity, (D) with any bank, out-of-state bank, bank holding company, Connecticut credit union, federal credit union or out-of-state credit union, as said terms are defined in section 36a-2 of the general statutes, or any subsidiary thereof, or (E) concerning any global or national service largely or predominately consisting of audiovisual content;

Sec. 157. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (7) of section 12-81 of the general statutes and section 12-87a of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2021 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision in the city of Meriden, except that such person failed to file the required statement within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having

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filed such statement in a timely manner if such person files such statement not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-87a of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of such property, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes, interest or penalties have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the city of Meriden shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes, interest and penalties exceed any taxes payable if the statement had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 158. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of any special act, municipal charter or ordinance to the contrary, a municipality, as defined in section 7-401 of the general statutes, may not modify a municipal charter in a manner that (1) modifies the manner in which any petition is filed with a local legislative body or a zoning board of appeals to challenge a decision of a planning commission, zoning commission or combined planning and zoning commission, including, but not limited to, the number of signatures required upon such petition, the manner of obtaining such signatures, or residency or location requirements concerning real property owned by persons signing any such petition, as set forth in title 7 or 8 of the general statutes; (2) modifies any regulations concerning any planning commission, zoning commission or combined planning and zoning commission set forth in title 7 or 8 of the general statutes; (3) modifies any vote requirement concerning the initiation or completion of the process of eminent domain, or otherwise modifies the public notice or hearing requirements of such process, set forth in title 7 or 8 of the general statutes; or (4) modifies any vote requirement concerning the disposition of municipal property, or otherwise modifies the public notice or hearing requirements concerning such disposition, set forth in title 7 or 8 of the general statutes.



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Sec. 159. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 8-446 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(1) Funding of not more than one million dollars, from remittances transferred pursuant to section 38a-331 for the period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019, shall be remitted to the Department of Economic and Community Development to be used for grants-in-aid to homeowners with homes located in the immediate vicinity of the West River in the Westville section of New Haven and Woodbridge for structurally damaged homes due to subsidence and to homeowners with homes abutting the Yale Golf Course in the Westville section of New Haven for damage to such homes from water infiltration or structural damage due to subsidence, and, from remittances transferred pursuant to section 38a-331, for the period beginning May 1, 2022, and ending April 30, 2023, funding not exceeding the actual cost of remediation or relocation shall be remitted to the Department of Housing to be used for grants-in-aid for the remediation of structurally deficient foundations in owner-occupied units or the relocation of any owner of any such unit of any condominium associations located in the town of Hamden;

Sec. 160. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$60,000 of the unexpended balance of funds appropriated in section 1 of special act 21-15, as amended by section 1 of public act 22-118, to the State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits, for State Employees Health Service Cost, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, shall not lapse on June 30, 2023, and such funds shall be transferred to the Department of Consumer Protection, for Other Expenses, and \$30,000 of such funds shall be made available during each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, for the program established pursuant to subsection (b) of section 19a-12a of the general statutes.

Sec. 161. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section,

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"youth development organization" means a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time, and that (1) provides evidence-supported interventions to high-risk youth to improve school and family engagement, and (2) offers skills development, transitional employment and job placement and support to assist young adults to be employed and self-sufficient.

(b) (1) There shall be allowed, for the income or taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2024, and prior to January 1, 2026, a credit against the tax imposed by chapter 208 or 229 of the general statutes, other than the liability imposed by section 12-707 of the general statutes, for cash contributions made to a youth development organization to fund programs such as after-school tutoring, mentoring programs and workforce preparedness training.

(2) The amount of the credit allowed shall be fifty per cent of the contribution made for an income or taxable year, as applicable, and shall not exceed (A) one hundred thousand dollars for any income year for any taxpayer subject to the tax imposed by chapter 208 of the general statutes, or (B) twenty thousand dollars for any taxable year for any taxpayer subject to the tax imposed under chapter 229 of the general statutes.

(3) If the taxpayer that made the contribution is an S corporation or an entity treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, the credit may be claimed by the taxpayer's shareholders or partners. If such taxpayer is a single member limited liability company that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, the credit may be claimed by such limited liability company's owner, provided such owner is subject to the tax imposed under chapter 208 or 229 of the general statutes.

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(c) (1) Any entity or individual subject to the tax imposed by chapter 208 or 229 of the general statutes may apply to the Office of Policy and Management, in such form and manner as prescribed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, to reserve an allocation for a credit in the amount of the contribution such entity or individual intends to make. The application shall contain such information as the secretary deems necessary to administer the provisions of this section.

(2) The secretary shall approve applications on a first-come, first-served basis and shall notify the entity or individual in writing not later than thirty days after the date of receipt of an application of the secretary's approval or rejection of the application. Any entity or individual that is approved shall make the intended contribution to the youth development organization not later than one hundred twenty days after the date such entity or individual receives notice of the secretary's approval.

(3) The total amount of credits that may be reserved under this subsection shall not exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars in any one fiscal year.

(d) After an entity or individual has made the contribution, such entity or individual shall apply to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for a tax credit voucher and shall provide with the application such documentation and independent certification as the secretary may require pertaining to the amount of the contribution and certifying that such contribution was actually made to the youth development organization. If the secretary determines that such entity or individual is eligible to be issued a tax credit voucher, the secretary shall enter on the voucher the amount of the credit allowed. The secretary shall provide a copy of such voucher to the Commissioner of Revenue Services upon request. The credit allowed under this section shall be claimed for the income or taxable year in which the contribution was made.

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(e) Any entity or individual that submits information to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management that such entity or individual knows to be fraudulent or false shall, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, be liable for a penalty equal to the amount of such entity's or individual's credit allowed under this section.

(f) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the Commissioner of Revenue Services may, for purposes of determining the correctness of any credit claimed pursuant to this section, examine any books, papers and records relating to the documentation provided with an application for a tax credit voucher under this section.

(g) Not later than March 1, 2025, and March 1, 2026, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to commerce and finance, revenue and bonding. Such report shall include information for the preceding calendar year regarding (1) the number of applications the secretary received to reserve a credit under this section and the number of such applications that were approved and were rejected, (2) the total number of tax credit vouchers approved and the amount of each such voucher, (3) the number of entities subject to the tax imposed by chapter 208 of the general statutes (A) whose applications were approved, and (B) who received a tax credit voucher, (4) the number of individuals subject to the tax imposed by chapter 229 of the general statutes (A) whose applications were approved, and (B) who received a tax credit voucher, (5) the youth development organizations to which contributions were made pursuant to this section, and (6) any other information or data the secretary deems relevant to evaluating the effectiveness of the credit under this section.

Sec. 162. (*Effective July 1, 2023*) The sum of \$3,000,000 of the amount appropriated in section 1 of public act 23-204, to the Department of

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Education, for Magnet Schools, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, shall be made available in said fiscal year to provide interdistrict magnet school program tuition assistance to the board of education for the town of Hartford.

Sec. 163. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$200,000 of the unexpended balance of funds appropriated in section 1 of special act 21-15, as amended by section 1 of public act 22-118, to the State Comptroller – Fringe Benefits, for State Employees Health Service Cost, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, shall not lapse on June 30, 2023, and such funds shall be transferred to the Department of Economic and Community Development, for Other Expenses, and shall be made available during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, for a grant to Artists Collective, Inc.

Sec. 164. Subsection (g) of section 9-167a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(g) (1) For the purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to be a member of the political party on whose enrollment list [his] such person's name appears on the date of [his] such person's appointment to, or of [his] such person's nomination as a candidate for election to, any office specified in subsection (a) of this section, provided any person who has applied for erasure or transfer of [his] such person's name from an enrollment list shall be considered a member of the party from whose list [he] such person has so applied for erasure or transfer for a period of three months from the date of the filing of such application and provided further any person whose candidacy for election to an office is solely as the candidate of a party other than the party with which [he] such person is enrolled shall be deemed to be a member of the party of which [he] such person is such candidate.

(2) For the purposes of this section, a person whose name is not on

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the enrollment list of any political party on the date of such person's appointment to, or of such person's nomination as a candidate for election to, any office specified in subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed to not be a member of any political party for the duration of such person's term in such office, provided any person whose candidacy for election to an office is solely as the candidate of a party shall be deemed to be a member of the party of which such person is a candidate.

Sec. 165. Section 7-340a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any town, in addition to such powers as it has under the provisions of the general statutes, any special act or municipal charter, shall have the power to provide by ordinance for the appointment or election of not more than three alternate members to its board of finance, subject to the provisions of section 9-167a, as amended by this act, concerning minority representation. [of political parties.] Such alternate members shall, when seated as herein provided, have all the powers and duties set forth in the general statutes, any special act or municipal charter relating to such town for such board of finance and its members. Such alternate members shall be electors and taxpayers of such town. If a regular member of such board is absent or is disqualified, such absent or disqualified member shall designate an alternate to so act. In the event that an absent or disqualified regular member shall fail or refuse to designate an alternate to so act, the majority of the regular members of the board of finance not absent and not disqualified may designate an alternate subject to the provisions of section 9-167a, as amended by this act, to so act for such absent or disqualified regular member.

Sec. 166. Section 9-229b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) [There shall be a regional election monitor within each planning region, as defined in section 4-124i] Any regional council of

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governments organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, may appoint a regional election advisor, who shall represent, consult with and act on behalf of such regional council of governments and any combination of regional councils of governments or member towns of regional councils of governments that may seek the assistance of such regional election advisor. A regional election advisor shall consult and coordinate with the Secretary of the State to provide such assistance in preparations for and operations of any election, primary or recanvass, or any audit conducted pursuant to section 9-320f.

(b) [Not later than March first of the year of each regular election, each regional council of governments shall contract with an individual, in accordance with section 4-124p, to serve as the regional election monitor for such planning region. The] Any regional election [monitor] advisor appointed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall (1) be an elector of this state, (2) perform the duties of the position in a nonpartisan manner, (3) have prior field experience in the conduct of elections, and (4) be certified by the Secretary of the State in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 9-229, as amended by this act, or as soon after [execution of such contract] such appointment as practicable. [The regional election monitor shall not be considered a state employee and shall, in accordance with such contract, be compensated for the performance of any duty agreed upon by the parties and reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of such duties. The regional council of governments shall, in accordance with such contract, provide the regional election monitor with any space, supplies, equipment and services necessary to properly carry out the duties of the position. The regional council of governments may terminate such contract for any reason.]

(c) Not later than March first of the year of each regular election, each regional council of governments that has appointed a regional election advisor shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the

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Secretary of the State concerning the assistance to be provided by such regional election [monitor under contract pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. The regional council of governments] advisor, and shall confirm within such memorandum of understanding that (1) each requirement described in subsection (b) of this section is satisfied and [the contract between the regional council of governments and] the individual who shall serve as regional election [monitor specifies] advisor has been informed, in writing, of the minimum expectations of performance [under such contract, (2) such regional election monitor is subject to the control and direction of the Secretary of the State, (3)] for the position, and (2) revocation by the Secretary [of the State] of such regional election [monitor's] advisor's certification constitutes breach of such [contract and results in immediate termination of such contract, and (4) such regional election monitor is retained, absent termination of such contract by the council, until at least thirty days after such regular election] memorandum of understanding, which may result in termination of such memorandum of understanding if the regional council of governments is not able to appoint a replacement regional election advisor within thirty days after such revocation.

Sec. 167. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, each regional council of governments that has appointed a regional election advisor and entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of the State concerning the assistance to be provided by such regional election advisor, in accordance with the provisions of section 9-229b of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall, within available appropriations, receive a grant of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars from the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Each such regional council of governments shall use such grant funds exclusively to support such regional election advisor in carrying out the purposes of said section.



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Sec. 168. Subsection (a) of section 4-66k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) There is established an account to be known as the "regional planning incentive account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, moneys in the account shall be expended by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for the purposes of first providing funding to regional planning organizations in accordance with the provisions of subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this section, next providing grants for the support of regional election advisors pursuant to section 166 of this act and then [to] providing grants under the regional performance incentive program established pursuant to section 4-124s.

Sec. 169. Subsection (b) of section 9-229 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(b) (1) The Secretary of the State shall: (A) Request registrars of voters to volunteer to serve as instructors for moderators and alternate moderators; (B) select registrars from among such volunteers to serve as such instructors; (C) establish a curriculum for instructional sessions for moderators and alternate moderators; (D) establish the number of such instructional sessions to be held, provided at least one such instructional session shall be held in each congressional district in each calendar year; and (E) train the instructors for such sessions. The curriculum for such instructional sessions shall include, [without limitation] but need not be limited to, procedures for counting and recording absentee ballots, ["hands on"] hands-on training in the use of voting tabulators, and the duties of a moderator in the conduct of a primary [and] or an election. The Secretary may employ assistants on a temporary basis within

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existing budgetary resources for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this section. Such assistants shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter 67. The instructors shall conduct instructional sessions for moderators and alternate moderators in accordance with their training by the Secretary [of the State] and the curriculum for such sessions.

(2) The Secretary of the State shall also: (A) Coordinate with each regional election [monitor under contract] advisor appointed pursuant to section 9-229b, as amended by this act, and the regional council of governments that appointed such regional election advisor, to hold [regional] instructional sessions for moderators and alternate moderators within the planning region served by such regional council of governments, in accordance with the curriculum established under subdivision (1) of this subsection; and (B) [establish the number of such regional instructional sessions to be held, provided at least one such regional instructional session shall be held within each planning region at the facilities of the regional council of governments prior to each regular election; and (C)] train and certify each regional election [monitor] advisor for purposes of performing the duties of the position. The Secretary shall certify as a regional election [monitor] advisor each individual who successfully completes training under subparagraph [(C)] (B) of this subdivision, except the Secretary shall not so certify any individual who has, in a court of competent jurisdiction, been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to [, in a court of competent jurisdiction,] any (i) felony involving fraud, forgery, larceny, embezzlement or bribery, or (ii) criminal offense under this title. Any such initial certification granted under this subdivision shall expire two years after the date of [its] such granting. Prior to expiration of the initial or any subsequent certification, a regional election [monitor] advisor may undergo an abridged recertification process prescribed by the Secretary, and upon successful completion thereof, such certification shall be renewed for two years after the date of such completion. Only

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certification in accordance with this subdivision shall satisfy the requirement of subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 9-229b, as amended by this act, and the Secretary may revoke any such certification, with or without cause, at any time.

(3) The duties of each regional election [monitor] advisor shall include, but not be limited to: (A) Holding the [regional] instructional sessions described in subdivision (2) of this subsection; (B) communicating with registrars of voters to assist, to the extent permitted under law, in preparations for and operations of any election, primary or recanvass, or any audit conducted pursuant to section 9-320f; and (C) transmitting any order issued by the Secretary of the State, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-3.

(4) Any elector may attend one or more of the sessions held under subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection. Each instructor or regional election [monitor] advisor, as the case may be, shall provide the Secretary of the State with the name and address of each person who completes any such session.

Sec. 170. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to study means of ensuring that election administration in each municipality is fully staffed by personnel properly trained in all tasks necessary for effective election administration. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, (1) an examination of functions, activities or services related to election administration, which are currently performed by individual municipalities, that may be performed more efficiently on a shared or regional basis; (2) an examination of functions, activities or services related to election administration, which are currently performed by municipal election officials, that may be performed in a more efficient, higher quality, more cost-effective or more responsive manner by regional councils of governments; (3) a review of training available to municipal election officials; and (4) an analysis of and recommendations for any other initiative, which shall be

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offered to municipalities on a voluntary basis, that may facilitate effective election administration in a more efficient, higher quality, more cost-effective or more responsive manner.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and one of whom is an information technology professional and has expertise in election technology;

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and one of whom is admitted to the practice of law in this state and has expertise in election administration;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who is a representative of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a representative of the Connecticut Association of Councils of Governments;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who is a representative of the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut;

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a representative of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns;

(7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration and elections, or their designees;

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(8) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and development, or their designees; and

(9) The Secretary of the State, or the Secretary's designee.

(c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration and elections shall serve as administrative staff of the task force. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall provide additional support to the task force as necessary.

(f) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration and elections and planning and development, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

Sec. 171. Subsection (a) of section 9-718 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and

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except as provided in subsection (e) of this section and subdivision (2) of this subsection, no town committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee shall make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state senator in an amount that exceeds ten thousand dollars for the general election campaign.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a legislative leadership committee and a legislative caucus committee, or a legislative leadership committee and another legislative leadership committee, or all three such committees, for the same political party in the Senate may aggregate their maximum allowable amounts for an organization expenditure or expenditures made for the benefit of a participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state senator for the general election campaign, provided a written agreement for such aggregation exists among the treasurers of each such aggregating committee. Upon execution of such written agreement, such treasurers shall jointly submit such written agreement to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which shall make such written agreement available to the public on the commission's Internet web site.

Sec. 172. Subsection (c) of section 9-718 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and except as provided in subsection (e) of this section and subdivision (2) of this subsection, no town committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee shall make an organization expenditure for the benefit of a participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens' Election Program

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for the office of state representative in an amount that exceeds three thousand five hundred dollars for the general election campaign.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes and except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a legislative leadership committee and a legislative caucus committee, or a legislative leadership committee and another legislative leadership committee, or all three such committees, for the same political party in the House of Representatives may aggregate their maximum allowable amounts for an organization expenditure or expenditures made for the benefit of a participating candidate or the candidate committee of a participating candidate in the Citizens' Election Program for the office of state representative for the general election campaign, provided a written agreement for such aggregation exists among the treasurers of each such aggregating committee. Upon execution of such written agreement, such treasurers shall jointly submit such written agreement to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which shall make such written agreement available to the public on the commission's Internet web site.

Sec. 173. Subdivision (25) of section 9-601 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(25) "Organization expenditure" means an expenditure by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for the benefit of a candidate or candidate committee for:

(A) The preparation, display or mailing or other distribution of a party candidate listing. As used in this subparagraph, "party candidate listing" means any communication that meets the following criteria: (i) The communication lists the name or names of candidates for election to public office, (ii) the communication is distributed through public advertising such as broadcast stations, cable television, newspapers or similar media, or through direct mail, telephone, electronic mail,

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publicly accessible sites on the Internet or personal delivery, and (iii) the communication is made to promote the success or defeat of any candidate or slate of candidates seeking the nomination for election, or election or for the purpose of aiding or promoting the success or defeat of any referendum question or the success or defeat of any political party, provided such communication is not a solicitation for or on behalf of a candidate committee;

(B) A document in printed or electronic form, including a party platform, an electronic page providing merchant account services to be used by a candidate for the collection of on-line contributions, a copy of an issue paper, information pertaining to the requirements of this title, a list of registered voters and voter identification information, which document is created or maintained by a party committee, legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for the general purposes of party or caucus building and is provided (i) to a candidate who is a member of the party that has established such party committee, or (ii) to a candidate who is a member of the party of the caucus or leader who has established such legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee, whichever is applicable;

(C) A campaign event at which [a candidate or candidates] campaign materials are present and food or beverage may be provided, but at which no contribution shall be received, solicited or bundled; or

(D) The retention of the services of an advisor or individual to provide assistance relating to a candidate's campaign. [organization, financing, accounting, strategy, law or media.]

Sec. 174. Subsection (b) of section 9-610 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) (1) A candidate committee may pay or reimburse another



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candidate committee for its pro rata share of the expenses of operating a campaign headquarters and of preparing, printing and disseminating any political communication on behalf of that candidate and any other candidate or candidates, including any shared expenses for which only the committee being paid or reimbursed was under a contractual obligation to pay. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-616, as amended by this act, a candidate committee may reimburse a party committee for any expenditure such party committee has incurred for the benefit of such candidate committee.

(2) A legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee may pay or reimburse another legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for its pro rata share of the expenses of accomplishing the lawful purposes of the paying or reimbursing committee, as described in subparagraph (A)(ii) of subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 9-607, including any shared expenses for which only the committee being paid or reimbursed was under a contractual obligation to pay.

Sec. 175. Subsection (d) of section 9-618 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(d) (1) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to the office of: (A) State senator, in excess of ten thousand dollars; or (B) state representative, in excess of five thousand dollars. The limits imposed by this subdivision shall apply separately to primaries and elections. No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit

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of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to any office not included in this subdivision. Subject to the provisions of this subdivision, a legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee may pay or reimburse another legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for its pro rata share of certain expenses in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 9-610, as amended by this act.

(2) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee shall make a contribution or contributions in any calendar year to, or for the benefit of, the state central committee of a political party, in excess of ten thousand dollars.

(3) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any committee except as provided in this subsection.

Sec. 176. Subsection (d) of section 9-619 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(d) (1) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to the office of: (A) State senator, in excess of ten thousand dollars; or (B) state representative, in excess of five thousand dollars. The limits imposed by this subdivision shall apply separately to primaries and elections. No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a

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committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to any office not included in this subdivision. Subject to the provisions of this subdivision, a legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee may pay or reimburse another legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee for its pro rata share of certain expenses in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 9-610, as amended by this act.

(2) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee shall make a contribution or contributions in any calendar year to, or for the benefit of, the state central committee of a political party, in excess of ten thousand dollars.

(3) No legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any committee except as provided in this subsection.

Sec. 177. Subsection (a) of section 9-616 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) A candidate committee shall not make contributions to, or for the benefit of, (1) a party committee, (2) a political committee, (3) a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office, (4) a national committee, or (5) another candidate committee except that (A) a pro rata sharing of certain expenses in accordance with subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 9-610, as amended by this act, shall be permitted, and (B) after a political party nominates candidates for election to the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, whose names shall be so placed on the ballot in the election that an elector will cast a single vote for both candidates, as prescribed in section 9-181, an expenditure by a candidate committee established by either such candidate that benefits the candidate committee established by the other

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such candidate shall be permitted.

Sec. 178. Section 9-707 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Following the initial deposit of moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund into the depository account of a qualified candidate committee, no contribution, loan, amount of the candidate's own moneys or any other moneys received by the candidate or the treasurer on behalf of the committee shall be deposited into said depository account, except grants from the fund, and reimbursement from another candidate committee for shared expenses as provided pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 9-610, as amended by this act.

Sec. 179. Subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section 9-705 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) (1) (A) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of Governor shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the convention campaign, in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-706, as amended by this act, in the amount of eight hundred six thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars, provided in 2026, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section.

~~[(a) (1)]~~ (B) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of [one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars] (i) two million four hundred twenty thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars, if such candidate previously received a grant from the fund for the convention campaign,

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or (ii) three million two hundred twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, if such candidate did not previously receive a grant from the fund for the convention campaign, provided, in the case of a primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said [amount] amounts shall be adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section.

(2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of Governor who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of [six million dollars] fifteen million four hundred ninety-two thousand dollars, provided (A) any such committee shall receive seventy-five per cent of said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in accordance with section 9-706, as amended by this act, on or after the seventieth day but before the fifty-sixth day preceding the election, (B) any such committee shall receive sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day preceding the election, (C) any such committee shall receive fifty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the forty-second day but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, (D) any such committee shall receive forty per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, and (E) in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of this section.

(b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subdivision (2) of

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subsection (d) of this section.

(2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign in the amount of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided (A) any such committee shall receive seventy-five per cent of said amount if such committee applies for such grant, in accordance with section 9-706, as amended by this act, on or after the seventieth day but before the fifty-sixth day preceding the election, (B) any such committee shall receive sixty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the fifty-sixth day but before the forty-second day preceding the election, (C) any such committee shall receive fifty-five per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the forty-second day but before the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, (D) any such committee shall receive forty per cent of said amount if such committee so applies on or after the twenty-eighth day preceding the election, and (E) in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this

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section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular election received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least

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twenty per cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election, the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section.

(3) In addition to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning party candidate and the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a supplemental grant from the fund after the general election if the treasurer of such candidate committee reports a deficit in the first statement filed after the general election, pursuant to section 9-608, and such candidate received a greater percentage of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election than the percentage of votes utilized by such candidate to obtain a general election campaign grant described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection. The amount of such supplemental grant shall be calculated as follows:

(A) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than ten per cent, but not more than fifteen per cent, of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by such candidate and ten per cent and the denominator is ten, and (ii) two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office.

(B) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than fifteen per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes



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cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by such candidate and fifteen per cent and the denominator is five, and (ii) one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office.

(C) The sum of the general election campaign grant received by any such candidate and a supplemental grant under this subdivision shall not exceed one hundred per cent of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate for the same office.

(d) (1) For elections held in 2026, and thereafter, the amount of the grants in subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2022, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

[(d) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for] (2) For elections held in 2014, and thereafter, the amount of the grants in subsections [(a),] (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

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[(2) For elections held in 2018, the amount of the grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission immediately in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2010, and ending on December 31, 2013.]

Sec. 180. Subsection (a) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) (1) (A) A participating major party candidate for nomination to the office of Governor in 2026, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a convention campaign, after such candidate files the affidavit under section 9-703 certifying such candidate's intent to abide by the expenditure limits under said program.

[(a) (1)] (B) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a primary campaign, after the close of the state convention of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is seeking, if a primary is required under chapter 153, and [(A)] (i) said party endorses the candidate for the office that the candidate is seeking, [(B)] (ii) the candidate is seeking nomination to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state representative and receives at least fifteen

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per cent of the votes of the convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for the office the candidate is seeking, or [(C)] (iii) the candidate circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for [(i)] (I) the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state representative, pursuant to section 9-400, or [(ii)] (II) the municipal office of state senator or state representative, pursuant to section 9-406, whichever is applicable.

(C) The State Elections Enforcement Commission shall make any such grants to participating candidates in accordance with the provisions of subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of this section.

(2) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a general election campaign:

(A) After the close of the state or district convention or municipal caucus, convention or town committee meeting, whichever is applicable, of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is seeking, if (i) said party endorses said candidate for the office that the candidate is seeking and no other candidate of said party files a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400 or 9-406, whichever is applicable, (ii) the candidate is seeking election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state representative and receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of the

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convention delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement of a candidate for the office the candidate is seeking, no other candidate for said office at such convention either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-388 or a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400, and no other candidate for said office circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for said office pursuant to section 9-400, (iii) the candidate is seeking election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for said office pursuant to section 9-400 and no other candidate for said office at the state or district convention either receives the party endorsement or said percentage of said votes for said endorsement or files a certificate of endorsement with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-388 or a candidacy with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-400, or (iv) the candidate is seeking election to the municipal office of state senator or state representative, circulates a petition and obtains the required number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for the office the candidate is seeking pursuant to section 9-406 and no other candidate for said office at the caucus, convention or town committee meeting either receives the party endorsement or files a certification of endorsement with the town clerk in accordance with the provisions of section 9-391;

(B) After any primary held by such party for nomination for said office, if the Secretary of the State declares that the candidate is the party nominee in accordance with the provisions of section 9-440;

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(C) In the case of a minor party candidate, after the nomination of such candidate is certified and filed with the Secretary of the State pursuant to section 9-452; or

(D) In the case of a petitioning party candidate, after approval by the Secretary of the State of such candidate's nominating petition pursuant to section 9-453o.

(3) A participating candidate for nomination to the office of state senator or state representative at a special election in 2008, or thereafter, may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program for a general election campaign after the close of the district convention or municipal caucus, convention or town committee meeting of the candidate's party that is called for the purpose of choosing candidates for nomination for the office that the candidate is seeking.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, no participating candidate for nomination or election who changes the candidate's status as a major party, minor party or petitioning party candidate or becomes a candidate of a different party, after filing the affidavit required under section 9-703, shall be eligible to apply for a grant under the Citizens' Election Program for such candidate's primary campaign for such nomination or general election campaign for such election. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply in the case of a candidate who is nominated by more than one party and does not otherwise change the candidate's status as a major party, minor party or petitioning party candidate.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, no candidate may apply to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for a grant from the fund under the Citizens' Election Program if such candidate has been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere to, in a court of competent jurisdiction, any (A) criminal offense under this title unless

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at least eight years have elapsed from the date of the conviction or plea or the completion of any sentence, whichever date is later, without a subsequent conviction of or plea to another such offense, or (B) a felony related to the individual's public office, other than an offense under this title in accordance with subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

Sec. 181. Subsection (d) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(d) In accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of this section, the commission shall review the application, determine whether (1) the candidate committee for the applicant has received the required qualifying contributions, (2) in the case of an application for a grant from the fund for a convention campaign, the applicant has met the applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying for such grant and complied with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, (3) in the case of an application for a grant from the fund for a primary campaign, the applicant has met the applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying for such grant and complied with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, [(3)] (4) in the case of an application for a grant from the fund for a general election campaign, the applicant has met the applicable condition under subsection (a) of this section for applying for such [moneys] grant and complied with the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, and [(4)] (5) in the case of an application by a minor party or petitioning party candidate for a grant from the fund for a general election campaign, the applicant qualifies as an eligible minor party candidate or an eligible petitioning party candidate, whichever is applicable. If the commission approves an application, the commission shall determine the amount of the grant payable to the candidate committee for the applicant pursuant to section 9-705, as amended by this act, from the fund, and notify the State Comptroller and the

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candidate of such candidate committee [,] of such amount. If the timing of the commission's approval of the grant for a primary campaign or general election campaign in relation to the Secretary of the State's determination of ballot status is such that the commission cannot determine whether the qualified candidate committee is entitled to the applicable full initial grant for the primary or election or the applicable partial grant for the primary or election, as the case may be, the commission shall approve the lesser applicable partial initial grant. The commission shall then authorize the payment of the remaining portion of the applicable primary campaign or general election campaign grant after the commission has knowledge of the circumstances regarding the ballot status of the opposing candidates in such primary or election. Not later than thirty days following notification by the commission in the case of a convention campaign grant, or not later than two business days following notification by the commission in the case of any other grant, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for payment of any such approved amount to the qualified candidate committee from the fund.

Sec. 182. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 9-706 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(g) (1) In the case of any application submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section for a convention campaign grant by a participating major party candidate seeking nomination to the office of Governor, not later than ten business days following receipt of such submission, the commission shall review such application in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of this section and determine whether such application shall be approved or disapproved.

[(g) (1)] (2) Any application submitted pursuant to this section for a primary campaign grant or general election campaign grant shall be

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submitted in accordance with the following schedule: (A) By five o'clock p.m. on the third Wednesday in May of the year that the primary or election will be held at which such participating candidate will seek nomination or election, or (B) by five o'clock p.m. on any subsequent Wednesday of such year, provided no application shall be accepted by the commission after five o'clock p.m. on or after the fourth to last Friday prior to the primary or election at which such participating candidate will seek nomination or election. Not later than five business days following any such Wednesday or Friday, as applicable, for participating candidates seeking nomination or election to the office of state senator or state representative, or ten business days following any such Wednesday or Friday, as applicable, for participating candidates seeking nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or, in the event of a national, regional or local emergency or local natural disaster, as soon thereafter as is practicable, the commission shall review any application received by such Wednesday or Friday, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of this section, and determine whether such application shall be approved or disapproved. Notwithstanding the provisions of this [subsection] subdivision, if an application for a general election grant is received during the period beginning at five [o'clock] o'clock p.m. on the Wednesday of the week preceding the week of the last primary application deadline and ending five [o'clock] o'clock p.m. on the last primary application deadline, as set forth in this [subsection] subdivision, the commission shall review such application in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of this section and determine whether [it] such application shall be approved or disapproved not later than five business days or ten business days, as applicable, after the first application deadline following the last primary application deadline. For any such application that is approved, any disbursement of funds by the commission shall be made not later than twelve business days prior to any such primary or general election.



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From the third week of June in even-numbered years until the third week in July, the commission shall meet twice weekly to determine whether or not to approve applications for primary campaign and general election campaign grants if there are pending grant applications.

Sec. 183. Section 9-708 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) (1) A qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of Governor that received moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund for a convention campaign and whose candidate (A) is endorsed by the convention of such party for such office and files a certificate of endorsement pursuant to section 9-388, (B) receives at least fifteen per cent of the votes of such convention's delegates present and voting on any roll-call vote taken on the endorsement or proposed endorsement for such office and files candidacy for nomination pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 9-400, or (C) circulates a petition, obtains the required number of signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination for such office and files such candidacy for nomination pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 9-400, shall receive a grant from the fund for a primary campaign. Upon receiving verification from the Secretary of the State of such a filing, as applicable, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall notify the State Comptroller of the amount payable to such qualified candidate committee pursuant to section 9-705, as amended by this act. Not later than two business days following notification by the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for payment of the primary campaign grant to such committee from said fund.

(2) A qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate for the office of Governor that received moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund for a convention campaign and whose candidate is the party-

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endorsed candidate for such office and is deemed, pursuant to section 9-416, to have been lawfully chosen as the nominee of such party for such office shall receive a grant from the fund for a general election campaign. Upon receiving verification from the Secretary of the State of a no-contest nomination for such office in accordance with the provisions of said section, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall notify the State Comptroller of the amount payable to such qualified candidate committee pursuant to section 9-705, as amended by this act. Not later than two business days following notification by the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for payment of the general election campaign grant to such committee from said fund.

(b) A qualified candidate committee that received moneys from the Citizens' Election Fund for a primary campaign and whose candidate is the party nominee shall receive a grant from the fund for a general election campaign. Upon receiving verification from the Secretary of the State of the declaration by the Secretary of the State in accordance with the provisions of section 9-440 of the results of the votes cast at the primary, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall notify the State Comptroller of the amount payable to such qualified candidate committee pursuant to section 9-705, as amended by this act. Not later than two business days following notification by the commission, the State Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer for payment of the general election campaign grant to [said] such committee from said fund.

Sec. 184. Section 9-702 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) There is established a Citizens' Election Program under which (1) the candidate committee of a major party candidate for nomination to the office of Governor in 2026, or thereafter, may receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the candidate's convention campaign for

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said nomination, (2) the candidate committee of a major party candidate for nomination to the office of state senator or state representative in 2008, or thereafter, or the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund for the candidate's primary campaign for said nomination, and [(2)] (3) the candidate committee of a candidate nominated by a major party, or the candidate committee of an eligible minor party candidate or an eligible petitioning party candidate, for election to the office of state senator or state representative at a special election held on or after December 31, 2006, or at a regular election held in 2008, or thereafter, or for election to the office of Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer in 2010, or thereafter, may receive a grant from the fund for the candidate's general election campaign for said office.

(b) Any such candidate committee is eligible to receive such grants for a convention campaign, if applicable, a primary campaign, if applicable, and a general election campaign if (1) the candidate certifies as a participating candidate under section 9-703, (2) the candidate's candidate committee receives the required amount of qualifying contributions under section 9-704, as amended by this act, (3) the candidate's candidate committee returns all contributions that do not meet the criteria for qualifying contributions under section 9-704, as amended by this act, (4) the candidate agrees to limit the campaign expenditures of the candidate's candidate committee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, and (5) the candidate submits an application and the commission approves the application in accordance with the provisions of section 9-706, as amended by this act.

(c) (1) A candidate participating in the Citizens' Election Program shall limit the expenditures of the candidate's candidate committee (A) before a primary campaign and a general election campaign, to the

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amount of qualifying contributions permitted in section 9-704, as amended by this act, and any personal funds provided by the candidate under subsection (c) of section 9-710, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, (B) for a primary campaign, to the sum of (i) the amount of such qualifying contributions and personal funds that have not been spent before the primary campaign, and (ii) the amount of the grant for the primary campaign authorized under section 9-705, as amended by this act, and (C) for a general election campaign, to the sum of (i) the amount of such qualifying contributions and personal funds that have not been spent before the general election campaign, (ii) any unexpended funds from any grant for a primary campaign authorized under section 9-705, as amended by this act, and (iii) the amount of the grant for the general election campaign authorized under section 9-705, as amended by this act. The candidate committee of a minor or petitioning party candidate who has received a general election campaign grant from the fund pursuant to section 9-705, as amended by this act, shall be permitted to receive contributions in addition to the qualifying contributions subject to the limitations and restrictions applicable to participating candidates for the same office, provided such minor or petitioning party candidate shall limit the expenditures of the candidate committee for a general election campaign to the sum of the qualifying contributions and personal funds, the amount of the general election campaign grant received and the amount raised in additional contributions that is equivalent to the difference between the amount of the applicable general election campaign grant for a major party candidate for such office and the amount of the general election campaign grant received by such minor or petitioning party candidate.

(2) A major party candidate for Governor participating in the Citizens' Election Program shall limit the expenditures of the candidate's candidate committee before a primary campaign and a general election campaign, to the sum of (A) the amount of qualifying contributions permitted in section 9-704, as amended by this act, and

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any personal funds provided by the candidate under subsection (c) of section 9-710, and (B) the amount of the grant for the convention campaign authorized under section 9-705, as amended by this act.

(d) (1) For the purposes of this chapter, if a qualified candidate committee receives a grant for a primary campaign and has qualifying contributions that have not been spent before the primary campaign, no expenditures by such committee during the primary campaign shall be deemed to have been made from such qualifying contributions until the primary campaign grant funds have been fully spent.

(2) For the purposes of this chapter, if a qualified candidate committee of a candidate for nomination to the office of Governor receives a grant for the convention campaign and has qualifying contributions that have not been spent before the convention campaign, no expenditures by such committee during the convention campaign shall be deemed to have been made from such qualifying contributions until the convention campaign grant funds have been fully spent.

(e) No grants or moneys paid to a qualified candidate committee from the Citizens' Election Fund under this chapter shall be deemed to be public funds under any other provision of the general statutes or any public or special act unless specifically stated by such provision.

Sec. 185. Section 9-700 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

As used in sections 9-700 to 9-716, inclusive, as amended by this act:

(1) "Commission" means the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

(2) "Convention campaign" means, in the case of a major party candidate for Governor, the period beginning the day such candidate files the affidavit under section 9-703 certifying such candidate's intent

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to abide by the expenditure limits under the Citizens' Election Program and ending at the close of the state convention held pursuant to section 9-382 by such major party for the purpose of endorsing a candidate for nomination to the office of Governor.

[(2)] (3) "Depository account" means the single checking account at the depository institution designated as the depository for the candidate committee's moneys in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 9-604.

[(3)] (4) "District office" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372.

[(4)] (5) "Eligible minor party candidate" means a candidate for election to an office who is nominated by a minor party pursuant to subpart B of part III of chapter 153.

[(5)] (6) "Eligible petitioning party candidate" means a candidate for election to an office pursuant to subpart C of part III of chapter 153 whose nominating petition has been approved by the Secretary of the State pursuant to section 9-453o.

[(6)] (7) "Fund" means the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701.

[(7)] (8) "General election campaign" means (A) in the case of a candidate nominated at a primary, the period beginning on the day following the primary and ending on the date the treasurer files the final statement for such campaign pursuant to section 9-608, or (B) in the case of a candidate nominated without a primary, the period beginning on the day following the day on which the candidate is nominated and ending on the date the treasurer files the final statement for such campaign pursuant to section 9-608.

[(8)] (9) "Major party" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-

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[(9)] (10) "Minor party" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372.

[(10)] (11) "Municipal office" has the same meaning as provided in section 9-372.

[(11)] (12) "Primary campaign" means the period beginning on the day following the close of (A) a convention held pursuant to section 9-382 for the purpose of endorsing a candidate for nomination to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State or the district office of state senator or state representative, or (B) a caucus, convention or town committee meeting held pursuant to section 9-390 for the purpose of endorsing a candidate for the municipal office of state senator or state representative, whichever is applicable, and ending on the day of a primary held for the purpose of nominating a candidate for such office.

[(12)] (13) "Qualified candidate committee" means a candidate committee (A) established to aid or promote the success of any candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, Secretary of the State, state senator or state representative, and (B) approved by the commission to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund under section 9-706, as amended by this act.

Sec. 186. Section 3-69a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(a) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the funds received under this part, excluding the proceeds from the sale of property deposited in the Special Abandoned Property Fund in accordance with section 3-62h, shall be deposited in the General Fund.

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(2) ~~(A)~~ For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, and each fiscal year thereafter, a portion of the funds received under this part shall, upon deposit in the General Fund, be credited to the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701 as follows: ~~[(A)]~~ ~~(i)~~ For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, seventeen million dollars, ~~[(B)]~~ ~~(ii)~~ for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, sixteen million dollars, ~~[(C)]~~ ~~(iii)~~ for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, seventeen million three hundred thousand dollars, and ~~[(D)]~~ ~~(iv)~~ for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount deposited for the preceding fiscal year, adjusted in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers for such preceding fiscal year, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The State Treasurer shall determine such adjusted amount not later than thirty days after the end of such preceding fiscal year.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter preceding the fiscal year in which an election for the office of Governor is to be held, a portion of the funds received under this part shall, upon deposit in the General Fund, be credited to the Citizens' Election Fund as deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of chapter 157 for the election cycle in which such election is to be held, based on the report issued by the State Elections Enforcement Commission pursuant to subsection (b) of section 9-716, as amended by this act.

(b) All costs incurred in the administration of this part, except as provided in section 3-62h and subsection (a) of this section, and all claims allowed under this part shall be paid from the General Fund.

Sec. 187. Subsection (b) of section 9-716 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(b) [Not] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection,



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not later than January first in any year in which a state election is to be held, the commission shall determine whether the amount of moneys in the fund is sufficient to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The commission shall issue a report on [said] such determination.

(2) Not later than the forty-first day preceding the day of the primary in any year in which an election for the office of Governor is to be held, the commission shall determine whether the amount of moneys in the fund is sufficient to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The commission shall issue a report on such determination.

Sec. 188. Section 9-750 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

[(a)] If, (1) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, or any fiscal year thereafter, the amount of funds available under section 3-69a, as amended by this act, for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund established in section 9-701 is less than the amount of funds required under said section 3-69a, as amended by this act, to be deposited in said fund, resulting in an insufficiency in the amount of the deposit, or (2) during an election cycle the amount of funds in the Citizens' Election Fund is less than the amount of funds required to provide grants to each qualified candidate committee pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, resulting in an insufficiency in said fund, a portion of the revenues from the tax imposed under chapter 208, equal to the amount of any insufficiency described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this section, shall be deposited in said fund to allow for the payment of grants pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

[(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3-69a, if funds are deposited into the Citizens' Election Fund pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, the aggregate amount of any such deposits shall be deducted from the amount deposited into said fund under section 3-69a for the following fiscal year.]

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Sec. 189. Section 9-704 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(a) The amount of qualifying contributions that the candidate committee of a candidate shall be required to receive in order to be eligible for grants from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be:

(1) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, of which two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in the state, except that in the case of a primary or election held in 2022, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) [before January 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii)] on and after January 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and [(iii)] (ii) any such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amounts under this subdivision, (B) all contributions received by (i) an exploratory committee established by said candidate, or (ii) an exploratory committee or candidate committee of a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor who is deemed to be jointly campaigning with a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor under subsection (a) of section 9-709, which meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amounts,

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and (C) in the case of a primary or election held in 2022, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded upward.

(2) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, of which sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars or more is contributed by individuals residing in the state, except that in the case of a primary or election for Lieutenant Governor held in 2022, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward and in the case of a primary or election for Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts shall be first adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) [before January 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii)] on and after January 1, 2019, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and [(iii)] (ii) any such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amounts under this subdivision, (B) all contributions

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received by an exploratory committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amounts, and (C) in the case of a primary or election held in 2022, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be first adjusted under subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded upward.

(3) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of state senator for a district, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount of fifteen thousand dollars, including contributions from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in said district, except that in the case of a primary or election held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amount shall be first adjusted under subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) [before December 1, 2017, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii)] on and after December 1, 2017, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and [(iii)] (ii) any such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes of the requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district unless the contribution is

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five dollars or more, and (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision and all such exploratory committee contributions that also meet the requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least three hundred individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be counted for the purposes of said requirement, and (D) in the case of a primary or election held in 2020, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded upward.

(4) In the case of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of state representative for a district, contributions from individuals in the aggregate amount of five thousand dollars, including contributions from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in said district, except that in the case of a primary or election held in 2018, or thereafter, the aggregate contribution amount shall be first adjusted under subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars with exactly fifty dollars rounded upward. The provisions of this subdivision shall be subject to the following: (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this subdivision and subsection (g) of section 9-610, (i) [before December 1, 2017, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that exceeds one hundred dollars, (ii)] on and after December 1, 2017, the candidate committee shall return the portion of any contribution or contributions from any individual, including said candidate, that

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exceeds two hundred fifty dollars, and [(iii)] (ii) any such excess portion shall not be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision, (B) no contribution shall be counted for the purposes of the requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district unless the contribution is five dollars or more, (C) all contributions received by an exploratory committee established by said candidate that meet the criteria for qualifying contributions to candidate committees under this section shall be considered in calculating the aggregate contribution amount under this subdivision and all such exploratory committee contributions that also meet the requirement under this subdivision for contributions from at least one hundred fifty individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in the district shall be counted for the purposes of said requirement, and (D) in the case of a primary or election held in 2020, or thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount provided in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall be adjusted under subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section and then rounded to the nearest multiple of ten dollars with exactly five dollars rounded upward.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection, in the case of a special election for the office of state senator or state representative for a district, (A) the aggregate amount of qualifying contributions that the candidate committee of a candidate for such office shall be required to receive in order to be eligible for a grant from the Citizens' Election Fund shall be seventy-five per cent or more of the corresponding amount required under the applicable said subdivision (3) or (4), as adjusted and rounded pursuant to the applicable provisions of subsection (b) of this section, and (B) the number of contributions required from individuals residing in municipalities included, in whole or in part, in said district shall be

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seventy-five per cent or more of the corresponding number required under the applicable said subdivision (3) or (4).

(b) (1) For elections for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor held in 2022, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (1) or (2), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

(2) For elections for the office of Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in 2018, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2018, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

(3) (A) [For] Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, for elections for the office of state senator or state representative held in 2018, and thereafter, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (3) or (4), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2018, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1,

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2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

(B) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative held in 2024, the aggregate contribution amounts in subdivision (3) or (4), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2024, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December 31, 2021.

(c) (1) For elections for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State held in 2022, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (1) or (2), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

(2) For elections for the office of state senator or state representative held in 2020, and thereafter, the two-hundred-fifty-dollar maximum individual contribution amount in subdivision (3) or (4), as applicable, of subsection (a) of this section shall be adjusted by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January 15, 2020, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, 2017, and ending on December thirty-first in the year



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preceding the year in which said adjustment is to be made.

(d) Each individual who makes a contribution of more than fifty dollars to a candidate committee established to aid or promote the success of a participating candidate for nomination or election shall include with the contribution a certification that contains the same information described in subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 9-608 and shall follow the same procedure prescribed in said subsection.

(e) The following shall not be deemed to be qualifying contributions under subsection (a) of this section and shall be returned by the treasurer of the candidate committee to the contributor or transmitted to the State Elections Enforcement Commission for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund:

(1) A contribution from a principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor;

(2) A contribution of less than five dollars, and a contribution of five dollars or more from an individual who does not provide the full name and complete address of the individual;

(3) A contribution under subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this section from an individual who does not reside in the state, in excess of the applicable limit on contributions from out-of-state individuals in subsection (a) of this section; and

(4) A contribution made by a youth who is less than twelve years of age.

(f) After a candidate committee receives the applicable aggregate amount of qualifying contributions under subsection (a) of this section, the candidate committee shall transmit any additional contributions that it receives to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Citizens' Election Fund.

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(g) As used in this section, "principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor" has the same meaning as provided in subsection (g) of section 9-612, and "individual" shall include sole proprietorships.

Sec. 190. Subsection (a) of section 9-612 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any one calendar year in excess of [ten] fifteen thousand dollars to the state central committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its authorization or request; or two thousand dollars to a town committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its authorization or request; or two thousand dollars to a legislative caucus committee or legislative leadership committee, or one thousand dollars to any other political committee other than (1) a political committee formed solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum question, (2) an exploratory committee, (3) a political committee established by an organization, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its authorization or request, or (4) a political committee formed by a slate of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the peace of the same town.

Sec. 191. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any special act, municipal charter or ordinance, in any municipality having a population of ten thousand persons or fewer, any elector or voter of such municipality may petition for a town referendum, in accordance with the applicable provisions of sections 7-7 and 7-9 of the general statutes, any denial of a permit by the commissioner pursuant to section 22a-20a of the general statutes, that is based on the considerations required by subsection (g) of said section. An affirmative vote of such electorate shall constitute the approval of such permit notwithstanding such denial by the commissioner.

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Sec. 192. Subsection (a) of section 46a-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) The commission shall:

(1) Investigate the possibilities of affording equal opportunity of profitable employment to all persons, with particular reference to job training and placement;

(2) Compile facts concerning discrimination in employment, violations of civil liberties and other related matters;

(3) Investigate and proceed in all cases of discriminatory practices [as provided in] under this chapter and noncompliance with the provisions of section 4a-60 or 4a-60a or sections 46a-68c to 46a-68f, inclusive, provided, the commission, whenever it has reason to believe that a person who is a party to a discriminatory practice case has engaged or is engaged in conduct that constitutes a violation of part VI, of chapter 952, may refer such matter to the Office of the Chief State's Attorney and said office shall conduct a further investigation as deemed necessary;

(4) From time to time, but not less than once a year, report to the Governor as provided in section 4-60, making recommendations for the removal of such injustices as it may find to exist and such other recommendations as it deems advisable and describing the investigations, proceedings and hearings it has conducted and their outcome, the decisions it has rendered and the other work it has performed;

(5) Monitor state contracts to determine whether they are in compliance with sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a, and those provisions of the general statutes which prohibit discrimination;

(6) Compile data concerning state contracts with female and minority

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business enterprises and submit a report annually to the General Assembly concerning the employment of such business enterprises as contractors and subcontractors;

(7) Develop and include on the commission's Internet web site a link concerning the illegality of sexual harassment, as defined in section 46a-60, and the remedies available to victims of sexual harassment;

(8) Develop and make available at no cost to employers an online training and education video or other interactive method of training and education that fulfills the requirements prescribed in subdivision (15) of section 46a-54;

(9) Develop, in conjunction with organizations that advocate on behalf of victims of domestic violence, and include on the commission's Internet web site a link concerning domestic violence and the resources available to victims of domestic violence; and

(10) Develop, in conjunction with organizations that advocate on behalf of victims of domestic violence, and make available at no cost to each state agency an online training and education video or other interactive method of training and education that fulfills the requirements prescribed in subdivision (19) of section 46a-54.

Sec. 193. Subsection (a) of section 46a-82 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

(a) Any person claiming to be aggrieved by an alleged discriminatory practice, except for an alleged violation of section 4a-60g or 46a-68 or the provisions of sections 46a-68c to 46a-68f, inclusive, may, by himself or herself or by such person's attorney, file with the commission a complaint in writing under oath, except that a complaint that alleges a violation of section 46a-64c need not be notarized. The complaint shall state the name and address of the person alleged to have committed the

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discriminatory practice, provide a short and plain statement of the allegations upon which the claim is based and contain such other information as may be required by the commission. The commission whenever it has reason to believe that a person who is named as party to a discriminatory practice complaint has engaged or is engaged in conduct that constitutes a violation of part VI, of chapter 952, may refer such matter to the Office of the Chief State's Attorney and said office shall conduct a further investigation as deemed necessary. After the filing of a complaint, the commission shall provide the complainant with a notice that: (1) Acknowledges receipt of the complaint; and (2) advises of the time frames and choice of forums available under this chapter.

Sec. 194. Section 405 of public act 22-118 is repealed. (*Effective from passage*)