



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7345**

LCO No. 5668



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT  
AND COMBATTING INVASIVE PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-66aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 (a) There is established, within the General Fund, a separate,  
4 nonlapsing account to be known as the "community investment  
5 account". The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be  
6 deposited in the account. The funds in the account shall be distributed  
7 every three months as follows: (1) Ten dollars of each fee credited to  
8 said account shall be deposited into the agriculture sustainability  
9 account established pursuant to section 4-66cc and, then, of the  
10 remaining funds, (2) twenty-five per cent to the Department of  
11 Economic and Community Development to use as follows: (A) Three  
12 hundred eighty thousand dollars, annually, to supplement the  
13 technical assistance and preservation activities of the Connecticut  
14 Trust for Historic Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-  
15 93, and (B) the remainder to supplement historic preservation activities

16 as provided in sections 10-409 to 10-415, inclusive; (3) twenty-five per  
17 cent to the Department of Housing to supplement new or existing  
18 affordable housing programs; (4) twenty-five per cent to the  
19 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for municipal  
20 open space grants and grants to lake authorities for the control of  
21 invasive species, provided any such grant to a lake authority for such  
22 purposes shall not exceed one-third of the reasonable costs for such  
23 control measures or project; and (5) twenty-five per cent to the  
24 Department of Agriculture to use as follows: (A) Five hundred  
25 thousand dollars annually for the agricultural viability grant program  
26 established pursuant to section 22-26j; (B) five hundred thousand  
27 dollars annually for the farm transition program established pursuant  
28 to section 22-26k; (C) one hundred thousand dollars annually to  
29 encourage the sale of Connecticut-grown food to schools, restaurants,  
30 retailers and other institutions and businesses in the state; (D) seventy-  
31 five thousand dollars annually for the Connecticut farm link program  
32 established pursuant to section 22-26l; (E) forty-seven thousand five  
33 hundred dollars annually for the Seafood Advisory Council  
34 established pursuant to section 22-455; (F) forty-seven thousand five  
35 hundred dollars annually for the Connecticut Farm Wine  
36 Development Council established pursuant to section 22-26c; (G)  
37 twenty-five thousand dollars annually to the Connecticut Food Policy  
38 Council established pursuant to section 22-456; and (H) the remainder  
39 for farmland preservation programs pursuant to chapter 422. Each  
40 agency receiving funds under this section may use not more than ten  
41 per cent of such funds for administration of the programs for which  
42 the funds were provided.

43 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
44 fifty per cent of the moneys deposited in the community investment  
45 account from January 1, 2016, until June 30, 2017, shall be credited  
46 every three months to the resources of the General Fund, provided the  
47 funds remaining in the account shall be distributed as provided in  
48 subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	4-66aa

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide a source of funding to lake authorities for the costs of combatting invasive species.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*