

General Assembly

January Session, 2021

Substitute Bill No. 932

AN ACT CONCERNING AN ALLIANCE DISTRICT TEACHER LOAN SUBSIDY PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2021) (a) The Connecticut Higher 2 Education Supplemental Loan Authority shall establish, subject to 3 available funding pursuant to section 2 of this act, an Alliance District 4 Teacher Loan Subsidy Program for the purpose of subsidizing interest 5 rates on authority loans, as defined in subdivision (3) of section 10a-223 6 of the general statutes, to teachers who are employed in a district 7 designated as an alliance district pursuant to section 10-262u of the 8 general statutes and who meet the eligibility criteria as established by 9 the authority and the Commissioner of Education.

10 (b) The authority shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with 11 the Commissioner of Education to establish the eligibility criteria and 12 administrative guidelines for the Alliance District Teacher Loan Subsidy 13 Program. Such eligibility criteria and guidelines shall include, but need 14 not be limited to, (1) applicant eligibility, (2) interest rate subsidies and 15 principal limits on authority loans subject to the Alliance District 16 Teacher Loan Subsidy Program, (3) the process for verifying the employment of the applicants, and (4) the requirement that an interest 17 18 rate subsidy through the Alliance District Teacher Loan Subsidy

Program shall terminate for any subsidy recipient who ceases to meet
the employment requirements of such program during the term of such
recipient's loan from the authority.

22 Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2021) The Connecticut Higher 23 Education Supplemental Loan Authority shall maintain a separate, 24 nonlapsing account to hold funds for the Alliance District Teacher Loan 25 Subsidy Program established pursuant to section 1 of this act. The 26 account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the 27 account, including, but not limited to, state appropriations or proceeds 28 from the sale of bonds authorized under section 3 of this act. Moneys in 29 the account shall be (1) expended by the authority for the purposes of 30 the Alliance District Teacher Loan Subsidy Program and for reasonable 31 and necessary expenses for the administration of such program, and (2) 32 held as a reserve by the authority to cover any losses incurred by the 33 authority from issuing authority loans to refinance one or more eligible 34 loans, as defined in section 10a-223 of the general statutes, for the 35 purposes of the Alliance District Teacher Loan Subsidy Program.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section and section 1 of this act, 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 seven million dollars a year.

(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 the
Alliance District Teacher Loan Subsidy Program established under
section 1 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

51 from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in 52 accordance with section 3-20 of the general statutes and from time to 53 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not 54 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided 55 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond 56 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of such bonds shall be 57 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that 58 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization that is signed 59 by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management 60 and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its 61 discretion, may require. Such bonds issued pursuant to this section shall 62 be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state 63 of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and 64 interest on such bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as 65 part of the contract of the state with the holders of such bonds, 66 appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such 67 principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay 68 such principal and interest as the same become due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2021	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2021	New section

HED Joint Favorable Subst.