



General Assembly

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**Bill No. 5523**

LCO No. 5697



Referred to Committee on No Committee

Introduced by:

REP. RITTER M., 1<sup>st</sup> Dist.

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***AN ACT CONCERNING ALLOCATIONS OF FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO GENERAL GOVERNMENT, HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 41 of special act 21-15, as amended by section 306  
2 of public act 21-2 of the June special session, section 3 of special act 22-  
3 2, section 10 of public act 22-118, section 1 of public act 22-146, section 2  
4 of public act 22-1 of the November special session, section 1 of public act  
5 23-1, section 48 of public act 23-204 and section 1 of special act 24-1, is  
6 amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

7 The following sums are allocated, in accordance with the provisions  
8 of special act 21-1, from the federal funds designated for the state  
9 pursuant to the provisions of section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the  
10 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to

11 time, for the annual periods indicated for the purposes described.

T1		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
T2					
T3	BOARD OF REGENTS				
T4	Enhance Student Retention at Community Colleges	6,500,000	6,500,000	6,500,000	
T5	Education Technology Training at Gateway		100,000		
T6	<u>University of Bridgeport</u>				<u>500,000</u>
T7					
T8	CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES				
T9	Healthcare Workforce Needs - both public and private schools		20,000,000	15,000,000	
T10	Higher Education - CSCU	10,000,000	5,000,000	147,700,000	[48,800,000] <u>128,800,000</u>
T11	Provide Operating Support		118,000,000		
T12	Provide Support to Certain Facilities		5,000,000		
T13	Temporary Support - Charter Oak		500,000		
T14	Temporary Support - CT State Universities		14,500,000		
T15	Temporary Support - Community Colleges		9,000,000		
T16					
T17	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
T18	Senior Food Vouchers	100,000	100,000		
T19	Farmer's Market Nutrition	100,000	100,000		
T20	Farm-to-School Grant	250,000	500,000		
T21	Food Insecurity Grants to Food Pantries and Food Banks	1,000,000			
T22	Oyster Cultch Management Program			100,000	100,000

T23	Container Gardens			2,000,000	
T24	<u>Nutrition Initiatives</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T25	<u>Haven's Harvest Food Program</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T26	<u>Food2Kids - Milford Food Insecurity Nonprofit</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T27	<u>WHEAT - West Haven Food Insecurity Nonprofit</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T28					
T29	DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES				
T30	Enhance Community Engagement Opportunities		2,000,000		
T31	Improve Camps		2,000,000		
T32	Respite Care for Family Caregivers	[3,000,000] <u>2,475,000</u>	-		
T33	One Time Stabilization Grant		20,000,000		
T34	Vista		500,000		
T35	[Northwestern Transportation Service Pilot]			[250,000]	[500,000]
T36	<u>Adelbrook Behavioral and Developmental Services</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T37	<u>Marrakesh Group Home</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T38					
T39	DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
T40	Beardsley Zoo	246,121	246,121		
T41	Amistad	200,000	200,000		
T42	Maritime Center Authority	196,295	196,295		
T43	Mystic Aquarium	177,603	177,603		<u>177,603</u>
T44	Music Haven	100,000	100,000		
T45	Norwalk Symphony	50,000	50,000		
T46	Riverfront Recapture	250,000	250,000		

T47	Connecticut Main Street Center	350,000	350,000		
T48	Middletown Downtown Business District	100,000	100,000		
T49	CRDA Economic Support for Venues	5,000,000	2,500,000		
T50	Working Cities Challenge	1,000,000	1,000,000		
T51	Charter Oak Temple Restoration Association	100,000	100,000		
T52	West Haven Veterans Museum	25,000	25,000		
T53	VFW Rocky Hill	15,000	15,000		
T54	Playhouse on Park	15,000	15,000		
T55	Family Justice Center	50,000	[50,000] <u>25,000</u>		
T56	East Hartford Little League	50,000			
T57	Hartford YMCA	1,000,000			
T58	ESF/Dream Camp of Hartford	100,000			
T59	Beta Iota Boule Foundation -Youth Services	100,000			
T60	Legacy Foundation of Hartford	100,000			
T61	Connecticut Center for Advanced Technologies	1,000,000			
T62	Middlesex YMCA	50,000			
T63	Shatterproof	100,000			
T64	Summer Experience at Connecticut's Top Venues	15,000,000			
T65	Statewide Marketing	7,107,000			
T66	Governor's Workforce Initiatives	70,000,000			
T67	CT Hospitality Industry Support	[30,000,000] <u>28,840,000</u>			
T68	[Regulatory Modernization]	[1,000,000]			
T69	[Historic Wooster Square Association]	[500,000]			
T70	Humane Commission/ Animal Shelter of New Haven	500,000			

T71	Ball and Sockets - Cheshire	200,000			
T72	Junta for Progressive Action	750,000			<u>200,000</u>
T73	International Festival of Arts and Ideas New Haven		200,000		
T74	CT Summer at the Museum Program		15,000,000	10,000,000	
T75	[CT Next]		[2,000,000]		
T76	<u>City of Hartford for Upper Albany Economic Development</u>				<u>1,700,000</u>
T77	Hartford YMCA Family Programming		500,000		
T78	Future, Inc.		1,300,000		
T79	Sons of Thunder		100,000		
T80	Youth Service Corp		1,100,000		
T81	Northside Institution Neighborhood Alliance - Historic Preservation		100,000		
T82	<u>Amistad Center for Arts and Culture</u>		200,000		
T83	Charter Oak Cultural Center		200,000		
T84	City Seed of New Haven		200,000		
T85	Beta Iota Boule Foundation		500,000		
T86	Legacy Foundation of Hartford		[500,000] <u>150,000</u>		
T87	Bartlem Park South		250,000		
T88	Team, Inc. - Derby		250,000		
T89	YWCA of Hartford		250,000		
T90	WBDC		250,000		
T91	Concat New Haven		250,000		
T92	Montville Parks and Rec Tennis Courts		500,000		
T93	Vietnam Memorial Cheshire		200,000		
T94	Norwich Historical Society		500,000		
T95	Friends of FOSRV		44,000		

T96	Dixwell Church Historic Preservation		2,000,000		
T97	Opportunities Industrialization Center		150,000		
T98	Bernard Buddy Jordan		50,000		
T99	Bridgeport Arts Cultural Council		50,000		
T100	McBride Foundation		100,000		
T101	Artreach		300,000		
T102	Ball and Sockets		400,000		
T103	Bridgeport Youth LaCrosse Academy		25,000		
T104	Cape Verdean Women's Association		25,000		
T105	Cardinal Shehan Center		250,000		
T106	Caribe		100,000		
T107	Cheshire - Plan for Municipal Parking Lot		150,000		
T108	Compass Youth Collaborative		350,000	350,000	<u>350,000</u>
T109	Dixwell Community Center		200,000		
T110	Emery Park		100,000		
T111	[Farnam Neighborhood House]		[100,000]		
T112	Flotilla 73, INC		5,000		
T113	Municipal Outdoor Recreation		4,200,000		
T114	Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises		50,000		
T115	Lebanon Pines		300,000		
T116	Madison Cultural Art		60,000		
T117	Minority Construction Council, Inc		100,000		
T118	Nellie McKnight Museum		25,000		
T119	Blue Hills Civic Association	500,000	500,000		
T120	IMHOTEP CT National Medical Association Society	200,000	200,000		

T121	Upper Albany Neighborhood Collaborative	125,000	125,000		
T122	Noah Webster		100,000		
T123	Norwalk International Cultural Exchange / NICE Festival		50,000		
T124	[Nutmeg Games]		[50,000]		
T125	Parenting Center - Stamford		250,000		
T126	Ridgefield Playhouse		100,000		
T127	Sisters at the Shore		50,000		<u>50,000</u>
T128	Taftville VFW Auxiliary		100,000		
T129	[The Knowlton]		[25,000]		
T130	The Legacy Foundation of Hartford, Inc	125,000	125,000	350,000	
T131	The Ridgefield Theatre Barn		250,000		
T132	Youth Business Initiative		50,000		
T133	CT Main Street			350,000	350,000
T134	Special Olympics			3,000,000	<u>150,000</u>
T135	[CCAT]			[500,000]	[500,000]
T136	Theaters			[3,500,000] <u>2,225,000</u>	[2,625,000]
T137	Masters Table Community Meals			5,000	
T138	Real Art Ways			100,000	
T139	New Britain Museum of Art			100,000	
T140	Hartford Stage			75,000	
T141	<u>Other Expenses - Farmington Ave [in Hartford]</u>			[1,800,000] <u>1,200,000</u>	
T142	Bushnell Theater			750,000	
T143	Life Health and Wellness Center			5,000	
T144	<u>Other Expenses - Municipal Outdoor Recreation in Hartford and Manchester</u>			4,500,000	[2,000,000] <u>1,000,000</u>
T145	Team, Inc			100,000	

T146	West Indian Foundation, Inc.			150,000	
T147	Lutz Childrens Museum			50,000	
T148	[Foundry 66]			[500,000]	
T149	<u>Connecticut Humanities</u>				<u>550,000</u>
T150	<u>Greater Hartford NAACP</u>				<u>500,000</u>
T151	<u>America 250</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T152	<u>Downtown Thursdays in Bridgeport</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T153	<u>East Hartford Career Quest Camp</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T154	<u>East Hartford Youth Sports</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T155	<u>River House Greenwich</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T156	<u>Community Gardens Trumbull</u>				<u>80,000</u>
T157	<u>Calendar House Capital Improvements Southington</u>				<u>99,700</u>
T158	<u>Twilight Wish Foundation</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T159	<u>Latino Community Services: Project Kiki</u>				<u>250,000</u>
T160	<u>Connecticut Science Center</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T161	<u>Forge City Works</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T162	<u>Angel of Edgewood</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T163	<u>AHB Nonprofit</u>				<u>250,000</u>
T164	<u>Baltic American Legion Purple Heart Pavilion</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T165	<u>Community Empowerment</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T166	<u>Friendship Service Center</u>				<u>300,000</u>
T167	<u>Grant Administrator</u>				<u>260,000</u>
T168	<u>Milford Boys and Girls Club Summer Programming</u>				<u>25,000</u>



T169	<u>Meriden Boys and Girls Club</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T170	<u>Mosaic Nonprofit</u>				<u>250,000</u>
T171	<u>Norwich First Congregational Church Infrastructure</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T172	<u>Norwich VFW Infrastructure</u>				<u>300,000</u>
T173	<u>Ridgefield Meeting House</u>				<u>55,000</u>
T174	<u>TEEEG Nonprofit</u>				<u>250,000</u>
T175	<u>Waterford Upstart</u>				<u>375,000</u>
T176	<u>West Hartford Vision Zero Action Plan</u>				<u>1,000,000</u>
T177	<u>United Way of Beacon Falls</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T178	<u>United Way of Naugatuck</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T179	<u>Trumbull Nature &amp; Arts Center</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T180	<u>Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T181	<u>Hoops &amp; Dreams</u>				<u>75,000</u>
T182	<u>Bridgeport Ballerz</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T183	<u>Colors of the World</u>				<u>10,000</u>
T184	<u>Elevate Bridgeport</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T185	<u>WVRA</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T186	<u>Mattatuck Museum</u>				<u>800,000</u>
T187	<u>Naugatuck Little League - Peter J. Foley</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T188	<u>Naugatuck Little League - Union City</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T189	<u>AGO - Consultants to Prepare for AI Regs</u>				<u>250,000</u>
T190	<u>Grants for Hospitals, Fire Departments, Schools to Integrate Algorithms and Utilize VR Training</u>				<u>600,000</u>

T191	<u>Stratford - Southend Community Center</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T192	<u>Bridgeport - Pop Warner Football League</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T193	<u>Bethlehem House Bridgeport/Stratford</u>				<u>30,000</u>
T194	<u>New Hope Missionary Baptist Church</u>				<u>40,000</u>
T195	<u>The Kennedy Collective</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T196	<u>Full Circle Youth Empowerment</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T197	<u>Eastend Popup Market</u>				<u>10,000</u>
T198	<u>East Haddam - I-Park Foundation</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T199	<u>Cheney Hall Foundation</u>				<u>250,000</u>
T200	<u>DECD Study</u>				<u>1,000,000</u>
T201	<u>RF Youth Boxing, Inc.</u>				<u>40,000</u>
T202	<u>Building One Community Corp</u>				<u>300,000</u>
T203	<u>INTEMPO Organization, Inc.</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T204	<u>SilverSource, Inc.</u>				<u>125,000</u>
T205	<u>HomeFront, Inc.</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T206	<u>Blue Hills</u>				<u>5,000,000</u>
T207	<u>Prosperity Foundation</u>				<u>1,300,000</u>
T208	<u>Newington Children's Theatre Company Capital Improvements</u>				<u>300,000</u>
T209	<u>Deming-Young Farm Foundation Barn Rehabilitation</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T210	<u>Middletown Park Pavilions</u>				<u>300,000</u>
T211	<u>Fixing Fathers One Dad at a Time, Inc.</u>				<u>75,000</u>
T212	<u>Hartford Police Athletic League</u>				<u>1,000,000</u>
T213	<u>Wethersfield - Keane Foundation</u>				<u>600,000</u>

T214	<u>Town of Wethersfield Tourism</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T215	<u>Heart and Purpose</u>				<u>60,000</u>
T216	<u>ARTE, Inc.</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T217	<u>BEDCO</u>				<u>350,000</u>
T218	<u>East Hartford Public Schools Career Training</u>				<u>300,000</u>
T219	<u>Lake Mohegan Playground Replacement Fairfield</u>				<u>75,000</u>
T220	<u>DECD Temporary Grants Administration Staff</u>				<u>575,000</u>
T221	<u>Stratford Civic Plaza</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T222					
T223	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
T224	Right to Read		12,860,000	12,860,000	
T225	Faith Acts Priority School Districts	5,000,000	5,000,000		
T226	CT Writing Project	79,750	79,750		
T227	Ascend Mentoring - Windsor	150,000	150,000		
T228	Women in Manufacturing - Platt Tech Regional Vocational Technical School	65,000	65,000		
T229	Elevate Bridgeport	200,000	200,000		
T230	Grant to RHAM Manufacturing Program	22,000	-		
T231	East Hartford Youth Services	200,000			
T232	[Student Achievement Through Opportunity]	[100,000]			
T233	Summer Camp Scholarships for Families	3,500,000			
T234	New Haven Police Athletic League			250,000	
T235	Magnet Schools - New Britain, New London			[3,500,000] <u>1,000,000</u>	
T236	Hamden Before and After School Programming	400,000			

T237	Hamden Pre-K Programming	100,000			
T238	Expand Support for Learner Engagement and Attendance Program (LEAP)		7,000,000	7,000,000	
T239	Increase College Opportunities Through Dual Enrollment		3,500,000	3,500,000	
T240	Provide Funding for the American School for the Deaf		1,115,000		
T241	Provide Funding to Support FAFSA Completion		500,000		
T242	Big Brothers / Big Sisters		2,000,000		
T243	Social Worker Grant SB 1		5,000,000		
T244	School Mental Health Workers		15,000,000		
T245	School Mental Health Services Grant		8,000,000		
T246	RESC Trauma Coordinators		1,200,000		
T247	ParaEducational Professional Development HB 5321		1,800,000		
T248	Leadership Education Athletic Partnership		400,000		
T249	Sphere Summer Program		500,000		
T250	Dream Camp Foundation		1,000,000		
T251	Keane Foundation		300,000		
T252	Greater Hartford YMCA		300,000		
T253	Free Meals for Students		65,000,000	16,000,000	
T254	Summer Enrichment Funds		8,000,000		
T255	YWCA of New Britain		200,000		
T256	FRLP/Direct Certification Census Assistance		200,000		
T257	Drug and Alcohol Counseling - Woodstock Academy		200,000		
T258	Hartford Knights		100,000		

T259	[BSL Educational Foundation]		[100,000]		
T260	Magnets - Tuition Coverage for 1 year		11,000,000		
T261	Bridgeport Education Fund		100,000		
T262	Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department		15,000		
T263	[Hall Neighborhood House]		[75,000]		
T264	New Haven Board of Education Adult Education Facility		500,000		
T265	New Haven Reads		50,000		
T266	Solar Youth		100,000		
T267	[Bullard-Havens Technical High School for Operating]		[50,000]		
T268	Education Workforce Development			[5,000,000] <u>1,500,000</u>	
T269	Teacher Residency			1,500,000	[1,500,000]
T270	Hartford Public Library - Flooding Restoration			1,795,000	
T271	[CERC Public Transition Program Report]			[300,000]	
T272	<u>Ellsworth School Natural Gas Conversion</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T273	<u>MLK Scholarship Fund</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T274	<u>Sound Waters Summer Camp</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T275	<u>South Windsor High School Chem Lab</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T276	<u>Uniforms Grassroots Academy</u>				<u>8,000</u>
T277	<u>Wilton High School Dishwasher/Utensils</u>				<u>20,000</u>
T278	<u>Waterbury Robotics</u>				<u>400,000</u>
T279	<u>Colchester - Bacon Academy Carpet Replacement</u>				<u>200,000</u>

T280	<u>Stamford Public Education Foundation</u>				<u>40,000</u>
T281	<u>Cromwell Public Schools - Social, Emotional, and Behavioral support consultant</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T282	<u>Bloomfield Public Schools Playground Improvements</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T283	<u>Windham Public Schools</u>				<u>140,000</u>
T284					
T285	DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION				
T286	Swimming Lessons to DEEP	500,000	500,000	[500,000]	
T287	Health and Safety Barriers to Housing Remediation	7,000,000	-		
T288	Efficient Energy Retrofit for Housing	7,000,000	-		
T289	Quinnipiac Avenue Canoe Launch	250,000			
T290	Outdoor Recreation with \$1,000,000 for East Rock Park and \$1,000,000 for West Rock Park for maintenance, repair and renovations		[22,500,000] <u>10,667,430</u>		
T291	Engineering Study for Dam Removal on Papermill Pond		[500,000] <u>192,317</u>		
T292	Land Trust Boardwalk Installation		200,000		
T293	Clinton Town Beach		55,000		
T294	Crystal Lake & Bob Tedford Park Renovations		50,000		
T295	Ludlowe Park		75,000		
T296	Lighthouse Park		500,000		

T297	Park Commission Edgewood Park		800,000		
T298	[Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Management]			[5,000,000]	
T299	Accessibility Equipment for State Parks			500,000	
T300	Climate Equity Urban Forestry			[500,000] <u>209,140</u>	
T301	Case Mountain Bridge Replacement and Masonry			330,000	
T302	Nature Center at Keney Park			200,000	
T303	<u>Climate Initiatives</u>				<u>650,000</u>
T304	<u>Milford Public Safety - Fire, Boat, Jetski, Fire Hydrant, Road Improvements Towards Boat Ramp</u>				<u>600,000</u>
T305	<u>Clinton Town Beach</u>				<u>250,000</u>
T306	<u>Charter Oak Park West - Expansion (Manchester)</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T307	<u>Charter Oak Park (Manchester)</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T308	<u>Farmington - Westwoods Recreation Complex Pickleball Courts</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T309	<u>Farmington - Westwoods Recreation Complex Clubhouse Improvements</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T310	<u>Lighthouse Point Park</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T311	<u>East Shore Park</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T312	<u>Fort Hale Park</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T313	<u>Shelton Football Field</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T314	<u>Shelton Soccer Field</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T315					
T316	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING				

T317	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen	200,000			
T318	Hands on Hartford	100,000			
T319	Homeless Youth Transitional Housing		1,000,000		
T320	Homeless Services		5,000,000		<u>3,500,000</u>
T321	Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance		500,000		
T322	Support for Affordable Housing		50,000,000		
T323	Flexible Funding Subsidy Pool for Housing and Homeless Support			2,000,000	
T324	Housing Support Services			1,000,000	1,000,000
T325	Rapid Rehousing			1,000,000	
T326	Housing Initiatives			[10,000,000] <u>5,200,000</u>	
T327	Rocky Hill Senior and Disabled Housing			55,000	
T328	<u>Aging Homelessness Pilot - South Park Shelter</u>				<u>170,000</u>
T329	<u>Parsonage Cottage Roof</u>				<u>154,320</u>
T330	<u>50 Nye Road Improvements</u>				<u>500,000</u>
T331	<u>Homelessness</u>				<u>1,000,000</u>
T332	<u>Columbus House Shelter</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T333	<u>New Reach/Life Haven Shelter for Women and Children</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T334					
T335	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH				
T336	DPH Loan Repayment	500,000	5,100,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
T337	Obesity & COVID-19 Study	[500,000] <u>104,000</u>	[500,000]		
T338	Cornell Scott - Hill Health	[250,000] <u>204,386</u>			
T339	Community Violence Prevention Programs		1,000,000		



T340	Promote Healthy and Lead-Safe [Homes] Environments		20,000,000	[10,000,000]	
T341	Provide Funding to Address and Respond to an Increase in Homicides		1,500,000		
T342	School Based Health Centers		10,000,000		
T343	Storage and Maintenance Costs of COVID 19 Preparedness Supplies		325,000		
T344	CCMC Pediatrician Training		150,000		
T345	Gaylord Hospital Electronic Records		2,600,000		
T346	HB 5272 - Menstrual Products		2,000,000		
T347	Pilot Program for Promoting Social Workers and Pediatrician Offices		[2,500,000] <u>789,744</u>		
T348	ICHC School Based Health Centers		604,000		
T349	Durational Loan Manager		100,000		
T350	[Connecticut Public Health Association]		[100,000]		
T351	Child Psychiatrist Workforce Development		2,000,000		
T352	CT VIP Street Outreach		300,000		
T353	E-cigarette and Marijuana Prevention Pilot Program conducted by Yale to be in Stamford, Milford, East Haven		300,000		
T354	<u>Planned Parenthood</u>				<u>3,000,000</u>
T355	<u>Men's Health</u>				<u>375,000</u>
T356	<u>Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach</u>				<u>475,000</u>
T357	<u>Printed Materials on Intimate Partner Violence</u>				<u>60,000</u>
T358	<u>Center for Excellence</u>				<u>240,000</u>
T359	<u>Data System</u>				<u>20,000</u>

T360	<u>Data Analysis</u>				<u>20,000</u>
T361	<u>Nursing Home Survey Teams</u>				<u>700,000</u>
T362	<u>DPH Initiatives</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T363	<u>School Based health Care</u>				<u>800,000</u>
T364	<u>Fair Haven Community Health Center</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T365	<u>Cheshire Health District</u>				<u>350,000</u>
T366	<u>Branford East Shore District Health Department Water Testing</u>				<u>10,000</u>
T367					
T368	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
T369	Groton Water Taxi	100,000	100,000		
T370	Free Bus Service for July and August 2022		5,000,000		
T371	Outfit M8 Rail Cars with 5G		[2,750,000] <u>242,866</u>		
T372	Extend Free Bus Service		18,900,000		
T373	[Replace Infrastructure Match]		[150,000,000]		
T374	Free Bus Public Transportation Services	8,100,000			
T375	[IDD Needs Transit Study]		[200,000]		
T376	[IDD Non-Medical Transit Study]		[100,000]		
T377	[Bus Stop Shelter Study]		[75,000]		
T378	<u>Car Seat Pilot</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T379	<u>Farmington Dial-a-Ride Bus</u>				<u>85,000</u>
T380	<u>Shoreline East</u>				<u>5,000,000</u>
T381	<u>Regional Traffic Fatality Response Equipment</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T382	<u>Rocky Hill - beach Road Flood Remediation Design Work</u>				<u>250,000</u>

T383					
T384	LABOR DEPARTMENT				
T385	Domestic Worker Grants	200,000	200,000		
T386	Opportunities for Long Term Unemployed Returning Citizens	750,000	750,000		
T387	TBICO Danbury Women's Employment Program	25,000	25,000		
T388	Boys and Girls Club Workforce Development - Milford	50,000	50,000		
T389	Women's Mentoring Network - Strategic Life Skills Workshop	5,000	5,000		
T390	Senior Jobs Bank - West Hartford	10,000	10,000		
T391	Greater Bridgeport OIC Job Development and Training Program	250,000	100,000		
T392	Unemployment Trust Fund	155,000,000	-		
T393	Unemployment Support	15,000,000			
T394	Reduce State UI Tax on Employers		40,000,000		
T395	CDL Training [at Community Colleges]		1,000,000		
T396	Bridgeport Workplace		750,000		
T397	YouthBuild		750,000		
T398	Infrastructure for MFT-Regional Workforce Training Initiative			800,000	
T399	Build With Our Hands			500,000	
T400	Temporary UI Staff			2,500,000	
T401	Youth Employment for Regional Workforce Boards			500,000	
T402	<u>Waterbury OIC</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T403	<u>Christian Community Action</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T404	<u>Bloomfield Workforce</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T405	<u>Platform to Employment</u>				<u>500,000</u>

T406	<u>Implementation of Paid Sick</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T407					
T408	LABOR DEPARTMENT - BANKING FUND				
T409	Customized Services for Mortgage Crisis Jobs Training Program	550,000	550,000		
T410					
T411	SECRETARY OF STATE				
T412	Voting Access			1,680,447	1,379,128
T413	<u>Early Voting</u>				<u>1,000,000</u>
T414					
T415	OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD				
T416	Care4Kids Parent Fees	5,300,000	-		
T417	Parents Fees for 3-4 Year Old's at State Funded Childcare Centers	3,500,000	-		
T418	Universal Home Visiting	8,000,000	2,300,000		
T419	Expand Access - Apprenticeship		5,000,000		
T420	Care4Kids		10,000,000	35,000,000	<u>18,800,000</u>
T421	Early Childhood - Facility Renovation and Construction		15,000,000		
T422	Capitol Child Day Care Center		75,000		
T423	Childcare Apprenticeship Program		1,500,000		
T424	School Readiness		30,000,000		
T425	Start Early - Early Childhood Development Initiatives		20,000,000		
T426	Cradle to Career			150,000	
T427	Childhood Collaboratives				2,000,000
T428	<u>Smart Start</u>				<u>1,200,000</u>
T429	<u>SB-5</u>				<u>1,100,000</u>
T430	<u>New London Early Child Learning Center at BP</u>				<u>2,000,000</u>

T431	<u>Capitol Child Development Center</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T432	<u>Tri-share PILOT Program in Eastern Connecticut</u>				<u>1,800,000</u>
T433					
T434	OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION				
T435	Roberta Willis Need-Based Scholarships	20,000,000	40,000,000	18,000,000	
T436	Summer College Corps	[1,500,000] <u>1,087,734</u>	-		
T437	Higher Education Mental Health Services		[3,000,000] <u>2,906,905</u>		
T438					
T439	OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT				
T440	Private Providers	30,000,000	30,000,000		<u>50,000,000</u>
T441	State Employee Essential Workers and National Guard Premium Pay	20,000,000	15,000,000		
T442	Audits of ARPA Recipients		1,250,000		
T443	COVID Response Measures		[34,900,000] <u>14,500,000</u>		
T444	Provide Funding for Medical Debt Erasure			6,500,000	
T445	Housing Study			250,000	
T446	Provide Private Provider Support - One Time Payments		20,000,000		
T447	Evidence Based Evaluation of Initiatives		928,779		
T448	Support ARPA Grant Administration		800,000		
T449	Statewide GIS Capacity for Broadband Mapping/Data and Other Critical Services		9,532,000		
T450	[Invest Connecticut]		-	[1,666,331]	
T451	Bethany Town Hall Auditorium		350,000		

T452	Bethany Town Hall Windows		350,000		
T453	Durham Town Website		25,000		
T454	[Hall Memorial Library Reading and Meditation Garden]		[66,626]		
T455	Orange Fire Department Clock purchase		[10,000] <u>9,388</u>		
T456	Resources to develop a combined Grammar School Support between Hampton and Scotland		25,000		
T457	Senior Center Outdoor Fitness Area - Ellington		57,418		
T458	South Windsor Riverfront Linear Park Study and Planning		100,000		
T459	Valley Regional High School Tennis Courts		300,000		
T460	Lebanon Historical Society		300,000		
T461	Bloomfield Social and Youth Services		100,000		
T462	Bridgeport - Revenue Replacement		2,200,000		
T463	[Funding for Grants and Contracts Specialist Positions for State Agency Support]			[2,868,000]	
T464	Provide Funding to Stamford			1,500,000	
T465	IDD Employment Opportunities Study			50,000	50,000
T466	Level of Needs and Statutory Definitions Study			100,000	100,000
T467	CSCU System Study			250,000	
T468	<u>Vocational Village</u>				<u>8,929,000</u>
T469	<u>Municipal Aid - Danbury</u>				<u>12,000,000</u>
T470	<u>Municipal Aid - Bridgeport</u>				<u>7,000,000</u>

T471	<u>Municipal Aid - Waterbury</u>				<u>5,500,000</u>
T472	<u>Municipal Aid - New Haven</u>				<u>1,500,000</u>
T473	<u>Municipal Aid - Norwalk</u>				<u>5,000,000</u>
T474	<u>Municipal Aid - Meriden</u>				<u>500,000</u>
T475	<u>Municipal Aid - City of Stamford</u>				<u>2,000,000</u>
T476	<u>Working Cities</u>				<u>1,000,000</u>
T477	<u>Windham</u>				<u>1,200,000</u>
T478	<u>Manchester</u>				<u>900,000</u>
T479	<u>Glastonbury</u>				<u>450,000</u>
T480	<u>New Britain</u>				<u>4,000,000</u>
T481	<u>Ansonia</u>				<u>750,000</u>
T482	<u>Transit Oriented Development Consultant</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T483	<u>Weston Emergency Operations</u>				<u>500,000</u>
T484	<u>Grants to Nonprofits to Provide AI Training and Bridge Digital Divide</u>				<u>125,000</u>
T485	<u>Newington - Town Signage Construction</u>				<u>45,000</u>
T486	<u>Farmington Town Hall Council Chambers A/V Improvements</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T487	<u>Farmington highway &amp; Grounds Dept. P/T Seasonal Workers</u>				<u>20,000</u>
T488	<u>Bloomfield Fire Alarm / Communication Systems Upgrades</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T489	<u>Hartford - Add Two Zoning Enforcement Officers</u>				<u>500,000</u>

T490	<u>Hartford - Establish a Community Development Corporation</u>				<u>250,000</u>
T491	<u>Lyme Public Library and Town Hall HVAC</u>				<u>250,000</u>
T492	<u>Gatison Park Ansonia</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T493	<u>Glastonbury Little League Riverfront Park/Heroes Field LED Lights</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T494	<u>New Haven Youth at Work</u>				<u>1,000,000</u>
T495					
T496	DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES				
T497	IT Modernization		3,000,000		
T498					
T499	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT				
T500	Higher Education - UConn	20,000,000	5,000,000		
T501	Temporary Support		33,200,000	42,200,000	[11,100,000] <u>68,800,000</u>
T502	[Social Media Impact Study]		[500,000]		
T503	Puerto Rican Studies Initiative UConn Hartford		500,000		
T504					
T505					
T506	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER				
T507	Revenue Impact	35,000,000			
T508	University of Connecticut Health Center	38,000,000	-		
T509	Temporary Support		72,700,000	51,500,000	[25,700,000] <u>48,000,000</u>
T510					
T511	STATE LIBRARY				
T512	[Mary Cheney Library]		[500,000]		
T513	<u>Stratford Library</u>				<u>25,000</u>



T514	<u>Greenwich Library Elevators</u>				<u>400,000</u>
T515	<u>Ferguson Library</u>				<u>400,000</u>
T516					
T517	DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES				
T518	Fostering Community	10,000	[10,000]		
T519	Casa Boricua-Meriden	50,000	50,000		
T520	Children's Mental Health Initiatives	10,500,000			
T521	Child First	5,100,000	5,100,000		
T522	Expand Mobile Crisis Intervention Services		8,600,000	8,600,000	8,600,000
T523	Support Additional Urgent Crisis Centers and Sub-Acute Crisis Stabilization Units		21,000,000		
T524	Support for Improved Outcomes for Youth (YSBs and JRBs)		2,000,000		
T525	Social Determinant Mental Health Fund		1,000,000	1,000,000	
T526	Family Assistance Grants		1,000,000		
T527	Expand Access Mental Health		990,000		
T528	Resource Guide		50,000		
T529	Peer to Peer Training for Students		150,000		
T530	Respite for non-DCF Children		[85,000] <u>84,996</u>		
T531	Children in Placement, Inc.		25,000		
T532	Girls for Technology		100,000		
T533	R-Kids		100,000		
T534	<u>Children's Behavioral Health</u>				<u>10,000,000</u>
T535	<u>Urgent Crisis Centers</u>				<u>7,000,000</u>
T536	<u>Middletown Office</u>				<u>667,856</u>
T537					
T538	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT				

T539	Mothers Against Violence	25,000	25,000		
T540	Legal Representation for Tenant Eviction	10,000,000	10,000,000		<u>1,000,000</u>
T541	New Haven Police Activities League	100,000			
T542	Provide Funding to Build Out the Juvenile Intake Custody and Probable Cause Applications		377,742	363,752	
T543	Provide Funding to Continue Temporary Staffing for the Foreclosure Mediation Program		3,410,901	3,444,293	
T544	Provide Funding to Enhance Contracts for Direct Service Partnership for Households and Families		200,000	200,000	
T545	Provide Funding to Enhance Technology for Citations and Hearings in the Criminal Infractions Bureau		606,915		
T546	Provide Funding to Enhance the Department's Case Management and Scheduler Application		1,382,900		
T547	Provide Funding to Establish Video Conferencing for Municipal Stations for Bail and Support Services		60,000		
T548	Provide Funding to Expand Housing Opportunities for Individuals on Bail		2,915,614	2,915,614	
T549	Provide Funding to Hire Assistant Clerks and Family Relations Counselors to Reduce Family and Support Matter Case Backlogs		3,294,851	3,294,851	

T550	Provide Funding to Support Application Development for Monitor Note-Taking and Recording		923,467	226,337	
T551	Provide Increased Funding for Victim Service Providers		14,865,300	13,175,000	20,000,000
T552	Provide Remote Equipment to Reduce Child Support Backlog		[121,600] <u>121,599</u>		
T553	Inspire Basketball		[2,000,000] <u>1,900,000</u>		
T554	Children's Law Center		190,000		
T555	Brother Carl Hardrick Institute - Violence Prevention		400,000		
T556	Community Resources for Justice (Family Reentry)		300,000		
T557	Equipment to Livestream Supreme Court Proceedings			[350,000] <u>50,182</u>	
T558	Modernize and Upgrade IT and Courthouse Security			1,250,000	
T559	Family Re-Entry of New Haven			350,000	
T560	<u>Lawyers for Children</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T561	<u>Police Activity Youth Program</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T562	<u>Ball Headz</u>				<u>30,000</u>
T563					
T564	DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION				
T565	TRUE Unit - Cheshire CI	500,000	500,000		
T566	WORTH Program York CI	250,000	250,000		
T567	Vocational Village Dept Corrections	[20,000,000] <u>8,796,000</u>	-		
T568					
T569	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES				
T570	Fair Haven Clinic	10,000,000	-		

T571	[Workforce Development, Education and Training]	[1,000,000]			
T572	Nursing Home Facility Support	[10,000,000] <u>9,529,201</u>			
T573	MyCT Resident One Stop	2,500,000			
T574	New Reach Life Haven Shelter	500,000			
T575	Mary Wade	750,000			
T576	Community Action Agencies	5,000,000			
T577	Expand Medical/Psychiatric Inpatient Unit at Connecticut Children's Medical Center		15,000,000		
T578	Provide Additional Supports for Victims of Domestic Violence		2,900,000		
T579	Provide Support for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Services		5,000,000		4,000,000
T580	Strengthen Family Planning		2,000,000		
T581	Community Action Agencies - Community Health Workers	3,000,000	4,000,000		
T582	[Charter Oak Urgent Care]		[100,000]		
T583	[Charter Oak Health Care]			[230,000]	
T584	ROCA		500,000		
T585	Waterbury Seed Funds for Wheeler Clinic		650,000		
T586	Provide Support for Residential Care Homes (RCH)		3,700,000		
T587	Brain Injury Alliance of CT		300,000		
T588	Hartford Communities that Care		500,000		<u>200,000</u>
T589	Hebrew Senior Care		150,000		

T590	[Connecticut Health Foundation]		[500,000]		
T591	Health Equity Solutions		500,000		
T592	CT Oral Health Initiative		300,000		
T593	Day Kimball Hospital		5,000,000		
T594	Mothers United Against Violence		300,000		
T595	Fair Haven		10,000,000		
T596	Adult Day		3,000,000		
T597	HRA		150,000		
T598	Hands on Hartford		100,000		<u>100,000</u>
T599	Human Resources Agency of New Britain		300,000		
T600	Teeg		200,000		
T601	Client Support Funds - Community Action Agencies			[10,000,000] <u>3,000,000</u>	
T602	[Two Months of Premium Assistance under Access Health CT]			[10,000,000]	
T603	Capital Funding for RCHs Grandfathered under Outdated Codes			5,000,000	
T604	Nursing Home Specialized Unit Infrastructure Fund			[4,000,000] <u>3,200,000</u>	
T605	Migrant Support			[3,250,000] <u>1,050,000</u>	
T606	[Supports for Public Health Emergency Unwind]			[1,000,000]	
T607	[Support HUSKY Eligibility]			[150,000]	
T608	Provide Capital Grants for Mobile Vans for Free Health Clinics			500,000	
T609	Provide Funding for Provider Rate Study and Implementation Strategy			1,000,000	2,000,000
T610	Day Kimball Hospital			8,000,000	[2,000,000] <u>4,000,000</u>

T611	Hospital Based Autism Service Pilot			500,000	500,000
T612	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Supplemental Benefits			[13,500,000] <u>8,563,557</u>	
T613	Operation Fuel, Inc. Supplemental Benefits			[3,500,000] <u>1,750,000</u>	
T614	<u>Harriot Home Health Services</u>				<u>2,000,000</u>
T615	<u>Connecticut Childrens Medical Center</u>				<u>500,000</u>
T616	<u>Home Care Worker Registry</u>				<u>481,370</u>
T617	<u>Presumptive Eligibility</u>				<u>500,000</u>
T618	<u>Chester Adult Day, All Care LLC, All Care of East Hartford</u>				<u>300,000</u>
T619	<u>Community Renewal Team Meals on Wheels</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T620	<u>SNAP Software</u>				<u>500,000</u>
T621	<u>Center for Medicare Advocacy</u>				<u>20,000</u>
T622	<u>MedConnect Income and Asset Limits</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T623	<u>SB-1</u>				<u>1,000,000</u>
T624	<u>Grant to Develop Algorithms to Reduce Health Inequities</u>				<u>600,000</u>
T625	<u>Community Guidance Clinic</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T626	<u>Kuhn Employment Opportunities</u>				<u>30,000</u>
T627					
T628	LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT				
T629	CTN	[1,000,000] <u>337,050</u>	-		
T630	[Review of Title 7]		[27,000]		
T631	[Strategic Higher Education Study]			[250,000]	

T632	<u>Commission on Health Equity in Public Health</u>				<u>149,885</u>
T633					
T634	DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES				
T635	DMHAS Private Providers	25,000,000	18,660,000		
T636	Enhance Mobile Crisis Services- Case Management		3,200,000		1,600,000
T637	Enhance Respite Bed Services for Forensic Population		4,292,834		
T638	Expand Availability of Privately-Provided Mobile Crisis Services		6,000,000		3,000,000
T639	Fund Supportive Services to Accompany New Housing Vouchers		1,125,000	1,125,000	1,125,000
T640	Provide Mental Health Peer Supports in Hospital Emergency Departments		2,400,000		
T641	Implement Electronic Health Records		[16,000,000] <u>3,292,615</u>		
T642	Public Awareness Grants		1,000,000		
T643	Peer-to-Peer		500,000		
T644	United Services Pilot on Crisis Intervention		200,000		
T645	Clifford Beers		200,000		
T646	The Pathfinders Association		100,000		
T647	Fellowship Place New Haven		150,000		
T648	Enhance Respite Bed Services for Forensic Population				954,567
T649	<u>Advanced Behavioral Health</u>				<u>900,000</u>
T650					
T651	DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES				

T652	Blind and Deaf Community Supports	2,000,000			
T653	Senior Centers		[10,000,000] <u>6,500,000</u>		
T654	Meals on Wheels		3,000,000		
T655	Respite Care for Alzheimers		1,000,000		
T656	Area Agencies on Aging		4,000,000		
T657	Avon Senior Center		100,000		
T658	Dixwell Senior Center		100,000		
T659	Eisenhower Senior Center		100,000		
T660	Orange Senior Center		100,000		
T661	Sullivan Senior Center		100,000		
T662	Elderly Nutrition			2,250,000	
T663	Prevalence of Autism Study			10,000	
T664	<u>Establish Deaf Blind Bureau</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T665	<u>Area Agencies on Aging Awareness Program</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T666	<u>Alzheimer's Awareness Program</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T667	<u>Ellington Vehicle Purchase</u>				<u>99,778</u>
T668	<u>Nutmeg Rides</u>				<u>225,000</u>
T669	<u>Bristol Senior Center Parking Lot</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T670	<u>Newtown Transportation Program for Seniors</u>				<u>100,000</u>
T671					
T672	DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION				
T673	Provide Funding for a Mobile Crime Laboratory		995,000		
T674	Provide Funding for the Gun Tracing Task Force		2,500,000		



T675	Provide Funding to State and Local Police Departments to Address Auto Theft and Violence		2,600,000	2,600,000	
T676	Upgrade Forensic Technology at the State Crime Lab		1,500,000	1,343,000	
T677	Rural Roads Speed Enforcement		2,600,000		
T678	Expand Violent Crimes Task Force		1,108,000		
T679	[Online Abuse Grant SB 5]		[500,000]		
T680	[Fire Data Collection]		[300,000]		
T681	[P.O.S.T. High School Recruitment Program for Police]		[200,000]		
T682	Poquetanuck Volunteer Fire Department		150,000		
T683	Preston City Volunteer Fire Department		150,000		
T684	Clean Slate Phase 2 Information Technology Needs			1,500,000	
T685	Sensory Kit Pilot			36,000	
T686	<u>Orange Volunteer Fire Association</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T687	<u>Stamford Police Activities, Inc.</u>				<u>300,000</u>
T688	<u>Middletown Fire Training Facility</u>				<u>375,000</u>
T689	<u>Essex Fire Department</u>				<u>150,000</u>
T690	<u>Rocky Hill Volunteer Fire Department</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T691					
T692	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES				
T693	Provide Payments to Filers Eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit		[42,250,000] <u>42,249,865</u>		
T694	[ABLE Accounts Software]			[75,000]	

T695	<u>Tobacco Dealer Regulation</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T696					
T697	DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE				
T698	Provide Funding to Reduce Court Case Backlogs Through Temporary Prosecutors and administrative staff		2,199,879	2,126,550	
T699					
T700	OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY				
T701	Improve Data Collection and Integration with HIE		500,000	650,000	
T702	Study Behavioral Health Coverage by Private Insurers		200,000		
T703	Payment Parity Study		[655,000] <u>595,205</u>		
T704	Telehealth Study		300,000		
T705					
T706	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER				
T707	Testing and Other COVID-Related Expenditures		860,667		
T708					
T709	PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION				
T710	Provide Funding to Reduce Court Backlogs Through Temporary Public Defenders		2,023,821	1,956,360	
T711					
T712	[POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL]				
T713	[Time Limited Police Loan Forgiveness]		[1,000,000]		
T714					

T715	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES				
T716	[Support School Air Quality]		[75,000,000]		
T717	Interagency Portal			50,000	
T718	[Capital Area Heating System Study]			[2,000,000]	
T719					
T720	OFFICE OF WORKFORCE STRATEGY				
T721	[HVAC Training Agency]		[300,000]		
T722	<u>Climate Transition Plan</u>				<u>200,000</u>
T723					
T724	DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS				
T725	<u>Fine and Performing Art Therapy Program</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T726					
T727	OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR				
T728	<u>Rell Center</u>				<u>25,000</u>
T729					
T730	OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER				
T731	<u>Hartford Sewage System Repair and Improvement Fund</u>				<u>4,000,000</u>
T732	<u>Drug Discount Card Awareness</u>				<u>50,000</u>
T733					
T734	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION				
T735	<u>Implement New Cannabis Regulations</u>				<u>500,000</u>

12       Sec. 2. Section 28 of public act 23-204 is amended to read as follows  
13       *(Effective from passage):*

14 The unexpended balance of funds appropriated in section 1 of [this  
15 act] public act 23-204 to the Labor Department, for the Connecticut  
16 Youth Employment Program, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,  
17 shall not lapse on June 30, 2024, and shall be carried forward and made  
18 available for the same purpose during the fiscal year ending June 30,  
19 2025, provided \$250,000 of such unexpended balance of funds shall be  
20 allocated to Capital Workforce Partners for administration relating to  
21 the establishment of new programming.

22 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
23 sections 14 and 15 of public act 23-204, the Secretary of the Office of  
24 Policy and Management shall not reduce expenditures, allotment  
25 requisitions or allotments in force concerning the State Treasurer, the  
26 Secretary of the State, the State Comptroller or the Attorney General in  
27 order to achieve the amounts described in said sections during the fiscal  
28 year ending June 30, 2025.

29 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
30 subsection (a) of section 4-87 of the general statutes, for the fiscal year  
31 ending June 30, 2025, the maximum amount the Governor may transfer  
32 to or from any specific appropriation within a budgeted agency  
33 pursuant to said subsection, without the consent of the Finance  
34 Advisory Committee, shall be three hundred fifty thousand dollars or  
35 twenty-five per cent of any such specific appropriation, whichever is  
36 less. No maximum amount shall apply to transfers made from  
37 appropriations for fringe benefits to the operating funds of any  
38 constituent unit of the state system of higher education.

39 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Governor may transfer  
40 any specific appropriation, or portion thereof, made to any budgeted  
41 agency pursuant to sections 1 to 13, inclusive, of public act 23-204, with  
42 the consent of the Finance Advisory Committee, to any other agency for  
43 the purpose of funding the actuarially determined employer  
44 contribution for the (1) State Employees Retirement Fund pursuant to  
45 section 5-156a of the general statutes, (2) the Teachers' Retirement Fund

46 pursuant to section 10-183z of the general statutes, or (3) the retirement  
47 system for judges, family support magistrates and administrative law  
48 judges pursuant to section 51-41d of the general statutes. Notification of  
49 all transfers made shall be provided to the joint standing committee of  
50 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
51 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and the Director of the  
52 Office of Fiscal Analysis.

53 Sec. 5. Section 15 of public act 23-204 is repealed and the following is  
54 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

55 (a) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may make  
56 reductions in executive branch expenditures, for Personal Services, in  
57 the General Fund for the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2024, [and  
58 June 30, 2025,] in order to reduce expenditures by \$80,000,000 during  
59 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. [, and by \$129,000,000 during the  
60 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.]

61 (b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may make  
62 reductions in executive branch expenditures in the General Fund for the  
63 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in order to reduce expenditures by  
64 \$129,000,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

65 Sec. 6. (*Effective January 1, 2025*) To the extent that there are funds  
66 designated for the state pursuant to the provisions of section 602 of  
67 Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-  
68 2, as amended from time to time, that are (1) obligated for a use  
69 allowable under said section by December 31, 2024, but not expended,  
70 or (2) obligated by December 31, 2024, but expended for a use that is  
71 determined to be unallowable under said act, the Secretary of the Office  
72 of Policy and Management may reallocate and reobligate such funds to  
73 any use allowable under said section.

74 Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or after October 1, 2024, to the  
75 extent that there are funds allocated pursuant to the provisions of  
76 section 41 of special act 21-15, as amended by section 306 of public act

77 21-2 of the June special session, section 3 of special act 22-2, section 10 of  
78 public act 22-118, section 1 of public act 22-146, section 2 of public act  
79 22-1 of the November special session, section 1 of public act 23-1, section  
80 48 of public act 23-204, section 1 of special act 24-1, and section 1 of this  
81 act, that the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management  
82 reasonably believes will not be obligated by December 31, 2024, or  
83 expended by December 31, 2025, and if the Comptroller's last  
84 cumulative monthly financial statement before October 1, 2024,  
85 concerning the state's General Fund, issued under subsection (a) of  
86 section 3-115 of the general statutes, projects a General Fund deficit  
87 greater than one per cent of the total of General Fund appropriations,  
88 the secretary shall reallocate such funds to resolve agency deficiencies.  
89 If no such deficit is projected, or if such funds remain after satisfying  
90 such deficit the secretary shall reallocate \$40,000,000 of such funds as  
91 follows: (1) \$20,000,000 to the Connecticut State Colleges and  
92 Universities, (2) \$10,000,000 to The University of Connecticut, and (3)  
93 \$10,000,000 to The University of Connecticut Health Center. If the  
94 secretary determines there are less than \$40,000,000 of such funds  
95 available for reallocation, the secretary shall reduce the amounts  
96 described in subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this subsection  
97 proportionately. If the secretary determines there are more than  
98 \$40,000,000 of such funds available for reallocation and there is no such  
99 projected deficit, the secretary shall reallocate such remaining funds for  
100 any other allowable use under section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the  
101 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to  
102 time. For the purposes of this section, "obligated" has the same meaning  
103 as provided in 31 CFR 35.2, as amended from time to time.

104 (b) Not later than ten days before any such reallocation described in  
105 subsection (a) of this section, the secretary shall submit a list of funds to  
106 be reallocated and the uses for which such funds are to be reallocated to  
107 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
108 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state  
109 agencies.

110       Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) Up to \$3,000,000 of the unexpended  
111 balance of funds appropriated to Legislative Management, for Minor  
112 Capital Improvements, in section 1 of public act 23-204 for the fiscal year  
113 ending June 30, 2024, shall not lapse on June 30, 2024, and shall be made  
114 available for the same purpose during the fiscal year ending June 30,  
115 2025.

116       Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) Up to \$100,000 of the unexpended  
117 balance of funds appropriated to Legislative Management, for Statues,  
118 in section 1 of public act 23-204, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,  
119 shall not lapse on June 30, 2024, and shall be made available during the  
120 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to support removal of the John Mason  
121 statue from the state Capitol building.

122       Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) The unexpended balance carried  
123 forward and transferred to the Department of Emergency Services and  
124 Public Protection, for Other Expenses, by subdivision (12) of subsection  
125 (b) of section 29 of special act 21-15, and section 308 of public act 21-2 of  
126 the June special session, and subdivision (12) of subsection (b) of section  
127 12 of public act 22-118, and subsection (d) of section 41 of public act 23-  
128 204, shall not lapse on June 30, 2024, and such funds shall continue to be  
129 available for expenditure for the purpose of Marlborough Fire  
130 Department facility upgrades and shall also be available for equipment  
131 at such facility for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

132       Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Up to \$120,000 of the unexpended  
133 balance of funds appropriated to Commission on Women, Children,  
134 Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, for Personal Services, in section 1 of  
135 public act 23-204 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, shall not lapse  
136 on June 30, 2024, and shall be made available during the fiscal year  
137 ending June 30, 2025, to support staff positions.

138       (b) Up to \$50,000 of the unexpended balance of funds appropriated  
139 to Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity,  
140 for Other Expenses, in section 1 of public act 23-204 for the fiscal year

141 ending June 30, 2024, shall not lapse on June 30, 2024, and shall be made  
142 available during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to support a study  
143 on community-based bereavement and grief counseling services.

144       Sec. 12. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Notwithstanding the provisions of title  
145 2 of the general statutes and any personnel policies adopted pursuant to  
146 said provisions, the Office of Legislative Management shall apply terms  
147 consistent with those contained in the SEBAC 2022 Wage Re-Opener  
148 Agreement between the state and the State Employees Bargaining  
149 Agent Coalition, ratified on March 29, 2024, and approved pursuant to  
150 subsection (f) of section 5-278 of the general statutes, and applicable to  
151 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to nonpartisan legislative  
152 employees for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

153       Sec. 13. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
154 subsection (j) of section 45a-82 of the general statutes, a balance of not  
155 less than twelve million dollars in the Probate Court Administration  
156 Fund on June 30, 2024, shall remain in said fund and shall not be  
157 transferred to the General Fund, regardless of whether such balance is  
158 in excess of an amount equal to fifteen per cent of the total expenditures  
159 authorized pursuant to subsection (a) of section 45a-84 of the general  
160 statutes for the immediately succeeding fiscal year.

161       Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$150,000 of the amount  
162 appropriated in section 1 of public act 23-204, to the Elections  
163 Enforcement Commission, for Elections Enforcement Commission, for  
164 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, shall be transferred to the Secretary  
165 of the State, for Other Expenses, and made available during said fiscal  
166 year to support the cost of one election monitor position for the city of  
167 Bridgeport.

168       Sec. 15. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$7,000,000 of the amount  
169 appropriated in section 1 of public act 23-204 to the Department of Social  
170 Services, for Medicaid, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, shall be  
171 made available for rate increases for providers of behavioral health



172 services to children in health clinics.

173 Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding section 16-243y of the  
174 general statutes, the Department of Energy and Environmental  
175 Protection may reimburse the costs up to \$5,224,415 associated with the  
176 design and construction of a microgrid at the U.S. Naval Submarine  
177 Base New London in the town of Groton from the funds authorized by  
178 subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of section 13 of public act 13-239.

179 Sec. 17. Subsection (b) of section 18-90d of the general statutes is  
180 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
181 *2024*):

182 (b) The Commissioner of Correction shall: (1) Establish eligibility  
183 criteria for participation in the program; (2) establish an application  
184 process for inmates to apply for participation in the program; (3)  
185 develop program objectives; (4) identify nationally recognized industry  
186 certifications to offer through the program; (5) develop and implement  
187 program curricula; (6) identify and utilize a suitable facility for the  
188 operation of the program; (7) obtain suitable staff for the operation of  
189 the program; [and] (8) obtain suitable equipment and educational  
190 materials for the operation of the program; and (9) prepare and equip  
191 the Department of Correction and its post-secondary education partners  
192 to utilize funding allocated pursuant to subsection (e) of this section for  
193 programs that produce economic and other benefits, including, but not  
194 limited to, employment opportunities for inmates.

195 Sec. 18. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) The Criminal Justice Policy and  
196 Planning Division within the Office of Policy and Management, in  
197 consultation with the Department of Correction, shall conduct a needs  
198 assessment of the facilities, materials and staffing required for the  
199 delivery of postsecondary education programs in correctional facilities.  
200 Such assessment shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) a  
201 solicitation of feedback from institutions of higher education that  
202 provide postsecondary education programs in correctional facilities to

203 understand current needs, (2) an analysis of the policies of the  
204 Department of Correction concerning postsecondary education of  
205 incarcerated persons, (3) a determination of the level of unmet demand  
206 for postsecondary education among incarcerated persons, (4) an  
207 inventory of the (A) correctional facilities, including, but not limited to,  
208 classrooms, multipurpose rooms, libraries and study rooms, (B) staffing,  
209 and (C) materials, including, but not limited to, education technology  
210 and Internet access, currently available for the delivery of  
211 postsecondary education, (5) recommendations for and a cost analysis  
212 of the improvement of such facilities, staffing and materials to meet the  
213 unmet demand for postsecondary education, (6) a survey of (A)  
214 students of postsecondary education programs in correctional facilities,  
215 (B) former students of such programs, in consultation with regional  
216 reentry programs, and (C) any group or person the division deems  
217 necessary, and (7) a listing of any other specific barriers to the effective  
218 delivery of postsecondary education programs to incarcerated persons.

219 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
220 and Management shall report, in accordance with the provisions of  
221 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of  
222 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
223 education and employment advancement regarding the needs  
224 assessment conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

225 Sec. 19. (*Effective from passage*) Up to \$125,000 of the unexpended  
226 balance of funds appropriated to the Judicial Department, for Youth  
227 Services Prevention, in section 1 of public act 23-204 for the fiscal year  
228 ending June 30, 2024, shall not lapse on June 30, 2024, and shall be made  
229 available during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to support the  
230 University of New Haven performance-based accountability project  
231 youth services grants.

232 Sec. 20. (*Effective from passage*) That portion of unexpended funds, as  
233 determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
234 appropriated in section 1 of public act 23-204 to the Judicial Department,

235 for Youth Services Prevention and Youth Violence Initiative, and made  
236 available pursuant to sections 39 and 40 of said act, shall not lapse on  
237 June 30, 2024, and such funds shall continue to be available to the  
238 Judicial Department for juvenile justice system needs, as determined by  
239 the Chief Court Administrator, during the fiscal year ending June 30,  
240 2025.

241 Sec. 21. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The amounts appropriated in section 1  
242 of public act 23-204 to the Judicial Department, for Youth Services  
243 Prevention, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, shall be made  
244 available in said fiscal year for the following grants:

T736	Grantee	Grant
T737	100 Black Men of Stamford, Inc.	25,000
T738	6-Love Incorporated	25,000
T739	ACCESS Educational Services, Inc.	60,000
T740	Advocacy Academy A.E	15,000
T741	Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed, Inc.	7,500
T742	Aluminum Falcon Robotics, Inc.	5,000
T743	Angel of Edgewood, Inc.	5,000
T744	ARTE, Inc.	52,200
T745	Artists Collective, Inc.	10,000
T746	Ase Kreationz, LLC	30,000
T747	Ask Sammy Resources	10,000
T748	BAGS Foundation CT, Inc.	5,000
T749	Ball Headz, Inc.	25,000
T750	Barack H. Obama University Magnet School	50,000
T751	Barbara's House, Inc.	60,000
T752	Basket Of Love, Inc.	25,000
T753	Beat the Street Community Center, Inc.	25,000
T754	Bernard Buddy Jordan Foundation	75,000
T755	Bloomfield Jr. Warhawks, Inc.	15,000
T756	Blue Hills Civic Association, Inc.	20,000
T757	Boys & Girls Club of Meriden	10,000
T758	Boys & Girls Club of New Britain	80,000
T759	Boys and Girls Club - Hartford	30,000
T760	Boys and Girls Club of Stamford, Inc.	32,500
T761	Bregamos Community Theater Company	30,000

T762	Bridgeport Caribe Youth Leaders, Inc.	215,000
T763	Bridgeport Police Activities League	20,000
T764	Business Industry Foundation of Middlesex County	20,000
T765	C. O. Sports Academy, Inc.	5,000
T766	Cardinal Shehan Center	10,000
T767	Casa Otonal, Inc.	200,000
T768	Central Connecticut Coast YMCA (Bridgeport YMCA)	20,000
T769	CERCLE	150,000
T770	Charter Oak Boxing Academy	30,000
T771	Charter Oak Temple Restoration Association, Inc.	35,000
T772	Christ Christian Church, Inc.	20,000
T773	Christian Community Action, Inc.	200,000
T774	Color a Positive Thought Organization	85,000
T775	Community Level Up, Inc.	15,000
T776	Connecticut Institute for Community Development - Puerto Rican Parade	5,000
T777	Connecticut Scholars, Inc.	5,000
T778	CORNERS, Inc.	12,500
T779	Creative Youth Productions, Inc.	15,000
T780	Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut, Inc.	50,000
T781	Danbury Youth Baseball, Inc.	50,000
T782	Danbury Youth Services, Inc.	75,000
T783	Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center	5,000
T784	DHW Athletics	5,000
T785	Dixwell Avenue Congregational Church	100,000
T786	Domus Kids, Inc.	17,500
T787	Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Trust Fund	30,000
T788	DreamBig College, Inc.	40,000
T789	Drop In learning Center	10,000
T790	East End Baptist Tabernacle Church, Inc.	35,000
T791	East End NRZ Market & Cafe	60,000
T792	East Rock Lodge No 141 IBPOE of W, Inc.	100,000
T793	Eastern Connecticut Symphony, Inc.	5,000
T794	Ebony Horsewomen, Inc.	30,000
T795	Edgewood PTA Child Care Program, Inc.	40,000
T796	Edmonds Cofield Preparatory Academy for Young Men	25,000
T797	Ej's Heart, Inc.	40,000

T798	Family Centers, Inc.	25,000
T799	Fellowship Place, Inc.	100,000
T800	Fixing Fathers One Dad at a Time, Inc.	150,000
T801	Free Center, Inc.	10,000
T802	Friends Of Pope Park	40,000
T803	Friends of the Bethel Public Library, Inc.	75,000
T804	Friends of the Danbury Museum & Historical Society, Inc.	50,000
T805	Future 5, Inc.	25,000
T806	G-Code ( Girls Creating Opportunities For Developing Empowerment)	50,000
T807	Girls Inc. of Meriden	10,000
T808	Glory Chapel International Cathedral	10,000
T809	Good Shepherd Ministries	27,000
T810	GOODWorks, Inc.	20,000
T811	Greenwich Alliance for Education Foundation, Inc.	25,000
T812	Groton Little League	15,000
T813	Groton Mystic Youth Football League	15,000
T814	Hartford Communities that Care, Inc.	23,000
T815	Hartford Friendship Kids' Camp	20,000
T816	Hartford Health Initiative, Inc.	14,500
T817	Hartford Hurricanes	15,000
T818	Hartford Lions Soccer Academy, Inc.	7,500
T819	Hartford Premier and Development League	10,000
T820	Hartford Stage Company, Inc.	40,000
T821	Higher Edge, Inc.	15,000
T822	Hip Hop 1001	25,000
T823	Hispanic Alliance of Southeastern, CT	10,000
T824	Hispanic Coalition of Greater Waterbury, Inc.	110,000
T825	Historic Black College Alumni, Inc.	13,000
T826	Homes with Hope, Inc.	20,000
T827	Hoops 4 All, LLC	30,000
T828	Hoops4life, Inc.	15,000
T829	Hope Center Foundation For Non-Violence and Social Change	22,500
T830	Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc.	45,000
T831	INTEMPO Organization, Inc.	75,000
T832	Interdistrict Committee for Project Oceanology (aka 'Project Oceanology')	25,000

T833	Junta For Progressive Action, Inc.	100,000
T834	Kiyama Movement, Inc.	50,000
T835	L.I.F.T Foundation, Inc.	50,000
T836	La Grua Center, Inc.	2,500
T837	Maria Reina de la Parish Corporation	15,000
T838	McGivney Community Center, Inc.	10,000
T839	Meriden New Britain Berlin YMCA	47,500
T840	Meriden Police Cadets	10,000
T841	Meriden-Wallingford Chrysalis, Inc.	10,000
T842	Mi Casa / Hispanic Health Council	50,000
T843	Mill River Collaborative	100,000
T844	Mothers United Against Violence	15,000
T845	My Architecture Workshops, Inc.	35,000
T846	Mystic Community Bikes, Inc. (d.b.a. Bike Groton)	7,500
T847	Mystic Museum of Art (MMoA)	2,500
T848	NAACP Linwood Bland Youth Council	10,000
T849	New Britain Legacies	25,000
T850	New Britain Police Athletic League	25,000
T851	New Britain ROOTS, Inc.	45,000
T852	New England Science & Sailing Foundation	7,500
T853	New Horizons	10,000
T854	New Life II Teaching You Another Way	25,000
T855	New London Babe Ruth League, Inc.	10,000
T856	New London Football League	10,000
T857	New London Football League (Cheerleaders)	10,000
T858	New London Little League	10,000
T859	NEXT LEVEL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (NLEP)	50,000
T860	Night Flight Association, Inc.	8,000
T861	Noank Rowing Club, Inc.	2,500
T862	North End Little League	25,000
T863	Norwich Bully Busters	3,000
T864	Norwich Free Academy	15,000
T865	Norwich Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc.	15,000
T866	Norwich Youth Football League	15,000
T867	NXTHVN, Inc.	50,000
T868	Ocean Community YMCA	15,000
T869	Odd Fellows Playhouse Youth Theater	40,000

T870	Opportunities Industrialization Center of New Britain, Inc.	52,500
T871	Organized Parents Make A Difference, Inc.	55,000
T872	Park Central, Inc.	5,000
T873	Park Street Public Library	30,000
T874	Police Activities League of Hartford, Inc.	50,000
T875	Positive Adversity	10,000
T876	Project 9	20,000
T877	Project Learn	7,500
T878	Project Music, Inc.	90,000
T879	Puerto Rican Parade of Fairfield County	20,000
T880	Puerto Ricans United, Inc.	32,000
T881	RF Youth Boxing, Inc.	60,000
T882	Riptide Baseball Organization	5,000
T883	Rivera Memorial Foundation, Inc.	80,500
T884	Rushford Center, Inc.	10,000
T885	Safe Futures	10,000
T886	Sankofa Education and Leadership, Inc.	58,000
T887	Second Chance Re-Entry Initiative Program	10,000
T888	Solar Youth, Inc.	50,000
T889	St. George Armenian Apostolic Church/Diocese of the Armenian Church	15,000
T890	Stamford Alumni Diamond Foundation, Inc.	40,000
T891	Stamford Public Education Foundation, Inc.	70,000
T892	Teach Kids Music	35,000
T893	Team West Haven, Inc.	33,000
T894	The Bread Room, Inc.	17,500
T895	The Bridge Family Center, Inc.	150,000
T896	The Dominican American Coalition of Connecticut	10,000
T897	The Ferguson Library	15,000
T898	The Integrated Day Charter School, Inc.	18,000
T899	The Legacy Foundation of Hartford, Inc.	170,000
T900	The Newhallville Community Development Corporation	50,000
T901	The Police Activities League of Hartford, Inc.	35,000
T902	The Sonship Institute	25,000
T903	The Village Initiative Project, Inc.	137,500
T904	The Walter E. Lockett Jr. Foundation, Inc.	50,000
T905	The Willie and Sandra McBride Foundation	75,000

T906	The Young Women's Christian Association of New Britain	10,000
T907	Town of East Hartford	75,000
T908	Town of Manchester Youth Services	75,000
T909	Unique and Unified New Era Youth Movement	40,000
T910	United Way of Greenwich, Inc.	40,000
T911	University of Connecticut	12,500
T912	Upper Albany Neighborhood Collaborative	30,000
T913	Urban Concepts, Inc.	50,000
T914	Walnut Orange Walsh Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Association, Inc. (WOW, NRZ)	80,500
T915	Waterbury Young Men's Christian Association	150,000
T916	West Haven Seahawks	15,000
T917	Whalers Helping Whalers	10,000
T918	William E. Edwards Academic College Tours, Inc.	15,000
T919	Women and Families Center	20,000
T920	Yellow Farmhouse Education Center, Inc.	2,500
T921	Yellow Mill Village Scholarship Fund, Inc.	10,000
T922	Young Men's Christian Association of Northern Middlesex County, Inc.	220,000
T923	Youth Business Initiative	50,000

245       Sec. 22. Section 10a-19m of the 2024 supplement to the general  
246 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
247 (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

248       (a) On or before January 1, 2025, the executive director of the Office  
249 of Higher Education shall establish, within available appropriations, a  
250 program to reimburse certain persons for student loan payments. The  
251 Office of Higher Education may approve the participation of any person  
252 in the student loan reimbursement program who (1) (A) attended a  
253 [state college or university] public or independent institution of higher  
254 education in the state and graduated with an associate or a bachelor's  
255 degree, (B) [left such college or university in good academic standing  
256 before graduation, or (C)] holds an occupational or professional license  
257 or certification issued pursuant to title 20, or (C) is granted a hardship  
258 waiver by the executive director, pursuant to a waiver application



259 submitted by such person in the form and manner prescribed by the  
260 executive director; (2) is a resident of the state, as defined in section 12-  
261 701, and has been a resident of the state for not less than five years, as  
262 determined by the executive director; (3) has (A) a Connecticut adjusted  
263 gross income of not more than one hundred twenty-five thousand  
264 dollars and files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried  
265 individual or a married individual filing separately, or (B) a Connecticut  
266 adjusted gross income of not more than one hundred seventy-five  
267 thousand dollars and files a return under the federal income tax as a  
268 head of household, a married individual filing jointly or a surviving  
269 spouse, as defined in Section 2(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,  
270 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United  
271 States, as amended from time to time; and (4) has a student loan. [For  
272 the purposes of this section "state college or university" means any  
273 public or private college or university in the state.]

274 (b) Persons who qualify under subsection (a) of this section may  
275 apply to the Office of Higher Education to participate in the student loan  
276 reimbursement program at such time and in such manner as the  
277 executive director of said office prescribes. Not later than January 1,  
278 2025, the executive director shall post on said office's Internet web site  
279 the (1) qualifications for a hardship waiver described in subparagraph  
280 (C) of subdivision (1) of said subsection, and (2) forms required to apply  
281 for the student loan reimbursement program and a hardship waiver.  
282 The application for the student loan reimbursement program shall  
283 include, but not be limited to, an option for a person to disclose such  
284 person's demographic information.

285 (c) (1) The executive director of the Office of Higher Education shall  
286 award grants to persons approved to participate in the student loan  
287 reimbursement program on a first-come, first-served basis, provided  
288 such person meets the requirements of this subsection.

289 (2) Each participant in the program shall volunteer for a nonprofit  
290 organization that is registered with the Department of Consumer

291 Protection or a municipal government in the state for not less than fifty  
292 unpaid hours for each year of participation in the student loan  
293 reimbursement program. For purposes of this section, "volunteer hours"  
294 shall include, but need not be limited to, service on the board of directors  
295 for a nonprofit organization and military service.

296 (3) Each participant in the program shall annually submit [receipts of  
297 payment on student loans and evidence of having completed such  
298 volunteer hours] to the Office of Higher Education, in the manner  
299 prescribed by the executive director, a (A) statement from a student loan  
300 servicer that includes the amounts for the outstanding loan balance for  
301 such student loan and the total of the year-to-date payments made on  
302 such student loan, and (B) form documenting the number of volunteer  
303 hours completed by such participant that is (i) signed by such  
304 participant's supervisor or other employee of the nonprofit organization  
305 or municipal government for which such participant volunteered, or,  
306 for military service, such participant's commanding officer, and (ii)  
307 notarized.

308 (4) The Office of Higher Education shall reimburse each program  
309 participant who meets the requirements of this section for student loan  
310 payments an amount of not more than five thousand dollars, annually,  
311 provided no person shall participate in the student loan reimbursement  
312 program for more than four years or receive more than twenty thousand  
313 dollars in aggregate reimbursement for student loan payments.

314 (d) The Office of Higher Education may use up to two and one-half  
315 per cent of the funds appropriated for purposes of this section, annually,  
316 for program administration, promotion and recruitment activities.

317 (e) Not later than July 1, 2026, and each January and July thereafter,  
318 the executive director of the Office of Higher Education shall report, in  
319 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
320 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
321 relating to higher education and employment advancement and

322 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on the operation and  
323 effectiveness of the program and any recommendations to expand the  
324 program.

325 Sec. 23. Section 7-621 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
326 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
327 *1, 2024*):

328 (a) The Comptroller shall establish the Hartford Sewerage System  
329 Repair and Improvement Fund. Said fund may contain any moneys  
330 required or permitted by law to be deposited in the fund and any funds  
331 received from any public or private contributions, gifts, grants,  
332 donations, bequests or devises to the fund. The moneys in said fund  
333 shall be expended by the Comptroller for the purposes of (1) developing  
334 and administering the program established pursuant to section 7-622,  
335 (2) providing compensation to the administrator appointed pursuant to  
336 subsection (b) of said section, [7-622,] (3) contracting with a licensed  
337 home inspector or insurance adjuster and reimbursing [the  
338 Metropolitan District of Hartford County and] eligible applicants for  
339 costs associated with [providing and] hiring licensed home inspectors  
340 and insurance adjusters pursuant to subsection (c) of said section, [7-  
341 622,] and (4) providing compensation to any [administrator hired] judge  
342 trial referee assigned pursuant to subsection (d) of said section. [7-622.]

343 (b) The city of Hartford may contribute funds to the Hartford  
344 Sewerage System Repair and Improvement Fund established pursuant  
345 to subsection (a) of this section.

346 Sec. 24. Section 7-622 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
347 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
348 *1, 2024*):

349 (a) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Comptroller shall develop a  
350 grant program to provide financial (1) assistance to eligible owners of  
351 real property in the city of Hartford to pay for repairs to such property  
352 necessitated by flood damage caused on or after January 1, 2021, and (2)

353 reimbursement to residents of the city of Hartford for costs associated  
354 with damage to personal property due to flooding occurring on or after  
355 said date.

356 (b) The Governor shall appoint an administrator to administer the  
357 program developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section not later  
358 than August 1, 2023. The administrator shall be a resident of the city of  
359 Hartford and have experience in environmental justice issues and  
360 insurance policy claims determinations. Not later than July 15, 2023, the  
361 state representatives and state senators for the city of Hartford shall  
362 provide the Governor a list of not fewer than two candidates for  
363 consideration and the Governor may select and appoint one of such  
364 candidates as the administrator or select and appoint a candidate of the  
365 Governor's own choosing. The administrator shall be employed  
366 pursuant to a personal service agreement and compensated at a per  
367 diem rate commensurate with the per diem compensation provided a  
368 senior judge pursuant to section 51-47b for each day's service performed  
369 in connection with such appointment.

370 (c) (1) The administrator shall develop an application process and  
371 eligibility criteria for the grant program. Such process and criteria shall  
372 be approved by the Comptroller.

373 (A) Such application shall include, but need not be limited to, if  
374 applicable, a copy of any determination made on any claim for such  
375 damage against any property and casualty insurance policy issued to an  
376 applicant, including any amounts paid to such applicant pursuant to  
377 such claim. [Such]

378 (B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, such  
379 eligibility criteria shall include, but need not be limited to, requirements  
380 that any such [property owner (A) is a resident of the city of Hartford,  
381 and (B)] applicant (i) owned real [or personal] property in the city of  
382 Hartford that was damaged by flooding on or after January 1, 2021, or  
383 (ii) is a resident of the city of Hartford and owned personal property in

384 said city that was damaged by flooding on or after said date. No  
385 applicant shall be deemed ineligible solely because such [(i)] (I)  
386 applicant's property was not insured at the time such damage occurred,  
387 or [(ii)] (II) applicant did not receive payment pursuant to any such  
388 claim.

389 (C) No applicant who submits an application on or after May 1, 2025,  
390 shall be eligible for financial assistance for repairs to real property unless  
391 (i) such applicant requested an assessment from the Metropolitan  
392 District of Hartford County pursuant to the district's sewer back-up  
393 prevention and reporting program on or before April 30, 2025, or (ii) the  
394 administrator determines, in accordance with criteria approved by the  
395 Comptroller, that extenuating circumstances prevented such applicant  
396 from requesting such assessment. The administrator, in consultation  
397 with the Metropolitan District of Hartford County, shall verify that an  
398 applicant timely requested an assessment from the district.

399 (2) The administrator shall review applications for participation in  
400 the grant program and determine each applicant's eligibility for the  
401 grant program in accordance with the eligibility criteria developed  
402 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection not later than thirty days  
403 after receipt of any such application.

404 (3) If the administrator determines that an applicant requesting  
405 assistance to pay for repairs to real property is eligible, (A) [an inspector  
406 employed by the Metropolitan District of Hartford County] a licensed  
407 home inspector or insurance adjuster with whom the Office of the  
408 Comptroller has executed a contract for services, or (B) at such eligible  
409 applicant's option, [an] licensed home inspector or insurance adjuster  
410 with experience assessing flood damage who is approved by the  
411 administrator and hired by such eligible applicant, shall evaluate the  
412 damage to the applicant's property and provide a report concerning  
413 such damage to the administrator. Such report shall be in a form and  
414 manner prescribed by the administrator, and shall include, but need not  
415 be limited to, a description of the damage to such eligible applicant's

416 property and the estimated cost to repair such damage. Not later than  
417 thirty days after the receipt of such report, the administrator may award  
418 a grant, in accordance with a formula established by the Comptroller, to  
419 the eligible applicant, [in accordance with a formula established by the  
420 Comptroller, which] or at the administrator's discretion, provide such  
421 grant to a contractor or vendor selected by the applicant to repair such  
422 damage. Such formula shall include a reduction in the amount of any  
423 such [award] grant equal to any payments received by the applicant  
424 pursuant to any claim made against a property and casualty insurance  
425 policy held by such applicant for such damage.

426 (4) Not later than thirty days after a determination that an applicant  
427 is eligible for reimbursement for costs associated with damage to  
428 personal property pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the  
429 administrator shall award a grant to the eligible applicant in accordance  
430 with a formula established by the Comptroller, which may include a  
431 reduction in the amount of any such [award] grant equal to any  
432 payments received by the applicant pursuant to any claim made against  
433 a property and casualty insurance policy held by such applicant for such  
434 damage.

435 (5) The total amount of any grants awarded pursuant to this section  
436 to an eligible applicant for repairs to real property and reimbursement  
437 for costs associated with damage to personal property where such  
438 property was utilized for business purposes at the time such damage  
439 was incurred shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

440 [(5)] (6) Any eligible applicant that hires a licensed home inspector or  
441 insurance adjuster pursuant to subdivision [(2)] (3) of this subsection  
442 may request reimbursement for the costs of [such inspection] the  
443 evaluation conducted pursuant to said subdivision in a form and  
444 manner prescribed by the administrator. The administrator shall  
445 reimburse such eligible applicant for any such reasonable costs.

446 (d) (1) Any applicant may appeal a decision of the administrator

447 concerning such applicant's eligibility for the grant program or the  
448 amount of [an award granted] a grant awarded to such applicant [, to  
449 the Comptroller, in accordance with procedures set forth by the  
450 Comptroller. Any such appeal shall be made] not later than thirty days  
451 after the issuance of such decision [and any decision concerning any  
452 such appeal shall be final. The Comptroller may hire an administrator  
453 for the purpose of conducting such appeals. Findings of the  
454 administrator made pursuant to subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection  
455 (c) of this section shall not be admissible in any administrative or judicial  
456 proceeding] by filing a notice of intent to appeal with the Comptroller.  
457 Any such appeal shall be heard by a judge trial referee assigned by the  
458 Chief Court Administrator, who shall be compensated in accordance  
459 with the provisions of section 54-434 from funds made available to the  
460 Comptroller.

461 (2) In any appeal taken pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection,  
462 a judge trial referee may consider evidence presented by the applicant,  
463 administrator or other interested party, including, but not limited to,  
464 testimony or reports prepared by or on behalf of such parties. The  
465 applicant shall have the burden of demonstrating by a preponderance  
466 of evidence that such applicant is eligible for the grant program and  
467 assistance to pay for repairs to real property or reimbursement for costs  
468 associated with damage to personal property. Upon such  
469 demonstration, the judge trial referee shall award a grant to such  
470 applicant in accordance with the formula established by the  
471 Comptroller. Any decision made pursuant to this subsection shall be  
472 issued not later than sixty days following the end of the hearing and  
473 shall be final.

474 (e) Upon the request of a tenant residing in a residential building or  
475 occupying a commercial property that was damaged by flooding on or  
476 after January 1, 2021, the administrator shall notify the owner of such  
477 residential building of the availability of the program developed and  
478 administered pursuant to this section by mail or electronic mail, if such  
479 owner's mailing address or electronic mail address are known to the

480 administrator.

481 (f) The program established pursuant to this section shall terminate  
482 upon the exhaustion of the Hartford Sewerage System Repair and  
483 Improvement Fund established pursuant to section 7-621.

484 Sec. 25. Section 4a-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
485 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

486 (a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall be responsible  
487 for the following: (1) Investigation, determination, billing and collection  
488 of all charges for support of persons aided, cared for or treated in a state  
489 humane institution, as defined in section 17b-222, and enforcement of  
490 support obligations of the liable relatives of such persons; (2)  
491 investigation, determination, billing and collection of all charges for  
492 services covered under the Medicaid or Medicare programs provided to  
493 persons aided, cared for or treated by the Department of Veterans  
494 Affairs; (3) billing and collection of any money due to the state in public  
495 assistance cases, and enforcement of support obligations of liable  
496 relatives in such cases; (4) collection of benefits and maintenance of  
497 trustee accounts therefor; and (5) such collection services for other state  
498 agencies and departments as shall be agreed to between said  
499 commissioner and the heads of such other agencies and departments.

500 (b) Any debt referred to the Department of Administrative Services  
501 by a state agency may be referred by the commissioner to a consumer  
502 collection agency, licensed under section 36a-801, or, with the approval  
503 of the Attorney General, to an attorney admitted under the provisions  
504 of section 51-80 who practices in the area of debt collection, for  
505 collection, provided the debtor has been given at least thirty days' notice  
506 that the debt will be so referred.

507 (c) For purposes of this section, "liable relative" means the husband  
508 or wife of any person receiving public assistance or aided, cared for or  
509 treated in a state humane institution, as defined in said section 17b-222,  
510 and the father and mother of any such person under the age of eighteen



511 years, but shall not include the parent or parents whose financial  
512 liability for a child is determined by the Office of Child Support Services  
513 under subsection (b) of section 17b-179. The Commissioner of  
514 Administrative Services, in consultation with the Secretary of the Office  
515 of Policy and Management, shall adopt regulations in accordance with  
516 the provisions of chapter 54 establishing: (1) A uniform contribution  
517 scale for liable relatives based upon ability to pay and the administrative  
518 feasibility of collecting such contributions, provided no such liable  
519 relative shall contribute an amount in excess of twelve per cent of the  
520 remainder, if any, after the state median income, adjusted for family  
521 size, has been deducted from such liable relative's taxable income for  
522 federal income tax purposes, or if such federal income tax information  
523 is unavailable, from such relative's taxable income, as calculated from  
524 other sources, including, but not limited to, information pertaining to  
525 wages, salaries and commissions as provided by such relative's  
526 employer; (2) the manner in which the Department of Administrative  
527 Services shall determine and periodically reinvestigate the ability of  
528 such liable relatives to pay; and (3) the manner in which the department  
529 shall waive such contributions upon determination that such  
530 contribution would pose a significant financial hardship upon such  
531 liable relatives.

532 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of [subsection (c) of] this section,  
533 no liability shall be imposed upon a liable relative upon determination  
534 by the Department of Developmental Services, Social Services, Children  
535 and Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services or Public Health  
536 that the benefit of the assistance or service provided would be  
537 significantly impaired by the imposition of such liability. Each such  
538 department may waive all or part of any liability resulting from its delay  
539 in establishing such liability if it determines that imposition of such  
540 liability would pose a significant financial hardship upon a liable  
541 relative.

542 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, on and after July  
543 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall not recover

544 charges from the estate of a deceased person for the aid, care or  
545 treatment of such person in a state humane institution unless (1)  
546 recovery of such charges is required under federal law, or (2) the person  
547 was liable pursuant to subsection (d) of section 17b-223 for the  
548 difference between the amounts actually billed and paid and the  
549 amount that would have been billed against such person except for  
550 fraud or concealment. The commissioner shall release any liens filed for  
551 recovery of such charges except for any lien filed pursuant to  
552 subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection. Nothing in this subsection shall  
553 be construed to authorize the commissioner to return to any person or  
554 estate payments properly recovered by the commissioner pursuant to  
555 this section for charges related to the aid, care or treatment of a person  
556 in a humane institution before July 1, 2024.

557       Sec. 26. Section 17b-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
558 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

559       A patient who is receiving or has received care in a state humane  
560 institution, his estate or both shall be liable to reimburse the state for any  
561 unpaid portion of per capita cost in accordance with section 4a-12,  
562 subject to the same protection of a surviving spouse or dependent child  
563 as is provided in section 17b-95.

564       Sec. 27. Section 17b-228 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
565 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

566       (a) When any person has been supported, wholly or in part, by the  
567 state in a humane institution, whether such person was admitted thereto  
568 as a pauper or indigent or otherwise, and any portion of the charges for  
569 which such person or his liable relatives were liable under the  
570 provisions of section 17b-223 remains unpaid, such person or such  
571 relatives, as the case may be, or the estate of any such person or such  
572 relatives, shall be liable to the state therefor, and the Commissioner of  
573 Administrative Services may, in the name of the state, bring a complaint  
574 therefor, against any liable person or persons, in any court having

575 jurisdiction thereof in the county in which such liable person or the  
576 conservator or guardian of such patient resides, or, if several are liable,  
577 in the county in which any of them resides, and any other person who  
578 might, under the provisions hereof, have been made a defendant in such  
579 action may be cited in as a party defendant on motion of either party  
580 thereto. Said court may render judgment against the defendant, or each  
581 or any of the several defendants, in favor of the state for the balance of  
582 the charges remaining unpaid for which such defendants are liable, and  
583 payment of such judgment may be secured by attachment and execution  
584 issued thereon. The limitation of action provided in section 52-576 shall  
585 apply only to any such claim against a relative as such, and any claim  
586 by the state for reimbursement of the balance of the billed charges  
587 remaining unpaid from the estate of any deceased person shall be  
588 presented to the executor or administrator thereof within the time  
589 limited for the presentation of other claims against such estate.

590 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
591 on and after July 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Administrative Services  
592 shall not recover charges from the estate of a deceased person for the  
593 aid, care or treatment of such person in a state humane institution except  
594 in accordance with sections 4a-12 and 17b-230.

595 Sec. 28. Subsection (b) of section 17b-229 of the general statutes is  
596 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
597 *2024*):

598 (b) The provisions of sections 17a-502, 17b-222, 17b-223, 17b-228, 17b-  
599 232, 17b-745, 46b-215 and 53-304 shall not affect or impair the  
600 responsibility of any patient or patient's estate for his care in a state  
601 humane institution prior to July 1, 1955, and the same may be enforced  
602 by any action by which such responsibility would have been enforceable  
603 prior to July 1, 1955, but only to the extent of that portion of such estate  
604 [as] (1) that may be charged pursuant to section 4a-12, and (2) that is not  
605 needed for the support of the spouse, parents and dependent children  
606 of such patient.

607 Sec. 29. Section 17b-230 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
608 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

609 Upon the death of a patient or of a person who has, at any time, been  
610 a patient in a state humane institution, the state shall have a claim  
611 against his estate for reimbursement for institutional support according  
612 to the provisions of sections 4a-12, 17b-223, 17b-224 and 17b-229 to the  
613 extent that the amount which the surviving spouse, parent or dependent  
614 children of the decedent would otherwise take from such estate is not  
615 needed for their support. Such claims shall have priority over all  
616 unsecured claims against such estate, except (1) expenses of last sickness  
617 not to exceed three hundred seventy-five dollars, (2) funeral and burial  
618 expenses in accordance with section 17b-84, (3) such unpaid fees and  
619 expenses of the conservator of such patient, if any, as are authorized by  
620 law, and (4) administrative expenses, including probate fees and taxes,  
621 and including fiduciary fees not exceeding the following commissions  
622 on the value of the whole estates accounted for by such fiduciaries: On  
623 the first two thousand dollars or portion thereof, five per cent; on the  
624 next eight thousand dollars or portion thereof, four per cent; on the  
625 excess over ten thousand dollars, three per cent. Upon petition by any  
626 fiduciary, the Probate Court, after hearing thereon, may authorize  
627 compensation in excess of the above schedule for extraordinary services.  
628 Notice of any such petition and hearing shall be given to the  
629 Commissioner of Administrative Services in Hartford at least ten days  
630 in advance of such hearing. The allowable funeral and burial payment  
631 herein shall be reduced by the amount of any prepaid funeral  
632 arrangement. Any amount paid from the estate under this section to any  
633 person which exceeds the limits provided herein shall be repaid to the  
634 estate by such person, and such amount may be recovered in a civil  
635 action with interest at six per cent from the date of demand.

636 Sec. 30. Subsection (e) of section 45a-273 of the general statutes is  
637 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
638 *2024*):

639 (e) The court shall determine the persons and entities entitled to  
640 payment for the claims, expenses and taxes due from the estate, or  
641 reimbursement for such amounts paid on behalf of the estate, in  
642 accordance with section 45a-365 except, (1) if a decedent received aid or  
643 care from the state or received care in a state humane institution, such  
644 reimbursement shall be in accordance with [section] sections 4a-12 and  
645 17b-95; and (2) if a decedent is obligated to pay the decedent's cost of  
646 incarceration, such reimbursement shall be in accordance with section  
647 18-85c. If the claims, taxes and expenses exceed the fair value of the  
648 decedent's assets, the court shall order payment in accordance with this  
649 subsection, provided the procedures for insolvent estates under sections  
650 45a-376 to 45a-383, inclusive, shall not be required.

651 Sec. 31. Section 18-85a of the general statutes is amended by adding  
652 subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

653 (NEW) (c) Any state claim for the cost of incarceration for an inmate  
654 whose criminal record was erased pursuant to chapter 961a shall be  
655 terminated to the extent such cost was incurred during time served by  
656 such inmate for crimes included on the erased criminal record. Such  
657 inmate shall not be entitled to reimbursement for any state claims paid  
658 by or on behalf of such inmate prior to July 1, 2024, for the cost of such  
659 inmate's incarceration.

660 Sec. 32. Subsection (b) of section 18-85b of the general statutes is  
661 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
662 *2024*):

663 (b) In the case of an inheritance of an estate by any person who is  
664 obligated to pay the costs of such person's incarceration under section  
665 18-85a and regulations adopted in accordance with said section that is  
666 received by such person within twenty years from the date such person  
667 is released from incarceration, the claim of the state shall be a lien  
668 against such inheritance in the amount of the costs of incarceration or  
669 fifty per cent of the assets of the estate payable to such person,

670 whichever is less. The first fifty thousand dollars inherited by such  
671 person shall be exempt from any lien placed under this section, except  
672 in the case of an inmate incarcerated for a capital felony under the  
673 provisions of section 53a-54b in effect prior to April 25, 2012, or murder  
674 with special circumstances committed on or after April 25, 2012, under  
675 the provisions of section 53a-54b in effect on or after April 25, 2012, or a  
676 violation of section 53a-54c, 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70c or 53a-71. The  
677 [Court of] Probate Court shall accept any such lien notice filed by the  
678 commissioner or the commissioner's designee with the court prior to the  
679 distribution of such inheritance, and to the extent of such inheritance  
680 not already distributed, the court shall order distribution in accordance  
681 therewith.

682 Sec. 33. Section 18-85c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
683 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

684 Upon the death of any person obligated to pay the costs of such  
685 [person's] person's incarceration under section 18-85a and regulations  
686 adopted in accordance with said section that occurs within twenty years  
687 from the date such person is released from incarceration, the state shall  
688 have a claim against such person's estate for all costs of incarceration  
689 under the provisions of said section and such regulations for which the  
690 state has not been reimbursed, to the extent that the amount which the  
691 surviving spouse, parent or dependent children of the decedent would  
692 otherwise take from such estate is not needed for their support. Any  
693 property, whether real or personal, that is deemed by the Probate Court  
694 to be an asset of the estate shall be used to pay the state's claim under  
695 this section. Such claim shall have priority over all other unsecured  
696 claims against such estate, including any lien of the state for repayment  
697 of public assistance, except (1) expenses of last sickness not to exceed  
698 three hundred seventy-five dollars, (2) funeral and burial expenses in  
699 accordance with that allowed under sections 17b-84 and 17b-131 upon  
700 the death of a beneficiary of aid, (3) child support obligations collected  
701 by the state in accordance with subsection (a) of section 17b-265 and  
702 section 52-362d, (4) restitution or payment of compensation to a crime

703 victim ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, (5) payment of a  
704 civil judgment rendered in favor of a crime victim by a court of  
705 competent jurisdiction, and (6) administrative expenses, including  
706 probate fees and taxes, and including fiduciary fees not exceeding the  
707 following commissions on the value of the whole estates accounted for  
708 by such fiduciaries: On the first two thousand dollars or portion thereof,  
709 five per cent; on the next eight thousand dollars or portion thereof, four  
710 per cent; on the excess over ten thousand dollars, three per cent. Upon  
711 petition by any fiduciary, the Court of Probate, after a hearing thereon,  
712 may authorize compensation in excess of the above schedule for  
713 extraordinary services. Notice of any such petition and hearing shall be  
714 given to the Commissioner of Correction at least ten days in advance of  
715 such hearing. The allowable funeral and burial payment authorized by  
716 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any prepaid funeral  
717 arrangement. Any amount paid from the estate under this section to any  
718 person that exceeds the limits provided in this section shall be repaid to  
719 the estate by such person, and such amount may be recovered in a civil  
720 action with interest at the legal rate from the date of demand.

721 Sec. 34. Subsection (a) of section 29-1f of the 2024 supplement to the  
722 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
723 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

724 (a) The clearinghouse established under section 29-1e shall collect,  
725 process, maintain and disseminate information to assist in the location  
726 of any missing person who (1) is eighteen years of age or older and has  
727 a mental impairment [ ] or has an intellectual disability or other  
728 developmental disabilities, or (2) is sixty-five years of age or older, [or  
729 (3) on and after January 15, 2024, has an intellectual disability or other  
730 developmental disabilities,] provided a missing person report prepared  
731 by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection has  
732 been filed by such missing person's relative, guardian, conservator or  
733 agent appointed by the missing person in accordance with sections 1-  
734 350 to 1-353b, inclusive, any health care representative appointed by the  
735 missing person in accordance with section 19a-576 or a nursing home

736 administrator, as defined in section 19a-511, or, pursuant to section 17a-  
737 465b, by an employee of the Department of Mental Health and  
738 Addiction Services who is certified under the provisions of sections 7-  
739 294a to 7-294e, inclusive. Such relative, guardian, conservator, agent,  
740 health care representative, nursing home administrator or employee  
741 shall attest under penalty of perjury that the missing person (A) is  
742 eighteen years of age or older and has a mental impairment [,] or has an  
743 intellectual disability or other developmental disabilities, or (B) is sixty-  
744 five years of age or older. [, or (C) has an intellectual disability or other  
745 developmental disabilities.] No other proof shall be required in order to  
746 verify that the missing person meets the criteria to be eligible for  
747 assistance under this subsection. Such relative, guardian, conservator,  
748 agent, health care representative, nursing home administrator or  
749 employee who files a missing person report shall immediately notify the  
750 clearinghouse or law enforcement agency if the missing person's  
751 location has been determined.

752 Sec. 35. Subsection (a) of section 18 of public act 23-137 is repealed  
753 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

754 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the  
755 state-wide coordinator of programs and services provided by state  
756 agencies for individuals with autism spectrum disorder, appointed  
757 pursuant to section 14 of [this act] public act 23-137, and within available  
758 appropriations, shall establish a two-year pilot program in partnership  
759 with a [hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 368v of the general  
760 statutes] free-standing, long-term acute care hospital in Hartford  
761 County with an established, specialized interdisciplinary program for  
762 younger children and adolescents with the diagnosis of autism  
763 spectrum disorder to provide nonresidential outpatient day services for  
764 persons with autism spectrum disorder. The commissioner shall select  
765 a hospital not later than September 1, 2024, and the hospital shall start  
766 providing services not later than October 1, 2024.

767 Sec. 36. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 4-124xx of the 2024



768 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
769 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

770 (c) The Chief Workforce Officer, in consultation with the Labor  
771 Commissioner, shall develop a plan for the Human Services Career  
772 Pipeline program that includes, but is not be limited to: (1) A strategy to  
773 increase the number of state residents pursuing careers in human  
774 services, (2) recommended salary and working conditions necessary to  
775 retain an adequate number of human services providers to serve state  
776 residents, and (3) estimated funding needed to support the Human  
777 Services Career Pipeline program. Not later than July 1, 2024, the Chief  
778 Workforce Officer shall submit a report on the plan, in accordance with  
779 the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the  
780 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
781 appropriations, aging, higher education and employment advancement,  
782 human services, labor and public health. The report shall include the  
783 Chief Workforce Officer's recommendations for establishing the career  
784 pipeline and estimates of funding needed to implement the pipeline.

785 (d) The Chief Workforce Officer shall, within available  
786 appropriations, establish such career pipeline [not later than July 1,  
787 2024,] and, if such pipeline is established, submit a report, in accordance  
788 with the provisions of section 11-4a, not later than January 1, 2026, and  
789 annually thereafter, regarding the development and implementation of  
790 the pipeline to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
791 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, [and the  
792 budgets of state agencies,] aging, higher education and employment  
793 advancement, human services, labor and public health. For purposes of  
794 this section, "human services labor sector" means persons trained to  
795 provide services to persons with an intellectual disability; other  
796 developmental disabilities, including, but not limited to, autism  
797 spectrum disorder; physical disabilities; cognitive impairment or mental  
798 illness; and elderly persons.

799 Sec. 37. Sections 7-294qq and 28-25c of the 2024 supplement to the

800 general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

801 Sec. 38. Subsection (a) of section 17b-261 of the 2024 supplement to  
802 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
803 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

804 (a) Medical assistance shall be provided for any otherwise eligible  
805 person (1) whose income, including any available support from legally  
806 liable relatives and the income of the person's spouse or dependent  
807 child, is not more than [one hundred forty-three per cent, pending  
808 approval of a federal waiver applied for pursuant to subsection (e) of  
809 this section, of the benefit amount paid to a person with no income  
810 under the temporary family assistance program] one hundred five per  
811 cent of the federal poverty level, before any authorized income  
812 disregards, and (2) if such person is an institutionalized individual as  
813 defined in Section 1917 of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(h)(3),  
814 and has not made an assignment or transfer or other disposition of  
815 property for less than fair market value for the purpose of establishing  
816 eligibility for benefits or assistance under this section. Any such  
817 disposition shall be treated in accordance with Section 1917(c) of the  
818 Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(c). Any disposition of property made  
819 on behalf of an applicant or recipient or the spouse of an applicant or  
820 recipient by a guardian, conservator, person authorized to make such  
821 disposition pursuant to a power of attorney or other person so  
822 authorized by law shall be attributed to such applicant, recipient or  
823 spouse. A disposition of property ordered by a court shall be evaluated  
824 in accordance with the standards applied to any other such disposition  
825 for the purpose of determining eligibility. The commissioner shall  
826 establish the standards for eligibility for medical assistance at [one  
827 hundred forty-three per cent of the benefit amount paid to a household  
828 of equal size with no income under the temporary family assistance  
829 program] one hundred five per cent of the federal poverty level, before  
830 any authorized income disregards. In determining eligibility, the  
831 commissioner shall not consider as income Aid and Attendance pension  
832 benefits granted to a veteran, as defined in section 27-103, or the

833 surviving spouse of such veteran. Except as provided in section 17b-277  
834 and section 17b-292, the medical assistance program shall provide  
835 coverage to persons under the age of nineteen with household income  
836 up to one hundred ninety-six per cent of the federal poverty level  
837 without an asset limit and to persons under the age of nineteen, who  
838 qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act, with  
839 household income not exceeding one hundred ninety-six per cent of the  
840 federal poverty level without an asset limit, and their parents and needy  
841 caretaker relatives, who qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the  
842 Social Security Act, with household income not exceeding one hundred  
843 [fifty-five] thirty-three per cent of the federal poverty level without an  
844 asset limit. Such levels shall be based on the regional differences in such  
845 benefit amount, if applicable, unless such levels based on regional  
846 differences are not in conformance with federal law. Any income in  
847 excess of the applicable amounts shall be applied as may be required by  
848 said federal law, and assistance shall be granted for the balance of the  
849 cost of authorized medical assistance. The Commissioner of Social  
850 Services shall provide applicants for assistance under this section, at the  
851 time of application, with a written statement advising them of (A) the  
852 effect of an assignment or transfer or other disposition of property on  
853 eligibility for benefits or assistance, (B) the effect that having income that  
854 exceeds the limits prescribed in this subsection will have with respect to  
855 program eligibility, and (C) the availability of, and eligibility for,  
856 services provided by the Connecticut Home Visiting System,  
857 established pursuant to section 17b-751b. For coverage dates on or after  
858 January 1, 2014, the department shall use the modified adjusted gross  
859 income financial eligibility rules set forth in Section 1902(e)(14) of the  
860 Social Security Act and the implementing regulations to determine  
861 eligibility for HUSKY A, HUSKY B and HUSKY D applicants, as defined  
862 in section 17b-290. Persons who are determined ineligible for assistance  
863 pursuant to this section shall be provided a written statement notifying  
864 such persons of their ineligibility and advising such persons of their  
865 potential eligibility for one of the other insurance affordability programs  
866 as defined in 42 CFR 435.4.

867 Sec. 39. Section 302 of public act 23-204 is repealed. (*Effective from*  
868 *passage*)

869 Sec. 40. Section 23-15h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
870 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

871 (a) There is established an account to be known as the Passport to the  
872 Parks account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the  
873 General Fund. Moneys in such account shall be used to provide  
874 expenses of the Council on Environmental Quality, beginning with the  
875 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and for the care, maintenance, operation  
876 and improvement of state parks and campgrounds, the care,  
877 maintenance and operation of Batterson Park, the Thames River  
878 Heritage Park, the funding of soil and water conservation districts and  
879 the funding of environmental review teams, in accordance with  
880 subsection (b) of this section. All funds collected from the Passport to  
881 the Parks Fee established pursuant to section 14-49b shall be deposited  
882 into the Passport to the Parks account. Such account shall contain all  
883 moneys required by law to be deposited in such account. Such account  
884 may receive funds from private or public sources, including, but not  
885 limited to, any municipal government or the federal government. Such  
886 account shall contain subaccounts as required by section 23-15b.

887 (b) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and each fiscal year  
888 thereafter, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall be paid by the  
889 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection from the Passport  
890 to the Parks account to each of the following entities: (1) The Connecticut  
891 River Coastal Conservation District, (2) the Eastern Conservation  
892 District, (3) the North Central Conservation District, (4) the Northwest  
893 Conservation District, (5) the Southwest Conservation District, (6) the  
894 Connecticut Environmental Review Team, and (7) the Connecticut  
895 Council on Water and Soil Conservation.

896 Sec. 41. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy and  
897 Environmental Protection, the city of Hartford and Riverfront

898 Recapture shall enter into a memorandum of agreement for the care,  
899 maintenance and operation of Batterson Park by Riverfront Recapture.  
900 Such agreement may include, but shall not be limited to: (1)  
901 Authorization for Riverfront Recapture, through its agents and  
902 employees, to enter upon, maintain and operate all areas of Batterson  
903 Park, including, but not limited to, any areas not under the care, custody  
904 and control of the city of Hartford, and (2) the provision of a grant-in-  
905 aid from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to  
906 Riverfront Recapture, each fiscal year, for the care, maintenance and  
907 operation of Batterson Park through funding available to such state  
908 agency in accordance with the provisions of section 23-15h of the  
909 general statutes.

910       Sec. 42. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy and  
911 Environmental Protection shall enter into a memorandum of agreement  
912 with the Thames River Heritage Park Foundation for the funding of said  
913 heritage park.

914       Sec. 43. Subsection (b) of section 14-49b of the general statutes is  
915 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
916 *2025*):

917       (b) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor  
918 vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to this  
919 chapter, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the  
920 commissioner a fee of [~~fifteen~~] twenty-four dollars for registration for a  
921 triennial period or [~~ten~~] sixteen dollars for registration for a biennial  
922 period for the following registration types: Passenger, motorcycle,  
923 motor home, combination or antique. Any person who is sixty-five years  
924 or older and who obtains a one-year registration renewal under section  
925 14-49 for such registration type shall pay [~~five~~] eight dollars for the  
926 annual registration period. The provisions of this subsection shall not  
927 apply to any motor vehicle that is not self-propelled or that is exempted  
928 from payment of a registration fee. This fee shall be identified as the  
929 "Passport to the Parks Fee" on any registration form provided by the

930 commissioner. Payments collected pursuant to the provisions of this  
931 subsection shall be deposited in the Passport to the Parks account  
932 established pursuant to section 23-15h. The fee required by this  
933 subsection is in addition to any other fees prescribed by any other  
934 provision of this title for the registration of a motor vehicle. No part of  
935 the "Passport to the Parks Fee" shall be subject to a refund under  
936 subsection (z) of section 14-49.

937       Sec. 44. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) For the fiscal year ending June  
938 30, 2024, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the Comptroller shall fund  
939 the fringe benefit cost differential between the average rate for fringe  
940 benefits for employees of private hospitals in the state and the fringe  
941 benefit rate for employees of The University of Connecticut Health  
942 Center from the resources appropriated for State Comptroller-Fringe  
943 Benefits in an amount not to exceed \$4,500,000. For purposes of this  
944 section, the "fringe benefit cost differential" means the difference  
945 between the state fringe benefit rate calculated on The University of  
946 Connecticut Health Center payroll and the average member fringe  
947 benefit rate of all Connecticut acute care hospitals as contained in the  
948 annual reports submitted to the Health Systems Planning Unit of the  
949 Office of Health Strategy pursuant to section 19a-644 of the general  
950 statutes.

951       Sec. 45. Subsection (g) of section 19a-59i of the general statutes is  
952 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
953 *passage*):

954       (g) [Not later than January 1, 2023, the maternal mortality review  
955 committee] The Department of Public Health shall develop educational  
956 materials regarding:

957       (1) The health and safety of pregnant and postpartum persons with  
958 mental health disorders, including, but not limited to, perinatal mood  
959 and anxiety disorders, for distribution by the [Department of Public  
960 Health] department to each birthing hospital in the state. As used in this

961 subdivision, "birthing hospital" means a health care facility, as defined  
962 in section 19a-630, operated and maintained in whole or in part for the  
963 purpose of caring for patients during the delivery of a child and for a  
964 postpartum person and such person's newborn following birth;

965 (2) Evidence-based screening tools for screening patients for intimate  
966 partner violence, peripartum mood disorders and substance use  
967 disorder for distribution by the [Department of Public Health]  
968 department to obstetricians and other health care providers who  
969 practice obstetrics; [and]

970 (3) Indicators of intimate partner violence for distribution by the  
971 [Department of Public Health] department to (A) hospitals for use by  
972 health care providers in the emergency department and hospital social  
973 workers, and (B) obstetricians and other health care providers who  
974 practice obstetrics; and

975 (4) Not later than January 1, 2025, intimate partner violence toward  
976 pregnant and postpartum persons for distribution by the department  
977 (A) in print to each birthing hospital and birth center in the state, and  
978 (B) electronically to obstetricians and other health care providers who  
979 practice obstetrics for provision to pregnant and postpartum patients.  
980 The department shall consult with organizations that advocate on behalf  
981 of victims of domestic violence in the development of educational  
982 materials pursuant to this subdivision.

983 Sec. 46. Section 19a-490ee of the general statutes is repealed and the  
984 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

985 (a) As used in this section, (1) "birthing hospital" means a health care  
986 facility, as defined in section 19a-630, operated and maintained in whole  
987 or in part for the purpose of caring for a person during the delivery of a  
988 child and for a postpartum person and such person's newborn following  
989 birth; and (2) "birth center" has the same meaning as provided in section  
990 19a-490.

991 (b) [On and after October 1, 2022, each] Each birthing hospital shall  
992 provide to each patient who has undergone a caesarean section written  
993 information regarding the importance of mobility following a caesarean  
994 section and the risks associated with immobility following a caesarean  
995 section.

996 (c) [Not later than January 1, 2023, each] Each birthing hospital shall  
997 establish a patient portal through which a postpartum patient can  
998 virtually access, through an Internet web site or application, any  
999 educational materials and other information that the birthing hospital  
1000 provided to the patient during the patient's stay at the birthing hospital  
1001 and at the time of the patient's discharge from the birthing hospital.

1002 (d) [On and after January 1, 2023, each] Each birthing hospital shall  
1003 provide to each postpartum patient the educational materials regarding  
1004 the health and safety of pregnant and postpartum persons with mental  
1005 health disorders, including, but not limited to, perinatal mood and  
1006 anxiety disorders, developed by the maternal mortality review  
1007 committee pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 19a-  
1008 59i.

1009 (e) On and after January 1, 2025, each birthing hospital and birth  
1010 center shall provide to each pregnant and postpartum patient the  
1011 educational materials regarding intimate partner violence toward  
1012 pregnant and postpartum persons, developed by the Department of  
1013 Public Health pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (g) of section  
1014 19a-59i.

1015 Sec. 47. Section 32-616a of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
1016 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1017 *1, 2024*):

1018 (a) For purposes of this section and section 32-616b:

1019 (1) "Authority" means the Capital Region Development Authority  
1020 established pursuant to section 32-601.



1021 (2) "Contractor" means an entity, including any affiliate thereof,  
1022 selected and approved by the board of directors of the authority to  
1023 manage and operate the XL Center.

1024 (3) "XL Center" means the civic center and coliseum complex in the  
1025 city of Hartford known as the XL Center and includes the adjoining  
1026 parking garage owned by the authority that is located on Church Street  
1027 in the city of Hartford.

1028 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the  
1029 authority may enter into an agreement with the contractor that is  
1030 managing and operating the XL Center on July 1, 2023, to continue to  
1031 manage and operate the XL Center. Any such agreement shall provide  
1032 that the contractor will manage, operate and invest in the renovation of  
1033 the XL Center and bear any losses and share in any profits from the  
1034 operation of the XL Center. Any such agreement shall be entered into  
1035 not later than December 31, 2025, except amendments thereto may be  
1036 entered into after said date. Any such agreement or amendment to such  
1037 agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Office  
1038 of Policy and Management.

1039 (c) Any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall include,  
1040 but not be limited to, the following terms and conditions:

1041 (1) The term of the agreement, the expiration of which shall be limited  
1042 to the earliest expiration of any agreement entered into in accordance  
1043 with subsection (e) of this section;

1044 (2) The amounts that the authority and the contractor shall contribute  
1045 toward the renovation and reconstruction of the XL Center pursuant to  
1046 section 32-616b;

1047 (3) A complete description of the scope of the management and  
1048 operations and functions to be performed under the agreement and the  
1049 responsibilities of the authority and the contractor thereunder;

1050 (4) The minimum quality standards the contractor shall maintain in  
1051 its management and operation of the XL Center;

1052 (5) The methodology to calculate the net profit or loss derived from  
1053 the operations of the XL Center, provided (A) operating expenses shall  
1054 not include depreciation on any assets paid for with the funds  
1055 contributed by the contractor or the authority for the renovation and  
1056 reconstruction of the XL Center in accordance with section 32-616b, and  
1057 (B) operating expenses may include fees for certain services that are paid  
1058 to the contractor or its affiliates for certain services rendered, including,  
1059 but not limited to, venue management fees, food and beverage fees, and  
1060 sponsorship and premium commissions;

1061 (6) The division of the net profit or loss between the contractor and  
1062 the authority, provided that on an annual basis: (A) The contractor shall  
1063 be responsible for any net loss from the operations of the XL Center, (B)  
1064 the contractor shall retain the first four million dollars of any net profit  
1065 from the operations of the XL Center, and (C) any net profit from the  
1066 operations of the XL Center in excess of four million dollars shall be split  
1067 equally between the contractor and the authority;

1068 (7) Any amounts that the contractor and the authority will contribute  
1069 to a capital expense fund to pay for future capital improvements;

1070 (8) A requirement that the contractor furnish an annual independent  
1071 audit report to the authority and to the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
1072 and Management covering all aspects of the agreement;

1073 (9) Performance and payment bonds or other security deemed  
1074 suitable by the authority;

1075 (10) One or more policies of public liability insurance in such  
1076 amounts determined by the authority to ensure coverage of tort liability  
1077 for the public and employees of the contractor and to provide for the  
1078 continued operation of the XL Center;

1079 (11) The rights and remedies available to the authority for a material  
1080 breach of the agreement by the contractor; and

1081 (12) Any other provision determined to be appropriate by the  
1082 authority.

1083 (d) Any agreement entered into pursuant to this section shall be  
1084 consistent with the provisions of subdivision (4) of subsection (d) of  
1085 section 32-602.

1086 (e) Prior to entering into any agreement pursuant to subsection (b) of  
1087 this section, the authority shall enter into one or more agreements with  
1088 the city of Hartford to extend the lease of the XL Center.

1089 (f) For purposes of property taxation, while owned, leased or  
1090 operated by the authority or the contractor, the XL Center and any  
1091 personal property located thereon shall be deemed to be state-owned  
1092 property under subdivision (2) of section 12-81, except the state shall not  
1093 make any grant in lieu of taxes with respect to the XL Center.

1094 (g) Any purchase or lease necessary for the operations of the XL  
1095 Center shall not be subject to the taxes imposed under chapter 219 while  
1096 the XL Center is owned, leased or operated by the authority or the  
1097 contractor.

1098 Sec. 48. Section 32-616b of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
1099 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
1100 *1, 2024*):

1101 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the  
1102 authority may enter into one or more agreements for a project to  
1103 renovate and reconstruct the XL Center. Any such agreement shall be  
1104 entered into not later than December 31, 2025, except amendments  
1105 thereto may be entered into after said date. Any such agreement or  
1106 amendment shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Office  
1107 of Policy and Management.

1108 (b) Any such agreement shall provide that the authority, the state, or  
1109 a combination thereof, shall contribute not more than [eighty] one  
1110 hundred twenty-five million dollars and the contractor shall contribute  
1111 not less than twenty million dollars toward the costs of any renovation  
1112 or reconstruction of the XL Center occurring after January 1, 2023.

1113 Sec. 49. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) The Criminal Justice Policy and  
1114 Planning Division within the Office of Policy and Management, in  
1115 consultation with the Department of Correction, shall conduct a needs  
1116 assessment of the facilities, materials and staffing required for the  
1117 delivery of postsecondary education programs in correctional facilities.  
1118 Such assessment shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) a  
1119 solicitation of feedback from institutions of higher education that  
1120 provide postsecondary education programs in correctional facilities to  
1121 understand current needs, (2) an analysis of the policies of the  
1122 Department of Correction concerning postsecondary education of  
1123 incarcerated persons, (3) a determination of the level of unmet demand  
1124 for postsecondary education among incarcerated persons, (4) an  
1125 inventory of the (A) correctional facilities, including, but not limited to,  
1126 classrooms, multipurpose rooms, libraries and study rooms, (B) staffing,  
1127 and (C) materials, including, but not limited to, education technology  
1128 and Internet access, currently available for the delivery of  
1129 postsecondary education, (5) recommendations for and a cost analysis  
1130 of the improvement of such facilities, staffing and materials to meet the  
1131 unmet demand for postsecondary education, (6) a survey of (A)  
1132 students of postsecondary education programs in correctional facilities,  
1133 (B) former students of such programs, in consultation with regional  
1134 reentry programs, and (C) any group or person the division deems  
1135 necessary, and (7) a listing of any other specific barriers to the effective  
1136 delivery of postsecondary education programs to incarcerated persons.

1137 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
1138 and Management shall report, in accordance with the provisions of  
1139 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of  
1140 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher

1141 education and employment advancement regarding the needs  
1142 assessment conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

1143 Sec. 50. Subsection (b) of section 10a-173 of the 2024 supplement to  
1144 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1145 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1146 (b) The Office of Higher Education shall establish the Roberta B.  
1147 Willis Scholarship program to annually make need-based financial aid  
1148 available for eligible educational costs to eligible students enrolled at  
1149 Connecticut's public and independent institutions of higher education.  
1150 Within available funds, the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program shall  
1151 include a need and merit-based grant, a need-based grant and a Charter  
1152 Oak grant. The need and merit-based grant shall be funded at not less  
1153 than twenty per cent but not more than thirty per cent of available funds  
1154 or ten million dollars, whichever is greater. The need-based grant shall  
1155 be funded at up to eighty per cent of available funds. The Charter Oak  
1156 grant shall be not less than one hundred thousand dollars of available  
1157 funds. There shall be an administrative allowance based on one-quarter  
1158 of one per cent of the available funds, but not less than one hundred  
1159 thousand dollars annually. The Office of Higher Education shall [use]  
1160 disburse the funds appropriated or allocated for the Roberta B. Willis  
1161 Scholarship program for the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2024, and  
1162 June 30, 2025, to make awards pursuant to subsection (c) of this section  
1163 and allocate funds pursuant to subsections (d) and (f) of this section [for  
1164 the academic years commencing July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024] in  
1165 accordance with a plan developed by the office, provided the office shall  
1166 [use] (1) disburse all funds allocated for the Roberta B. Willis  
1167 Scholarship program from the federal funds designated for the state  
1168 pursuant to the provisions of Section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the  
1169 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to  
1170 time, on or before December 31, 2024, and (2) in accordance with  
1171 subsection (f) of section 4-89, reserve an amount of not more than fifteen  
1172 million dollars from the amount appropriated for the Roberta B. Willis  
1173 Scholarship program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for

1174 disbursement during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

1175       Sec. 51. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2025,  
1176 and quarterly thereafter, the Connecticut Port Authority shall submit a  
1177 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
1178 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
1179 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and  
1180 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies that shall include the  
1181 following: (1) A description of the authority's work to support grants  
1182 under the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program; (2) a  
1183 description of the authority's dredging activities and the needs  
1184 concerning dredging in harbors in the state; (3) a description of the  
1185 authority's marketing activities on behalf of maritime communities in  
1186 the state; and (4) a staffing plan to handle the needs of the authority.

1187       Sec. 52. Section 2-137 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
1188 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
1189 *passage*):

1190       (a) There is established a Transforming Children's Behavioral Health  
1191 Policy and Planning Committee. The committee shall evaluate the  
1192 availability and efficacy of prevention, early intervention, and  
1193 behavioral health treatment services and options for children from birth  
1194 to age eighteen and make recommendations to the General Assembly  
1195 and executive agencies regarding the governance and administration of  
1196 the behavioral health care system for children. The committee shall be  
1197 within the Legislative Department. For purposes of this section,  
1198 "behavioral health" means mental health and substance use disorders,  
1199 as well as overall psychological well-being.

1200       (b) The committee shall consist of the following members:

1201       (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
1202 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
1203 relating to public health, human services, children and appropriations  
1204 and the budgets of state agencies, or their designees;

1205 (2) Three appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
1206 one of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly and two of  
1207 whom shall be providers of behavioral health services for children in the  
1208 state;

1209 (3) Three appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
1210 of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly and two of whom  
1211 shall be representatives of private advocacy groups that provide  
1212 services for children and families in the state;

1213 (4) (A) Two appointed by the chairperson of the committee selected  
1214 by the speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to subsection  
1215 (e) of this section, one of whom shall be a child or youth advocate; and  
1216 (B) two appointed by the chairperson of the committee selected by the  
1217 president pro tempore of the Senate pursuant to subsection (e) of this  
1218 section, one of whom shall be a child or youth advocate;

1219 (5) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
1220 Representatives, who shall be representatives of children's hospitals;

1221 (6) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
1222 a representative of public school superintendents in the state;

1223 (7) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
1224 Representatives, who shall be representatives of families with children  
1225 who have been diagnosed with behavioral health disorders;

1226 (8) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
1227 providers of behavioral health services;

1228 (9) Two jointly appointed by the chairpersons of the joint standing  
1229 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
1230 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, each of  
1231 whom shall be a representative of one of the two federally recognized  
1232 Indian tribes in the state;

1233 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) The Commissioners of Children and Families, Correction,

1234 Developmental Services, Early Childhood, Education, Insurance,  
1235 Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health and Social  
1236 Services, or their designees;

1237     [(10)] (11) The executive director of the Office of Health Strategy, or  
1238 the executive director's designee;

1239     [(11)] (12) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee;

1240     [(12)] (13) The Healthcare Advocate, or the Healthcare Advocate's  
1241 designee;

1242     [(13)] (14) The executive director of the Court Support Services  
1243 Division of the Judicial Branch, or the executive director's designee;

1244     [(14)] (15) The executive director of the Commission on Women,  
1245 Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity, or the executive director's  
1246 designee;

1247     [(15)] (16) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or  
1248 the secretary's designee; and

1249     [(16)] (17) One representative from each administrative services  
1250 organization under contract with the Department of Social Services to  
1251 provide such services for recipients of assistance under the HUSKY  
1252 Health program, who shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members.

1253     (c) Any member of the committee appointed under subdivisions (1)  
1254 to (8), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
1255 General Assembly.

1256     (d) Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

1257     (e) The chairpersons of the committee shall be (1) the Secretary of the  
1258 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, and (2)  
1259 two members of the General Assembly, one each selected by the speaker  
1260 of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the



1261 Senate from among the members serving pursuant to subdivision (1),  
1262 (2) or (3) of subsection (b) of this section. The three chairpersons shall  
1263 schedule the first meeting of the committee, which shall be held not later  
1264 than September 1, 2023.

1265 (f) Members of the committee shall serve without compensation,  
1266 except for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
1267 duties.

1268 (g) Not later than December 1, [2023] 2025, the committee shall report,  
1269 in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the  
1270 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
1271 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, public health, human  
1272 services and children, and the Office of Policy and Management,  
1273 regarding the following:

1274 (1) Any statutory and budgetary changes needed concerning the  
1275 behavioral health system of prevention, development and treatment  
1276 that the committee recommends to (A) improve developmental and  
1277 behavioral health outcomes for children; (B) improve transparency and  
1278 accountability with respect to state-funded services for children and  
1279 youth with an emphasis on goals identified by the committee for  
1280 community-based programs and facility-based interventions; and (C)  
1281 promote the efficient sharing of information by state and state-funded  
1282 agencies to ensure the regular collection and reporting of data regarding  
1283 children and families' access to, utilization of and benefit from services  
1284 necessary to promote public health and behavioral health outcomes for  
1285 children and youth and their families;

1286 (2) The gaps in services identified by the committee with respect to  
1287 children and families involved in the behavioral health system, and  
1288 recommendations to address such gaps in services;

1289 (3) Strengths and barriers identified by the committee that support or  
1290 impede the behavioral health needs of children and youth with specific  
1291 recommendations for reforms;

1292 (4) An examination of the way state agencies can work collaboratively  
1293 through school-based efforts and other processes to improve  
1294 developmental and behavioral health outcomes for children;

1295 (5) An examination of disproportionate access and outcomes across  
1296 the behavioral health care system for children of color;

1297 (6) An examination of disproportionate access and outcomes across  
1298 the behavioral health care system for children with developmental  
1299 disabilities;

1300 (7) A plan to ensure a quality assurance framework for facilities and  
1301 programs that are part of the behavioral health care system and are  
1302 operated privately or by the state that includes data regarding efficacy  
1303 and outcomes; and

1304 (8) A governance structure for the children's behavioral health system  
1305 that will best facilitate the public policy and healthcare goals of the state  
1306 to ensure that all children and families, in urban, rural and all other  
1307 areas of the state, can access high-quality behavioral health care.

1308 (h) The committee may complete its duties under this section after  
1309 requesting consultation with one or more organizations that focus on  
1310 children's behavioral health. The committee may accept administrative  
1311 support and technical and research assistance from any organization.

1312 (i) The committee shall be given access to data collected by the state  
1313 on matters related to children's behavioral health from the relevant state  
1314 agencies or directly from contracted administrative service  
1315 organizations, as applicable.

1316 (j) The committee may include two or more subcommittees chaired  
1317 by a member of the committee to inform its recommendations. The  
1318 subcommittees may focus on: Workforce-related issues, school-based  
1319 health, prevention, and intermediate or acute care. Any subcommittees  
1320 may examine gaps, reimbursement rates, parity in the outcomes of

1321 services or the efficacy of services.

1322 (k) The committee shall, annually, establish a work plan for  
1323 reviewing and making follow-up reports on the status or progress of the  
1324 committee's recommendations and activities. The work plan shall  
1325 include specific recommendations to improve outcomes related to  
1326 children's behavioral health and a timeline indicating dates by which  
1327 specific tasks or outcomes should be achieved.

1328 (l) The committee shall develop a strategic plan that integrates the  
1329 recommendations identified pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.  
1330 In developing the plan, the committee may collaborate with any state  
1331 agency with responsibilities relating to the behavioral health system.

1332 (m) Not later than December 1, [2024] 2026, the committee shall  
1333 report, in accordance with section 11-4a, such plan, together with an  
1334 account of progress made toward the full implementation of such plan,  
1335 and any recommendations concerning the implementation of identified  
1336 goals in the plan to the joint standing committees of the General  
1337 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and  
1338 the budgets of state agencies, public health, human services and  
1339 children, and the Office of Policy and Management.

1340 Sec. 53. Subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of section 10a-173 of the 2024  
1341 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
1342 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

1343 (c) The Roberta B. Willis Scholarship need and merit-based grant  
1344 shall be available to any eligible student at any public or independent  
1345 institution of higher education. The Office of Higher Education shall  
1346 determine qualification for financial need based on family contribution  
1347 prior to July 1, 2024, and, on and after July 1, 2024, based on student aid  
1348 index and qualification for merit based on either previous high school  
1349 academic achievement or performance on standardized academic  
1350 aptitude tests. The Office of Higher Education shall make awards  
1351 according to a sliding scale, annually determined by said office, up to a

1352 maximum family contribution or student aid index and based on  
1353 available funds and the number of eligible students who qualify for an  
1354 award. The Roberta B. Willis Scholarship need and merit-based grant  
1355 shall be awarded in a higher amount than the need-based grant  
1356 awarded pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, except for the  
1357 academic year commencing July 1, 2024. Recipients of the need and  
1358 merit-based grant shall not be eligible to receive an additional need-  
1359 based award. The order of institutions of higher education provided by  
1360 an eligible student on such student's Free Application for Federal  
1361 Student Aid shall not affect the student's qualification for an award  
1362 under this subsection. The institution of higher education in which an  
1363 eligible student enrolls shall disburse sums awarded under the need and  
1364 merit-based grant for payment of such student's eligible educational  
1365 costs.

1366 (d) The Roberta B. Willis Scholarship need-based grant shall be  
1367 available to any eligible student at any public or independent institution  
1368 of higher education. The amount of the annual funds to be allocated to  
1369 each institution of higher education shall be determined by its actual  
1370 full-time equivalent enrollment of eligible students with a family  
1371 contribution or student aid index during the fall semester of the fiscal  
1372 year two years prior to the grant year of an amount not greater than two  
1373 hundred per cent of the maximum family contribution or student aid  
1374 index eligible for a federal Pell grant award for the academic year one  
1375 year prior to the grant year. Not later than July first, annually, each  
1376 institution of higher education shall report such enrollment data to the  
1377 Office of Higher Education. Not later than October first, annually, the  
1378 Office of Higher Education shall (1) publish such enrollment data on its  
1379 Internet web site, (2) notify each institution of higher education of the  
1380 proportion of the annual funds that such institution of higher education  
1381 will receive the following fiscal year, and (3) publish the proportions for  
1382 each institution of higher education on its Internet web site.  
1383 Participating institutions of higher education shall make awards (A) to  
1384 eligible full-time students in an amount up to four thousand five

1385 hundred dollars, and (B) to eligible part-time students in an amount that  
1386 is prorated according to the number of credits each student will earn for  
1387 completing the course or courses in which such student is enrolled, such  
1388 that a student enrolled in a course or courses earning (i) at least nine but  
1389 less than twelve credits is eligible for up to seventy-five per cent of the  
1390 maximum award, and (ii) at least six but less than nine credits is eligible  
1391 for up to fifty per cent of the maximum award. Each participating  
1392 institution of higher education shall expend all of the moneys received  
1393 under the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program as direct financial  
1394 assistance only for eligible educational costs.

1395 (e) Participating institutions of higher education shall annually  
1396 provide the Office of Higher Education with data and reports on all  
1397 eligible students who applied for financial aid, including, but not  
1398 limited to, students receiving a Roberta B. Willis Scholarship grant, in a  
1399 form and at a time determined by said office. If an institution of higher  
1400 education fails to submit information to the Office of Higher Education  
1401 as directed, such institution shall be prohibited from participating in the  
1402 scholarship program in the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which  
1403 such institution failed to submit such information. Each participating  
1404 institution of higher education shall maintain, for a period of not less  
1405 than three years, records substantiating the reported number of eligible  
1406 students and documentation utilized by the institution of higher  
1407 education in determining qualification of the student grant recipients.  
1408 Such records shall be subject to audit or review. For the academic year  
1409 commencing July 1, 2024, the Office of Higher Education shall (1) not  
1410 require participating institutions of higher education to reduce the  
1411 amount of a need-based grant awarded to an eligible student based on  
1412 the initial qualifications determined from such student's Free  
1413 Application for Federal Student Aid, even if the United States  
1414 Department of Education subsequently revises such qualifications, and  
1415 (2) deem a participating institution of higher education to be in  
1416 compliance with this section if such initial qualifications qualified an  
1417 eligible student for the need-based grant that such student was

1418 awarded. Funds not obligated by an institution of higher education shall  
1419 be returned by May first in the fiscal year the grant was made to the  
1420 Office of Higher Education for reallocation. Financial aid provided to  
1421 eligible students under this program shall be designated as a grant from  
1422 the Roberta B. Willis Scholarship program.

1423       Sec. 54. Subsection (d) of section 22a-202 of the 2024 supplement to  
1424 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1425 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1426       (d) On and after July 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Energy and  
1427 Environmental Protection shall establish and administer a program to  
1428 provide rebates or vouchers to residents, municipalities, businesses,  
1429 nonprofit organizations and tribal entities located in this state when  
1430 such residents, municipalities, businesses, organizations or tribal  
1431 entities purchase or lease a new or used battery electric vehicle, plug-in  
1432 hybrid electric vehicle or fuel cell electric vehicle. The commissioner, in  
1433 consultation with the advisory board, shall establish and revise, as  
1434 necessary, appropriate rebate levels, voucher amounts and maximum  
1435 income eligibility for such rebates or vouchers. The commissioner shall  
1436 prioritize the granting of rebates or vouchers to residents of  
1437 environmental justice communities, residents having household  
1438 incomes at or below three hundred per cent of the federal poverty level  
1439 and residents who participate in state and federal assistance programs,  
1440 including, but not limited to, the state-administered federal  
1441 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, state-administered federal  
1442 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, a Head Start program  
1443 established pursuant to section 10-16n or assistance provided by  
1444 Operation Fuel, Incorporated. Any such rebate or voucher awarded to a  
1445 resident of an environmental justice community shall be in an amount  
1446 [up to one] not less than two hundred per cent more than the standard  
1447 rebate level or voucher amount. An eligible municipality, business,  
1448 nonprofit organization or tribal entity may receive not more than ten  
1449 rebates or vouchers a year, within available funds, and not more than a  
1450 total of twenty rebates or vouchers, except the commissioner may issue

1451 additional rebates or vouchers to an eligible business or nonprofit  
1452 organization that operates a fleet of motor vehicles exclusively in an  
1453 environmental justice community. On and after July 1, 2022, and until  
1454 June 30, 2027, inclusive, a battery electric vehicle, plug-in hybrid electric  
1455 vehicle or fuel cell electric vehicle that is eligible for a rebate or voucher  
1456 under the program shall have a base manufacturer's suggested retail  
1457 price of not more than fifty thousand dollars.

1458 Sec. 55. Subsection (e) of section 22a-200c of the general statutes is  
1459 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
1460 *passage*):

1461 (e) Beginning with the first auction occurring on or after January 1,  
1462 2023, and notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
1463 section and subdivision (6) of subsection (f) of section 22a-174-31 of the  
1464 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, auction proceeds annually  
1465 calculated and allocated in accordance with subdivision (6) of  
1466 subsection (f) of section 22a-174-31 of the regulations of Connecticut  
1467 state agencies to the Connecticut Green Bank may be utilized by the  
1468 Connecticut Green Bank, in consultation with the Department of Energy  
1469 and Environmental Protection, for clean energy resources that do not  
1470 emit greenhouse gas emissions, provided that any proceeds calculated  
1471 and allocated to the Connecticut Green Bank in excess of five million  
1472 two hundred thousand dollars in any fiscal year shall be diverted for the  
1473 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year thereafter, to the  
1474 department to provide funding for the Connecticut [hydrogen and  
1475 electric automobile purchase rebate program account] Hydrogen and  
1476 Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate program established pursuant to  
1477 [subsection (h) of] section 22a-202 and other programs established to  
1478 support the department's engagement with environmental justice  
1479 communities. For the purposes of this subsection, "clean energy" has the  
1480 same meaning as provided in section 16-245n and "environmental  
1481 justice community" has the same meaning as provided in section 22a-  
1482 20a.

1483 Sec. 56. Subsection (b) of section 32-9p of the general statutes is  
1484 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1485 *1, 2024*):

1486 (b) "Distressed municipality" means, as of the date of the issuance of  
1487 an eligibility certificate, any municipality in the state which, according  
1488 to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development  
1489 meets the necessary number of quantitative physical and economic  
1490 distress thresholds which are then applicable for eligibility for the urban  
1491 development action grant program under the Housing and Community  
1492 Development Act of 1977, as amended, or any town within which is  
1493 located an unconsolidated city or borough which meets such distress  
1494 thresholds. Any municipality which, at any time subsequent to July 1,  
1495 1978, has met such thresholds but which at any time thereafter fails to  
1496 meet such thresholds, according to said department, shall be deemed to  
1497 be a distressed municipality for a period of five years subsequent to the  
1498 date of the determination that such municipality fails to meet such  
1499 thresholds, [unless such] except that any municipality [elects] with a  
1500 population that was more than one hundred thousand as of the most  
1501 recent United States census at the time of such determination shall be  
1502 deemed to be a distressed municipality for a period of ten years  
1503 subsequent to the date of such determination. Any distressed  
1504 municipality that fails to meet the distress thresholds may elect to  
1505 terminate its designation as a distressed municipality, by vote of its  
1506 legislative body, not later than September 1, 1985, or not later than three  
1507 months after receiving notification from the commissioner that it no  
1508 longer meets such thresholds, whichever is later. In the event a  
1509 distressed municipality elects to terminate its designation, the  
1510 municipality shall notify the commissioner and the Secretary of the  
1511 Office of Policy and Management in writing within thirty days. In the  
1512 event that the commissioner determines that amendatory federal  
1513 legislation or administrative regulation has materially changed the  
1514 distress thresholds thereby established, "distressed municipality" means  
1515 any municipality in the state which meets comparable thresholds of



1516 distress which are then applicable in the areas of high unemployment  
1517 and poverty, aging housing stock and low or declining rates of growth  
1518 in job creation, population and per capita income as established by the  
1519 commissioner, consistent with the purposes of subdivisions (59) and  
1520 (60) of section 12-81 and sections 12-217e, 32-9p to 32-9s, inclusive, and  
1521 32-23p, in regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54. For  
1522 purposes of sections 32-9p to 32-9s, inclusive, "distressed municipality"  
1523 also means any municipality adversely impacted by a major plant  
1524 closing, relocation or layoff, provided the eligibility of a municipality  
1525 shall not exceed two years from the date of such closing, relocation or  
1526 layoff. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
1527 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,  
1528 which define what constitutes a "major plant closing, relocation or  
1529 layoff" for purposes of sections 32-9p to 32-9s, inclusive. "Distressed  
1530 municipality" also means the portion of any municipality which is  
1531 eligible for designation as an enterprise zone pursuant to subdivision  
1532 (2) of subsection (b) of section 32-70.

1533       Sec. 57. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) A municipality may adopt  
1534 an ordinance requiring that each person who files an application to  
1535 renew a license pursuant to section 12-287 of the general statutes shall  
1536 simultaneously give written notice of such renewal application to the  
1537 chief law enforcement official, or such chief law enforcement official's  
1538 designee, of the town in which any place of business to be operated  
1539 under such license is located. Such chief law enforcement official, or  
1540 such chief law enforcement official's designee, may respond in writing,  
1541 not later than fifteen days after receipt of such notice, to the  
1542 Commissioner of Revenue Services, with comments regarding the  
1543 renewal application that is the subject of such notice. The commissioner  
1544 shall consider any written comments offered by such chief law  
1545 enforcement official, or such chief law enforcement official's designee,  
1546 prior to approving such application.

1547       Sec. 58. (*Effective October 1, 2024*) Not later than January 1, 2026, the  
1548 Commissioner of Revenue Services shall submit a report, in accordance

1549 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
1550 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
1551 relating to planning and development, finance, revenue and bonding  
1552 and public safety and security. Such report shall include, but not be  
1553 limited to: (1) The number of written comments submitted by chief law  
1554 enforcement officials, or such chief law enforcement officials' designees,  
1555 under section 57 of this act, (2) copies of such written comments, if any,  
1556 (3) a summary of the actions taken by the Department of Revenue  
1557 Services regarding the granting or denial of a license renewal  
1558 application pursuant to section 12-287 of the general statutes for which  
1559 comments were received under section 57 of this act, and (4) the  
1560 commissioner's conclusions and recommendations, after consultation  
1561 with such chief law enforcement officials or such chief law enforcement  
1562 officials' designees, regarding the notice requirement contained in  
1563 section 57 of this act.

1564 Sec. 59. Section 12-287 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1565 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

1566 (a) Each person engaging in, or intending to engage in, the business  
1567 of selling cigarettes in this state as a dealer, and each person engaging  
1568 in or intending to engage in, the business of selling taxed tobacco  
1569 products at retail, shall secure a dealer's license from the Commissioner  
1570 of Revenue Services before engaging in such business or continuing to  
1571 engage therein. The department shall not issue an initial license to an  
1572 applicant until such applicant has complied with the provisions of  
1573 subsection (b) of this section. Subject to the provisions of section 12-286,  
1574 such license shall be renewable annually, provided that prior to renewal  
1575 the commissioner shall consider any comments received pursuant to  
1576 section 57 of this act.

1577 (b) (1) Upon filing an application, an applicant shall, in a form and  
1578 manner prescribed by the department, give notice of such application to  
1579 the clerk of the municipality where the business is to be located. Such  
1580 notice shall contain the name and residential address of the applicant

1581 and the location of the place of business for which such license is to be  
1582 issued. Upon receipt of such notice, the clerk shall post and maintain  
1583 such notice on the Internet web site of the municipality for at least two  
1584 weeks.

1585 (2) Not later than the day following the date an applicant provides  
1586 notice pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the applicant shall  
1587 affix a copy of such notice, which shall be maintained in a legible  
1588 condition, upon the outer door of the building wherein such place of  
1589 business is to be located. If an application is filed for a license for a  
1590 building that has not yet been constructed, the applicant shall, not later  
1591 than the day following the date an applicant provides notice pursuant  
1592 to subdivision (1) of this subsection, erect and maintain in a legible  
1593 condition on the site where the business is to be located, a sign that (A)  
1594 is not less than six feet by four feet, (B) contains the license applied for  
1595 and the name of the proposed licensee, and (C) is clearly visible from  
1596 the public highway.

1597 (3) An applicant shall make a return to the department, under oath,  
1598 of compliance with the requirements of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this  
1599 subsection, in such form as the department may require. The  
1600 department may require additional proof of compliance. Upon receipt  
1601 of sufficient evidence of such compliance, the department may hold a  
1602 hearing as to the suitability of the proposed location.

1603 (c) (1) Any ten persons who are at least eighteen years of age and who  
1604 are residents of the town in which the place of business is intended to  
1605 be operated under the license or renewal applied for, may file with the  
1606 department, not later than three weeks after the last date of the posting  
1607 of notice pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section for  
1608 an initial license, and, in the case of renewal of an existing license, at  
1609 least twenty-one days before the renewal date of such license, a  
1610 remonstrance containing any objection to the suitability of such  
1611 applicant or proposed place of business, provided any such issue is not  
1612 controlled by local zoning. Upon the filing of such remonstrance, the

1613 department, upon written application, shall hold a hearing and provide  
1614 such notice as it deems reasonable of the time and place at least five days  
1615 before such hearing. The remonstrants shall designate one or more  
1616 agents for service, who shall serve as the recipient or recipients of all  
1617 notices issued by the department. At any time prior to the issuance of a  
1618 decision by the department, a remonstrance may be withdrawn by the  
1619 remonstrants or by such agent or agents acting on behalf of such  
1620 remonstrants and the department may cancel the hearing or withdraw  
1621 the case. The decision of the department on such application shall be  
1622 final with respect to the remonstrance.

1623 (2) Any ten persons who have filed a remonstrance pursuant to the  
1624 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection and who are aggrieved  
1625 by the granting of a license by the department may appeal therefrom in  
1626 accordance with section 4-183.

1627 (d) The annual fee for a dealer's license shall be two hundred dollars.  
1628 Such license shall be valid for a period beginning with the date of license  
1629 to the thirtieth day of September next succeeding the date of license  
1630 unless sooner revoked as provided in section 12-295, or unless the  
1631 person to whom it was issued discontinues business, in either of which  
1632 cases the holder of the license shall immediately return it to the  
1633 commissioner. In the event of mutilation or destruction of such license,  
1634 a duplicate copy, marked as such, shall be issued by said commissioner  
1635 upon an application accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars.

1636 *Sec. 60. (Effective from passage) On and after January 1, 2026, the*  
1637 *detention center located on Union Avenue in New Haven shall be under*  
1638 *the jurisdiction of a state agency as determined by the Secretary of the*  
1639 *Office of Policy and Management.*

1640 *Sec. 61. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) As used in this section, "local*  
1641 *educational agency" or "LEA" has the same meaning as provided in 20*  
1642 *USC 1401, as amended from time to time.*

1643 *(b) To the extent permissible under federal law, and subject to federal*

1644 approval and within available funding specifically appropriated for this  
1645 purpose, the Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the  
1646 Commissioner of Education, shall seek federal approval to amend the  
1647 Medicaid state plan to expand Medicaid coverage for health services  
1648 provided by or on behalf of a local educational agency to any student  
1649 who is enrolled in Medicaid regardless of whether such student  
1650 qualifies for services under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities  
1651 Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et seq., or section 504 of the Rehabilitation  
1652 Act, as each is amended from time to time. The commissioner shall  
1653 submit such Medicaid state plan amendment not later than October 1,  
1654 2025.

1655 (c) To the extent permissible under federal law, and subject to federal  
1656 approval and within available appropriations, a local educational  
1657 agency shall be authorized by the Commissioner of Social Services to  
1658 submit Medicaid claims for each student who is eligible for Medicaid  
1659 and is receiving Medicaid-covered school-based services unless such  
1660 student's parent or legal guardian opts out of authorizing the local  
1661 educational agency from billing Medicaid for services provided for the  
1662 student.

1663 (d) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the  
1664 Commissioner of Education, shall issue written guidance regarding  
1665 health care services eligible for Medicaid reimbursement to be  
1666 disseminated to each local or regional board of education.

1667 (e) Not later than January first annually, the Commissioner of Social  
1668 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, shall file  
1669 a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
1670 statutes, on Medicaid reimbursement for school-based health care  
1671 services with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
1672 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, children,  
1673 education and human services. The report shall include  
1674 recommendations on expanding Medicaid health care services provided  
1675 in schools.

1676       Sec. 62. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) To the extent permissible under  
1677 federal law, and subject to federal approval and within available  
1678 funding specifically appropriated for this purpose, the Commissioner of  
1679 Social Services shall amend the Medicaid state plan to provide Medicaid  
1680 coverage for health care services provided to an eligible student  
1681 enrolled in Medicaid in the office of a school nurse. The amendment  
1682 may be part of the Medicaid state plan amendment submitted pursuant  
1683 to section 61 of this act.

1684       Sec. 63. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an  
1685 interagency coalition to coordinate and make recommendations  
1686 concerning maximizing federal funding for Medicaid-eligible health  
1687 care services in public schools in the state.

1688       (b) The coalition shall convene not later than sixty days after the  
1689 effective date of this section and shall meet at least quarterly. The  
1690 coalition shall consist of:

1691       (1) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

1692       (2) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
1693 designee; and

1694       (3) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
1695 secretary's designee.

1696       (c) Not later than January first annually, the coalition shall file a  
1697 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
1698 statutes, with the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
1699 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, children,  
1700 education and human services. The report shall include, but need not be  
1701 limited to: (1) The number of school children receiving Medicaid-  
1702 covered health care services in the prior school year and any increase or  
1703 decrease in the percentage of such students per total student enrollment;  
1704 (2) steps taken to expand Medicaid coverage of student health care  
1705 services, including, but not limited to, any Medicaid waivers or state

1706 plan amendments; and (3) a survey of efforts in other states to expand  
1707 Medicaid-covered health care services for students.

1708 Sec. 64. Section 17b-597 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1709 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective April 1, 2025*):

1710 (a) The Department of Social Services shall establish and implement  
1711 a working persons with disabilities program to provide medical  
1712 assistance as authorized under 42 USC 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii), as amended  
1713 from time to time, to persons who are disabled and regularly employed.

1714 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid  
1715 state plan to allow persons specified in subsection (a) of this section to  
1716 qualify for medical assistance. The amendment shall include the  
1717 following requirements: (1) That the person be engaged in a substantial  
1718 and reasonable work effort as determined by the commissioner and as  
1719 permitted by federal law and have an annual adjusted gross income, as  
1720 defined in Section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any  
1721 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,  
1722 as amended from time to time, of ~~[no]~~ not more than ~~[seventy-five]~~  
1723 eighty-five thousand dollars per year; (2) a disregard of all countable  
1724 income up to two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level; (3) for  
1725 an unmarried person, an asset limit of ~~[ten]~~ twenty thousand dollars,  
1726 and for a married couple, an asset limit of ~~[fifteen]~~ thirty thousand  
1727 dollars; (4) a disregard of any retirement and medical savings accounts  
1728 established pursuant to 26 USC 220 and held by either the person or the  
1729 person's spouse; (5) a disregard of any moneys in accounts designated  
1730 by the person or the person's spouse for the purpose of purchasing  
1731 goods or services that will increase the employability of such person,  
1732 subject to approval by the commissioner; (6) a disregard of spousal  
1733 income solely for purposes of determination of eligibility; and (7) a  
1734 contribution of any countable income of the person or the person's  
1735 spouse which exceeds two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level,  
1736 as adjusted for the appropriate family size, equal to ten per cent of the  
1737 excess minus any premiums paid from income for health insurance by

1738 any family member, but which does not exceed the maximum  
1739 contribution allowable under Section 201(a)(3) of Public Law 106-170, as  
1740 amended from time to time.

1741 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,  
1742 on and after July 1, 2026, the commissioner shall phase in the elimination  
1743 of income and asset limits for a participant in the program over four  
1744 fiscal years by annually increasing (1) the income limit prescribed in  
1745 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section by ten thousand dollars,  
1746 and (2) the asset limit prescribed in subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of  
1747 this section by ten thousand dollars for an unmarried person and fifteen  
1748 thousand dollars for a married couple. On and after July 1, 2029, there  
1749 shall be no income or asset limit for eligibility for the program.

1750 [(c)] (d) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement the  
1751 policies and procedures necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
1752 section while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in  
1753 regulation form, provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is  
1754 [published in the Connecticut Law Journal within twenty days after  
1755 implementation] posted on the eRegulations System in accordance with  
1756 section 17b-10. The commissioner shall define "countable income" for  
1757 purposes of subsection (b) of this section which shall take into account  
1758 impairment-related work expenses as defined in the Social Security Act.  
1759 Such policies and procedures shall be valid until the time final  
1760 regulations are effective.

1761 Sec. 65. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) There is established a Bureau  
1762 of Services for Persons Who Are Deaf, Deafblind or Hard of Hearing  
1763 which shall be within the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

1764 (b) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, in  
1765 consultation with the Advisory Board for Persons who are Deaf,  
1766 Deafblind or Hard of Hearing established pursuant to section 17a-836 of  
1767 the general statutes shall, not later than October 1, 2024, hire a director  
1768 of the bureau. The director shall (1) have professional experience in



1769 serving the needs of deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing persons, and (2)  
1770 be (A) able to communicate in American Sign Language, and (B) familiar  
1771 with effective interpretation methods to assist deafblind persons. The  
1772 commissioner shall also hire an administrative assistant for the director.

1773 (c) The director shall report to the commissioner. The director's duties  
1774 shall include, but need not be limited to:

1775 (1) Assisting in overseeing department employees who provide  
1776 counseling, interpreting and other assistance to persons who are deaf,  
1777 deafblind or hard of hearing, except for federally funded vocational  
1778 rehabilitation employees;

1779 (2) Annually updating and publishing on the department's Internet  
1780 web site and the Internet web page of the bureau established pursuant  
1781 to subdivision (6) of this subsection a resource guide for persons who  
1782 are deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing;

1783 (3) Assisting in the registration of state-registered interpreters,  
1784 including maintaining and publishing on the Internet web page of the  
1785 bureau and the department's Internet web site a list of such interpreters  
1786 categorized by the settings in which they are qualified to interpret, in  
1787 accordance with section 17a-838 of the general statutes;

1788 (4) Assisting each state agency, as defined in section 1-79 of the  
1789 general statutes, in appointing an employee of each such agency to serve  
1790 as a point of contact for concerns related to persons who are deaf,  
1791 deafblind or hard of hearing, pursuant to section 68 of this act, and  
1792 coordinating efforts to resolve such concerns with such employees  
1793 serving as a point of contact;

1794 (5) Coordinating efforts of the Department of Aging and Disability  
1795 Services to provide information and referral services to deaf, deafblind  
1796 or hard of hearing persons on resources available to such persons;

1797 (6) Establishing a separate Internet web page on the department's

1798 Internet web site for the bureau and including on such web page (A) the  
1799 meeting schedule, agendas, minutes and other resources of the  
1800 Advisory Board for Persons Who are Deaf, Deafblind or Hard of  
1801 Hearing established pursuant to section 17a-836 of the general statutes,  
1802 (B) an instructional video with audio and captions on the home page on  
1803 how persons who are deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing can navigate  
1804 the web page, resources and tools, and (C) other material pursuant to  
1805 this section;

1806 (7) Coordinating responses to consumer concerns, requests for  
1807 assistance and referrals to resources, including from state agencies;

1808 (8) Coordinating education and training initiatives, including, but not  
1809 limited to, working with (A) local and state public safety and public  
1810 health officials and first responders on best practices for serving and  
1811 communicating with deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing persons, and (B)  
1812 sign language interpreters, oral interpreters and interpreters who are  
1813 trained to interpret for deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing persons to  
1814 maintain or enhance the skills of such interpreters in a variety of  
1815 settings;

1816 (9) Collaborating with interpreting services providers and training  
1817 organizations to increase opportunities for mentorships, internships,  
1818 apprenticeships and specialized training in interpreting services for  
1819 deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing persons;

1820 (10) Partnering with civic and community organizations serving deaf,  
1821 deafblind or hard of hearing persons on workshops and information  
1822 sessions regarding new laws, regulations or developments regarding  
1823 services, programs or health care needs of such persons;

1824 (11) Raising public awareness of programs and services available to  
1825 deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing persons;

1826 (12) Assisting the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority in  
1827 implementing telecommunication relay service programs for deaf,

1828 deafblind or hard of hearing persons. In awarding any contract for such  
1829 relay service programs, the authority shall consult with the  
1830 Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services and the director of the  
1831 bureau;

1832 (13) Working with the Governor and Connecticut television stations  
1833 on ways to make television broadcasts more accessible to persons who  
1834 are deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing; and

1835 (14) In consultation with the Advisory Board for Persons who are  
1836 Deaf, Deafblind or Hard of Hearing established pursuant to section 17a-  
1837 836 of the general statutes identifying the needs of deaf, deafblind or  
1838 hard of hearing persons and addressing policy changes that may be  
1839 necessary to better serve such persons.

1840 Sec. 66. Section 17a-836 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1841 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

1842 The Advisory Board for Persons Who are Deaf, Deafblind or Hard of  
1843 Hearing [or Deafblind] is hereby created to advocate, strengthen and  
1844 advise the Governor and the General Assembly concerning state policies  
1845 affecting persons who are deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing [or  
1846 deafblind] and their relationship to the public, industry, health care and  
1847 educational opportunity. The board shall:

1848 (1) Monitor services for persons who are deaf, deafblind or hard of  
1849 hearing; [or deafblind;]

1850 (2) [Periodically meet with the] Establish an annual leadership  
1851 roundtable meeting with the Board of Regents for Higher Education, the  
1852 Commissioners of Aging and Disability Services, Public Health, Social  
1853 Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Education,  
1854 Developmental Services, [and] Children and Families, Early Childhood,  
1855 Economic and Community Development, Emergency Services and  
1856 Public Protection, Correction, Housing and the Labor Commissioner  
1857 and executive director of the Office of Higher Education, or [the

1858 commissioners'] their designees, to discuss best practices [and] to serve  
1859 persons who are deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing, identify gaps in such  
1860 services [for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind] and  
1861 make recommendations to rectify such gaps;

1862 (3) Refer persons with complaints concerning the qualification and  
1863 registration of interpreters for persons who are deaf, deafblind or hard  
1864 of hearing [or deafblind] to the entity designated pursuant to section  
1865 46a-10b;

1866 (4) Make recommendations for (A) technical assistance and resources  
1867 for state agencies in order to serve persons who are deaf, deafblind or  
1868 hard of hearing; [or deafblind;] (B) public policy and legislative changes  
1869 needed to address gaps in services; and (C) the qualifications and  
1870 registration of interpreters pursuant to section 17a-838. The advisory  
1871 board shall submit [such recommendations] a report on such  
1872 recommendations and the activities of the Bureau of Services for  
1873 Persons Who Are Deaf, Deafblind or Hard of Hearing in the previous  
1874 calendar year, in accordance with section 11-4a, not later than January  
1875 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, to the Governor and the joint standing  
1876 [committee] committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
1877 matters relating to appropriations, aging, commerce, education, higher  
1878 education, housing, human services, the judiciary, labor, public health  
1879 and public safety.

1880 Sec. 67. Section 17a-836a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1881 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

1882 (a) The Advisory Board for Persons Who are Deaf, Deafblind or Hard  
1883 of Hearing [or Deafblind] shall consist of the following members: (1) The  
1884 consultant appointed by the State Board of Education in accordance  
1885 with section 10-316a, or the consultant's designee; (2) the president of  
1886 the Connecticut Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf, or the  
1887 president's designee; (3) the president of the Connecticut Association of  
1888 the Deaf, or the president's designee; (4) the president of the Connecticut

1889 Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, or the president's designee; (5) the  
1890 [Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the commissioner's]  
1891 president of Hear Here Hartford, the Connecticut chapter of the Hearing  
1892 Loss Association of America, or the president's designee; (6) the  
1893 executive director of the American School for the Deaf, or the executive  
1894 director's designee; (7) [the director of the Connecticut Chapter of We  
1895 the Deaf People; and (8)] a representative of an organization  
1896 representing Connecticut hospitals, appointed by the speaker of the  
1897 House of Representatives; and (8) eight members appointed by the  
1898 Governor as follows: (A) A person who is deaf; (B) a person who is hard  
1899 of hearing; (C) a person who is deafblind; (D) an interpreting  
1900 professional who serves deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing [or  
1901 deafblind] persons; (E) a healthcare professional who works with  
1902 persons who are deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing; [or deafblind;] (F) a  
1903 parent of a student in a predominantly oral education program; (G) an  
1904 educator who works with children who are deaf, deafblind or hard of  
1905 hearing; [or deafblind;] and (H) a parent of a student at the American  
1906 School for the Deaf. The members of the advisory board shall elect two  
1907 chairpersons of the advisory board from among the members of the  
1908 advisory board. On and after October 1, 2024, the director of the Bureau  
1909 of Services for Persons Who Are Deaf, Deafblind or Hard of Hearing  
1910 shall serve as administrator of the advisory board.

1911 (b) The advisory board shall meet at least quarterly or more often at  
1912 the call of the chairpersons or a majority of the members. A majority of  
1913 members in office but not less than nine voting members shall constitute  
1914 a quorum.

1915 (c) Any appointed member who fails to attend three consecutive  
1916 meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during  
1917 any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned. Vacancies  
1918 occurring otherwise than by expiration of term in the membership of the  
1919 advisory board shall be filled by the Governor or the appointing  
1920 authority, as the case may be.

1921       Sec. 68. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section,  
1922 "state agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-79 of the  
1923 general statutes.

1924       (b) Each state agency shall appoint an employee to serve as a point of  
1925 contact for concerns related to persons who are deaf, deafblind or hard  
1926 of hearing and require such employee to collaborate with the director of  
1927 the Bureau of Services for Persons Who Are Deaf, Deafblind or Hard of  
1928 Hearing, hired pursuant to section 65 of this act, to resolve such  
1929 concerns. Each state agency shall identify the name and contact  
1930 information of such employee in a prominent place on such agency's  
1931 Internet web site.

1932       Sec. 69. Subsection (a) of section 4-61aa of the general statutes is  
1933 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
1934 *1, 2024*):

1935       (a) For purposes of this section, "state Americans with Disabilities Act  
1936 coordinator" means the person appointed by the Governor to coordinate  
1937 state compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of  
1938 1990. There is established a committee to advise the state Americans  
1939 with Disabilities Act coordinator. The state Americans with Disabilities  
1940 Act coordinator shall appoint the members of the committee, which  
1941 shall be chaired by said coordinator, or his designee, and include at least  
1942 one representative of each of the following:

1943       (1) The Board of Education and Services to the Blind;

1944       (2) The Advisory Board for Persons Who are Deaf, Deafblind or Hard  
1945 of Hearing; [or Deafblind;]

1946       (3) The Department of Aging and Disability Services;

1947       (4) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services;

1948       (5) The Department of Developmental Services;

1949 (6) The Labor Department;

1950 (7) The Department of Administrative Services; and

1951 (8) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

1952 Sec. 70. Section 17a-780 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1953 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

1954 (a) There is created a Department of Aging and Disability Services.  
1955 The Department of Aging and Disability Services shall be responsible  
1956 for providing the following: (1) Services to persons who are deaf,  
1957 deafblind or hard of hearing; (2) services for persons who are blind or  
1958 visually impaired; (3) rehabilitation services in accordance with the  
1959 provisions of the general statutes concerning the Department of Aging  
1960 and Disability Services; and (4) services for older persons and their  
1961 families. The Department of Aging and Disability Services shall  
1962 constitute a successor authority to the Department of Rehabilitation  
1963 Services in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and  
1964 4-39.

1965 (b) The department head shall be the Commissioner of Aging and  
1966 Disability Services, who shall be appointed by the Governor in  
1967 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, and shall  
1968 have the powers and duties described in said sections. The  
1969 Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services shall appoint such  
1970 persons as may be necessary to administer the provisions of public act  
1971 11-44 and the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall fix the  
1972 compensation of such persons in accordance with the provisions of  
1973 section 4-40. The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services may  
1974 create such sections within the Department of Aging and Disability  
1975 Services as will facilitate such administration, including a disability  
1976 determinations section for which one hundred per cent federal funds  
1977 may be accepted for the operation of such section in conformity with  
1978 applicable state and federal regulations. The Commissioner of Aging  
1979 and Disability Services may adopt regulations, in accordance with the

1980 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the purposes of the department  
1981 as established by statute.

1982 (c) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services shall,  
1983 annually, in accordance with section 4-60, submit to the Governor a  
1984 report in electronic format on the activities of the Department of Aging  
1985 and Disability Services relating to services provided by the department  
1986 to persons who (1) are blind or visually impaired, (2) are deaf, deafblind  
1987 or hard of hearing, (3) receive vocational rehabilitation services, or (4)  
1988 are older persons or their families. The report shall include the data the  
1989 department provides to the federal government that relates to the  
1990 evaluation standards and performance indicators for the vocational  
1991 rehabilitation services program. The commissioner shall submit the  
1992 report in electronic format, in accordance with the provisions of section  
1993 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
1994 cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations  
1995 and the budgets of state agencies.

1996 (d) The functions, powers, duties and personnel of the former  
1997 Department on Aging, or any subsequent division or portion of a  
1998 division with similar functions, powers, duties and personnel, shall be  
1999 transferred to the Department of Aging and Disability Services pursuant  
2000 to the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39.

2001 (e) The Department of Aging and Disability Services shall constitute  
2002 a successor department to the former Department on Aging, in  
2003 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39.  
2004 Wherever the words "Commissioner on Aging" are used in the general  
2005 statutes, the words "Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services"  
2006 shall be substituted in lieu thereof. Wherever the words "Department on  
2007 Aging" are used in the general statutes, the words "Department of Aging  
2008 and Disability Services" shall be substituted in lieu thereof. Any order  
2009 or regulation of the former Department on Aging that is in force on the  
2010 effective date of this section shall continue in force and effect as an order  
2011 or regulation of the Department of Aging and Disability Services until



2012 amended, repealed or superseded pursuant to law.

2013 (f) The Governor may, with the approval of the Finance Advisory  
2014 Committee, transfer funds between the Department of Social Services  
2015 and the Department of Aging and Disability Services pursuant to  
2016 subsection (b) of section 4-87 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

2017 (g) The Department of Aging and Disability Services is designated as  
2018 the State Unit on Aging to administer, manage, design and advocate for  
2019 benefits, programs and services for older persons and their families  
2020 pursuant to the Older Americans Act. The department shall study  
2021 continuously the conditions and needs of older persons in this state in  
2022 relation to nutrition, transportation, home care, housing, income,  
2023 employment, health, recreation and other matters. The department shall  
2024 be responsible, in cooperation with federal, state, local and area  
2025 planning agencies on aging, for the overall planning, development and  
2026 administration of a comprehensive and integrated social service  
2027 delivery system for older persons. The Department of Aging and  
2028 Disability Services is designated as the state agency for the  
2029 administration of nutritional programs for elderly persons described in  
2030 section 17a-852, the fall prevention program described in section 17a-  
2031 859, the CHOICES program described in section 17a-857, the Aging and  
2032 Disability Resource Center Program described in section 17a-858 and  
2033 the Alzheimer's respite program described in section 17b-860.

2034 Sec. 71. Subsection (b) of section 17a-837 of the general statutes is  
2035 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
2036 *1, 2024*):

2037 (b) The Commissioner of Education shall assign one vocational  
2038 rehabilitation consultant to act as a liaison staff member of the Advisory  
2039 Board for Persons Who are Deaf, Deafblind or Hard of Hearing. [or  
2040 Deafblind.]

2041 Sec. 72. Section 17a-835 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2042 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

2043 The Department of Aging and Disability Services may provide  
2044 necessary services to persons who are deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing,  
2045 including, but not limited to, nonreimbursable interpreter services and  
2046 message relay services for persons using telecommunication devices for  
2047 persons who are deaf, deafblind or hard of hearing.

2048 Sec. 73. Subsection (b) of section 17b-280c of the general statutes is  
2049 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
2050 *passage*):

2051 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid  
2052 state plan to provide a minimum weekly reimbursement rate of eighty-  
2053 eight dollars and fifty-two cents to a chemical maintenance provider for  
2054 methadone maintenance treatment of a Medicaid beneficiary, provided  
2055 no such provider receiving a higher rate shall have such rate reduced to  
2056 the minimum as a result of the implementation of a new minimum  
2057 reimbursement rate. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, the  
2058 commissioner shall amend the Medicaid state plan to increase rates,  
2059 within available appropriations, for chemical maintenance providers  
2060 who receive the lowest weekly reimbursement rate for such treatment,  
2061 provided no provider receiving a higher rate for such treatment shall  
2062 have such rate reduced as a result of such rate increase.

2063 Sec. 74. (*Effective from passage*) For the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
2064 2024, the Commissioner of Social Services, within available  
2065 appropriations, shall increase (1) the Medicaid ambulance mileage rate  
2066 for all emergency and nonemergency transports by one dollar and  
2067 eighteen cents, and (2) all other emergency and nonemergency  
2068 ambulance services rates. The commissioner, within available  
2069 appropriations, shall provide mileage reimbursement for in-town trips  
2070 for said fiscal year. The commissioner may, if necessary, seek federal  
2071 approval of an amendment to the Medicaid state plan to carry out the  
2072 provisions of this section.

2073 Sec. 75. Section 10a-174 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes,

2074 as amended by section 134 of public act 23-204, is repealed and the  
2075 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

2076 (a) As used in this section:

2077 (1) "Award" means the greater of: (A) The unpaid portion, if any, of a  
2078 qualifying student's eligible institutional costs after subtracting his or  
2079 her financial aid, or (B) a minimum award of [two hundred fifty] five  
2080 hundred dollars for a full-time student or [one hundred fifty] three  
2081 hundred dollars for a part-time student;

2082 (2) "Eligible institutional costs" means the tuition and required fees  
2083 incurred each semester by an individual student that are established by  
2084 the Board of Regents for Higher Education for the regional community-  
2085 technical colleges;

2086 (3) "Financial aid" means the sum of all scholarships, grants and  
2087 federal, state and institutional aid received by a qualifying student.  
2088 "Financial aid" does not include any federal, state or private student  
2089 loans received by a qualifying student;

2090 (4) "Qualifying student" means any person who (A) graduated from  
2091 a public or nonpublic high school, [in the state,] (B) enrolls as a full-time  
2092 or part-time student for the fall semester of 2020, or any semester  
2093 thereafter, at a regional community-technical college in a program  
2094 leading to a degree or certificate, (C) is classified as an in-state student  
2095 pursuant to section 10a-29, (D) is making satisfactory academic progress  
2096 while enrolled at a regional community-technical college, (E) has  
2097 completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and (F) has  
2098 accepted all available financial aid or is a transition program student;

2099 (5) "Full-time student" means a student who is enrolled at a regional  
2100 community-technical college and (A) is carrying twelve or more credit  
2101 hours in a semester, or (B) has a learning disability documented with  
2102 the regional community-technical college in which he or she is enrolled  
2103 and is enrolled in the maximum number of credit hours that is feasible

2104 for such student to attempt in a semester, as determined by such  
2105 student's academic advisor;

2106 (6) "Semester" means the fall or spring semester of an academic year.  
2107 "Semester" does not include a summer semester or session; [and]

2108 (7) "Part-time student" means a student who is enrolled at a regional  
2109 community-technical college and is carrying not less than six but fewer  
2110 than twelve credit hours in a semester; and

2111 (8) "Transition program student" means any person who (A) is a  
2112 resident of this state, (B) has not graduated from high school, (C) is  
2113 enrolled in a transition program pursuant to such person's  
2114 individualized education program, and (D) enrolls in one or more  
2115 courses at a regional community-technical college.

2116 (b) The Board of Regents for Higher Education shall (1) establish a  
2117 debt-free community college program to make awards to qualifying  
2118 students each semester, (2) adopt rules, procedures and forms necessary  
2119 to implement the debt-free community college program, and (3) submit  
2120 a report outlining such rules, procedures and forms, in accordance with  
2121 the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the  
2122 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
2123 education. Awards made to qualifying students pursuant to the debt-  
2124 free community college program shall be designated as the "Mary Ann  
2125 Handley Award".

2126 (c) For the fall semester of 2020, and each semester thereafter, the  
2127 Board of Regents for Higher Education shall make awards to qualifying  
2128 students within available appropriations. An award shall be available  
2129 to a qualifying student for the first seventy-two credit hours earned by  
2130 the qualifying student at a regional community-technical college,  
2131 provided the qualifying student meets and continues to meet the  
2132 requirements of this section. The board shall not use an award to  
2133 supplant any financial aid, including, but not limited to, state or  
2134 institutional aid, otherwise available to a qualifying student.

2135 (d) Not later than [March 1, 2021, and October 1, 2021] November 1,  
2136 2024, and March 1, 2025, and each semester thereafter, the Board of  
2137 Regents for Higher Education shall report, in accordance with the  
2138 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the  
2139 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
2140 education and employment advancement and appropriations and the  
2141 budgets of the state agencies regarding the debt-free community college  
2142 program, including, but not limited to, (1) the number of qualifying  
2143 students enrolled at the regional community-technical colleges during  
2144 each semester, (2) the number of qualifying students receiving  
2145 minimum awards and the number of qualifying students receiving  
2146 awards for the unpaid portion of eligible institutional costs, (3) the  
2147 average number of credit hours the qualifying students enrolled in each  
2148 semester and the average number of credit hours the qualifying  
2149 students completed each semester, (4) the average amount of the award  
2150 made to qualifying students under this section for the unpaid portion of  
2151 eligible institutional costs, and (5) the completion rates of qualifying  
2152 students receiving awards under this section by degree or certificate  
2153 program.

2154 Sec. 76. Section 23 of public act 23-170 is repealed and the following  
2155 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2156 Not later than July 1, [2024] 2025, the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
2157 and Management, in consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and  
2158 Environmental Protection, shall submit recommendations to the joint  
2159 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
2160 matters relating to the environment and energy and technology, in  
2161 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding the  
2162 feasibility and advisability of creating a new quasi-public state agency,  
2163 state waste authority or other entity for purposes that include, but are  
2164 not limited to, the development of new solid waste infrastructure and  
2165 the operation and maintenance of new or existing solid waste  
2166 infrastructure. Such recommendations shall be made in consultation  
2167 with any municipalities, municipal authorities, regional waste

2168 authorities or private sector operators of solid waste companies  
2169 participating in a request for proposals pursuant to section [2 of this act]  
2170 22a-268h of the general statutes.

2171 Sec. 77. Subsection (b) of section 4-66g of the 2024 supplement to the  
2172 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2173 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

2174 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount  
2175 stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Office of  
2176 Policy and Management for a small town economic assistance program  
2177 the purpose of which shall be to provide grants-in-aid to any  
2178 municipality or group of municipalities, provided the municipality and  
2179 each municipality that is part of a group of municipalities is not  
2180 economically distressed within the meaning of subsection (b) of section  
2181 32-9p, does not have an urban center in any plan adopted by the General  
2182 Assembly pursuant to section 16a-30 and is not a public investment  
2183 community within the meaning of subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of  
2184 section 7-545. Such grants shall be used for purposes for which funds  
2185 would be available under section 4-66c. No group of municipalities may  
2186 receive an amount exceeding in the aggregate [five hundred thousand]  
2187 one million dollars per municipality in such group in any one fiscal year  
2188 under said program. No individual municipality may receive more than  
2189 [five hundred thousand] one million dollars in any one fiscal year under  
2190 said program, except that any municipality that receives a grant under  
2191 said program as a member of a group of municipalities shall continue to  
2192 be eligible to receive an amount equal to [five hundred thousand] one  
2193 million dollars less the amount of such municipality's proportionate  
2194 share of such grant. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection  
2195 and section 4-66c, a municipality that is (1) a distressed municipality  
2196 within the meaning of subsection (b) of section 32-9p or a public  
2197 investment community within the meaning of subdivision (9) of  
2198 subsection (a) of section 7-545, and (2) otherwise eligible under this  
2199 subsection for the small town economic assistance program may elect to  
2200 be eligible for said program individually or as part of a group of

2201 municipalities in lieu of being eligible for financial assistance under  
2202 section 4-66c, by a vote of its legislative body or, in the case of a  
2203 municipality in which the legislative body is a town meeting, its board  
2204 of selectmen, and submitting a written notice of such vote to the  
2205 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Any such election  
2206 shall be for the four-year period following submission of such notice to  
2207 the secretary and may be extended for additional four-year periods in  
2208 accordance with the same procedure for the initial election.

2209 Sec. 78. Section 5-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2210 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

2211 (a) Each appointing authority shall grant to (1) each full-time  
2212 employee in a permanent position in the state service, who has worked  
2213 at least one full calendar year, and (2) each full-time employee in a  
2214 permanent position in the state service during such employee's initial  
2215 working test period an annual vacation with pay of twenty-one  
2216 consecutive calendar days or its equivalent. Each such employee who  
2217 has completed twenty years of service shall be entitled to one day for  
2218 each additional year up to twenty-five years of service, and each such  
2219 employee with twenty-five or more years of service shall be entitled to  
2220 not more than twenty days' vacation, subject to regulations issued by  
2221 the Commissioner of Administrative Services. The Commissioner of  
2222 Administrative Services may adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
2223 provisions of chapter 54, concerning the accrual, prorating and granting  
2224 of vacation leave with pay as required. Computation of such vacation  
2225 leave may be made on an hourly basis. Hourly computation of vacation  
2226 leave shall not diminish benefit entitlement.

2227 (b) An appointing authority may permit a full-time permanent  
2228 employee in the state service to accumulate vacation days with pay up  
2229 to a maximum of one hundred twenty vacation days, subject to  
2230 regulations issued by the Commissioner of Administrative Services.

2231 (c) In addition to annual vacation, each appointing authority shall

2232 grant to (1) each full-time permanent employee in the state service, and  
2233 (2) each full-time permanent employee in the state service during such  
2234 employee's initial working test period three days of personal leave of  
2235 absence with pay in each calendar year. Personal leave of absence shall  
2236 be for the purpose of conducting private affairs, including observance  
2237 of religious holidays, and shall not be deducted from vacation or sick  
2238 leave credits. Personal leave of absence days not taken in a calendar year  
2239 shall not be accumulated. For full-time permanent employees within  
2240 such employees' working test period that began employment on or after  
2241 July first of a calendar year, the number of personal leave of absence  
2242 days shall be prorated during such employee's first calendar year of  
2243 employment. Such proration shall be based on the number of full  
2244 calendar months remaining in the calendar year after such employee  
2245 began employment divided by six.

2246 (d) Vacation accruals earned by employees in the unclassified service,  
2247 in accordance with administrative practice or internal departmental  
2248 policy, which accrual practice or policy was included, by the appointing  
2249 authority, in the terms of employment on the basis of which such  
2250 employees were employed prior to July 1, 1972, and which accruals have  
2251 not been used and which can be verified by written attendance records,  
2252 remain to the credit of such employees for use as vacation time or for  
2253 payment as provided in section 5-252, as the case may be.

2254 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a general worker  
2255 employed in a position by the Department of Developmental Services  
2256 as a self-advocate, not to exceed eleven such general workers, shall be  
2257 eligible for prorated vacation and personal leave.

2258 (f) Not later than June 30, 2025, the Commissioner of Administrative  
2259 Services shall adopt or amend regulations, as applicable, in accordance  
2260 with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of subsections (a) and (c)  
2261 of this section relating to the granting of vacation and personal leave to  
2262 full-time permanent employees during such employees' initial working  
2263 test periods. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 4-168 to 4-172,



2264 inclusive, in order to effectuate the purposes of subsections (a) and (c)  
2265 of this section, prior to adopting or amending such regulations and not  
2266 later than January 1, 2025, the commissioner shall adopt policies and  
2267 procedures to implement the provisions of subsections (a) and (c) of this  
2268 section that shall have the force and effect of law. The commissioner  
2269 shall post all policies and procedures on the department's Internet web  
2270 site, and submit such policies and procedures to the Secretary of the  
2271 State for posting on the eRegulations System, at least fifteen days prior  
2272 to the effective date of any policy or procedure. Any such policy or  
2273 procedure shall no longer be effective upon the adoption of such policies  
2274 and procedures as a final regulation pursuant to section 4-172.

2275       Sec. 79. Section 4-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2276 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

2277       (a) Each department head shall: [be]

2278           (1) Be qualified by training and experience for the duties of [his] the  
2279 department head's office; [. Each department head shall act]

2280           (2) Act as the executive officer of the Governor for accomplishing the  
2281 purposes of [his] the department head's department; [. He shall conduct]

2282           (3) Conduct comprehensive planning with respect to the functions of  
2283 [his] such department and coordinate the activities and programs of the  
2284 state agencies therein; [. He shall cause]

2285           (4) Cause the administrative organization of [said] such department  
2286 to be examined with a view to promoting economy and efficiency; [. He  
2287 shall organize the] and

2288           (5) Organize such department and any agency therein into such  
2289 divisions, bureaus or other units as [he] the department head deems  
2290 necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the department.  
2291 [and]

2292       (b) Each department head may [from time to time] abolish, transfer

2293 or consolidate within the department or any agency therein any  
2294 division, bureau or other unit as may be necessary for the efficient  
2295 conduct of the business of the department, provided such organization  
2296 shall include any division, bureau or other unit which is specifically  
2297 required by the general statutes.

2298 (c) Each department head may appoint such deputies as may be  
2299 necessary for the efficient conduct of the business of the department.  
2300 Each department head shall designate one deputy who shall in the  
2301 absence or disqualification of the department head or [on his] upon the  
2302 department head's death, exercise the powers and duties of the  
2303 department head until [he] the department head resumes his or her  
2304 duties or the vacancy is filled, as applicable. Such deputies shall serve at  
2305 the pleasure of the department head. [Such appointees shall devote their  
2306 full time to their duties with the department or agency and shall engage  
2307 in no other gainful employment.] Subject to the provisions of chapter 67,  
2308 each department head shall appoint such other employees as may be  
2309 necessary for the discharge of [his] the department head's duties.

2310 (d) [He is empowered to make] Each department head may:

2311 (1) Adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter  
2312 54, for the conduct of [his] the department head's department; [. Each  
2313 department head may enter]

2314 (2) Enter into such contractual agreements, in accordance with  
2315 established procedures, as may be necessary for the discharge of [his]  
2316 the department head's duties; [. Subject]

2317 (3) Subject to the provisions of section 4-32, and unless otherwise  
2318 provided by law, [each department head is authorized to] receive any  
2319 money, revenue or services from the federal government, corporations,  
2320 associations or individuals, including payments from the sale of printed  
2321 matter or any other material or services; [. Each department head may  
2322 create] and

2323 (4) Create such advisory boards as [he] the department head deems  
2324 necessary.

2325 Sec. 80. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 51-49d of the general  
2326 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
2327 (*Effective from passage*):

2328 (c) The Retirement Commission shall determine on an actuarial basis  
2329 (1) a normal rate of contribution which the state shall be required to  
2330 make into the retirement fund in order to meet the actuarial cost of  
2331 current service, and (2) the unfunded past service liability. Effective July  
2332 1, 1991, the unfunded past service liability shall be funded as a level  
2333 percentage of payroll. [The] On and after July 1, 2024, the state  
2334 contribution shall be the sum of the normal cost and the amount  
2335 required for a [forty-year] fifteen-year layered amortization of  
2336 unfunded liabilities. The [forty-year] fifteen-year period for such  
2337 amortization shall commence [July 1, 1991] with the valuation for the  
2338 fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

2339 (d) No act liberalizing the benefits of the retirement system shall be  
2340 enacted by the General Assembly until the assembly has requested and  
2341 received from the Retirement Commission a certification of the  
2342 unfunded liability created by such change and the cost of such change  
2343 under the actuarial funding basis adopted by this section using full  
2344 normal cost plus [thirty-year] fifteen-year layered amortization. Any  
2345 unfunded liability created by such change shall be amortized over a  
2346 period of [thirty] fifteen years.

2347 Sec. 81. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
2348 section 51-49d of the general statutes, not later than June 30, 2024, the  
2349 State Employees Retirement Commission shall prepare and submit a  
2350 revised actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023, for the retirement system  
2351 for judges, family support magistrates and administrative law judges  
2352 that incorporates the change to fifteen-year layered amortization, as  
2353 described in section 51-49d of the general statutes.

2354 Sec. 82. Section 8-169ll of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
2355 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
2356 *October 1, 2024*):

2357 (a) (1) Any municipality, except the city of Hartford or any  
2358 municipality that is considered part of the capital region, as defined in  
2359 section 32-600, may, by certified resolution of the legislative body of the  
2360 municipality, opt to join the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment  
2361 Authority as a member municipality, provided such municipality holds  
2362 a public hearing prior to any vote on such certified resolution.

2363 [(2) The legislative body of each member municipality shall appoint  
2364 a local development board to serve as liaison to the authority. Such  
2365 board (A) shall include three individuals representing the municipality  
2366 and the chief executive officer of such municipality, who shall serve as  
2367 chairperson of the board, and (B) may include, but need not be limited  
2368 to, representatives from local health or human services organizations,  
2369 local housing organizations, a local school district or education  
2370 organization, and a local business organization. Such board shall also  
2371 include one member of the board of directors of the authority, chosen  
2372 by the chairperson of the board of directors of the authority. Each  
2373 legislative body shall make a good faith effort to appoint representatives  
2374 of minority-owned businesses, advocates for walkable communities and  
2375 members who are geographically, racially, socioeconomically and  
2376 gender diverse.]

2377 [(3)] (2) Any municipality that opts to join the authority as a member  
2378 municipality or that is deemed a member municipality pursuant to this  
2379 subsection [(a) of this section] shall enter into a memorandum of  
2380 agreement with the authority for the establishment of one or more  
2381 development districts.

2382 (b) (1) Any two or more municipalities may, by certified concurrent  
2383 resolutions of the legislative bodies of each such municipality, together  
2384 opt to join the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority as a

2385 joint member entity, provided (A) no such municipality is considered  
2386 part of the capital region, as defined in section 32-600, and (B) each such  
2387 municipality holds a public hearing prior to any vote on the certified  
2388 resolution from such municipality. The concurrent resolutions shall set  
2389 forth an agreement of such municipalities as to authority for decisions  
2390 concerning projects in development districts within such municipalities.

2391 [(2) The legislative bodies of the municipalities constituting a joint  
2392 member entity shall jointly appoint a local development board to serve  
2393 as liaison to the authority. Such board shall (A) include two individuals  
2394 representing each such municipality and the chief executive officer of  
2395 each such municipality, who shall serve as cochairperson of the board  
2396 with the other chief executive officers, and (B) may include, but need not  
2397 be limited to, representatives from local health or human services  
2398 organizations, local housing organizations, a local school district or  
2399 education organization and a local business organization. Such board  
2400 shall also include one member of the board of directors of the authority,  
2401 chosen by the chairperson of the board of directors of the authority. The  
2402 legislative bodies of the municipalities constituting a joint member  
2403 entity shall make a good faith effort to appoint representatives of  
2404 minority-owned businesses, advocates for walkable communities and  
2405 members who are geographically, racially, socioeconomically and  
2406 gender diverse.]

2407 [(3)] (2) Any two or more municipalities that together opt to join the  
2408 authority as a joint member entity shall jointly enter into a  
2409 memorandum of agreement with the authority for the establishment of  
2410 one or more development districts.

2411 [(c) In consultation with the board of directors of the authority, a local  
2412 development board appointed pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection  
2413 (a) or subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section shall have, with  
2414 respect to authority development projects, all the powers enumerated in  
2415 subdivision (8) of subsection (b) of section 8-169jj and in subdivisions (1)  
2416 to (6), inclusive, of subsection (c) of said section.]

2417 Sec. 83. Section 8-169hh of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
2418 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
2419 *October 1, 2024*):

2420 For purposes of this section, [and] sections 8-169ii to 8-169tt,  
2421 inclusive, and sections 84 and 85 of this act:

2422 (1) "As of right" has the same meaning as provided in section 8-1a;

2423 (2) "Authority" means the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment  
2424 Authority established in section 8-169ii;

2425 (3) "Authority development project" means a project occurring within  
2426 the boundaries of a Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority  
2427 development district;

2428 (4) "Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority development  
2429 district" or "development district" means the area determined by a  
2430 memorandum of agreement between the authority and the chief  
2431 executive officer of the member municipality, or the chief executive  
2432 officers of the municipalities constituting a joint member entity, as  
2433 applicable, where such development district is located, provided such  
2434 area shall be considered a downtown or does not exceed a one-half-mile  
2435 radius of a transit station;

2436 (5) "Designated tier III municipality" has the same meaning as  
2437 provided in section 7-560;

2438 (6) "Designated tier IV municipality" has the same meaning as  
2439 provided in section 7-560;

2440 (7) "Downtown" means a central business district or other  
2441 commercial neighborhood area of a community that serves as a center  
2442 of socioeconomic interaction in the community, characterized by a  
2443 cohesive core of commercial and mixed-use buildings, often  
2444 interspersed with civic, religious and residential buildings and public  
2445 spaces, that are typically arranged along a main street and intersecting

2446 side streets and served by public infrastructure;

2447 (8) "Member municipality" means any municipality that opts to join  
2448 the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority in accordance  
2449 with section 8-169ll. "Member municipality" does not include the city of  
2450 Hartford or any municipality that is considered part of the capital  
2451 region, as defined in section 32-600;

2452 (9) "Middle housing" has the same meaning as provided in section 8-  
2453 1a;

2454 (10) "Joint member entity" means two or more municipalities that  
2455 together opt to join the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment  
2456 Authority in accordance with section 8-169ll, provided no such  
2457 municipality is considered part of the capital region, as defined in  
2458 section 32-600;

2459 (11) "Project" means any or all of the following: (A) The design and  
2460 construction of transit-oriented development, as defined in section 13b-  
2461 79kk; (B) the creation of housing units through rehabilitation or new  
2462 construction; (C) the demolition or redevelopment of vacant buildings;  
2463 and (D) development and redevelopment;

2464 (12) "State-wide transportation investment program" means the  
2465 planning document developed and updated at least every four years by  
2466 the Department of Transportation in compliance with the requirements  
2467 of 23 USC 135, listing all transportation projects in the state expected to  
2468 receive federal funding during the four-year period covered by the  
2469 program; and

2470 (13) "Transit station" means any passenger railroad station or bus  
2471 rapid transit station that is operational, or for which the Department of  
2472 Transportation has initiated planning or that is included in the state-  
2473 wide transportation investment program, that is or will be located  
2474 within the boundaries of a member municipality or the municipalities  
2475 constituting a joint member entity.

2476 Sec. 84. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) The authority may establish  
2477 criteria to evaluate any potential impact of an authority development  
2478 project. Such criteria shall include, but not be limited to, the impact the  
2479 proposed project may have on the tax base of a municipality, or the  
2480 combined tax bases of two or more municipalities, as applicable to such  
2481 project.

2482 Sec. 85. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) The authority shall offer  
2483 technical support to any member municipality or joint member entity in  
2484 the development of project criteria and local regulations intended to  
2485 substantially increase housing production if such technical support is  
2486 requested by such municipality or entity.

2487 Sec. 86. Subdivision (5) of section 1-79 of the 2024 supplement to the  
2488 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
2489 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

2490 (5) "Gift" means anything of value, which is directly and personally  
2491 received, unless consideration of equal or greater value is given in  
2492 return. "Gift" does not include:

2493 (A) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or  
2494 a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) or (10) of  
2495 subsection (b) of section 9-601a;

2496 (B) Services provided by persons volunteering their time, if provided  
2497 to aid or promote the success or defeat of any political party, any  
2498 candidate or candidates for public office or the position of convention  
2499 delegate or town committee member or any referendum question;

2500 (C) A commercially reasonable loan made on terms not more  
2501 favorable than loans made in the ordinary course of business;

2502 (D) A gift received from (i) an individual's spouse, fiancé or fiancée,  
2503 (ii) the parent, grandparent, brother or sister of such spouse or such  
2504 individual, or (iii) the child of such individual or the spouse of such



2505 child;

2506 (E) Goods or services (i) that are provided to a state agency or quasi-  
2507 public agency (I) for use on state or quasi-public agency property, or (II)  
2508 that support an event or the participation by a public official or state  
2509 employee at an event, and (ii) that facilitate state or quasi-public agency  
2510 action or functions. As used in this subparagraph, "state property"  
2511 means property owned by the state or a quasi-public agency or property  
2512 leased to a state agency or quasi-public agency;

2513 (F) A certificate, plaque or other ceremonial award costing less than  
2514 one hundred dollars;

2515 (G) A rebate, discount or promotional item available to the general  
2516 public;

2517 (H) Printed or recorded informational material germane to state  
2518 action or functions;

2519 (I) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars in the  
2520 aggregate per recipient in a calendar year, and consumed on an occasion  
2521 or occasions at which the person paying, directly or indirectly, for the  
2522 food or beverage, or his representative, is in attendance;

2523 (J) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars per person  
2524 and consumed at a publicly noticed legislative reception to which all  
2525 members of the General Assembly are invited and which is hosted not  
2526 more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist or business  
2527 organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception hosted by a  
2528 lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also been hosted  
2529 by the business organization which such lobbyist owns or is employed  
2530 by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization shall be  
2531 deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees of the  
2532 business organization who are lobbyists. In making the calculation for  
2533 the purposes of such fifty-dollar limit, the donor shall divide the amount  
2534 spent on food and beverage by the number of persons whom the donor

2535 reasonably expects to attend the reception;

2536 (K) Food or beverage or both, costing less than fifty dollars per person  
2537 and consumed at a publicly noticed reception to which all members of  
2538 the General Assembly from a region of the state are invited and which  
2539 is hosted not more than once in any calendar year by a lobbyist or  
2540 business organization. For the purposes of such limit, (i) a reception  
2541 hosted by a lobbyist who is an individual shall be deemed to have also  
2542 been hosted by the business organization which such lobbyist owns or  
2543 is employed by, and (ii) a reception hosted by a business organization  
2544 shall be deemed to have also been hosted by all owners and employees  
2545 of the business organization who are lobbyists. In making the  
2546 calculation for the purposes of such fifty-dollar limit, the donor shall  
2547 divide the amount spent on food and beverage by the number of  
2548 persons whom the donor reasonably expects to attend the reception. As  
2549 used in this subparagraph, "region of the state" means the established  
2550 geographic service area of the organization hosting the reception;

2551 (L) A gift, including, but not limited to, food or beverage or both,  
2552 provided by an individual for the celebration of a major life event,  
2553 provided any such gift provided by an individual who is not a member  
2554 of the family of the recipient does not exceed one thousand dollars in  
2555 value;

2556 (M) Gifts costing less than one hundred dollars in the aggregate or  
2557 food or beverage provided at a hospitality suite at a meeting or  
2558 conference of an interstate legislative association, by a person who is not  
2559 a registrant or is not doing business with the state of Connecticut;

2560 (N) Admission to a charitable or civic event, including food and  
2561 beverage provided at such event, but excluding lodging or travel  
2562 expenses, at which a public official or state employee participates in his  
2563 or her official capacity, provided such admission is provided by the  
2564 primary sponsoring entity;

2565 (O) Anything of value provided by an employer of (i) a public official,

2566 (ii) a state employee, or (iii) a spouse of a public official or state  
2567 employee, to such official, employee or spouse, provided such benefits  
2568 are customarily and ordinarily provided to others in similar  
2569 circumstances;

2570 (P) Anything having a value of not more than ten dollars, provided  
2571 the aggregate value of all things provided by a donor to a recipient  
2572 under this subdivision in any calendar year does not exceed fifty dollars;

2573 (Q) Training that is provided by a vendor for a product purchased by  
2574 a state or quasi-public agency that is offered to all customers of such  
2575 vendor;

2576 (R) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits  
2577 customarily provided by a prospective employer, when provided to a  
2578 student at a public institution of higher education whose employment  
2579 is derived from such student's status as a student at such institution, in  
2580 connection with bona fide employment discussions; [or]

2581 (S) Expenses of a public official, paid by the party committee of which  
2582 party such official is a member, for the purpose of accomplishing the  
2583 lawful purposes of the committee. As used in this subparagraph, "party  
2584 committee" has the same meaning as provided in subdivision (2) of  
2585 section 9-601 and "lawful purposes of the committee" has the same  
2586 meaning as provided in subsection (g) of section 9-607; or

2587 (T) Travel expenses, lodging, food, beverage and other benefits  
2588 customarily provided in the course of employment, when provided to a  
2589 public member of the Investment Advisory Council established under  
2590 section 3-13b.

2591 Sec. 87. Sections 10a-19e, 10a-19f, 10a-19i, 10a-162a, 10a-164b, 10a-167,  
2592 10a-169b and 19a-7d of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective July*  
2593 *1, 2024*)

2594 Sec. 88. Section 10a-19j of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes

2595 is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2024*)

2596 Sec. 89. Section 15-31k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2597 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2598 On or before October 1, 2021, and quarterly thereafter, the executive  
2599 director of the Connecticut Port Authority shall submit a report  
2600 regarding the status of pending and current contracts, small harbor  
2601 projects and the construction project at the State Pier in the town of New  
2602 London to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
2603 cognizance of matters relating to transportation, in accordance with the  
2604 provisions of section 11-4a. [The Commissioner of Administrative  
2605 Services and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall  
2606 jointly review and comment on each such report before such report is  
2607 submitted to the committee.]

2608 Sec. 90. (*Effective from passage*) Wherever the term "executive director  
2609 of the Office of Higher Education" is used or referred to in any public or  
2610 special act of 2024, the term "Commissioner of Higher Education" shall  
2611 be substituted in lieu thereof.

2612 Sec. 91. (*Effective from passage*) Wherever the term "executive director  
2613 of the Office of Health Strategy" is used or referred to in any public or  
2614 special act of 2024, the term "Commissioner of Health Strategy" shall be  
2615 substituted in lieu thereof.

2616 Sec. 92. Subsection (c) of section 4-28e of the general statutes is  
2617 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2618 *2024*):

2619 (c) Commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, annual  
2620 disbursements from the Tobacco Settlement Fund shall be made as  
2621 follows: (1) To the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund in an amount equal  
2622 to twelve million dollars; and (2) the remainder to the General Fund;  
2623 except that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the annual  
2624 disbursement from the Tobacco Settlement Fund shall be made to the

2625 General Fund.

2626 Sec. 93. Subsection (c) of section 17b-274 of the general statutes is  
2627 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2628 *2024*):

2629 (c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement a procedure  
2630 by which a pharmacist shall obtain approval from an independent  
2631 pharmacy consultant acting on behalf of the Department of Social  
2632 Services, under an administrative services only contract, whenever the  
2633 pharmacist dispenses a brand name drug product to a medical  
2634 assistance recipient and a chemically equivalent generic drug product  
2635 substitution is available. The length of authorization for brand name  
2636 drugs shall be in accordance with section 17b-491a. In cases where the  
2637 brand name drug is less costly than the chemically equivalent generic  
2638 drug when factoring in manufacturers' rebates, the pharmacist shall  
2639 dispense the brand name drug. If such approval is not granted or denied  
2640 within [two] twenty-four hours of receipt by the commissioner of the  
2641 request for approval, it shall be deemed granted. Notwithstanding any  
2642 provision of this section, a pharmacist shall not dispense any initial  
2643 maintenance drug prescription for which there is a chemically  
2644 equivalent generic substitution that is for less than fifteen days without  
2645 the department's granting of prior authorization, provided prior  
2646 authorization shall not otherwise be required for atypical antipsychotic  
2647 drugs if the individual is currently taking such drug at the time the  
2648 pharmacist receives the prescription. The pharmacist may appeal a  
2649 denial of reimbursement to the department based on the failure of such  
2650 pharmacist to substitute a generic drug product in accordance with this  
2651 section.

2652 Sec. 94. Subsection (b) of section 17b-491a of the general statutes is  
2653 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2654 *2024*):

2655 (b) When prior authorization is required for coverage of a

2656 prescription drug under a medical assistance program administered by  
2657 the Department of Social Services and a pharmacist is unable to obtain  
2658 the prescribing physician's authorization at the time the prescription is  
2659 presented to be filled, the pharmacist shall dispense a one-time  
2660 fourteen-day supply. The commissioner shall process a prior  
2661 authorization request from a physician or pharmacist not later than  
2662 [two] twenty-four hours after the commissioner's receipt of the request.  
2663 If prior authorization is not granted or denied within [two] twenty-four  
2664 hours of receipt by the commissioner of the request for prior  
2665 authorization, it shall be deemed granted.

2666 Sec. 95. Subsection (b) of section 4-28e of the general statutes is  
2667 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2668 *2025*):

2669 (b) (1) The Treasurer is authorized to invest all or any part of the  
2670 Tobacco Settlement Fund [,] and all or any part of the Tobacco and  
2671 Health Trust Fund created [in] under section 4-28f. [and all or any part  
2672 of the Biomedical Research Trust Fund created in section 19a-32c.] The  
2673 interest derived from any such investment shall be credited to the  
2674 resources of the fund from which the investment was made.

2675 (2) Notwithstanding sections 3-13 to 3-13h, inclusive, the Treasurer  
2676 shall invest the amounts on deposit in the Tobacco Settlement Fund [,]  
2677 and the Tobacco and Health Trust Fund [and the Biomedical Research  
2678 Trust Fund] in a manner reasonable and appropriate to achieve the  
2679 objectives of such funds, exercising the discretion and care of a prudent  
2680 person in similar circumstances with similar objectives. The Treasurer  
2681 shall give due consideration to rate of return, risk, term or maturity,  
2682 diversification of the total portfolio within such funds, liquidity, the  
2683 projected disbursements and expenditures, and the expected payments,  
2684 deposits, contributions and gifts to be received. The Treasurer shall not  
2685 be required to invest such funds directly in obligations of the state or  
2686 any political subdivision of the state or in any investment or other fund  
2687 administered by the Treasurer. The assets of such funds shall be

2688 continuously invested and reinvested in a manner consistent with the  
2689 objectives of such funds until disbursed in accordance with this section  
2690 [.] or section 4-28f. [or section 19a-32c.]

2691       Sec. 96. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than June 30, 2025, the  
2692 Comptroller shall transfer the balance remaining in the Biomedical  
2693 Research Trust Fund, created pursuant to section 19a-32c of the general  
2694 statutes, to the General Fund.

2695       Sec. 97. Section 19a-32c of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
2696 *July 1, 2025*)

2697       Sec. 98. Section 19a-186a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2698 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

2699       (a) Any individual employed on June 30, 2010, as a regional  
2700 emergency medical services coordinator or as an assistant regional  
2701 emergency medical services coordinator shall be offered an unclassified  
2702 durational position within the Department of Public Health for the  
2703 period from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011, inclusive, provided no more  
2704 than five unclassified durational positions shall be created. Within  
2705 available appropriations, such unclassified durational positions may be  
2706 extended beyond June 30, 2011. The Commissioner of Administrative  
2707 Services shall establish job classifications and salaries for such positions  
2708 in accordance with the provisions of section 4-40. Any such created  
2709 positions shall be exempt from collective bargaining requirements and  
2710 no individual appointed to such position shall have reemployment or  
2711 any other rights that may have been extended to unclassified employees  
2712 under a State Employees' Bargaining Agent Coalition agreement.  
2713 Individuals employed in such unclassified durational positions shall be  
2714 located at the offices of the Department of Public Health. In no event  
2715 shall an individual employed in an unclassified durational position  
2716 pursuant to this section receive credit for any purpose for services  
2717 performed prior to July 1, 2010.

2718       (b) On and after June 30, 2024, the Commissioner of Administrative

2719 Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall  
2720 transition the regional emergency medical services coordinator and  
2721 assistant regional emergency medical services coordinator positions  
2722 and incumbents into the classified service. To the extent such employees  
2723 are performing jobs which would normally be within a current  
2724 executive branch bargaining unit, such jobs shall be added to the unit  
2725 descriptions of such bargaining unit and employees in those jobs shall  
2726 be deemed part of such unit.

2727       Sec. 99. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section,  
2728 "state agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 4-67n of the  
2729 general statutes. Any person requesting data, records or files that have  
2730 been shared by one state agency with another state agency pursuant to  
2731 any statute, regulation, data sharing agreement, memorandum of  
2732 agreement or understanding or court order, including, but not limited to,  
2733 to, a request made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, as  
2734 defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes, shall direct such request  
2735 to the state agency from which such data, records or files originated.

2736       (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 14 of the general  
2737 statutes, if a state agency that is not the originating state agency receives  
2738 a request for data, records or files as described in subsection (a) of this  
2739 section, such state agency shall (1) promptly refer such request to the  
2740 state agency from which such data, records or files originated, and (2)  
2741 notify, in writing, the person who submitted the request for such data,  
2742 records or files that such request has been referred to the originating  
2743 state agency. Such written notification shall include the name, address  
2744 and telephone number of the originating state agency and the date on  
2745 which the referral was made to the originating state agency.

2746       (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the disclosure  
2747 of any data, records or files if the disclosure of such data, records or files  
2748 would not have been required had the request been made directly to the  
2749 state agency from which such data, records or files originated.



2750 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to requests for any  
2751 data that is subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of section 54-142r  
2752 of the general statutes.

2753 Sec. 100. Subsection (c) of section 3-70a of the general statutes is  
2754 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
2755 *2024*):

2756 (c) (1) (A) No agreement entered into prior to January 1, 2023, to  
2757 locate property shall be valid if: (i) Such agreement is entered into (I)  
2758 within two years after the date a report of unclaimed property is  
2759 required to be filed under section 3-65a, or (II) between the date such a  
2760 report is required to be filed under said section and the date it is filed  
2761 under said section, whichever period is longer; (ii) such agreement is  
2762 entered into within two years after the date of posting of the notice  
2763 required by section 3-66a; or (iii) pursuant to such agreement, any  
2764 person undertakes to locate property included in a report of unclaimed  
2765 property that is required to be filed under section 3-65a for a fee or other  
2766 compensation exceeding ten per cent of the value of the recoverable  
2767 property.

2768 (B) No agreement entered into on or after January 1, 2023, to locate  
2769 property shall be valid if: (i) Such agreement is entered into (I) within  
2770 two years after the date a report of unclaimed property is required to be  
2771 filed under section 3-65a, or (II) between the date such a report is  
2772 required to be filed under said section and the date it is filed under said  
2773 section, whichever period is longer; or (ii) pursuant to such agreement,  
2774 any person undertakes to locate property included in a report of  
2775 unclaimed property that is required to be filed under section 3-65a for a  
2776 fee or other compensation exceeding ten per cent of the value of the  
2777 recoverable property.

2778 (2) [An] (A) In addition to the requirements set forth in subparagraph  
2779 (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, an agreement entered into prior  
2780 to January 1, 2025, to locate property shall be valid only if it is in writing,

2781 is signed by the owner [,] and discloses the nature and value of the  
2782 property, and the owner's share after the fee or compensation has been  
2783 subtracted is clearly stipulated. [Nothing in this section shall be  
2784 construed to prevent an owner from asserting, at any time, that any  
2785 agreement to locate property is based upon excessive or unjust  
2786 consideration.]

2787 (B) In addition to the requirements set forth in subparagraph (B) of  
2788 subdivision (1) of this subsection, an agreement entered into on or after  
2789 January 1, 2025, to locate property shall be valid only if such agreement  
2790 is in writing, is signed by the owner and clearly and conspicuously  
2791 discloses (i) the nature and value of the property, (ii) the owner's share  
2792 after the fee or compensation has been subtracted from such value, and  
2793 (iii) that the owner may file a claim directly with the Treasurer at no cost  
2794 and the method through which such claim may be filed.

2795 (3) Any solicitation made to locate unclaimed property shall clearly  
2796 and conspicuously disclose in a written statement that (A) any  
2797 individual may search for and file a claim for such property directly  
2798 with the Treasurer at no cost, and (B) the method through which such  
2799 claim may be filed.

2800 (4) Any claim for unclaimed property filed with the Treasurer  
2801 pursuant to an agreement or solicitation under this subsection, shall  
2802 include an unredacted version of any such agreement or solicitation to  
2803 permit the Treasurer to determine whether such agreement or  
2804 solicitation complies with the requirements of this subsection.

2805 (5) The Treasurer may withhold payment of a claim for unclaimed  
2806 property to anyone other than the owner (A) for failure to comply with  
2807 the requirements of subdivision (4) of this subsection, or (B) if the  
2808 Treasurer determines that the solicitation or agreement to locate  
2809 unclaimed property does not comply with any other requirement of this  
2810 section.

2811 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent an owner

2812 from asserting, at any time, that an agreement to locate or to otherwise  
2813 obtain an interest in unclaimed property is based upon excessive or  
2814 unjust consideration.

2815 Sec. 101. Subsection (c) of section 38a-511 of the general statutes is  
2816 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*  
2817 *1, 2025*):

2818 (c) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not  
2819 apply to a high deductible health plan as that term is used in subsection  
2820 (f) of section 38a-493 and a copayment-only health plan. For purposes  
2821 of this section, "copayment-only health plan" means a health plan that  
2822 imposes a specific dollar amount to be paid by the insured for a health  
2823 care service or prescription drug paid for or reimbursed by such health  
2824 plan. "Copayment-only health plan" does not include deductibles or  
2825 coinsurance.

2826 Sec. 102. Section 38a-511a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2827 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

2828 No individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the type  
2829 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469  
2830 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this  
2831 state shall impose copayments that exceed a maximum of thirty dollars  
2832 per visit for in-network (1) physical therapy services rendered by a  
2833 physical therapist licensed under section 20-73, or (2) occupational  
2834 therapy services rendered by an occupational therapist licensed under  
2835 section 20-74b or 20-74c. The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
2836 a copayment-only health plan as that term is used in subsection (c) of  
2837 section 38a-511.

2838 Sec. 103. Subsection (c) of section 38a-550 of the general statutes is  
2839 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January*  
2840 *1, 2025*):

2841 (c) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not

2842 apply to a high deductible health plan as that term is used in subsection  
2843 (f) of section 38a-520 and a copayment-only health plan as that term is  
2844 used in subsection (c) of section 38a-511.

2845 Sec. 104. Section 38a-550a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2846 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2025*):

2847 No group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type  
2848 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469  
2849 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this  
2850 state shall impose copayments that exceed a maximum of thirty dollars  
2851 per visit for in-network (1) physical therapy services rendered by a  
2852 physical therapist licensed under section 20-73, or (2) occupational  
2853 therapy services rendered by an occupational therapist licensed under  
2854 section 20-74b or 20-74c. The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
2855 a copayment-only health plan as that term is used in subsection (c) of  
2856 section 38a-511.

2857 Sec. 105. Section 17b-342 of the general statutes, as amended by  
2858 section 10 of substitute house bill 5001 of the current session, as  
2859 amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the  
2860 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

2861 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall administer the  
2862 Connecticut home-care program for the elderly state-wide in order to  
2863 prevent the institutionalization of elderly persons who (1) are recipients  
2864 of medical assistance, (2) are eligible for such assistance, (3) would be  
2865 eligible for medical assistance if residing in a nursing facility, or (4) meet  
2866 the criteria for the state-funded portion of the program under subsection  
2867 (j) of this section. For purposes of this section, "long-term care facility"  
2868 means a facility that has been federally certified as a skilled nursing  
2869 facility or intermediate care facility. The commissioner shall make any  
2870 revisions in the state Medicaid plan required by Title XIX of the Social  
2871 Security Act prior to implementing the program. The program shall be  
2872 structured so that the net cost to the state for long-term facility care in

2873 combination with the services under the program shall not exceed the  
2874 net cost the state would have incurred without the program. The  
2875 commissioner shall investigate the possibility of receiving federal funds  
2876 for the program and shall apply for any necessary federal waivers. A  
2877 recipient of services under the program, and the estate and legally liable  
2878 relatives of the recipient, shall be responsible for reimbursement to the  
2879 state for such services to the same extent required of a recipient of  
2880 assistance under the state supplement program, medical assistance  
2881 program, temporary family assistance program or supplemental  
2882 nutrition assistance program. Only a United States citizen or a  
2883 noncitizen who meets the citizenship requirements for eligibility under  
2884 the Medicaid program shall be eligible for home-care services under this  
2885 section, except a qualified alien, as defined in Section 431 of Public Law  
2886 104-193, admitted into the United States on or after August 22, 1996, or  
2887 other lawfully residing immigrant alien determined eligible for services  
2888 under this section prior to July 1, 1997, shall remain eligible for such  
2889 services. Qualified aliens or other lawfully residing immigrant aliens  
2890 not determined eligible prior to July 1, 1997, shall be eligible for services  
2891 under this section subsequent to six months from establishing  
2892 residency. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, any  
2893 qualified alien or other lawfully residing immigrant alien or alien who  
2894 formerly held the status of permanently residing under color of law who  
2895 is a victim of domestic violence or who has intellectual disability shall  
2896 be eligible for assistance pursuant to this section. Qualified aliens, as  
2897 defined in Section 431 of Public Law 104-193, or other lawfully residing  
2898 immigrant aliens or aliens who formerly held the status of permanently  
2899 residing under color of law shall be eligible for services under this  
2900 section provided other conditions of eligibility are met.

2901 (b) The commissioner shall solicit bids through a competitive process  
2902 and shall contract with an access agency, approved by the Office of  
2903 Policy and Management and the Department of Social Services as  
2904 meeting the requirements for such agency as defined by regulations  
2905 adopted pursuant to subsection (m) of this section, that submits

2906 proposals that meet or exceed the minimum bid requirements. In  
2907 addition to such contracts, the commissioner may use department staff  
2908 to provide screening, coordination, assessment and monitoring  
2909 functions for the program.

2910 (c) The community-based services covered under the program shall  
2911 include, but not be limited to, services not otherwise available under the  
2912 state Medicaid plan: (1) Occupational therapy, (2) homemaker services,  
2913 (3) companion services, (4) meals on wheels, (5) adult day care, (6)  
2914 transportation, (7) mental health counseling, (8) care management, (9)  
2915 elderly foster care, (10) minor home modifications, and (11) assisted  
2916 living services provided in state-funded congregate housing and in  
2917 other assisted living pilot or demonstration projects established under  
2918 state law. Personal care assistance services shall be covered under the  
2919 program to the extent that (A) such services are not available under the  
2920 Medicaid state plan and are more cost effective on an individual client  
2921 basis than existing services covered under such plan, and (B) the  
2922 provision of such services is approved by the federal government.  
2923 Recipients of state-funded services, pursuant to subsection (i) of this  
2924 section, and persons who are determined to be functionally eligible for  
2925 community-based services who have an application for medical  
2926 assistance pending, or are determined to be presumptively eligible for  
2927 Medicaid pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, shall have the cost  
2928 of home health and community-based services covered by the program,  
2929 provided they comply with all medical assistance application  
2930 requirements. Access agencies shall not use department funds to  
2931 purchase community-based services or home health services from  
2932 themselves or any related parties.

2933 (d) Physicians, hospitals, long-term care facilities and other licensed  
2934 health care facilities may disclose, and, as a condition of eligibility for  
2935 the program, elderly persons, their guardians, and relatives shall  
2936 disclose, upon request from the Department of Social Services, such  
2937 financial, social and medical information as may be necessary to enable  
2938 the department or any agency administering the program on behalf of

2939 the department to provide services under the program. Long-term care  
2940 facilities shall supply the Department of Social Services with the names  
2941 and addresses of all applicants for admission. Any information  
2942 provided pursuant to this subsection shall be confidential and shall not  
2943 be disclosed by the department or administering agency.

2944 (e) (1) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, subject to the  
2945 provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, establish a  
2946 presumptive Medicaid eligibility system under which the state shall  
2947 fund services under the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly  
2948 for a period of not longer than ninety days for applicants who require a  
2949 skilled level of nursing care and who are determined to be  
2950 presumptively eligible for Medicaid coverage. The system shall include,  
2951 but need not be limited to: (A) The development of a preliminary  
2952 screening tool by the Department of Social Services to be used by  
2953 representatives of the access agency selected pursuant to subsection (b)  
2954 of this section to determine whether an applicant is functionally able to  
2955 live at home or in a community setting and is likely to be financially  
2956 eligible for Medicaid; (B) a requirement that the applicant complete a  
2957 Medicaid application on the date such applicant is preliminarily  
2958 screened for functional eligibility or not later than ten days after such  
2959 screening; (C) a determination of presumptive eligibility for eligible  
2960 applicants by the department and [initiation of home care services]  
2961 approval of a care plan authorizing home care services not later than ten  
2962 days after an applicant is successfully screened for eligibility; and (D) a  
2963 written agreement to be signed by the applicant (i) attesting to the  
2964 accuracy of financial and other information such applicant provides,  
2965 [and] (ii) acknowledging that the state shall solely fund services not  
2966 longer than ninety days after the date on which home care services  
2967 begin, and (iii) waiving any right to receive continued coverage while  
2968 awaiting a hearing that is requested in response to the department's  
2969 determination during or at the end of the presumptive period of  
2970 eligibility that (I) the applicant is not eligible for Medicaid or (II) the  
2971 applicant failed to provide information necessary to allow the

2972 department to make an eligibility determination. The department shall  
2973 make a final determination as to Medicaid eligibility for applicants  
2974 determined to be presumptively eligible for Medicaid coverage not later  
2975 than [forty-five days after the date of receipt of a completed Medicaid  
2976 application from such applicant, provided the department may make  
2977 such determination not later than ninety days after receipt of the  
2978 application if the applicant has disabilities] the end of the ninety-day  
2979 period of presumptive eligibility. The department may make such  
2980 determination prior to the end of such ninety-day period if it receives  
2981 information indicating that the applicant is not eligible for Medicaid.

2982 (2) To the extent permitted by federal law, the commissioner shall  
2983 seek any federal waiver or amend the Medicaid state plan as necessary  
2984 to attempt to secure federal reimbursement for the costs of providing  
2985 coverage to persons determined to be presumptively eligible for  
2986 Medicaid coverage. The provisions of this subsection and any other  
2987 provision of this section relating to the establishment of a presumptive  
2988 Medicaid eligibility system, including, but not limited to, such  
2989 provisions located in subsections (c), (g) and (m), shall not be effective  
2990 until the commissioner secures such federal reimbursement through a  
2991 federal waiver or Medicaid state plan amendment.

2992 (3) Not less than two years after the date of the establishment of a  
2993 presumptive Medicaid eligibility system pursuant to the provisions of  
2994 this subsection, the commissioner may, in the commissioner's  
2995 discretion, discontinue the system if the commissioner determines that  
2996 the system is not cost effective.

2997 (f) The commissioner may require long-term care facilities to inform  
2998 applicants for admission of the Connecticut home-care program for the  
2999 elderly established under this section and to distribute such forms as the  
3000 commissioner prescribes for the program. Such forms shall be supplied  
3001 by and be returnable to the department.

3002 (g) The commissioner shall report annually, by June first, in



3003 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
3004 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
3005 relating to human services on the Connecticut home-care program for  
3006 the elderly in such detail, depth and scope as said committee requires to  
3007 evaluate the effect of the program on the state and program participants.  
3008 Such report shall include information on (1) the number of persons  
3009 diverted from placement in a long-term care facility as a result of the  
3010 program, (2) the number of persons screened for the program, (3) the  
3011 number of persons determined presumptively eligible for Medicaid, (4)  
3012 savings for the state based on institutional care costs that were averted  
3013 for persons determined to be presumptively eligible for Medicaid who  
3014 later were determined to be eligible for Medicaid, (5) the number of  
3015 persons determined presumptively eligible for Medicaid who later were  
3016 determined not to be eligible for Medicaid and costs to the state to  
3017 provide such persons with home care services before the final Medicaid  
3018 eligibility determination, (6) the average cost per person in the program,  
3019 (7) the administration costs, (8) the estimated savings to provide home  
3020 care versus institutional care for all persons in the program, and (9) a  
3021 comparison between costs under the different contracts for program  
3022 services.

3023 (h) An individual who is otherwise eligible for services pursuant to  
3024 this section shall, as a condition of participation in the program, apply  
3025 for medical assistance benefits when requested to do so by the  
3026 department and shall accept such benefits if determined eligible.

3027 (i) (1) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available  
3028 appropriations, administer a state-funded portion of the Connecticut  
3029 home-care program for the elderly for persons (A) who are sixty-five  
3030 years of age and older and are not eligible for Medicaid; (B) who are  
3031 inappropriately institutionalized or at risk of inappropriate  
3032 institutionalization; (C) whose income is less than or equal to the  
3033 amount allowed for a person who would be eligible for medical  
3034 assistance if residing in a nursing facility; and (D) whose assets, if single,  
3035 do not exceed one hundred fifty per cent of the federal minimum

3036 community spouse protected amount pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2)  
3037 or, if married, the couple's assets do not exceed two hundred per cent of  
3038 said community spouse protected amount. For program applications  
3039 received by the Department of Social Services for the fiscal years ending  
3040 June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, only persons who require the level of  
3041 care provided in a nursing home shall be eligible for the state-funded  
3042 portion of the program, except for persons residing in affordable  
3043 housing under the assisted living demonstration project established  
3044 pursuant to section 17b-347e who are otherwise eligible in accordance  
3045 with this section.

3046 (2) Except for persons residing in affordable housing under the  
3047 assisted living demonstration project established pursuant to section  
3048 17b-347e, as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, any person  
3049 whose income is at or below two hundred per cent of the federal poverty  
3050 level and who is ineligible for Medicaid shall contribute three per cent  
3051 of the cost of his or her care. Any person whose income exceeds two  
3052 hundred per cent of the federal poverty level shall contribute three per  
3053 cent of the cost of his or her care in addition to the amount of applied  
3054 income determined in accordance with the methodology established by  
3055 the Department of Social Services for recipients of medical assistance.  
3056 Any person who does not contribute to the cost of care in accordance  
3057 with this subdivision shall be ineligible to receive services under this  
3058 subsection. Notwithstanding any provision of sections 17b-60 and 17b-  
3059 61, the department shall not be required to provide an administrative  
3060 hearing to a person found ineligible for services under this subsection  
3061 because of a failure to contribute to the cost of care.

3062 (3) Any person who resides in affordable housing under the assisted  
3063 living demonstration project established pursuant to section 17b-347e  
3064 and whose income is at or below two hundred per cent of the federal  
3065 poverty level, shall not be required to contribute to the cost of care. Any  
3066 person who resides in affordable housing under the assisted living  
3067 demonstration project established pursuant to section 17b-347e and  
3068 whose income exceeds two hundred per cent of the federal poverty

3069 level, shall contribute to the applied income amount determined in  
3070 accordance with the methodology established by the Department of  
3071 Social Services for recipients of medical assistance. Any person whose  
3072 income exceeds two hundred per cent of the federal poverty level and  
3073 who does not contribute to the cost of care in accordance with this  
3074 subdivision shall be ineligible to receive services under this subsection.  
3075 Notwithstanding any provision of sections 17b-60 and 17b-61, the  
3076 department shall not be required to provide an administrative hearing  
3077 to a person found ineligible for services under this subsection because  
3078 of a failure to contribute to the cost of care.

3079 (4) The annualized cost of services provided to an individual under  
3080 the state-funded portion of the program shall not exceed fifty per cent  
3081 of the weighted average cost of care in nursing homes in the state, except  
3082 an individual who received services costing in excess of such amount  
3083 under the Department of Social Services in the fiscal year ending June  
3084 30, 1992, may continue to receive such services, provided the annualized  
3085 cost of such services does not exceed eighty per cent of the weighted  
3086 average cost of such nursing home care. The commissioner may allow  
3087 the cost of services provided to an individual to exceed the maximum  
3088 cost established pursuant to this subdivision in a case of extreme  
3089 hardship, as determined by the commissioner, provided in no case shall  
3090 such cost exceed that of the weighted cost of such nursing home care.

3091 (j) The Commissioner of Social Services shall collect data on services  
3092 provided under the program, including, but not limited to, the: (1)  
3093 Number of participants before and after any adjustments in  
3094 copayments, (2) average hours of care provided under the program per  
3095 participant, and (3) estimated cost savings to the state by providing  
3096 home care to participants who may otherwise receive care in a nursing  
3097 home facility. The commissioner shall, in accordance with the  
3098 provisions of section 11-4a, report on the results of the data collection to  
3099 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
3100 cognizance of matters relating to aging, appropriations and the budgets  
3101 of state agencies and human services not later than July 1, 2022. The

3102 commissioner may implement revised criteria for the operation of the  
3103 program while in the process of adopting such criteria in regulation  
3104 form, provided the commissioner publishes notice of intention to adopt  
3105 the regulations in accordance with section 17b-10. Such criteria shall be  
3106 valid until the time final regulations are effective.

3107 (k) The commissioner shall notify any access agency or area agency  
3108 on aging that administers the program when the department sends a  
3109 redetermination of eligibility form to an individual who is a client of  
3110 such agency.

3111 (l) In determining eligibility for the program described in this section,  
3112 the commissioner shall not consider as income (1) Aid and Attendance  
3113 pension benefits granted to a veteran, as defined in section 27-103, or the  
3114 surviving spouse of such veteran, and (2) any tax refund or advance  
3115 payment with respect to a refundable credit to the same extent such  
3116 refund or advance payment would be disregarded under 26 USC 6409  
3117 in any federal program or state or local program financed in whole or in  
3118 part with federal funds.

3119 (m) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the  
3120 provisions of chapter 54, to (1) define "access agency", (2) implement and  
3121 administer the program, (3) implement and administer the presumptive  
3122 Medicaid eligibility system described in subsection (e) of this section, (4)  
3123 establish uniform state-wide standards for the program and uniform  
3124 assessment tools for use in the screening process for the program and  
3125 the prescreening for presumptive Medicaid eligibility, and (5) specify  
3126 conditions of eligibility.

3127 Sec. 106. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) The Commissioner of Public  
3128 Health shall develop a public awareness and educational campaign to  
3129 promote community-based screening and education for common  
3130 diseases affecting high-risk male populations, including, but not limited  
3131 to, colorectal cancer, prostate cancer, hypertension, diabetes, high  
3132 cholesterol, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, infectious

3133 diseases, depression and anxiety.

3134 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the  
3135 commissioner shall report to the joint standing committee of the General  
3136 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health  
3137 regarding the public awareness and educational campaign.

3138 Sec. 107. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) There is established a  
3139 Higher Education Financial Sustainability Advisory Board, which shall  
3140 be part of the Legislative Department.

3141 (b) The board shall consist of the following members:

3142 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
3143 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
3144 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies;

3145 (2) The members of the higher education subcommittee of the joint  
3146 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
3147 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies;

3148 (3) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
3149 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
3150 relating to higher education and employment advancement;

3151 (4) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management; and

3152 (5) The Auditors of Public Accounts.

3153 (c) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
3154 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and  
3155 the budgets of state agencies and the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
3156 and Management shall jointly serve as chairpersons of the board. Such  
3157 chairpersons of the board shall schedule the first meeting of the board,  
3158 which shall be held not later than September 1, 2024. The board shall  
3159 meet at least quarterly thereafter. A majority of the board shall  
3160 constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

3161 (d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
3162 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
3163 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies shall serve as  
3164 administrative staff of the board.

3165 (e) The board shall have the following powers and duties: (1) Meet  
3166 with the administrators of each public institution of higher education  
3167 and The University of Connecticut Health Center to accept and review  
3168 the information set forth in subsection (f) of this section and to discuss  
3169 barriers to meeting state workforce needs, developing economic growth  
3170 and achieving or maintaining affordable tuition; (2) obtain from any  
3171 executive department, board, commission or other agency of the state  
3172 such assistance and data as necessary and available to carry out the  
3173 purposes of this section; and (3) perform such other acts as may be  
3174 necessary and appropriate to carry out the duties described in this  
3175 section.

3176 (f) Each public institution of higher education and The University of  
3177 Connecticut Health Center shall each submit to the board, upon the  
3178 request of the chairpersons of the board, the following information:

3179 (1) A detailed financial report for the current fiscal year, subsequent  
3180 fiscal year and five preceding fiscal years that identifies each source of  
3181 revenue, category of expense and any assumptions upon which such  
3182 reports are based;

3183 (2) If the detailed financial report for the current fiscal year or  
3184 subsequent fiscal year projects a deficiency, a detailed plan that  
3185 eliminates such deficiency;

3186 (3) A summary and general ledger account code analysis of the  
3187 unrestricted net position of such institution for the most recently  
3188 completed fiscal year;

3189 (4) The number of full-time and part-time students enrolled  
3190 disaggregated by in-state and out-of-state;

3191 (5) The number of vacant and filled employment positions  
3192 disaggregated by bargaining unit and management confidential type  
3193 with corresponding average salaries from the first payroll in October of  
3194 such fiscal year;

3195 (6) A summary of cost drivers for such institution;

3196 (7) A summary of budget constraints affecting (A) workforce  
3197 developments, economic development efforts and student quality of  
3198 life, including, but not limited to, time required for degree completion,  
3199 and (B) research productivity and faculty retention and recruitment;  
3200 and

3201 (8) Any other financial, operational, performance or other outcome  
3202 information, metrics or data requested by the board.

3203 (g) The board may require a public institution of higher education to  
3204 submit the information set forth in subsection (f) of this section on a  
3205 disaggregated basis.

3206 Sec. 108. Section 1 of substitute house bill 5437 of the current session,  
3207 as amended by House Amendment schedule "A", is repealed and the  
3208 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

3209 (a) There is established the Education Mandate Review Advisory  
3210 Council. The council shall advise and provide annual reports to the joint  
3211 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
3212 matters relating to education on the cost and implementation of existing  
3213 education mandates on local and regional boards of education, as well  
3214 as the impact of any proposals relating to additions or revisions to such  
3215 education mandates. Such annual reports may include, but need not be  
3216 limited to, (1) a review of education mandates on local and regional  
3217 boards of education in the general statutes and the regulations of  
3218 Connecticut state agencies for the purpose of identifying those  
3219 mandates that may be burdensome or have the effect of limiting or  
3220 restricting the provision of instruction or services to students, including

3221 a detailed analysis of each such mandate so identified, the specific  
3222 statutory or regulation citation for such mandate and how such mandate  
3223 is imposed on a board of education, and (2) any recommendations  
3224 regarding the repeal of or amendment to any such sections of the  
3225 general statutes or regulations of Connecticut state agencies.

3226 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

3227 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
3228 who shall be a representative of the Connecticut Association of Boards  
3229 of Education;

3230 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
3231 shall be a representative of the Connecticut Association of Public School  
3232 Superintendents;

3233 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
3234 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Connecticut  
3235 Association of Schools;

3236 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
3237 a representative of the Connecticut Association of School Business  
3238 Officials;

3239 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
3240 Representatives, who shall be a member of a local or regional board of  
3241 education;

3242 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
3243 a representative of the Connecticut Federation of School  
3244 Administrators;

3245 (7) One appointed by the House chairperson of the joint standing  
3246 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
3247 relating to education, who shall be a paraeducator in a public school in  
3248 this state;



3249 (8) One appointed by the Senate chairperson of the joint standing  
3250 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
3251 relating to education, who shall be a [teacher in a public school in this  
3252 state] representative of the Connecticut Education Association;

3253 (9) One appointed by the House ranking member of the joint standing  
3254 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
3255 relating to education, who shall be a paraeducator in a public school in  
3256 this state; and

3257 (10) One appointed by the Senate ranking member of the joint  
3258 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
3259 matters relating to education, who shall be a [teacher in a public school  
3260 in this state] representative of the American Federation of Teachers-  
3261 Connecticut.

3262 (c) All initial appointments to the council shall be made not later than  
3263 August 1, 2024. The initial terms for the members appointed shall  
3264 terminate on January 31, 2029. Terms following the initial terms shall be  
3265 for five years. Any member of the council may serve more than one  
3266 term. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

3267 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
3268 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the council  
3269 from among the members of the council. Such chairpersons shall  
3270 schedule the first meeting of the council, which shall be held not later  
3271 than October 1, 2024.

3272 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
3273 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
3274 shall serve as administrative staff of the council.

3275 (f) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the council  
3276 shall develop and submit an annual report on its review of the  
3277 implementation and cost of statutory and regulatory education  
3278 mandates on local and regional boards of education. Such annual report

3279 shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) a review of all existing  
3280 education mandates required by state law, (2) the costs incurred by local  
3281 and regional boards of education resulting from the implementation of  
3282 such education mandates, and (3) how such education mandates are  
3283 being implemented by local and regional boards of education,  
3284 including, but not limited to, the manner in which and how often such  
3285 education mandate is being implemented. The council shall submit such  
3286 report, and any recommendations for legislation, to the joint standing  
3287 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
3288 relating to education and the Commissioner of Education, in accordance  
3289 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

3290       Sec. 109. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Notwithstanding any provision of the  
3291 general statutes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Secretary of  
3292 the Office of Policy and Management shall utilize the Commissioner of  
3293 Public Health's 2021 population estimates certified pursuant to section  
3294 19a-2a of the general statutes for the purposes of calculating municipal  
3295 grants of which the current population of a municipality is a component.

3296       Sec. 110. Subsection (a) of section 10a-1a of the general statutes is  
3297 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3298 *2024*):

3299       (a) There shall be a Board of Regents for Higher Education that shall  
3300 serve as the governing body for the regional community-technical  
3301 college system, the Connecticut State University System and Charter  
3302 Oak State College. The board shall consist of [~~twenty-two~~] twenty-three  
3303 members who shall be distinguished leaders of the community in  
3304 Connecticut. The board shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and  
3305 ethnic diversity. The voting members shall not be employed by or be a  
3306 member of a board of trustees for any independent institution of higher  
3307 education in this state or the Board of Trustees for The University of  
3308 Connecticut nor shall they be public officials or state employees, as such  
3309 terms are defined in section 1-79, during their term of membership on  
3310 the Board of Regents for Higher Education. The Governor shall appoint

3311 nine members to the board as follows: Three members for a term of two  
3312 years; three members for a term of four years; and three members for a  
3313 term of six years. Thereafter, the Governor shall appoint members of the  
3314 board to succeed such appointees whose terms expire and each member  
3315 so appointed shall hold office for a period of six years from the first day  
3316 of July in the year of his or her appointment. Four members of the board  
3317 shall be appointed as follows: One appointment by the president pro  
3318 tempore of the Senate, who shall be an alumnus of the regional  
3319 community-technical college system, for a term of four years; one  
3320 appointment by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a  
3321 specialist in the education of children in grades kindergarten to twelve,  
3322 inclusive, for a term of three years; one appointment by the speaker of  
3323 the House of Representatives, who shall be an alumnus of the  
3324 Connecticut State University System, for a term of four years; and one  
3325 appointment by the minority leader of the House of Representatives,  
3326 who shall be an alumnus of Charter Oak State College, for a term of  
3327 three years. Thereafter, such members of the General Assembly shall  
3328 appoint members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms  
3329 expire and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of  
3330 four years from the first day of July in the year of his or her appointment.  
3331 The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the student advisory  
3332 committee created under section 10a-3 shall serve as members of the  
3333 board. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the faculty advisory  
3334 committee created under section 10a-3a shall serve as ex-officio,  
3335 nonvoting members of the board for a term of two years and, in their  
3336 respective roles as chairperson and vice-chairperson, may be invited to  
3337 any executive session, as defined in section 1-200, of the board by the  
3338 chairperson of the board. The Commissioners of Education, Economic  
3339 and Community Development and Public Health, the Labor  
3340 Commissioner, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management  
3341 and the Chief Workforce Officer shall serve as ex-officio, nonvoting  
3342 members of the board.

3343 Sec. 111. (*Effective from passage*) The Legislative Commissioners' Office

3344 shall, in codifying the provisions of this act, make such technical,  
3345 grammatical and punctuation changes as are necessary to carry out the  
3346 purposes of this act, including, but not limited to, correcting inaccurate  
3347 internal references.

3348       Sec. 112. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) As used in this section,  
3349 sections 10-65 of the general statutes, 10-264l of the general statutes and  
3350 10-266aa of the general statutes and section 113 of this act:

3351       (1) "Choice program" means (A) an interdistrict magnet school  
3352 program, or (B) a regional agricultural science and technology center.

3353       (2) "Foundation" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-262f  
3354 of the general statutes, except that for an interdistrict magnet school  
3355 operator that is not a local or regional board of education, the  
3356 foundation is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, eleven thousand  
3357 five hundred twenty-five dollars.

3358       (3) "Resident students" has the same meaning as provided in section  
3359 10-262f of the general statutes.

3360       (4) "Resident choice program students" means the number of part-  
3361 time and full-time students of a town enrolled or participating in a  
3362 particular choice program.

3363       (5) "Total need students" has the same meaning as provided in section  
3364 10-262f of the general statutes.

3365       (6) "Total magnet school program need students" means the sum of  
3366 (A) the number of part-time and full-time students enrolled in the  
3367 interdistrict magnet school program of the interdistrict magnet school  
3368 operator that is (i) not a local or regional board of education, (ii) the  
3369 board of governors for an independent institution of higher education,  
3370 as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173 of the general statutes, or  
3371 the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution  
3372 of higher education, or (iii) any other third-party, not-for-profit

3373 corporation approved by the Commissioner of Education, for the school  
3374 year, and (B) for the school year commencing July 1, 2024, (i) thirty per  
3375 cent of the number of part-time and full-time students enrolled in such  
3376 interdistrict magnet school program eligible for free or reduced price  
3377 meals or free milk, (ii) fifteen per cent of the number of such part-time  
3378 and full-time students eligible for free or reduced price meals or free  
3379 milk in excess of the number of such part-time and full-time students  
3380 eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk that is equal to sixty  
3381 per cent of the total number of students enrolled in such interdistrict  
3382 magnet school program, (iii) twenty-five per cent of the number of part-  
3383 time and full-time students enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school  
3384 program who are English language learners, and (iv) if such interdistrict  
3385 magnet school program is assisting the state in meeting its obligations  
3386 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any  
3387 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
3388 commissioner, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, thirty per cent of  
3389 the number of part-time and full-time students enrolled in such  
3390 interdistrict magnet school program.

3391 (7) "Sending town" means the town that sends resident choice  
3392 program students, which it would otherwise be legally responsible for  
3393 educating, to a choice program.

3394 (8) "Receiving district" has the same meaning as provided in section  
3395 10-266aa of the general statutes.

3396 (9) "Weighted funding amount per pupil" means the quotient of (A)  
3397 the product of the foundation and a town's total need students for the  
3398 fiscal year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid, and (B) the  
3399 number of resident students of the town.

3400 (10) "In-district student" means a student enrolled or participating in  
3401 a choice program operated or maintained by a local or regional board of  
3402 education and for whom such local or regional board of education is  
3403 legally responsible for educating.

3404 (11) "Out-of-district student" means a student enrolled or  
3405 participating in a choice program operated or maintained by a local or  
3406 regional board of education and who does not reside in the town or a  
3407 member town of such local or regional board of education.

3408 (12) "Total revenue per pupil" means the sum of (A) the per student  
3409 amount of the grant for a choice program student for the fiscal year  
3410 ending June 30, 2024, (B) the per student amount of any general  
3411 education tuition for a student in such choice program for the fiscal year  
3412 ending June 30, 2024, and (C) the per child amount of any tuition  
3413 charged for a child enrolled in a preschool program offered by a regional  
3414 educational service center operating an interdistrict magnet school  
3415 preschool program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, pursuant to  
3416 section 10-264*l* of the general statutes.

3417 (13) "Adjusted total revenue per pupil" means the sum of (A) the per  
3418 student amount of the grant for a choice program student for the fiscal  
3419 year ending June 30, 2025, (B) the per student amount of any general  
3420 education tuition for a student in such choice program for the fiscal year  
3421 ending June 30, 2025, and (C) the per child amount of any tuition  
3422 charged for a child enrolled in a preschool program offered by a regional  
3423 educational service center operating an interdistrict magnet school  
3424 preschool program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, pursuant to  
3425 section 10-264*l* of the general statutes.

3426 (14) "Sending town adjustment factor" means the product of (A) the  
3427 weighted funding amount per pupil or the total revenue per pupil,  
3428 whichever is greater, for a sending town, and (B) the number of its  
3429 resident choice program students.

3430 (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of this  
3431 subsection, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, an interdistrict  
3432 magnet school program operator that is not a local or regional board of  
3433 education shall be entitled to a grant in an amount equal to the sum of  
3434 (A) forty-two per cent of the difference between (i) the product of the

3435 foundation and its total magnet school program need students, and (ii)  
3436 the per student amount such operator received under section 10-264l of  
3437 the general statutes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, multiplied  
3438 by the number of students enrolled in such program for the fiscal year  
3439 ending June 30, 2025, and (B) the amount described in subparagraph  
3440 (A)(ii) of this subdivision.

3441 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, if (A) the quotient of the  
3442 sum of the total revenue per pupil during the fiscal year ending June 30,  
3443 2024, and the total number of such students enrolled in such program of  
3444 such operator during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, is greater than  
3445 (B) the quotient of the sum of the adjusted total revenue per pupil and  
3446 the number of such students enrolled in such program of such operator  
3447 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, then such operator shall be  
3448 entitled to a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (i) the amount  
3449 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection, and (ii) the product of the  
3450 difference between the amount described in subparagraph (A) of this  
3451 subdivision and the amount described in subparagraph (B) of this  
3452 subdivision and the total number of students enrolled in such program  
3453 of such operator during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

3454 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, an interdistrict magnet  
3455 school operator that is a local or regional board of education shall be  
3456 entitled to a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (1) forty-two per  
3457 cent of the difference between (A) the sum of (i) the sending town  
3458 adjustment factors for each sending town, and (ii) the product of the  
3459 number of in-district students enrolled in the interdistrict magnet school  
3460 program of such board and the per student amount of the grant under  
3461 section 10-264l of the general statutes for an in-district student enrolled  
3462 in such interdistrict magnet school program for the fiscal year ending  
3463 June 30, 2024, and (B) the appropriate per student amounts, for in-  
3464 district students and out-of-district students, such operator received  
3465 under section 10-264l of the general statutes for the fiscal year ending  
3466 June 30, 2024, multiplied by the appropriate numbers of in-district  
3467 students and out-of-district students enrolled in such program for the

3468 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and (2) the amount described in  
3469 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

3470 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, a local or regional board  
3471 of education that operates a regional agricultural science and  
3472 technology center shall be entitled to a grant in an amount equal to the  
3473 sum of (1) forty-two per cent of the difference between (A) the sum of  
3474 (i) the sending town adjustment factors for each sending town, and (ii)  
3475 the product of the number of in-district students enrolled in such center  
3476 and five thousand two hundred, and (B) five thousand two hundred  
3477 multiplied by the number of students enrolled in such center for the  
3478 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and (2) the amount described in  
3479 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

3480 Sec. 113. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than June 30, 2024,  
3481 the Department of Education shall calculate an estimated amount of  
3482 each grant under section 112 of this act for the next fiscal year using data  
3483 collected during the current fiscal year, and notify each local and  
3484 regional board of education and interdistrict magnet school program  
3485 operator that is not a local or regional board of education of such  
3486 estimated amounts.

3487 (b) Not later than June 30, 2024, and then again on December 31, 2024,  
3488 the Department of Education shall calculate an estimated amount that  
3489 each town is entitled to receive under the provisions of section 10-262h  
3490 of the general statutes, for the next fiscal year using data collected  
3491 during the current fiscal year, and notify each such town of such  
3492 estimated amount.

3493 (c) Not later than June 30, 2024, and then again on February 1, 2025,  
3494 the Department of Education shall calculate an estimated amount of the  
3495 grant under subsection (d) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes for  
3496 each fiscal authority for a state charter school for the next fiscal year  
3497 using data collected during the current fiscal year, and notify each such  
3498 fiscal authority of such estimated amount.



3499       Sec. 114. Section 10-264l of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
3500 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3501 *1, 2024*):

3502       (a) The Department of Education shall, within available  
3503 appropriations, establish a grant program (1) to assist (A) local and  
3504 regional boards of education, (B) regional educational service centers,  
3505 (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on  
3506 behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers  
3507 Community College, and (D) cooperative arrangements pursuant to  
3508 section 10-158a, and (2) in assisting the state in meeting its obligations  
3509 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any  
3510 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
3511 commissioner, to assist (A) the Board of Trustees of the Community-  
3512 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college,  
3513 (B) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on  
3514 behalf of a state university, (C) the Board of Trustees of The University  
3515 of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (D) the board of governors  
3516 for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in  
3517 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on  
3518 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, and (E) any  
3519 other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the  
3520 commissioner with the operation of interdistrict magnet school  
3521 programs. All interdistrict magnet schools shall be operated in  
3522 conformance with the same laws and regulations applicable to public  
3523 schools. For the purposes of this section "an interdistrict magnet school  
3524 program" means a program which (i) supports racial, ethnic and  
3525 economic diversity, (ii) offers a special and high quality curriculum, and  
3526 (iii) requires students who are enrolled to attend at least half-time. An  
3527 interdistrict magnet school program does not include a regional  
3528 agricultural science and technology school, a technical education and  
3529 career school or a regional special education center. For the school year  
3530 commencing July 1, 2017, and each school year thereafter, the governing  
3531 authority for each interdistrict magnet school program shall (I) restrict

3532 the number of students that may enroll in the school from a participating  
3533 district to seventy-five per cent of the total school enrollment, and (II)  
3534 maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the  
3535 reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict magnet school  
3536 programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to  
3537 section 10-264r.

3538 (b) (1) Applications for interdistrict magnet school program  
3539 operating grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted  
3540 annually to the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such  
3541 manner as the commissioner prescribes, except that on and after July 1,  
3542 2009, applications for such operating grants for new interdistrict magnet  
3543 schools, other than those that the commissioner determines will assist  
3544 the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v.*  
3545 *O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,  
3546 as determined by the commissioner, shall not be accepted until the  
3547 commissioner develops a comprehensive state-wide interdistrict  
3548 magnet school plan. The commissioner shall submit such  
3549 comprehensive state-wide interdistrict magnet school plan on or before  
3550 October 1, 2016, to the joint standing committees of the General  
3551 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and  
3552 appropriations.

3553 (2) In determining whether an application shall be approved and  
3554 funds awarded pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall  
3555 consider, but such consideration shall not be limited to: (A) Whether the  
3556 program offered by the school is likely to increase student achievement;  
3557 (B) whether the program is likely to reduce racial, ethnic and economic  
3558 isolation; (C) the percentage of the student enrollment in the program  
3559 from each participating district; and (D) the proposed operating budget  
3560 and the sources of funding for the interdistrict magnet school. For a  
3561 magnet school not operated by a local or regional board of education,  
3562 the commissioner shall only approve a proposed operating budget that,  
3563 on a per pupil basis, does not exceed the maximum allowable threshold  
3564 established in accordance with this subdivision. The maximum

3565 allowable threshold shall be an amount equal to one hundred twenty  
3566 per cent of the state average of the quotient obtained by dividing net  
3567 current expenditures, as defined in section 10-261, by average daily  
3568 membership, as defined in said section, for the fiscal year two years  
3569 prior to the fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. The  
3570 Department of Education shall establish the maximum allowable  
3571 threshold no later than December fifteenth of the fiscal year prior to the  
3572 fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. If requested by an  
3573 applicant that is not a local or regional board of education, the  
3574 commissioner may approve a proposed operating budget that exceeds  
3575 the maximum allowable threshold if the commissioner determines that  
3576 there are extraordinary programmatic needs. For the fiscal years ending  
3577 June 30, 2017, June 30, 2018, June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, in the case  
3578 of an interdistrict magnet school that will assist the state in meeting its  
3579 obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1  
3580 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
3581 commissioner, the commissioner shall also consider whether the school  
3582 is meeting the reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict  
3583 magnet school programs, developed by the commissioner pursuant to  
3584 section 10-264r. If such school has not met such reduced-isolation setting  
3585 standards, it shall not be entitled to receive a grant pursuant to this  
3586 section unless the commissioner finds that it is appropriate to award a  
3587 grant for an additional year or years and approves a plan to bring such  
3588 school into compliance with such reduced-isolation setting standards. If  
3589 requested by the commissioner, the applicant shall meet with the  
3590 commissioner or the commissioner's designee to discuss the budget and  
3591 sources of funding.

3592 (3) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2025,  
3593 inclusive, the commissioner shall not award a grant to an interdistrict  
3594 magnet school program that (A) has more than seventy-five per cent of  
3595 the total school enrollment from one school district, or (B) does not  
3596 maintain a total school enrollment that is in accordance with the  
3597 reduced-isolation setting standards for interdistrict magnet school

3598 programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to  
3599 section 10-264r, except the commissioner may award a grant to such  
3600 school for an additional year or years if the commissioner finds it is  
3601 appropriate to do so and approves a plan to bring such school into  
3602 compliance with such residency or reduced-isolation setting standards.

3603 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2021,  
3604 inclusive, if an interdistrict magnet school program does not maintain a  
3605 total school enrollment that is in accordance with the reduced-isolation  
3606 setting standards for interdistrict magnet school programs, developed  
3607 by the commissioner pursuant to section 10-264r, for two or more  
3608 consecutive years, the commissioner may impose a financial penalty on  
3609 the operator of such interdistrict magnet school program, or take any  
3610 other measure, in consultation with such operator, as may be  
3611 appropriate to assist such operator in complying with such reduced-  
3612 isolation setting standards.

3613 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for the purposes of  
3614 equalization aid under section 10-262h, a student enrolled in an  
3615 interdistrict magnet school program shall be counted as a resident  
3616 student, as defined in section 10-262f, of the town in which such student  
3617 resides.

3618 (c) (1) [The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school  
3619 program, except those described in subparagraphs (A) to (G), inclusive,  
3620 of subdivision (3) of this subsection, shall be eligible to receive per  
3621 enrolled student who is not a resident of the town operating the magnet  
3622 school shall be (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, seven  
3623 thousand two hundred twenty-seven dollars, and (B) for the fiscal year  
3624 ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least seven  
3625 thousand two hundred twenty-seven dollars. The per pupil grant for  
3626 each enrolled student who is a resident of the town operating the  
3627 magnet school program shall be (i) for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
3628 2024, three thousand sixty dollars, and (ii) for the fiscal year ending June  
3629 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least three thousand sixty

3630 dollars.] For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, each interdistrict  
3631 magnet school operator shall be paid a grant equal to the amount the  
3632 operator is entitled to receive under the provisions of section 112 of this  
3633 act.

3634 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year  
3635 thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations,  
3636 provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing educational  
3637 programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the commissioner  
3638 determines. Such grants shall be made after the commissioner has  
3639 conducted a comprehensive financial review and approved the total  
3640 operating budget for such schools, including all revenue and  
3641 expenditure estimates.

3642 [(3) (A) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (G),  
3643 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated  
3644 by a regional educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five  
3645 per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per  
3646 pupil grant in the amount of (i) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,  
3647 eight thousand fifty-eight dollars, and (ii) for the fiscal year ending June  
3648 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least eight thousand fifty-  
3649 eight dollars.

3650 (B) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraphs (C) to (G),  
3651 inclusive, of this subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated  
3652 by a regional educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five per  
3653 cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil  
3654 grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the district that  
3655 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students in the amount  
3656 of (i) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, seven thousand two  
3657 hundred twenty-seven dollars, and (ii) for the fiscal year ending June  
3658 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least seven thousand two  
3659 hundred twenty-seven dollars. The per pupil grant for each enrolled  
3660 student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per  
3661 cent of the school's students shall be (I) for the fiscal year ending June

3662 30, 2024, three thousand sixty dollars, and (II) for the fiscal year ending  
3663 June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least three thousand  
3664 sixty dollars.

3665 (C) (i) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2019,  
3666 inclusive, each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional  
3667 educational service center that began operations for the school year  
3668 commencing July 1, 2001, and that for the school year commencing July  
3669 1, 2008, enrolled at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than eighty per  
3670 cent of the school's students from a single town, shall receive a per pupil  
3671 grant (I) for each enrolled student who is a resident of the district that  
3672 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than eighty per cent of the  
3673 school's students, up to an amount equal to the total number of such  
3674 enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the  
3675 amount of eight thousand one hundred eighty dollars, (II) for each  
3676 enrolled student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-  
3677 five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of the school's students,  
3678 in an amount greater than the total number of such enrolled students as  
3679 of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the amount of three  
3680 thousand dollars, (III) for each enrolled student who is not a resident of  
3681 the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more than  
3682 eighty per cent of the school's students, up to an amount equal to the  
3683 total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the  
3684 data of record, in the amount of eight thousand one hundred eighty  
3685 dollars, and (IV) for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the  
3686 district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty  
3687 per cent of the school's students, in an amount greater than the total  
3688 number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data  
3689 of record, in the amount of seven thousand eighty-five dollars.

3690 (ii) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2022,  
3691 inclusive, each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional  
3692 educational service center that began operations for the school year  
3693 commencing July 1, 2001, and that for the school year commencing July  
3694 1, 2008, enrolled at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty per

3695 cent of the school's students from a single town, shall receive a per pupil  
3696 grant (I) for each enrolled student who is a resident of the district that  
3697 enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of  
3698 the school's students, up to an amount equal to the total number of such  
3699 enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the  
3700 amount of eight thousand three hundred forty-four dollars, (II) for each  
3701 enrolled student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-  
3702 five per cent, but not more than eighty per cent of the school's students,  
3703 in an amount greater than the total number of such enrolled students as  
3704 of October 1, 2013, using the data of record, in the amount of three  
3705 thousand sixty dollars, (III) for each enrolled student who is not a  
3706 resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but no more  
3707 than eighty per cent of the school's students, up to an amount equal to  
3708 the total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using  
3709 the data of record, in the amount of eight thousand three hundred forty-  
3710 four dollars, and (IV) for each enrolled student who is not a resident of  
3711 the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent, but not more than  
3712 eighty per cent of the school's students, in an amount greater than the  
3713 total number of such enrolled students as of October 1, 2013, using the  
3714 data of record, in the amount of seven thousand two hundred twenty-  
3715 seven dollars.

3716 (D) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (D)(ii) of this  
3717 subdivision, each interdistrict magnet school operated by (I) a regional  
3718 educational service center, (II) the Board of Trustees of the Community-  
3719 Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college,  
3720 (III) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on  
3721 behalf of a state university, (IV) the Board of Trustees for The University  
3722 of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (V) the board of governors  
3723 for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in  
3724 subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on  
3725 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, except as  
3726 otherwise provided in subparagraph (E) of this subdivision, (VI)  
3727 cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, (VII) any other

3728 third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner,  
3729 and (VIII) the Hartford school district for the operation of Great Path  
3730 Academy on behalf of Manchester Community College, that enrolls less  
3731 than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford shall receive a per pupil  
3732 grant in the amount of ten thousand six hundred fifty-two dollars for  
3733 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and at least ten thousand six  
3734 hundred fifty-two dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and  
3735 each fiscal year thereafter, except the commissioner may make grants  
3736 under this subparagraph to an interdistrict magnet school operator  
3737 described in this subparagraph that enrolls more than sixty per cent of  
3738 its students from Hartford.

3739 (ii) Any interdistrict magnet school described in subparagraph (D)(i)  
3740 of this subdivision that enrolls less than fifty per cent of its incoming  
3741 students from Hartford shall receive a per pupil grant (I) for the fiscal  
3742 year ending June 30, 2024, in the amount of eight thousand fifty-eight  
3743 dollars for one-half of the total number of non-Hartford students  
3744 enrolled in the school over fifty per cent of the total school enrollment  
3745 and shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of ten thousand six  
3746 hundred fifty-two dollars for the remainder of the total school  
3747 enrollment, and (II) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each  
3748 fiscal year thereafter, in the amount of at least eight thousand fifty-eight  
3749 dollars for one-half of the total number of non-Hartford students  
3750 enrolled in the school over fifty per cent of the total school enrollment  
3751 and shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of at least ten thousand  
3752 six hundred fifty-two dollars for the remainder of the total school  
3753 enrollment, except the commissioner may, upon the written request of  
3754 an operator of such school, waive such fifty per cent enrollment  
3755 minimum for good cause.

3756 (E) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and each fiscal year  
3757 thereafter, each interdistrict magnet school operated by the board of  
3758 governors for an independent institution of higher education, as defined  
3759 in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on  
3760 behalf of the independent institution of higher education, that (i) began



3761 operations for the school year commencing July 1, 2014, (ii) enrolls less  
3762 than sixty per cent of its students from Hartford pursuant to the decision  
3763 in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order  
3764 in effect, as determined by the commissioner, and (iii) enrolls students  
3765 at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant (I) equal  
3766 to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to  
3767 subparagraph (D) of this subdivision for each student who is enrolled  
3768 at such school for at least two semesters in each school year, and (II)  
3769 equal to thirty-two and one-half per cent of the grant amount  
3770 determined pursuant to subparagraph (D) of this subdivision for each  
3771 student who is enrolled at such school for one semester in each school  
3772 year.

3773 (F) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a local or regional  
3774 board of education, pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238  
3775 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, shall receive  
3776 a per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the  
3777 district in the amount of (i) thirteen thousand three hundred fifteen  
3778 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and (ii) for the fiscal year  
3779 ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, at least thirteen  
3780 thousand three hundred fifteen dollars.

3781 (G) In addition to the grants described in subparagraph (E) of this  
3782 subdivision, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the commissioner  
3783 may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
3784 Management and the Finance Advisory Committee, established  
3785 pursuant to section 4-93, provide supplemental grants to the Hartford  
3786 school district of up to one thousand fifty-four dollars for each student  
3787 enrolled at an interdistrict magnet school operated by the Hartford  
3788 school district who is not a resident of such district.

3789 (H) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year  
3790 thereafter, the half-day Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts  
3791 interdistrict magnet school operated by the Capital Region Education  
3792 Council shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant equal to sixty-five

3793 per cent of the per pupil grant specified in subparagraph (A) of this  
3794 subdivision.

3795 (I) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2018, inclusive,  
3796 the half-day Greater Hartford Academy of Mathematics and Science  
3797 interdistrict magnet school operated by the Capitol Region Education  
3798 Council shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant equal to six  
3799 thousand seven hundred eighty-seven dollars for (i) students enrolled  
3800 in grades ten to twelve, inclusive, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,  
3801 (ii) students enrolled in grades eleven and twelve for the fiscal year  
3802 ending June 30, 2017, and (iii) students enrolled in grade twelve for the  
3803 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016,  
3804 and each fiscal year thereafter, the half-day Greater Hartford Academy  
3805 of Mathematics and Science interdistrict magnet school shall not be  
3806 eligible for any additional grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
3807 section.

3808 (4) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, and June 30, 2016, the  
3809 department may limit payment to an interdistrict magnet school  
3810 operator to an amount equal to the grant that such magnet school  
3811 operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment level of the  
3812 interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013. Approval of  
3813 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized  
3814 by the department as follows: (A) Increases in enrollment in an  
3815 interdistrict magnet school program that is adding planned new grade  
3816 levels for the school years commencing July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016; (B)  
3817 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that  
3818 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,  
3819 2014, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; (C)  
3820 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that  
3821 is moving into a permanent facility for the school years commencing  
3822 July 1, 2014, to July 1, 2016, inclusive; (D) increases in enrollment in an  
3823 interdistrict magnet school program to ensure compliance with  
3824 subsection (a) of this section; and (E) new enrollments for a new  
3825 interdistrict magnet school program commencing operations on or after

3826 July 1, 2014, pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1  
3827 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
3828 commissioner. Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less  
3829 than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant  
3830 equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to  
3831 this subsection.

3832 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the department may limit  
3833 payment to an interdistrict magnet school operator to an amount equal  
3834 to the grant that such magnet school operator was eligible to receive  
3835 based on the enrollment level of the interdistrict magnet school program  
3836 on October 1, 2013, or October 1, 2015, whichever is lower. Approval of  
3837 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized  
3838 by the department as follows: (A) Increases in enrollment in an  
3839 interdistrict magnet school program that is adding planned new grade  
3840 levels for the school years commencing July 1, 2015, and July 1, 2016; (B)  
3841 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that  
3842 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,  
3843 2014, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; (C)  
3844 increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program that  
3845 added planned new grade levels for the school year commencing July 1,  
3846 2015, and was funded during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016; and  
3847 (D) increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program to  
3848 ensure compliance with subsection (a) of this section. Any interdistrict  
3849 magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-  
3850 time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the  
3851 grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

3852 (6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and within available  
3853 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict  
3854 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such  
3855 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment  
3856 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,  
3857 October 1, 2015, or October 1, 2016, whichever is lower. Approval of  
3858 funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall be prioritized

3859 by the department and subject to the commissioner's approval,  
3860 including increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school  
3861 program as a result of planned and approved new grade levels. Any  
3862 interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at  
3863 least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per  
3864 cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

3865 (7) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and within available  
3866 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict  
3867 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such  
3868 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment  
3869 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,  
3870 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, or October 1, 2017, whichever is lower.  
3871 Approval of funding for enrollment above such enrollment level shall  
3872 be prioritized by the department and subject to the commissioner's  
3873 approval, including increases in enrollment in an interdistrict magnet  
3874 school program as a result of planned and approved new grade levels.  
3875 Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time,  
3876 but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-  
3877 five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this  
3878 subsection.

3879 (8) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and within available  
3880 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict  
3881 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such  
3882 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment  
3883 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,  
3884 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, October 1, 2017, or October 1, 2018,  
3885 whichever is lower. Approval of funding for enrollment above such  
3886 enrollment level shall be prioritized by the department and subject to  
3887 the commissioner's approval, including increases in enrollment in an  
3888 interdistrict magnet school program as a result of planned and  
3889 approved new grade levels. Any interdistrict magnet school program  
3890 operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to  
3891 receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount

3892 determined pursuant to this subsection.

3893 (9) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and within available  
3894 appropriations, the department may limit payment to an interdistrict  
3895 magnet school operator to an amount equal to the grant that such  
3896 magnet school operator was eligible to receive based on the enrollment  
3897 level of the interdistrict magnet school program on October 1, 2013,  
3898 October 1, 2015, October 1, 2016, October 1, 2017, October 1, 2018, or  
3899 October 1, 2019, whichever is lower. Approval of funding for enrollment  
3900 above such enrollment level shall be prioritized by the department and  
3901 subject to the commissioner's approval, including increases in  
3902 enrollment in an interdistrict magnet school program as a result of  
3903 planned and approved new grade levels. Any interdistrict magnet  
3904 school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall  
3905 be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant  
3906 amount determined pursuant to this subsection.]

3907 [(10)] (3) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may  
3908 make grants to the following entities that operate an interdistrict magnet  
3909 school that assists the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the  
3910 decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation  
3911 or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner and that provide  
3912 academic support programs and summer school educational programs  
3913 approved by the commissioner to students participating in such  
3914 interdistrict magnet school program: (A) Regional educational service  
3915 centers, (B) local and regional boards of education, (C) the Board of  
3916 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional  
3917 community-technical college, (D) the Board of Trustees of the  
3918 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (E)  
3919 the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the  
3920 university, (F) the board of governors for an independent institution of  
3921 higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the  
3922 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of  
3923 higher education, (G) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-  
3924 158a, and (H) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved

3925 by the commissioner.

3926 [(11)] (4) Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of  
3927 Education may make grants, in an amount not to exceed seventy-five  
3928 thousand dollars, for start-up costs associated with the development of  
3929 new interdistrict magnet school programs that assist the state in meeting  
3930 its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1  
3931 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
3932 commissioner, to the following entities that develop such a program: (A)  
3933 Regional educational service centers, (B) local and regional boards of  
3934 education, (C) the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical  
3935 Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college, (D) the  
3936 Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf  
3937 of a state university, (E) the Board of Trustees for The University of  
3938 Connecticut on behalf of the university, (F) the board of governors for  
3939 an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection  
3940 (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the  
3941 independent institution of higher education, (G) cooperative  
3942 arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (H) any other third-party  
3943 not-for-profit corporation approved by the commissioner.

3944 [(12) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year  
3945 thereafter, the department shall make grants determined pursuant to  
3946 this subsection within available appropriations, and in no case shall the  
3947 total grant paid to an interdistrict magnet school operator pursuant to  
3948 this section exceed the aggregate total of the reasonable operating  
3949 budgets of the interdistrict magnet school programs of such operator,  
3950 less revenues from other sources.

3951 (13) Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-  
3952 time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to  
3953 sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this  
3954 subsection.]

3955 (d) [(1)] Grants made pursuant to this section [, except those made

3956 pursuant to subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of this section and  
3957 subdivision (2) of this subsection,] and section 112 of this act shall be  
3958 paid as follows: Seventy per cent not later than September first and the  
3959 balance not later than May first of each fiscal year. The May first  
3960 payment shall be adjusted to reflect actual interdistrict magnet school  
3961 program enrollment as of the preceding October first using the data of  
3962 record as of the intervening January thirty-first, if the actual level of  
3963 enrollment is lower than the projected enrollment stated in the  
3964 approved grant application. The May first payment shall be further  
3965 adjusted for the difference between the total grant received by the  
3966 magnet school operator in the prior fiscal year and the revised total  
3967 grant amount calculated for the prior fiscal year in cases where the  
3968 aggregate financial audit submitted by the interdistrict magnet school  
3969 operator pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (n) of this section  
3970 indicates an overpayment by the department. Notwithstanding the  
3971 provisions of this section to the contrary, grants made pursuant to this  
3972 section may be paid to each interdistrict magnet school operator as an  
3973 aggregate total of the amount that the interdistrict magnet schools  
3974 operated by each such operator are eligible to receive under this section.  
3975 Each interdistrict magnet school operator may distribute such aggregate  
3976 grant among the interdistrict magnet school programs that such  
3977 operator is operating pursuant to a distribution plan approved by the  
3978 Commissioner of Education.

3979 [(2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year  
3980 thereafter, grants made pursuant to subparagraph (E) of subdivision (3)  
3981 of subsection (c) of this section shall be paid as follows: Fifty per cent of  
3982 the amount not later than September first based on estimated student  
3983 enrollment for the first semester on September first, and another fifty  
3984 per cent not later than May first of each fiscal year based on actual  
3985 student enrollment for the second semester on February first. The May  
3986 first payment shall be adjusted to reflect actual interdistrict magnet  
3987 school program enrollment for those students who have been enrolled  
3988 at such school for at least two semesters of the school year, using the

3989 data of record, and actual student enrollment for those students who  
3990 have been enrolled at such school for only one semester, using data of  
3991 record. The May first payment shall be further adjusted for the  
3992 difference between the total grant received by the magnet school  
3993 operator in the prior fiscal year and the revised total grant amount  
3994 calculated for the prior fiscal year where the financial audit submitted  
3995 by the interdistrict magnet school operator pursuant to subdivision (1)  
3996 of subsection (n) of this section indicates an overpayment by the  
3997 department.]

3998 (e) The Department of Education may retain up to one-half of one per  
3999 cent of the amount appropriated, in an amount not to exceed five  
4000 hundred thousand dollars, for purposes of this section for program  
4001 evaluation and administration.

4002 (f) Each local or regional school district in which an interdistrict  
4003 magnet school is located shall provide the same kind of transportation  
4004 to its children enrolled in such interdistrict magnet school as it provides  
4005 to its children enrolled in other public schools in such local or regional  
4006 school district. The parent or guardian of a child denied the  
4007 transportation services required to be provided pursuant to this  
4008 subsection may appeal such denial in the manner provided in sections  
4009 10-186 and 10-187.

4010 (g) On or before October fifteenth of each year, the Commissioner of  
4011 Education shall determine if interdistrict magnet school enrollment is  
4012 below the number of students for which funds were appropriated. If the  
4013 commissioner determines that the enrollment is below such number, the  
4014 additional funds shall not lapse but shall be used by the commissioner  
4015 for grants for interdistrict cooperative programs pursuant to section 10-  
4016 74d.

4017 (h) (1) In the case of a student identified as requiring special  
4018 education, the school district in which the student resides shall: (A)  
4019 Hold the planning and placement team meeting for such student and



4020 shall invite representatives from the interdistrict magnet school to  
4021 participate in such meeting; and (B) pay the interdistrict magnet school  
4022 an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of  
4023 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the  
4024 interdistrict magnet school for such student pursuant to subsection (c)  
4025 of this section and amounts received from other state, federal, local or  
4026 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district shall  
4027 be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. If a student  
4028 requiring special education attends an interdistrict magnet school on a  
4029 full-time basis, such interdistrict magnet school shall be responsible for  
4030 ensuring that such student receives the services mandated by the  
4031 student's individualized education program whether such services are  
4032 provided by the interdistrict magnet school or by the school district in  
4033 which the student resides.

4034 (2) In the case of a student with a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the  
4035 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended from time to time, the school  
4036 district in which the student resides shall pay the interdistrict magnet  
4037 school an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of  
4038 educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the  
4039 interdistrict magnet school for such student pursuant to subsection (c)  
4040 of this section and amounts received from other state, federal, local or  
4041 private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. If a student with a plan  
4042 pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended  
4043 from time to time, attends an interdistrict magnet school on a full-time  
4044 basis, such interdistrict magnet school shall be responsible for ensuring  
4045 that such student receives the services mandated by the student's plan,  
4046 whether such services are provided by the interdistrict magnet school  
4047 or by the school district in which the student resides.

4048 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the  
4049 enrollment of nonpublic school students in an interdistrict magnet  
4050 school program that operates less than full-time, provided (1) such  
4051 students constitute no more than five per cent of the full-time equivalent  
4052 enrollment in such magnet school program, and (2) such students are

4053 not counted for purposes of determining the amount of grants pursuant  
4054 to this section and section 10-264i.

4055 (j) After accommodating students from participating districts in  
4056 accordance with an approved enrollment agreement, an interdistrict  
4057 magnet school operator that has unused student capacity may enroll  
4058 directly into its program any interested student. A student from a  
4059 district that is not participating in an interdistrict magnet school or the  
4060 interdistrict student attendance program pursuant to section 10-266aa  
4061 to an extent determined by the Commissioner of Education shall be  
4062 given preference. ~~[The]~~ For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the local  
4063 or regional board of education otherwise responsible for educating such  
4064 student shall contribute funds to support the operation of the  
4065 interdistrict magnet school in an amount equal to the per student  
4066 tuition, if any, charged to participating districts, ~~[except for the fiscal~~  
4067 ~~year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,]~~ provided any  
4068 such per student tuition charged to such participating districts shall not  
4069 exceed fifty-eight per cent the per student tuition charged during the  
4070 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

4071 (k) ~~[(1)]~~ For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2014, and each fiscal year  
4072 thereafter] 2025, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of  
4073 education by (1) a regional educational service center operating an  
4074 interdistrict magnet school, ~~[or any tuition charged by]~~ (2) the Hartford  
4075 school district operating the Great Path Academy on behalf of  
4076 Manchester Community College, or (3) any interdistrict magnet school  
4077 operator described in section 10-264s, for any student enrolled in  
4078 kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet  
4079 school shall be in an amount [equal to the difference between (A) the  
4080 average per pupil expenditure of the magnet school for the prior fiscal  
4081 year, and (B) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under  
4082 subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other sources  
4083 calculated on a per pupil basis, except for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
4084 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, the per student tuition charged to  
4085 a local or regional board of education shall] not to exceed fifty-eight per

4086 cent the per student tuition charged during the fiscal year ending June  
4087 30, 2024. If any such board of education fails to pay such tuition, the  
4088 commissioner may withhold from such board's town or towns a sum  
4089 payable under section 10-262i in an amount not to exceed the amount of  
4090 the unpaid tuition to the magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal  
4091 agent for the magnet school as a supplementary grant for the operation  
4092 of the interdistrict magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of  
4093 such tuitions exceed the difference between [(i)] (A) the total  
4094 expenditures of the magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and [(ii)] (B)  
4095 the total per pupil state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of this  
4096 section plus any revenue from other sources. The commissioner may  
4097 conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of a  
4098 magnet school to verify such tuition rate.

4099 [(2) (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014, a  
4100 regional educational service center operating an interdistrict magnet  
4101 school offering a preschool program that is not located in the Sheff  
4102 region may charge tuition to the Department of Education for a child  
4103 enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to exceed an  
4104 amount equal to the difference between (i) the average per pupil  
4105 expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet school for  
4106 the prior fiscal year, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy  
4107 calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from  
4108 other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may  
4109 conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of  
4110 any such magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.  
4111 For purposes of this subdivision, "Sheff region" means the school  
4112 districts for the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, East Granby, East  
4113 Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby,  
4114 Hartford, Manchester, Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, South  
4115 Windsor, Suffield, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and  
4116 Windsor Locks.

4117 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, a regional educational  
4118 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school offering a

4119 preschool program that is not located in the Sheff region may charge  
4120 tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such preschool  
4121 program in an amount that is in accordance with the sliding tuition scale  
4122 adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-264p.  
4123 The Department of Education shall be financially responsible for any  
4124 unpaid portion of the tuition not charged to such parent or guardian  
4125 under such sliding tuition scale. Such tuition shall not exceed an amount  
4126 equal to the difference between (i) the average per pupil expenditure of  
4127 the preschool program offered at the magnet school for the prior fiscal  
4128 year, and (ii) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under  
4129 subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue from other sources  
4130 calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may conduct a  
4131 comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of any such  
4132 magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.]

4133 [(C)] (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2016, and each fiscal year  
4134 thereafter] 2025, a regional educational service center operating an  
4135 interdistrict magnet school offering a preschool program that is not  
4136 located in the Sheff region shall [charge tuition to the parent or guardian  
4137 of a child enrolled in such preschool program in an amount up to four  
4138 thousand fifty-three dollars, except such regional educational service  
4139 center shall (i)] (A) not charge tuition to such parent or guardian with a  
4140 family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median  
4141 income, and [(ii) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal  
4142 year thereafter,] (B) charge tuition to such parent or guardian in an  
4143 amount not to exceed fifty-eight per cent of the tuition charged during  
4144 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The Department of Education shall,  
4145 within available appropriations, be financially responsible for any  
4146 unpaid tuition charged to such parent or guardian with a family income  
4147 at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The  
4148 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the  
4149 operating budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to  
4150 verify such tuition rate.

4151 (l) A participating district shall provide opportunities for its students

4152 to attend an interdistrict magnet school in a number that is at least equal  
4153 to the number specified in any written agreement with an interdistrict  
4154 magnet school operator or in a number that is at least equal to the  
4155 average number of students that the participating district enrolled in  
4156 such magnet school during the previous three school years.

4157 (m) (1) On or before May 15, 2010, and annually thereafter, each  
4158 interdistrict magnet school operator shall provide written notification to  
4159 any school district that is otherwise responsible for educating a student  
4160 who resides in such school district and will be enrolled in an interdistrict  
4161 magnet school under the operator's control for the following school  
4162 year. Such notification shall include (A) the number of any such  
4163 students, by grade, who will be enrolled in an interdistrict magnet  
4164 school under the control of such operator, (B) the name of the school in  
4165 which such student has been placed, and (C) the amount of tuition to be  
4166 charged to the local or regional board of education for such student.  
4167 Such notification shall represent an estimate of the number of students  
4168 expected to attend such interdistrict magnet schools in the following  
4169 school year, but shall not be deemed to limit the number of students  
4170 who may enroll in such interdistrict magnet schools for such year.

4171 (2) [For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school  
4172 year thereafter] For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, any interdistrict  
4173 magnet school operator that is a local or regional board of education  
4174 [and did not charge tuition to another local or regional board of  
4175 education for the school year commencing July 1, 2014, may] shall not  
4176 charge tuition to such board unless (A) such operator [receives] has  
4177 previously received authorization from the Commissioner of Education  
4178 to charge the proposed tuition, and (B) if such authorization is granted,  
4179 such operator provides written notification on or before September first  
4180 of the school year prior to the school year in which such tuition is to be  
4181 charged to such board of the tuition to be charged to such board for each  
4182 student that such board is otherwise responsible for educating and is  
4183 enrolled at the interdistrict magnet school under such operator's control,  
4184 except [for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year

4185 thereafter,] the amount of such tuition charged to such other local or  
4186 regional board of education shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent the per  
4187 student tuition charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. In  
4188 deciding whether to authorize an interdistrict magnet school operator  
4189 to charge tuition under this subdivision, the commissioner shall  
4190 consider (i) the average per pupil expenditure of such operator for each  
4191 interdistrict magnet school under the control of such operator, and (ii)  
4192 the amount of any per pupil state subsidy and any revenue from other  
4193 sources received by such operator. The commissioner may conduct a  
4194 comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of the magnet  
4195 school of such operator to verify that the tuition is appropriate. The  
4196 provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any interdistrict magnet  
4197 school operator that is a regional educational service center or assisting  
4198 the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v.*  
4199 *O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,  
4200 as determined by the Commissioner of Education.

4201 (3) Not later than two weeks following an enrollment lottery for an  
4202 interdistrict magnet school conducted by a magnet school operator, the  
4203 parent or guardian of a student (A) who will enroll in such interdistrict  
4204 magnet school in the following school year, or (B) whose name has been  
4205 placed on a waiting list for enrollment in such interdistrict magnet  
4206 school for the following school year, shall provide written notification  
4207 of such prospective enrollment or waiting list placement to the school  
4208 district in which such student resides and is otherwise responsible for  
4209 educating such student.

4210 (n) (1) Each interdistrict magnet school operator shall annually file  
4211 with the Commissioner of Education, at such time and in such manner  
4212 as the commissioner prescribes, (A) a financial audit for each  
4213 interdistrict magnet school operated by such operator, and (B) an  
4214 aggregate financial audit for all of the interdistrict magnet schools  
4215 operated by such operator.

4216 (2) Annually, the commissioner shall randomly select one

4217 interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional educational service  
4218 center to be subject to a comprehensive financial audit conducted by an  
4219 auditor selected by the commissioner. The regional educational service  
4220 center shall be responsible for all costs associated with the audit  
4221 conducted pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision.

4222 (o) For the school year commencing July 1, 2023, any local or regional  
4223 board of education operating an interdistrict magnet school pursuant to  
4224 the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related  
4225 stipulation or order in effect, shall not charge tuition for any student  
4226 enrolled in a preschool program or in kindergarten to grade twelve,  
4227 inclusive, in an interdistrict magnet school operated by such school  
4228 district, except the Hartford school district may charge tuition for any  
4229 student enrolled in the Great Path Academy.

4230 (p) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year  
4231 thereafter, if the East Hartford school district or the Manchester school  
4232 district has greater than four per cent of its resident students, as defined  
4233 in section 10-262f, enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school program,  
4234 then the board of education for the town of East Hartford or the town of  
4235 Manchester shall not be financially responsible for four thousand four  
4236 hundred dollars of the portion of the per student tuition charged for  
4237 each such student in excess of such four per cent. The Department of  
4238 Education shall, within available appropriations, be financially  
4239 responsible for such excess per student tuition. Notwithstanding the  
4240 provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,  
4241 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grants payable to the  
4242 boards of education for the towns of East Hartford and Manchester in  
4243 accordance with this subsection shall be reduced proportionately if the  
4244 total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for  
4245 purposes of this subsection.

4246 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, if the local or regional  
4247 board of education for (A) the town of Windsor, (B) the town of New  
4248 Britain, (C) the town of New London, and (D) the town of Bloomfield,

4249 has greater than four per cent of its resident students, as defined in  
4250 section 10-262f, enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school program, then  
4251 such board of education shall not be financially responsible for four  
4252 thousand four hundred dollars of the portion of the per student tuition  
4253 charged for each such student in excess of such four per cent. The  
4254 Department of Education shall, within available appropriations, be  
4255 financially responsible for such excess per student tuition.  
4256 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, for the fiscal year  
4257 ending June 30, 2024, the amount of the grants payable to any such  
4258 board of education in accordance with this subsection shall be reduced  
4259 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the  
4260 amount appropriated for purposes of this subsection.

4261 Sec. 115. Section 10-264o of the 2024 supplement to the general  
4262 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
4263 (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4264 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, interdistrict  
4265 magnet schools that begin operations on or after July 1, 2008, pursuant  
4266 to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related  
4267 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of  
4268 Education, may operate without district participation agreements and  
4269 enroll students from any district through a lottery designated by the  
4270 commissioner.

4271 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2013, and each fiscal year  
4272 thereafter] 2025, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of  
4273 education by a regional educational service center operating an  
4274 interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in meeting its obligations  
4275 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any  
4276 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
4277 Commissioner of Education, for any student enrolled in kindergarten to  
4278 grade twelve, inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet school shall be in  
4279 an amount equal to the difference between (1) the average per pupil  
4280 expenditure of the magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (2) the



4281 amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under subsection (c)  
4282 of section 10-264*l*, plus any revenue from other sources calculated on a  
4283 per pupil basis, [except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each  
4284 fiscal year thereafter,] provided the per student tuition charged to a local  
4285 or regional board of education shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent the  
4286 per student tuition charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.  
4287 If any such board of education fails to pay such tuition, the  
4288 commissioner may withhold from such board's town or towns a sum  
4289 payable under section 10-262i in an amount not to exceed the amount of  
4290 the unpaid tuition to the magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal  
4291 agent for the magnet school as a supplementary grant for the operation  
4292 of the interdistrict magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of  
4293 such tuitions exceed the difference between (A) the total expenditures  
4294 of the magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the total per pupil  
4295 state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264*l*, plus any  
4296 revenue from other sources. The commissioner may conduct a  
4297 comprehensive review of the operating budget of a magnet school to  
4298 verify such tuition rate.

4299        [(c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, a regional educational  
4300 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state  
4301 in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*,  
4302 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as  
4303 determined by the Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool  
4304 program shall not charge tuition for a child enrolled in such preschool  
4305 program.

4306        (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, a regional educational  
4307 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state  
4308 in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*,  
4309 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as  
4310 determined by the Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool  
4311 program may charge tuition to the Department of Education for a child  
4312 enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to exceed an  
4313 amount equal to the difference between (A) the average per pupil

4314 expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet school for  
4315 the prior fiscal year, and (B) the amount of any per pupil state subsidy  
4316 calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264l, plus any revenue from  
4317 other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The commissioner may  
4318 conduct a comprehensive review of the operating budget of any such  
4319 magnet school charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.

4320 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, a regional educational  
4321 service center operating an interdistrict magnet school assisting the state  
4322 in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*,  
4323 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as  
4324 determined by the Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool  
4325 program may charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled  
4326 in such preschool program in an amount that is in accordance with the  
4327 sliding tuition scale adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant  
4328 to section 10-264p. The Department of Education shall be financially  
4329 responsible for any unpaid portion of the tuition not charged to such  
4330 parent or guardian under such sliding tuition scale. Such tuition shall  
4331 not exceed an amount equal to the difference between (A) the average  
4332 per pupil expenditure of the preschool program offered at the magnet  
4333 school for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the amount of any per pupil state  
4334 subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264l, plus any  
4335 revenue from other sources calculated on a per pupil basis. The  
4336 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive review of the operating  
4337 budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to verify such  
4338 tuition rate.]

4339 [(4)] (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2016, and each fiscal year  
4340 thereafter] 2025, a regional educational service center operating an  
4341 interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in meeting its obligations  
4342 pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any  
4343 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
4344 Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool program shall  
4345 charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such  
4346 preschool program in an amount [up to four thousand fifty-three

4347 dollars] not to exceed fifty-eight per cent the per child tuition charged  
4348 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, except such regional  
4349 educational service center shall not charge tuition to such parent or  
4350 guardian with a family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the  
4351 state median income. The Department of Education shall, within  
4352 available appropriations, be financially responsible for any unpaid  
4353 tuition charged to such parent or guardian with a family income at or  
4354 below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The  
4355 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the  
4356 operating budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to  
4357 verify such tuition rate.

4358 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, any interdistrict magnet  
4359 school operator described in section 10-264s that offers a preschool  
4360 program shall charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a child  
4361 enrolled in such preschool program in an amount not to exceed fifty-  
4362 eight per cent the per child tuition charged during the fiscal year ending  
4363 June 30, 2024, except such interdistrict magnet school operator shall not  
4364 charge tuition to such parent or guardian with a family income at or  
4365 below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The Department  
4366 of Education shall, within available appropriations, be financially  
4367 responsible for any unpaid tuition charged to such parent or guardian  
4368 with a family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the state  
4369 median income. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive  
4370 financial review of the operating budget of any such interdistrict magnet  
4371 school operator charging such tuition to verify such tuition rate.

4372 Sec. 116. Subsection (d) of section 10-66ee of the 2024 supplement to  
4373 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
4374 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4375 (d) (1) As used in this subsection:

4376 (A) "Total charter need students" means the sum of (i) the number of  
4377 students enrolled in state charter schools under the control of the

4378 governing authority for such state charter schools for the school year,  
4379 and (ii) for the school year commencing July 1, 2021, and each school  
4380 year thereafter, (I) thirty per cent of the number of children enrolled in  
4381 such state charter schools eligible for free or reduced price meals or free  
4382 milk, (II) fifteen per cent of the number of such children eligible for free  
4383 or reduced price meals or free milk in excess of the number of such  
4384 children eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk that is equal  
4385 to sixty per cent of the total number of children enrolled in such state  
4386 charter schools, and (III) twenty-five per cent of the number of students  
4387 enrolled in such state charter schools who are multilingual learners, as  
4388 defined in section 10-76kk.

4389 (B) "Foundation" [has the same meaning as provided in section 10-  
4390 262f] means for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, eleven thousand  
4391 five hundred twenty-five dollars.

4392 (C) "Charter full weighted funding per student" means the quotient  
4393 of (i) the product of the total charter need students and the foundation,  
4394 and (ii) the number of students enrolled in state charter schools under  
4395 the control of the governing authority for such state charter schools for  
4396 the school year.

4397 (D) "Charter grant adjustment" means the absolute value of the  
4398 difference between the foundation and charter full weighted funding  
4399 per student for state charter schools under the control of the governing  
4400 authority for such state charter schools for the school year.

4401 (2) For the fiscal year ending July 1, 2022, the state shall pay in  
4402 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter  
4403 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus four  
4404 and one-tenth per cent of its charter grant adjustment.

4405 (3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the state shall pay in  
4406 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter  
4407 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus  
4408 twenty-five and forty-two-one-hundredths per cent of its charter grant

4409 adjustment.

4410 (4) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the state shall pay in  
4411 accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter  
4412 school for each student enrolled in such school, the foundation plus  
4413 thirty-six and eight-one-hundredths per cent of its charter grant  
4414 adjustment.

4415 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, [and each fiscal year  
4416 thereafter,] the state shall pay in accordance with this subsection, to the  
4417 fiscal authority for a state charter school for each student enrolled in  
4418 such school, the foundation plus fifty-six and seven tenths per cent of its  
4419 charter grant adjustment.

4420 (6) Payments under subdivisions (2) to (5), inclusive, of this  
4421 subsection shall be paid as follows: Twenty-five per cent of the amount  
4422 not later than July fifteenth and September first based on estimated  
4423 student enrollment on May first, and twenty-five per cent of the amount  
4424 not later than January first and the remaining amount not later than  
4425 April first, each based on student enrollment on October first.

4426 (7) In the case of a student identified as requiring special education,  
4427 the school district in which the student resides shall: (A) Hold the  
4428 planning and placement team meeting for such student and shall invite  
4429 representatives from the charter school to participate in such meeting;  
4430 and (B) pay the state charter school, on a quarterly basis, an amount  
4431 equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of educating such  
4432 student and the sum of the amount received by the state charter school  
4433 for such student pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and  
4434 amounts received from other state, federal, local or private sources  
4435 calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district shall be eligible for  
4436 reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. The charter school a student  
4437 requiring special education attends shall be responsible for ensuring  
4438 that such student receives the services mandated by the student's  
4439 individualized education program whether such services are provided

4440 by the charter school or by the school district in which the student  
4441 resides.

4442 Sec. 117. Section 10-65 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
4443 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
4444 *1, 2024*):

4445 (a) Each local or regional school district operating an agricultural  
4446 science and technology education center approved by the State Board of  
4447 Education for program, educational need, location and area to be served  
4448 shall be eligible for the following grants: (1) In accordance with the  
4449 provisions of chapter 173, through progress payments in accordance  
4450 with the provisions of section 10-287i, (A) for projects for which an  
4451 application was filed prior to July 1, 2011, ninety-five per cent, and (B)  
4452 for projects for which an application was filed on or after July 1, 2011,  
4453 eighty per cent of the net eligible costs of constructing, acquiring,  
4454 renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used exclusively for  
4455 such agricultural science and technology education center, for the  
4456 expansion or improvement of existing facilities or for the replacement  
4457 or improvement of equipment therein, and (2) subject to the provisions  
4458 of section 10-65b, [and within available appropriations, (A) for the fiscal  
4459 year ending June 30, 2024, in an amount equal to five thousand two  
4460 hundred dollars per student for every secondary school student who  
4461 was enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year, and  
4462 (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year  
4463 thereafter, in an amount equal to at least five thousand two hundred  
4464 dollars per student for every secondary school student who was  
4465 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year] for the  
4466 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, a grant equal to the amount such board  
4467 is entitled to receive under the provisions of section 112 of this act.

4468 (b) (1) Each local or regional board of education not maintaining an  
4469 agricultural science and technology education center shall provide  
4470 opportunities for its students to enroll in one or more such centers. [in a  
4471 number that is at least equal to the number specified in any written

4472 agreement with each such center or centers, or in the absence of such an  
4473 agreement, a number that is at least equal to the average number of its  
4474 students that the board of education enrolled in each such center or  
4475 centers during the previous three school years, provided, in addition to  
4476 such number, each such board of education shall provide opportunities  
4477 for its students to enroll in the ninth grade in a number that is at least  
4478 equal to the number specified in any written agreement with each such  
4479 center or centers, or in the absence of such an agreement, a number that  
4480 is at least equal to the average number of students that the board of  
4481 education enrolled in the ninth grade in each such center or centers  
4482 during the previous three school years.] If a local or regional board of  
4483 education provided opportunities for students to enroll in more than  
4484 one center for the school year commencing July 1, 2007, such board of  
4485 education shall continue to provide such opportunities to students in  
4486 accordance with this subsection. [The]

4487 (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the board of education  
4488 operating an agricultural science and technology education center may  
4489 charge, subject to the provisions of section 10-65b, tuition for a school  
4490 year in an amount not to exceed fifty-nine and two-tenths per cent of the  
4491 foundation level pursuant to subdivision (9) of section 10-262f, per  
4492 student for the fiscal year in which the tuition is paid, except that [(1)]  
4493 (A) such board may charge tuition for [(A)] (i) students enrolled under  
4494 shared-time arrangements on a pro rata basis, and [(B)] (ii) special  
4495 education students which shall not exceed the actual costs of educating  
4496 such students minus the amounts received pursuant to subdivision (2)  
4497 of subsection (a) of this section and subsection (c) of this section, and [(2)]  
4498 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,]  
4499 (B) such board may charge such tuition in an amount not to exceed fifty-  
4500 eight per cent of the amount such board charged during the fiscal year  
4501 ending June 30, 2024. Any tuition paid by such board for special  
4502 education students in excess of the tuition paid for non-special-  
4503 education students shall be reimbursed pursuant to section 10-76g.

4504 [(c) In addition to the grants described in subsection (a) of this section,

4505 within available appropriations, (1) each local or regional board of  
4506 education operating an agricultural science and technology education  
4507 center in which more than one hundred fifty of the students in the prior  
4508 school year were out-of-district students shall be eligible to receive a  
4509 grant (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in an amount equal to  
4510 five hundred dollars for every secondary school student enrolled in  
4511 such center on October first of the previous year, and (B) for the fiscal  
4512 year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, in an amount  
4513 equal to at least five hundred dollars for every secondary school student  
4514 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year, (2) on and  
4515 after July 1, 2000, if a local or regional board of education operating an  
4516 agricultural science and technology education center that received a  
4517 grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection no longer qualifies  
4518 for such a grant, such local or regional board of education shall receive  
4519 a grant in an amount determined as follows: (A) For the first fiscal year  
4520 such board of education does not qualify for a grant under said  
4521 subdivision (1), a grant in the amount equal to four hundred dollars for  
4522 every secondary school student enrolled in its agricultural science and  
4523 technology education center on October first of the previous year, (B)  
4524 for the second successive fiscal year such board of education does not  
4525 so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to three hundred dollars for every  
4526 such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said date, (C)  
4527 for the third successive fiscal year such board of education does not so  
4528 qualify, a grant in an amount equal to two hundred dollars for every  
4529 such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said date, and  
4530 (D) for the fourth successive fiscal year such board of education does  
4531 not so qualify, a grant in an amount equal to one hundred dollars for  
4532 every such secondary school student enrolled in such center on said  
4533 date, and (3) each local and regional board of education operating an  
4534 agricultural science and technology education center that does not  
4535 receive a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection shall  
4536 receive a grant in an amount equal to sixty dollars for every secondary  
4537 school student enrolled in such center on said date.



4538 (d) (1) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the grants  
4539 described in subsections (a) and (c) of this section are calculated, within  
4540 available appropriations, each local or regional board of education  
4541 operating an agricultural science and technology education center shall  
4542 be eligible to receive a grant in an amount equal to one hundred dollars  
4543 for each student enrolled in such center on October first of the previous  
4544 school year. (2) If there are any remaining funds after the amount of the  
4545 grants described in subdivision (1) of this subsection are calculated,  
4546 within available appropriations, each local or regional board of  
4547 education operating an agricultural science and technology education  
4548 center that had more than one hundred fifty out-of-district students  
4549 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous school year shall  
4550 be eligible to receive a grant based on the ratio of the number of out-of-  
4551 district students in excess of one hundred fifty out-of-district students  
4552 enrolled in such center on said date to the total number of out-of-district  
4553 students in excess of one hundred fifty out-of-district students enrolled  
4554 in all agricultural science and technology education centers that had in  
4555 excess of one hundred fifty out-of-district students enrolled on said  
4556 date.]

4557 [(e)] (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year  
4558 thereafter, if a local or regional board of education receives an increase  
4559 in funds pursuant to this section over the amount it received for the  
4560 prior fiscal year such increase shall not be used to supplant local funding  
4561 for educational purposes.

4562 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for the purposes of  
4563 equalization aid under section 10-262h, a student enrolled in an  
4564 agricultural science and technology education center shall be counted as  
4565 a resident student, as defined in section 10-262f, of the town in which  
4566 such student resides.

4567 Sec. 118. Subsection (d) of section 10-64 of the general statutes is  
4568 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
4569 *2024*):

4570 (d) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish  
4571 agricultural science and technology education approved by the State  
4572 Board of Education shall designate a school or schools having such a  
4573 course approved by the State Board of Education as the school which  
4574 any person may attend who has completed an elementary school course  
4575 through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay [the tuition  
4576 and] any tuition charged under section 10-65 and the reasonable and  
4577 necessary cost of transportation of any person under twenty-one years  
4578 of age who is not a graduate of a high school or technical education and  
4579 career school or an agricultural science and technology education center  
4580 and who attends the designated school, provided transportation  
4581 services may be suspended in accordance with the provisions of section  
4582 10-233c. Each such board's reimbursement percentage pursuant to  
4583 section 10-266m for expenditures in excess of eight hundred dollars per  
4584 pupil incurred in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and in each fiscal  
4585 year thereafter, shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage  
4586 points.

4587 Sec. 119. Subsection (b) of section 10-97 of the general statutes is  
4588 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
4589 *2024*):

4590 (b) Any local or regional board of education which does not furnish  
4591 agricultural science and technology education approved by the State  
4592 Board of Education shall designate a school or schools having such a  
4593 course approved by the State Board of Education as the school which  
4594 any person may attend who has completed an elementary school course  
4595 through the eighth grade. The board of education shall pay [the tuition  
4596 and] any tuition charged under section 10-65 and the reasonable and  
4597 necessary cost of transportation of any person under twenty-one years  
4598 of age who is not a graduate of a high school or technical education and  
4599 career school and who attends the designated school, provided  
4600 transportation services may be suspended in accordance with the  
4601 provisions of section 10-233c. Each such board's reimbursement  
4602 percentage pursuant to section 10-266m for expenditures in excess of

4603 eight hundred dollars per pupil incurred in the fiscal year beginning  
4604 July 1, 1987, and in each fiscal year thereafter, shall be increased by an  
4605 additional twenty percentage points.

4606 Sec. 120. Subsection (a) of section 10-65 of the 2024 supplement to the  
4607 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
4608 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4609 (a) Each local or regional school district operating an agricultural  
4610 science and technology education center approved by the State Board of  
4611 Education for program, educational need, location and area to be served  
4612 shall be eligible for the following grants: (1) In accordance with the  
4613 provisions of chapter 173, through progress payments in accordance  
4614 with the provisions of section 10-287i, (A) for projects for which an  
4615 application was filed prior to July 1, 2011, ninety-five per cent, and (B)  
4616 for projects for which an application was filed on or after July 1, 2011,  
4617 eighty per cent of the net eligible costs of constructing, acquiring,  
4618 renovating and equipping approved facilities to be used exclusively for  
4619 such agricultural science and technology education center, for the  
4620 expansion or improvement of existing facilities or for the replacement  
4621 or improvement of equipment therein, and (2) subject to the provisions  
4622 of section 10-65b, [and within available appropriations,] (A) for the fiscal  
4623 year ending June 30, 2024, in an amount equal to five thousand two  
4624 hundred dollars per student for every secondary school student who  
4625 was enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year, and  
4626 (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year  
4627 thereafter, in an amount equal to at least five thousand two hundred  
4628 dollars per student for every secondary school student who was  
4629 enrolled in such center on October first of the previous year.

4630 Sec. 121. Section 346 of public act 23-204 is repealed and the following  
4631 is inserted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4632 (a) The sum of \$150,000,000 that is appropriated in section 1 of [this  
4633 act] public act 23-204 to the Department of Education, for Education

4634 Finance Reform, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, shall be  
4635 expended in the following manner:

4636 (1) [~~\$68,499,497~~] \$139,626,522 of such appropriated amount shall be  
4637 used to (A) supplement the amount appropriated to the Education  
4638 Equalization Grants account in the Department of Education and  
4639 expended for the purpose of providing equalization aid grants in  
4640 accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of section 10-262h of  
4641 the general statutes, (B) supplement the amount appropriated to the  
4642 Charter Schools account in the Department of Education and expended  
4643 for the purpose of providing grants to charter schools in accordance  
4644 with the provisions of section 10-66ee of the general statutes, and (C) be  
4645 expended to provide grants in accordance with the provisions of section  
4646 112 of this act;

4647 (2) [~~\$9,378,313~~] \$1,473,478 of such appropriated amount shall be used  
4648 to supplement the amount appropriated to the Charter Schools account  
4649 in the Department of Education and expended for the purpose of  
4650 providing grants [to charter schools in accordance with the provisions  
4651 of section 10-66ee of the general statutes] for (A) the expansion of (i)  
4652 forty seats at Brass City Charter School, (ii) thirty-six seats at Odyssey  
4653 Community School, (iii) fifty-two seats at Interdistrict School for the  
4654 Arts and Communication, and (iv) twenty-two seats at Integrated Day  
4655 Charter School, and (B) the reduction of forty seats at Booker T.  
4656 Washington Academy;

4657 [(3) \$40,188,429 of such appropriated amount shall be used to  
4658 supplement the amount appropriated to the Magnet Schools account in  
4659 the Department of Education and expended for the purpose of  
4660 increasing per student grant amounts to operators of interdistrict  
4661 magnet school programs that are not a local or regional board of  
4662 education in accordance with the provisions of section 10-264l of the  
4663 general statutes;

4664 (4) \$13,254,358 of such appropriated amount shall be used to

4665 supplement the amount appropriated to the Magnet Schools account in  
4666 the Department of Education and expended for the purpose of  
4667 increasing per student grant amounts to local and regional boards of  
4668 education that operate interdistrict magnet school programs in  
4669 accordance with the provisions of section 10-264l of the general statutes;

4670 (5) \$11,430,343 of such appropriated amount shall be used to  
4671 supplement the amount appropriated to the Open Choice Program  
4672 account in the Department of Education and expended for the purpose  
4673 of increasing per student grant amounts to local and regional boards of  
4674 education that are receiving districts under the interdistrict public  
4675 school attendance program in accordance with the provisions of section  
4676 10-266aa of the general statutes; and

4677 (6) \$7,249,060 of such appropriated amount shall be expended for the  
4678 purpose of providing grants to local or regional boards of education that  
4679 operate an agricultural science and technology education center  
4680 approved by the State Board of Education in accordance with the  
4681 provisions of section 10-65 of the general statutes.]

4682 (3) \$50,000 of such appropriated amount shall be used by the  
4683 Commissioner of Education for the purpose of developing the plan  
4684 described in section 122 of this act;

4685 (4) \$400,000 of such appropriated amount shall be used by the  
4686 Department of Education to provide a grant-in-aid to the Connecticut  
4687 Association of Boards of Education for the purpose of developing a new  
4688 or expanding an existing database for the purpose of collecting and  
4689 retaining educator professional development records;

4690 (5) \$100,000 of such appropriated amount shall be used by the  
4691 Department of Education to enter into a memorandum of  
4692 understanding, in accordance with the provisions of section 4-97b of the  
4693 general statutes, with The University of Connecticut for the purpose of  
4694 providing such appropriated funds to The University of Connecticut so  
4695 that The School of Public Policy at The University of Connecticut may

4696 conduct the study and comprehensive asset and capacity mapping for  
4697 nonprofit organizations in the state in accordance with the provisions of  
4698 section 123 of this act;

4699 (6) (A) \$175,000 of such appropriated amount shall be used by the  
4700 Department of Education to provide a grant-in-aid to the local board of  
4701 education for the city of New Haven for the purpose of purchasing bus  
4702 passes for state-owned or state-controlled bus public transportation  
4703 service for students who are enrolled in grades nine to twelve, inclusive,  
4704 of a public school under the jurisdiction of such board of education;

4705 (B) \$175,000 of such appropriated amount shall be used by the  
4706 Department of Education to provide a grant-in-aid to the local board of  
4707 education for the city of Hartford for the purpose of purchasing bus  
4708 passes for state-owned or state-controlled bus public transportation  
4709 service for students who are enrolled in grades nine to twelve, inclusive,  
4710 of a public school under the jurisdiction of such board of education;

4711 (7) \$5,000,000 of such appropriated amount shall be used by the  
4712 Department of Education to provide a grant-in-aid to the local board of  
4713 education for the city of Hartford for interdistrict magnet school tuition  
4714 assistance;

4715 (8) \$1,200,000 of such appropriated amount shall be used by the  
4716 Department of Education to provide a grant-in-aid to the Goodwin  
4717 University Magnet Schools, Inc. for student enrollment expansion and  
4718 compliance with the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or  
4719 any related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the  
4720 Commissioner of Education;

4721 (9) \$650,000 of such appropriated amount shall be used by the  
4722 Department of Education to provide a grant-in-aid to InterCommunity  
4723 Health Care for the provision of mental health services to students at the  
4724 school-based health centers located in the East Hartford school district;

4725 (10) \$200,000 of such appropriated amount shall be used by the

4726 Department of Education to provide a grant-in-aid to the Connecticut  
4727 Association of Schools for operating and personnel expenses, including  
4728 the hiring of an individual to be an assistant director of leadership and  
4729 development;

4730 (11) \$150,000 of such appropriated amount shall be used by the  
4731 Department of Education to provide a grant-in-aid to the Artists  
4732 Collective for arts enrichment for students in grades kindergarten to  
4733 twelve, inclusive; and

4734 (12) \$800,000 of such appropriated amount shall be used by the  
4735 Department of Education to provide a grant-in-aid to the Brother Carl  
4736 Institute for tutoring and mentoring services for students in grades four  
4737 to twelve, inclusive, and the development of a summer college  
4738 preparation program.

4739 (b) The Department of Education shall make all payments described  
4740 in subdivisions (3) to (12), inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section on  
4741 or before September 30, 2024.

4742 Sec. 122. (Effective from passage) The Commissioner of Education shall  
4743 develop a plan to (1) convert the State Board of Education from being  
4744 the department head, as defined in section 4-5 of the general statutes, of  
4745 the Department of Education to an advisory board within the  
4746 department, and (2) empower the Commissioner of Education to  
4747 become the department head for the Department of Education. Not later  
4748 than January 1, 2026, the commissioner shall submit such plan and any  
4749 recommendations for legislation to the joint standing committee of the  
4750 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education in  
4751 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

4752 Sec. 123. (Effective July 1, 2024) (a) The School of Public Policy at The  
4753 University of Connecticut shall conduct a study and comprehensive  
4754 asset and capacity mapping for nonprofit organizations in this state to  
4755 help support the sharing of information and collaboration between such  
4756 nonprofit organizations and the communities they serve. The School of

4757 Public Policy at The University of Connecticut shall consult with state  
4758 agencies, nonprofit organizations and philanthropy associations in the  
4759 state while conducting such study and mapping. As used in this section,  
4760 "state agency" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-79 of the  
4761 general statutes.

4762 (b) Such study and mapping shall (1) assess the capacity of such  
4763 nonprofit organizations to assist the state in addressing public needs  
4764 and identifying the availability and strength of assets and gaps or  
4765 weaknesses of service, (2) provide an effective tool for sharing data,  
4766 documents and communication among and between such nonprofit  
4767 organizations for the purpose of strengthening such nonprofit  
4768 organizations' capacity to serve the residents of the state, (3) provide a  
4769 resource for policy makers to determine gaps in services and capacity  
4770 and enhance collaboration among different nonprofit organizations  
4771 working in the same geographic areas and serving the same target  
4772 population, (4) provide information to policy makers on ways in which  
4773 to ensure that resources are being invested in areas and populations  
4774 with the greatest need and the extent to which the lack of such resources  
4775 impacts such areas and populations, and (5) present data by town,  
4776 county and state-wide, as well as by each regional council of  
4777 government, and include a summary of the available resources,  
4778 including nonprofit organizations and state agencies, to create a  
4779 database of the state's nonprofit organizations by target service  
4780 population, mission and geography.

4781 (c) The Office of Policy and Management, Department of Consumer  
4782 Protection, Secretary of the State and any other state agency which  
4783 contracts with nonprofits to provide services on its behalf, shall, upon  
4784 request of the School of Public Policy at The University of Connecticut,  
4785 provide to said school any data necessary to conduct such study and  
4786 mapping.

4787 (d) (1) Not later than October 1, 2024, the School of Public Policy at  
4788 The University of Connecticut shall submit a preliminary report on such



4789 study and mapping to the joint standing committee of the General  
4790 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, in  
4791 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

4792 (2) Not later than June 30, 2025, the School of Public Policy at The  
4793 University of Connecticut shall submit a final report on such study and  
4794 mapping to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
4795 having cognizance of matters relating to education, in accordance with  
4796 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such final report  
4797 shall include (A) the comprehensive asset and capacity mapping for  
4798 nonprofit organizations in the state, (B) recommendations, including a  
4799 model to enhance collaboration among nonprofit organizations to  
4800 ensure that state investments are addressing gaps in services and not  
4801 contributing to duplicative efforts or competition among nonprofit  
4802 organizations, and the extent to which the lack of resources, including  
4803 budget deficits or other fiscal shortfalls, or state agency policies or  
4804 regulations impede collaboration and result in the duplication of efforts  
4805 and services, and (C) guidance on how to use the comprehensive asset  
4806 and capacity mapping to create a continuum of care document.

4807 (3) Not later than June 30, 2025, the School of Public Policy at The  
4808 University of Connecticut shall make the final report and the  
4809 comprehensive asset and capacity mapping available on its Internet web  
4810 site.

4811 Sec. 124. Subdivision (19) of section 10-262f of the 2024 supplement to  
4812 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
4813 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4814 (19) "Regional bonus" means, (A) for any town which is a member of  
4815 a regional school district and has students who attend such regional  
4816 school district, an amount equal to one hundred dollars for each such  
4817 student enrolled in the regional school district on October first or the  
4818 full school day immediately preceding such date for the school year  
4819 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid multiplied by the

4820 number of grades, kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in the  
4821 regional school district, [and] (B) for any town which pays tuition for its  
4822 students to attend an incorporated or endowed high school or academy  
4823 approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-34, an  
4824 amount equal to one hundred dollars for each such student enrolled in  
4825 an incorporated or endowed high school or academy on October first or  
4826 the full school day immediately preceding such date for the school year  
4827 prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid multiplied by the  
4828 number of grades for which students attend an incorporated or  
4829 endowed high school or academy, and (C) for any town with resident  
4830 students who reside within the territorial boundaries of any of the  
4831 reservations set aside for the Paucatuck Eastern Pequot tribe or the  
4832 Schaghticoke tribe or the Golden Hill Paugussett tribe or the  
4833 Mashantucket Pequot tribe or the Mohegan tribe, an amount equal to  
4834 one hundred dollars for each such student multiplied by the number of  
4835 grades, kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, in the school district for  
4836 such town.

4837 Sec. 125. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than September 1, 2024, the  
4838 Department of Education shall distribute the amount allocated to the  
4839 department for paraeducator professional development for the fiscal  
4840 year ending June 30, 2023, from the federal funds designated for the  
4841 state pursuant to the provisions of Section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX  
4842 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from  
4843 time to time, to each local or regional board of education, on a pro rata  
4844 basis for the number of paraeducators employed by such board, to cover  
4845 the cost of providing professional development and in-service training  
4846 to paraeducators.

4847 Sec. 126. Section 203 of public act 23-204 is repealed and the following  
4848 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4849 (a) As used in this section:

4850 (1) "Health benefit plan" has the same meaning as provided in section

4851 38a-1080 of the general statutes, and

4852 (2) "Partnership plan" has the same meaning as provided in section 3-  
4853 123aaa of the general statutes.

4854 (b) For the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025,  
4855 the Comptroller shall establish a program to provide a subsidy, within  
4856 available appropriations, to each paraeducator who (1) opens a health  
4857 savings account, pursuant to Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code  
4858 of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the  
4859 United States, as amended from time to time, or is eligible for Medicare  
4860 and enrolls in a high deductible health plan, and (2) is employed by a  
4861 local or regional board of education. [, and (3) applies for such program  
4862 in the form and manner prescribed by the Comptroller.] Such subsidy  
4863 shall be in an amount up to a certain percentage, as specified by the  
4864 Comptroller, of the [initial investment made by such paraeducator to  
4865 open a health savings account,] deductible for the health plan in which  
4866 such paraeducator is enrolled, minus the amount of any employer  
4867 contributions to a health savings account or health reimbursement  
4868 account, and not exceeding an amount specified by the Comptroller. No  
4869 paraeducator may receive more than one subsidy pursuant to this  
4870 section. The Comptroller may work with the local or regional board of  
4871 education that employs such paraeducator to distribute such subsidy.

4872 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the Comptroller shall  
4873 establish a program to provide a subsidy, from any funds appropriated  
4874 for such purpose, to each local or regional board of education that  
4875 provides coverage to paraeducators and their dependents under a  
4876 health benefit plan or a partnership plan for such fiscal year or any  
4877 portion thereof. Such subsidy shall be (1) in an amount not more than  
4878 ten per cent of the aggregate premium cost, inclusive of the employee  
4879 and employer shares, paid by such board of education for coverage  
4880 under such health benefit plan or partnership plan, divided by the  
4881 number of paraeducators employed by such board of education and  
4882 enrolled in health coverage, and (2) used to offset the employee's share

4883 of such premium that is deducted from the payroll check of each  
4884 paraeducator employed by such board of education during any pay  
4885 period during such fiscal year. The provisions of this subsection shall  
4886 not apply to a local or regional board of education that provides  
4887 coverage under a high deductible health plan, as that term is used in  
4888 subsection (f) of section 38a-520 of the general statutes.

4889 (d) The Comptroller and the Commissioner of Education shall enter  
4890 into a memorandum of understanding, in accordance with the  
4891 provisions of section 4-97b of the general statutes, to allow the  
4892 Comptroller to utilize the sum of \$5,000,000 that is appropriated to the  
4893 Department of Education for assistance to paraeducators pursuant to  
4894 section 1 of public act 23-204 to implement the provisions of this section.

4895 Sec. 127. Section 10-357e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4896 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4897 The Commissioner of Education [may] shall allocate funds to allow  
4898 the State Education Resource Center, established pursuant to section 10-  
4899 357a, to provide professional development services, technical assistance  
4900 and evaluation activities, policy analysis and other forms of assistance  
4901 to local and regional boards of education, the Department of Education,  
4902 state and local charter schools, as defined in section 10-66aa, the  
4903 Technical Education and Career System, established pursuant to section  
4904 10-95, providers of school readiness programs, as defined in section 10-  
4905 16p, and other educational entities and providers. The State Education  
4906 Resource Center shall expend such funds in accordance with procedures  
4907 and conditions prescribed by the commissioner.

4908 Sec. 128. Section 3-123l of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
4909 is repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

4910 Sec. 129. Section 22a-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4911 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4912 (a) No regulated activity shall be conducted upon any wetland

4913 without a permit. Any person proposing to conduct or cause to be  
4914 conducted a regulated activity upon any wetland shall file an  
4915 application for a permit with the commissioner, in such form and with  
4916 such information as the commissioner may prescribe. Such application  
4917 shall include a detailed description of the proposed work and a map  
4918 showing the area of wetland directly affected, with the location of the  
4919 proposed work thereon, together with the names of the owners of record  
4920 of adjacent land and known claimants of water rights in or adjacent to  
4921 the wetland of whom the applicant has notice. The commissioner shall  
4922 cause a copy of such application to be mailed or sent by electronic means  
4923 to the chief administrative officer in the town or towns where the  
4924 proposed work, or any part thereof, is located, and the [chairman]  
4925 chairperson of the conservation commission and shellfish commission  
4926 of the town or towns where the proposed work, or any part thereof, is  
4927 located. The commissioner or the commissioner's duly designated  
4928 hearing officer shall hold a public hearing on such application,  
4929 provided, whenever the commissioner determines that the regulated  
4930 activity for which a permit is sought is not likely to have a significant  
4931 impact on the wetland, the commissioner may waive the requirement  
4932 for public hearing after publishing notice, in a newspaper having  
4933 general circulation in each town wherever the proposed work or any  
4934 part thereof is located, of the commissioner's intent to waive said  
4935 requirement and of the commissioner's tentative decision regarding the  
4936 application, except that the commissioner shall hold a hearing on such  
4937 application upon request of the applicant or upon receipt of a petition,  
4938 signed by at least twenty-five persons, requesting such a hearing, unless  
4939 the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section apply.  
4940 The following shall be notified of the hearing by mail or by electronic  
4941 means not less than fifteen days prior to the date set for the hearing: All  
4942 of those persons and agencies who are entitled to receive a copy of such  
4943 application in accordance with the terms [hereof] of this subsection and  
4944 all owners of record of adjacent land and known claimants to water  
4945 rights in or adjacent to the wetland of whom the applicant has notice.  
4946 The commissioner shall cause notice of the commissioner's tentative

4947 decision regarding the application and such hearing to be published at  
4948 least once not more than thirty days and not fewer than ten days before  
4949 the date set for the hearing in the newspaper having a general  
4950 circulation in each town where the proposed work, or any part thereof,  
4951 is located. All applications and maps and documents relating thereto  
4952 shall be open for public inspection at the office of the commissioner. At  
4953 such hearing, any person or persons may appear and be heard.

4954 (b) (1) The commissioner shall not be required to hold a public  
4955 hearing on such application upon receipt of a petition, signed by at least  
4956 twenty-five persons, if (A) the regulated activity is a transportation  
4957 capital project, but not a project located at an airport, as defined in  
4958 section 15-34, (B) the federal government requires public participation  
4959 regarding such regulated activity, (C) the person proposing to conduct  
4960 or cause to be conducted such regulated activity sought public input on  
4961 such regulated activity by implementing a plan approved by an agency  
4962 of the federal government, and (D) such person submits to the  
4963 commissioner a copy of the approved plan for public participation, a  
4964 written summary of the opportunities for public participation that were  
4965 provided and a copy or record of any comments received regarding  
4966 such regulated activity and how such comments were responded to or  
4967 addressed, unless the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection  
4968 apply.

4969 (2) The commissioner shall hold a hearing on such application upon  
4970 receipt of a petition, signed by at least twenty-five persons, that sets  
4971 forth specific facts that demonstrate that the legal rights, duties or  
4972 privileges of at least one person who signed the petition will be, or may  
4973 reasonably be expected to be, affected by such regulated activity, or that  
4974 alleges that the regulated activity involves conduct which has, or which  
4975 is reasonably likely to have, the effect of unreasonably polluting,  
4976 impairing or destroying the public trust in the air, water or other natural  
4977 resources of the state. Any such petition shall identify the relevant  
4978 statutory or regulatory provision which the petitioners claim such  
4979 proposed regulated activity does not satisfy. The commissioner shall

4980 provide a copy of any such petition received to the person proposing to  
4981 conduct or cause to be conducted such regulated activity, who, not more  
4982 than seven business days after receipt of such petition, may object to  
4983 such petition on the basis that the petition does not contain the specific  
4984 factual demonstration required by this subdivision. The commissioner  
4985 shall determine whether the petition satisfies the requirements of this  
4986 subdivision and shall send notice of such determination, in writing, to  
4987 the person proposing to conduct or cause to be conducted such  
4988 regulated activity and the person who submitted the petition.

4989       Sec. 130. Subsection (k) of section 22a-39 of the general statutes is  
4990 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
4991 *2024*):

4992       (k) (1) Conduct a public hearing no sooner than thirty days and not  
4993 later than sixty days following the receipt by said commissioner of any  
4994 inland wetlands application, provided whenever the commissioner  
4995 determines that the regulated activity for which a permit is sought is not  
4996 likely to have a significant impact on the wetland or watercourse, [he]  
4997 the commissioner may waive the requirement for public hearing after  
4998 [(1)] (A) publishing notice, in a newspaper having general circulation in  
4999 each town wherever the proposed work or any part thereof is located,  
5000 of [his] the commissioner's intent to waive said requirement, and [(2)]  
5001 (B) mailing or providing by electronic means notice of such intent to the  
5002 chief administrative officer in the town or towns where the proposed  
5003 work, or any part thereof, is located, and the [chairman] chairperson of  
5004 the conservation commission and inland wetlands agency of each such  
5005 town or towns, except that the commissioner shall hold a hearing on  
5006 such application upon receipt, not later than thirty days after such notice  
5007 has been published, sent or mailed, of a petition signed by at least  
5008 twenty-five persons requesting such a hearing, unless the provisions of  
5009 subdivision (2) of this subsection apply. The commissioner shall [(A)] (i)  
5010 publish notice of such hearing at least once not more than thirty days  
5011 and not fewer than ten days before the date set for the hearing in a  
5012 newspaper having a general circulation in each town where the

5013 proposed work, or any part thereof, is located, and [(B)] (ii) mail or  
5014 provide by electronic means notice of such hearing to the chief  
5015 administrative officer in the town or towns where the proposed work,  
5016 or any part thereof, is located, and the chairman of the conservation  
5017 commission and inland wetlands agency of each such town or towns.  
5018 All applications and maps and documents relating thereto shall be open  
5019 for public inspection at the office of the commissioner. The  
5020 commissioner shall state upon [his] the commissioner's records [his] the  
5021 commissioner's findings and reasons for the action taken.

5022 (2) The commissioner shall not be required to hold a public hearing  
5023 on such application upon receipt of a petition, signed by at least twenty-  
5024 five persons, if (A) the regulated activity is a transportation capital  
5025 project, but not a project located at an airport, as defined in section 15-  
5026 34, (B) the federal government requires public participation regarding  
5027 such regulated activity, (C) the person proposing to conduct or cause to  
5028 be conducted such regulated activity sought public input on such  
5029 regulated activity by implementing a plan approved by an agency of the  
5030 federal government, and (D) such person submits to the commissioner  
5031 a copy of the approved plan for public participation, a written summary  
5032 of the opportunities for public participation that were provided and a  
5033 copy or record of any comments received regarding such regulated  
5034 activity and how such comments were responded to or addressed,  
5035 unless the provisions of subdivision (3) of this subsection apply.

5036 (3) The commissioner shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition,  
5037 signed by at least twenty-five persons, that sets forth specific facts that  
5038 demonstrate that the legal rights, duties or privileges of at least one  
5039 person who signed the petition will be, or may reasonably be expected  
5040 to be, affected by such regulated activity, or that alleges that the  
5041 regulated activity involves conduct that has, or which is reasonably  
5042 likely to have, the effect of unreasonably polluting, impairing or  
5043 destroying the public trust in the air, water or other natural resources of  
5044 the state. Any such petition shall identify the relevant statutory or  
5045 regulatory provision which the petitioners claim such proposed



5046 regulated activity does not satisfy. The commissioner shall provide a  
5047 copy of any such petition received to the person proposing to conduct  
5048 or cause to be conducted such regulated activity, who, not more than  
5049 seven business days after receipt of such petition, may object to such  
5050 petition on the basis that the petition does not contain the specific factual  
5051 demonstration required by this subdivision. The commissioner shall  
5052 determine whether the petition satisfies the requirements of this  
5053 subdivision and shall send notice of such determination, in writing, to  
5054 the person proposing to conduct or cause to be conducted such  
5055 regulated activity and the person who submitted the petition;

5056       Sec. 131. Subsection (b) of section 22a-361 of the general statutes is  
5057 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
5058 *2024*):

5059       (b) (1) The commissioner, at least thirty days before approving or  
5060 denying an application for a permit, shall provide or require the  
5061 applicant to provide notice by certified mail, return receipt requested,  
5062 or by electronic means to the applicant, to the Connecticut Port  
5063 Authority, as appropriate, the Attorney General and the Commissioner  
5064 of Agriculture and to the chief executive officer, the [chairmen]  
5065 chairpersons of the planning, zoning, harbor management and shellfish  
5066 commissions of each town in which such structure, fill, obstruction,  
5067 encroachment or dredging is to be located or work to be performed, and  
5068 to the owner of each franchised oyster ground and the lessee of each  
5069 leased oyster ground within which such work is to be performed and  
5070 shall publish such notice once in a newspaper having a substantial  
5071 circulation in the area affected. Such notice shall contain [(1)] (A) the  
5072 name of the applicant; [(2)] (B) the location and nature of the proposed  
5073 activities; [(3)] (C) the tentative decision regarding the application; and  
5074 [(4)] (D) any additional information the commissioner deems necessary.  
5075 There shall be a comment period following the public notice during  
5076 which interested persons may submit written comments. The  
5077 commissioner may hold a public hearing prior to approving or denying  
5078 an application if, in the commissioner's discretion, the public interest

5079 will best be served by holding such hearing. The commissioner shall  
5080 hold a public hearing if the commissioner receives: [(A)] (i) A written  
5081 request for such public hearing from the applicant, or [(B)] (ii) a petition,  
5082 signed by twenty-five or more persons requesting such public hearing  
5083 on an application, unless the provisions of subdivision (2) of this  
5084 subsection apply. Following such notice and comment period and  
5085 public hearing, if applicable, the commissioner may, in whole or in part,  
5086 approve, modify and approve or deny the application. The  
5087 commissioner shall provide to the applicant and the persons set forth  
5088 above, by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by electronic  
5089 means, notice of the commissioner's decision. If the commissioner  
5090 requires the applicant to provide the notice specified in this [subsection]  
5091 subdivision, the applicant shall certify to the commissioner, not later  
5092 than twenty days after providing such notice, that such notice has been  
5093 provided in accordance with this [subsection] subdivision. Any person  
5094 who is aggrieved by the commissioner's final decision on such  
5095 application may appeal such decision to the Superior Court in  
5096 accordance with section 4-183.

5097 (2) The commissioner shall not be required to hold a public hearing  
5098 on such application upon receipt of a petition, signed by at least twenty-  
5099 five persons, if (A) the proposed activity is a transportation capital  
5100 project, but not a project located at an airport, as defined in section 15-  
5101 34, (B) the federal government requires public participation regarding  
5102 such activity, (C) the person proposing to conduct or cause to be  
5103 conducted such activity sought public input on such activity by  
5104 implementing a plan approved by an agency of the federal government,  
5105 and (D) such person submits to the commissioner a copy of the  
5106 approved plan for public participation, a written summary of the  
5107 opportunities for public participation that were provided and a copy or  
5108 record of any comments received regarding such activity and how such  
5109 comments were responded to or addressed, unless the provisions of  
5110 subdivision (3) of this subsection apply.

5111 (3) The commissioner shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition,

5112 signed by at least twenty-five persons, that sets forth specific facts that  
5113 demonstrate that the legal rights, duties or privileges of at least one  
5114 person who signed the petition will be, or may reasonably be expected  
5115 to be, affected by such activity, or that alleges that the activity involves  
5116 conduct which has, or which is reasonably likely to have, the effect of  
5117 unreasonably polluting, impairing or destroying the public trust in the  
5118 air, water or other natural resources of the state. Any such petition shall  
5119 identify the relevant statutory or regulatory provision that the  
5120 petitioners claim such activity does not satisfy. The commissioner shall  
5121 provide a copy of any such petition received to the person proposing to  
5122 conduct or cause to be conducted such activity, who, not more than  
5123 seven business days after receipt of such petition, may object to such  
5124 petition on the basis that the petition does not contain the specific factual  
5125 demonstration required by this subdivision. The commissioner shall  
5126 determine whether the petition satisfies the requirements of this  
5127 subdivision and shall send notice of such determination, in writing, to  
5128 the person proposing to conduct or cause to be conducted such activity  
5129 and the person who submitted the petition.

5130 Sec. 132. Subsection (d) of section 25-68d of the general statutes is  
5131 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
5132 *2024*):

5133 (d) (1) Any state agency proposing an activity or critical activity  
5134 within or affecting the floodplain may apply to the commissioner for  
5135 exemption from the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. Such  
5136 application shall include a statement of the reasons why such agency is  
5137 unable to comply with said subsection and any other information the  
5138 commissioner deems necessary. The commissioner, at least thirty days  
5139 before approving, approving with conditions or denying any such  
5140 application, shall publish once in a newspaper having a substantial  
5141 circulation in the affected area notice of: [(1)] (A) The name of the  
5142 applicant; [(2)] (B) the location and nature of the requested exemption;  
5143 [(3)] (C) the tentative decision on the application; and [(4)] (D) additional  
5144 information the commissioner deems necessary to support the decision

5145 to approve, approve with conditions or deny the application. There shall  
5146 be a comment period following the public notice during which period  
5147 interested persons and municipalities may submit written comments.  
5148 After the comment period, the commissioner shall make a final  
5149 determination to either approve the application, approve the  
5150 application with conditions or deny the application.

5151 (2) The commissioner may hold a public hearing prior to approving,  
5152 approving with conditions or denying any application if in the  
5153 discretion of the commissioner the public interest will be best served  
5154 thereby, and the commissioner shall hold a public hearing upon receipt  
5155 of a petition signed by at least twenty-five persons, unless the provisions  
5156 in subdivision (3) of this subsection apply. Notice of such hearing shall  
5157 be published at least thirty days before the hearing in a newspaper  
5158 having a substantial circulation in the area affected. The commissioner  
5159 may approve or approve with conditions such exemption if the  
5160 commissioner determines that (A) the agency has shown that the  
5161 activity or critical activity is in the public interest, will not injure persons  
5162 or damage property in the area of such activity or critical activity,  
5163 complies with the provisions of the National Flood Insurance Program,  
5164 and, in the case of a loan or grant, the recipient of the loan or grant has  
5165 been informed that increased flood insurance premiums may result  
5166 from the activity or critical activity. An activity shall be considered to be  
5167 in the public interest if it is a development subject to environmental  
5168 remediation regulations adopted pursuant to section 22a-133k and is in  
5169 or adjacent to an area identified as a regional center, neighborhood  
5170 conservation area, growth area or rural community center in the state  
5171 plan of conservation and development pursuant to chapter 297, or (B) in  
5172 the case of a flood control project, such project meets the criteria of  
5173 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and is more cost-effective to the  
5174 state and municipalities than a project constructed to or above the base  
5175 flood or base flood for a critical activity. Following approval for  
5176 exemption for a flood control project, the commissioner shall provide  
5177 notice of the hazards of a flood greater than the capacity of the project

5178 design to each member of the legislature whose district will be affected  
5179 by the project and to the following agencies and officials in the area to  
5180 be protected by the project: The planning and zoning commission, the  
5181 inland wetlands agency, the director of civil defense, the conservation  
5182 commission, the fire department, the police department, the chief  
5183 elected official and each member of the legislative body, and the  
5184 regional council of governments. Notice shall be given to the general  
5185 public by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in each  
5186 municipality in the area in which the project is to be located.

5187 (3) The commissioner shall not be required to hold a public hearing  
5188 on such application upon receipt of a petition, signed by at least twenty-  
5189 five persons, if (A) the activity or critical activity is a transportation  
5190 capital project, but not a project located at an airport, as defined in  
5191 section 15-34, (B) the federal government requires public participation  
5192 regarding such activity or critical activity, (C) the state agency  
5193 proposing to conduct or cause to be conducted such activity or critical  
5194 activity sought public input on such activity or critical activity by  
5195 implementing a plan approved by an agency of the federal government,  
5196 and (D) such state agency submits to the commissioner a copy of the  
5197 approved plan for public participation, a written summary of the  
5198 opportunities for public participation that were provided and a copy or  
5199 record of any comments received regarding such activity or critical  
5200 activity and how such comments were responded to or addressed,  
5201 unless the provisions of subdivision (4) of this subsection apply.

5202 (4) The commissioner shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition,  
5203 signed by at least twenty-five persons, that sets forth specific facts that  
5204 demonstrate that the legal rights, duties or privileges of at least one  
5205 person who signed the petition will be, or may reasonably be expected  
5206 to be, affected by such activity or critical activity, or that alleges that the  
5207 activity or critical activity involves conduct which has, or which is  
5208 reasonably likely to have, the effect of unreasonably polluting,  
5209 impairing or destroying the public trust in the air, water or other natural  
5210 resources of the state. Any such petition shall identify the relevant

5211 statutory or regulatory provision with which petitioners claim such  
5212 activity or critical activity does not satisfy. The commissioner shall  
5213 provide a copy of any such petition received to the state agency. Not  
5214 more than seven business days after receipt of such petition, the state  
5215 agency may object to such petition on the basis that the petition does not  
5216 contain the specific factual demonstration required by this subdivision.  
5217 The commissioner shall determine whether the petition satisfies the  
5218 requirements of this subdivision and shall send notice of such  
5219 determination, in writing, to the state agency and the person who  
5220 submitted the petition.

5221       Sec. 133. Subsection (d) of section 10-357a of the general statutes is  
5222 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
5223 *2024*):

5224       (d) (1) Members shall receive no compensation for their services but  
5225 shall be entitled to reimbursement for such members' actual and  
5226 necessary expenses incurred during the performance of such members'  
5227 official duties.

5228       (2) A member of the board whose nomination to the board is  
5229 confirmed by both houses of the General Assembly and who is not  
5230 otherwise eligible to participate in the group hospitalization and  
5231 medical and surgical insurance plan established pursuant to subsection  
5232 (a) of section 5-259 may elect to participate in such plan. Each member  
5233 who elects such coverage shall pay the same percentage of the premium  
5234 as paid by a state employee for the form of coverage elected under such  
5235 plan. The center shall reimburse the appropriate state agency for the  
5236 remainder of the premium and any other costs incurred due to the  
5237 member's participation.

5238       (3) Members may engage in private employment, or in a profession  
5239 or business, subject to any applicable laws, rules and regulations of the  
5240 state regarding official ethics or conflict of interest. It shall not constitute  
5241 a conflict of interest for a trustee, director, partner or officer of any

5242 person, firm or corporation, or any individual having a financial interest  
5243 in a person, firm or corporation, to serve as a member of the board of  
5244 directors of the center, provided such trustee, director, partner, officer  
5245 or individual shall comply with all applicable provisions of chapter 10.

5246 Sec. 134. Subsection (c) of section 12-802 of the general statutes is  
5247 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
5248 *2024*):

5249 (c) The chairperson of the board shall be appointed by the Governor  
5250 from among the members of the board. The directors shall annually elect  
5251 one of their number as vice chairperson. The board may elect such other  
5252 officers of the board as it deems proper. Directors shall receive no  
5253 compensation for the performance of their duties under sections 12-563a  
5254 and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, but shall be reimbursed for necessary  
5255 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. A director whose  
5256 nomination to the board is confirmed by both houses of the General  
5257 Assembly and is not otherwise eligible to participate in the group  
5258 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan established  
5259 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 5-259 may elect to participate in  
5260 such plan. Each director who elects such coverage shall pay the same  
5261 percentage of the premium as paid by a state employee for the form of  
5262 coverage elected under such plan. The corporation shall reimburse the  
5263 appropriate state agency for the remainder of the premium and any  
5264 other costs incurred due to the director's participation.

5265 Sec. 135. Subsection (e) of section 15-31a of the general statutes is  
5266 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
5267 *2024*):

5268 (e) Each member of the board of directors shall serve without  
5269 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for such member's actual and  
5270 necessary expenses incurred during the performance of such member's  
5271 official duties. A member who is not serving ex officio and is not  
5272 otherwise eligible to participate in the group hospitalization and

5273 medical and surgical insurance plan established pursuant to subsection  
5274 (a) of section 5-259 may elect to participate in such plan. Each member  
5275 who elects such coverage shall pay the same percentage of the premium  
5276 as paid by a state employee for the form of coverage elected under such  
5277 plan. The authority shall reimburse the appropriate state agency for the  
5278 remainder of the premium and any other costs incurred due to the  
5279 member's participation.

5280       Sec. 136. Subsection (e) of section 15-120bb of the 2024 supplement to  
5281 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5282 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

5283       (e) Each director shall be entitled to reimbursement for such director's  
5284 actual and necessary expenses incurred during the performance of such  
5285 director's official duties. A director who is not otherwise eligible to  
5286 participate in the group hospitalization and medical and surgical  
5287 insurance plan established pursuant to subsection (a) of section 5-259  
5288 may elect to participate in such plan. Each director who elects such  
5289 coverage shall pay the same percentage of the premium as paid by a  
5290 state employee for the form of coverage elected under such plan. The  
5291 authority shall reimburse the appropriate state agency for the remainder  
5292 of the premium and any other costs incurred due to the director's  
5293 participation.

5294       Sec. 137. Section 3-22e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
5295 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5296       (a) There is established a Connecticut Higher Education Trust  
5297 Advisory Committee which shall consist of the State Treasurer, the  
5298 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education,  
5299 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the  
5300 cochairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees  
5301 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
5302 education and finance, revenue and bonding, or their designees, and  
5303 one student financial aid officer and one finance officer at a public



5304 institution of higher education in the state, each appointed by the Board  
5305 of Regents for Higher Education, and one student financial aid officer  
5306 and one finance officer at an independent institution of higher education  
5307 in the state, each appointed by the Connecticut Conference of  
5308 Independent Colleges. The advisory committee shall meet at least  
5309 annually. The State Treasurer shall convene the meetings of the  
5310 committee.

5311 (b) Within six months from the date of the trust's annual report, the  
5312 State Treasurer and the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner  
5313 of Higher Education shall jointly report, in accordance with section 11-  
5314 4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
5315 cognizance of matters relating to education and finance, revenue and  
5316 bonding on an evaluation of the Connecticut Higher Education Trust  
5317 and recommendations, if any, for improvements in the program.

5318 Sec. 138. Section 4-5 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is  
5319 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
5320 *passage*):

5321 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"  
5322 means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
5323 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue  
5324 Services, Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and  
5325 Families, Commissioner of Consumer Protection, Commissioner of  
5326 Correction, Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
5327 State Board of Education, Commissioner of Emergency Services and  
5328 Public Protection, Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
5329 Protection, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public  
5330 Health, Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Commissioner  
5331 of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Commissioner of Social  
5332 Services, Commissioner of Developmental Services, Commissioner of  
5333 Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of Transportation, Commissioner of  
5334 Veterans Affairs, Commissioner of Housing, Commissioner of Aging  
5335 and Disability Services, Commissioner of Early Childhood, executive

5336 director of the Office of Health Strategy, executive director of the Office  
5337 of Military Affairs, executive director of the Technical Education and  
5338 Career System, Chief Workforce Officer and [executive director of the  
5339 Office] Commissioner of Higher Education. As used in sections 4-6 and  
5340 4-7, "department head" also means the Commissioner of Education.

5341 Sec. 139. Subsection (a) of section 4-124xx of the 2024 supplement to  
5342 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5343 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5344 (a) The Chief Workforce Officer, appointed pursuant to section 4-  
5345 124w, in consultation with the Labor Commissioner, the Commissioners  
5346 of Social Services, Developmental Disabilities, Public Health, Higher  
5347 Education and Aging and Disability Services, the Governor's Workforce  
5348 Council, [the executive director of the Office of Higher Education,] the  
5349 Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Autism Spectrum Disorder  
5350 Advisory Council and regional workforce development boards, shall  
5351 establish a Human Services Career Pipeline program to ensure a  
5352 sufficient number of trained providers are available to serve the needs  
5353 of persons in the state with an intellectual disability, other  
5354 developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, cognitive impairment  
5355 or mental illness and elderly persons. Such pipeline shall include  
5356 training and certification for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid,  
5357 medication administration, job placement and incentives for retention  
5358 in the human services labor sector upon successful completion of the  
5359 program.

5360 Sec. 140. Subdivision (11) of subsection (c) of section 10-15j of the 2024  
5361 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
5362 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5363 (11) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
5364 Education, or the [executive director's] commissioner's designee.

5365 Sec. 141. Subsection (b) of section 10a-1d of the general statutes is  
5366 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*

5367 *passage*):

5368 (b) The Governor shall appoint [an executive director of the Office] a  
5369 Commissioner of Higher Education in accordance with the provisions  
5370 of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive. The [executive director] commissioner  
5371 shall have the responsibility for implementing the policies and  
5372 directives of the office.

5373 Sec. 142. Subsection (a) of section 10a-11b of the 2024 supplement to  
5374 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
5375 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5376 (a) There is established a Planning Commission for Higher Education  
5377 to develop and ensure the implementation of a higher education  
5378 strategic master plan in Connecticut.

5379 (1) The commission shall consist of the following voting members:  
5380 (A) The president of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, the  
5381 president of The University of Connecticut, or their designees from the  
5382 Board of Regents and Board of Trustees; (B) the provost of the  
5383 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities and the provost of The  
5384 University of Connecticut; (C) the chair of the Board of Regents for the  
5385 Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, and the Board of Trustees  
5386 for The University of Connecticut, or the chairs' designees; (D) the  
5387 president, provost or chair of the board of a large independent  
5388 institution of higher education in the state, to be selected by the  
5389 president pro tempore of the Senate; (E) the president, provost or chair  
5390 of the board of a small independent institution of higher education in  
5391 the state, to be selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives;  
5392 (F) a representative from a private career school, to be selected by the  
5393 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education;  
5394 (G) a teaching faculty representative from the Connecticut State  
5395 Universities, to be selected by the president of the Connecticut State  
5396 Colleges and Universities; (H) a teaching faculty representative from the  
5397 regional community-technical colleges, to be selected by the president

5398 of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities; (I) a teaching faculty  
5399 representative from The University of Connecticut, to be selected by the  
5400 president of The University of Connecticut; (J) a teaching faculty  
5401 representative from a private career school in the state, to be selected by  
5402 the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
5403 Education; (K) one member appointed by the president pro tempore of  
5404 the Senate, who shall be a representative of a large manufacturing  
5405 employer in the state; (L) one member appointed by the speaker of the  
5406 House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a large  
5407 financial or insurance services employer in the state; (M) one member  
5408 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a  
5409 representative of an information technology or digital media employer  
5410 in the state; (N) one member appointed by the minority leader of the  
5411 Senate, who shall be a representative of a small business employer in  
5412 the state; (O) one member appointed by the majority leader of the House  
5413 of Representatives, who shall be a representative of a health care  
5414 employer in the state; and (P) one member appointed by the minority  
5415 leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a representative of  
5416 a small business employer in the state. The commission membership  
5417 shall, where feasible, reflect the state's geographic, racial and ethnic  
5418 diversity.

5419 (2) The following persons shall serve as ex-officio nonvoting  
5420 members on the commission: (A) The Commissioner of Education, the  
5421 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the  
5422 Labor Commissioner, or their designees; (B) a representative of an  
5423 association of the state's independent institutions of higher education,  
5424 appointed by the Governor; (C) a member of the State Board of  
5425 Education, as designated by the chairperson of the state board; (D) the  
5426 superintendent of the technical high school system, or the  
5427 superintendent's designee; (E) the chief executive officer of Connecticut  
5428 Innovations, Incorporated, or the chief executive officer's designee; (F)  
5429 the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
5430 Education; (G) the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint

5431 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
5432 matters relating to higher education and employment advancement; (H)  
5433 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's  
5434 designee; and (I) the Chief Workforce Officer.

5435 (3) The Governor shall appoint the chairperson from among the  
5436 commission's voting members. The commission shall elect a vice-  
5437 chairperson at its first meeting. Any vacancies shall be filled by the  
5438 appointing authority. The term of each appointed member of the  
5439 commission shall be three years from the date of appointment. The  
5440 commission members shall serve without compensation. The  
5441 commission may seek the advice and participation of any person,  
5442 organization or state or federal agency it deems necessary to carry out  
5443 the provisions of this section. The commission may, within available  
5444 appropriations, retain consultants to assist in carrying out its duties. The  
5445 commission may receive funds from any public or private sources to  
5446 carry out its activities. The commission shall be within the Office of  
5447 Higher Education and shall be responsible for implementing any  
5448 policies developed by the commission.

5449 Sec. 143. Subsection (c) of section 10a-19e of the general statutes is  
5450 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
5451 *passage*):

5452 (c) Persons who qualify under subsection (b) of this section shall be  
5453 reimbursed on an annual basis for qualifying student loan payments in  
5454 amounts as determined by the [executive director of the Office]  
5455 Commissioner of Higher Education. A person qualifying under  
5456 subsection (b) of this section shall only be reimbursed for loan payments  
5457 made while such person is employed in the state as an engineer. The  
5458 Office of Higher Education shall develop eligibility requirements for  
5459 recipients of such reimbursements. Such requirements may include  
5460 income guidelines. Persons may apply for grants to the Office of Higher  
5461 Education at such time and in such manner as the [executive director of  
5462 the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education prescribes.

5463       Sec. 144. Subsection (c) of section 10a-19f of the general statutes is  
5464 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
5465 *passage*):

5466       (c) Persons who qualify under subsection (b) of this section shall  
5467 receive reimbursement grants on an annual basis for qualifying student  
5468 loan payments in amounts as determined by the [executive director of  
5469 the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education. A person qualifying  
5470 under subsection (b) of this section shall only be reimbursed for loan  
5471 payments made while such person is employed in Connecticut by a  
5472 qualifying company or in research at an institution of higher education  
5473 in an economically valuable field. The Office of Higher Education shall  
5474 develop eligibility requirements for recipients of such reimbursement  
5475 grants in consultation with the Department of Economic and  
5476 Community Development. Such requirements may include income  
5477 guidelines. Persons may apply for grants to the Office of Higher  
5478 Education at such time and in such manner as the [executive director of  
5479 the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education prescribes.

5480       Sec. 145. Section 10a-19m of the 2024 supplement to the general  
5481 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
5482 (*Effective from passage*):

5483       (a) On or before January 1, 2025, the [executive director of the Office]  
5484 Commissioner of Higher Education shall establish, within available  
5485 appropriations, a program to reimburse certain persons for student loan  
5486 payments. The Office of Higher Education may approve the  
5487 participation of any person in the student loan reimbursement program  
5488 who (1) (A) attended a state college or university and graduated with a  
5489 bachelor's degree, (B) left such college or university in good academic  
5490 standing before graduation, or (C) holds an occupational or professional  
5491 license or certification issued pursuant to title 20; (2) is a resident of the  
5492 state, as defined in section 12-701 and has been a resident of the state for  
5493 not less than five years; (3) has (A) a Connecticut adjusted gross income  
5494 of not more than one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars and files a

5495 return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual or a  
5496 married individual filing separately, or (B) a Connecticut adjusted gross  
5497 income of not more than one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars  
5498 and files a return under the federal income tax as a head of household,  
5499 a married individual filing jointly or a surviving spouse, as defined in  
5500 Section 2(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent  
5501 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended  
5502 from time to time; and (4) has a student loan. For the purposes of this  
5503 section "state college or university" means any public or private college  
5504 or university in the state.

5505 (b) Persons who qualify under subsection (a) of this section may  
5506 apply to the Office of Higher Education to participate in the student loan  
5507 reimbursement program at such time and in such manner as the  
5508 [executive director] Commissioner of said office prescribes.

5509 (c) (1) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
5510 Education shall award grants to persons approved to participate in the  
5511 student loan reimbursement program on a first-come, first-served basis,  
5512 provided such person meets the requirements of this subsection.

5513 (2) Each participant in the program shall volunteer for a nonprofit  
5514 organization in the state for not less than fifty unpaid hours for each  
5515 year of participation in the student loan reimbursement program. For  
5516 purposes of this section, "volunteer hours" shall include, but need not  
5517 be limited to, service on the board of directors for a nonprofit  
5518 organization and military service.

5519 (3) Each participant in the program shall annually submit receipts of  
5520 payment on student loans and evidence of having completed such  
5521 volunteer hours to the Office of Higher Education in the manner  
5522 prescribed by the [executive director] commissioner.

5523 (4) The Office of Higher Education shall reimburse each program  
5524 participant who meets the requirements of this section for student loan  
5525 payments an amount of not more than five thousand dollars, annually,

5526 provided no person shall participate in the student loan reimbursement  
5527 program for more than four years or receive more than twenty thousand  
5528 dollars in aggregate reimbursement for student loan payments.

5529 (d) The Office of Higher Education may use up to two and one-half  
5530 per cent of the funds appropriated for purposes of this section, annually,  
5531 for program administration, promotion and recruitment activities.

5532 (e) Not later than July 1, 2026, and each January and July thereafter,  
5533 the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education  
5534 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the  
5535 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
5536 of matters relating to higher education and employment advancement  
5537 and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on the operation  
5538 and effectiveness of the program and any recommendations to expand  
5539 the program.

5540 Sec. 146. Subdivisions (3) and (4) of section 10a-22a of the general  
5541 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
5542 (*Effective from passage*):

5543 (3) "Branch" means a subdivision of a school (A) located at a different  
5544 facility and geographical site from the school, except for a site that is an  
5545 additional classroom site as determined by the [executive director]  
5546 commissioner, or the [executive director's] commissioner's designee,  
5547 and (B) that (i) offers one or more complete programs leading to a  
5548 diploma or certificate; (ii) operates under the school's certificate of  
5549 operation; (iii) meets the same conditions of authorization as the school;  
5550 and (iv) exercises administrative control and is responsible for its own  
5551 academic affairs;

5552 (4) ["Executive director"] "Commissioner" means the [executive  
5553 director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education; and

5554 Sec. 147. Section 10a-22b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
5555 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):



5556 (a) No person, board, association, partnership, corporation, limited  
5557 liability company or other entity shall offer instruction in any form or  
5558 manner in any trade or in any industrial, commercial, service,  
5559 professional or other occupation unless such person, board, association,  
5560 partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other entity first  
5561 receives from the [executive director] commissioner a certificate  
5562 authorizing the occupational instruction to be offered.

5563 (b) Except for initial authorizations, the [executive director]  
5564 commissioner may accept institutional accreditation by an accrediting  
5565 agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, in  
5566 satisfaction of the requirements of this section and section 10a-22d,  
5567 including the evaluation and attendance requirement. Except for initial  
5568 authorizations, the [executive director] commissioner may accept  
5569 programmatic accreditation in satisfaction of the requirements of this  
5570 section and section 10a-22d with regard to instruction offered by a  
5571 hospital unless the [executive director] commissioner finds reasonable  
5572 cause not to rely upon such accreditation.

5573 (c) Each person, board, association, partnership, corporation, limited  
5574 liability company or other entity which seeks to offer occupational  
5575 instruction shall submit to the [executive director] commissioner, or the  
5576 [executive director's] commissioner's designee, in such manner and on  
5577 such forms as the [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive  
5578 director's] commissioner's designee, prescribes, an application for a  
5579 certificate of authorization. Each application for initial authorization  
5580 shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee made payable  
5581 to the private career school student protection account. Such application  
5582 fee shall be in the amount of two thousand dollars for the private career  
5583 school and two hundred dollars for each branch of a private career  
5584 school in this state, except that, each application for initial authorization  
5585 submitted on and after the effective date of the regulations adopted  
5586 pursuant to section 10a-22k, shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable  
5587 application fee in the amount specified in such regulations. Any  
5588 application for initial authorization that remains incomplete six months

5589 after the date such application was first submitted to the Office of  
5590 Higher Education shall expire and the office shall not approve such  
5591 expired application for authorization.

5592 (d) Each person, board, association, partnership, corporation, limited  
5593 liability company or other entity seeking to offer occupational  
5594 instruction shall have a net worth consisting of sufficient liquid assets  
5595 or produce other evidence of fiscal soundness to demonstrate the ability  
5596 of the proposed private career school to operate, achieve all of its  
5597 objectives and meet all of its obligations, including those concerning  
5598 staff and students, during the period of time for which the authorization  
5599 is sought.

5600 (e) Upon receipt of a complete application pursuant to subsection (c)  
5601 of this section, the [executive director] commissioner shall cause to be  
5602 conducted an evaluation of the applicant school. Not later than sixty  
5603 days (1) after receipt of a complete application for initial authorization,  
5604 or (2) prior to expiration of the authorization of a private career school  
5605 applying to renew its certificate of authorization pursuant to section  
5606 10a-22d, the [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive  
5607 director's] commissioner's designee, shall appoint an evaluation team,  
5608 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section, except that on and after the  
5609 effective date of the regulations adopted pursuant to section 10a-22k,  
5610 the evaluation team shall be appointed pursuant to such regulations, to  
5611 conduct such evaluation of the applicant school. The evaluation team  
5612 shall submit a written report to the [executive director] commissioner  
5613 recommending authorization or nonauthorization after an on-site  
5614 inspection. Not later than one hundred twenty days following the  
5615 completed appointment of the evaluation team, the [executive director]  
5616 commissioner shall notify the applicant school of authorization or  
5617 nonauthorization. The [executive director] commissioner may consult  
5618 with the Labor Department and may request the advice of any other  
5619 state agency which may be of assistance in making a determination. In  
5620 the event of nonauthorization, the [executive director] commissioner  
5621 shall set forth the reasons therefor in writing and the applicant school

5622 may request in writing a hearing before the [executive director]  
5623 commissioner. Such hearing shall be held in accordance with the  
5624 provisions of chapter 54.

5625 (f) For purposes of an evaluation of an applicant school, the  
5626 [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive director's]  
5627 commissioner's designee, shall appoint an evaluation team which shall  
5628 include (1) at least two members representing the Office of Higher  
5629 Education, and (2) at least one member for each of the areas of  
5630 occupational instruction for which authorization is sought who shall be  
5631 experienced in such occupation. The applicant school shall have the  
5632 right to challenge any proposed member of the evaluation team for good  
5633 cause shown. A written challenge shall be filed with the [executive  
5634 director] commissioner within ten business days following the  
5635 appointment of such evaluation team. In the event of a challenge, a  
5636 decision shall be made thereon by the [executive director] commissioner  
5637 within ten business days from the date such challenge is filed, and if the  
5638 challenge is upheld the [executive director] commissioner shall appoint  
5639 a replacement. Employees of the state or any political subdivision of the  
5640 state may be members of evaluation teams. The [executive director]  
5641 commissioner, or the [executive director's] commissioner's designee,  
5642 shall not appoint any person to an evaluation team unless the [executive  
5643 director] commissioner, or such designee, has received from such  
5644 person a statement that the person has no interest which is in conflict  
5645 with the proper discharge of the duties of evaluation team members as  
5646 described in this section. The statement shall be on a form prescribed by  
5647 the [executive director] commissioner and shall be signed under penalty  
5648 of false statement. Except for any member of the evaluation team who  
5649 is a state employee, members may be compensated for their service at  
5650 the discretion of the [executive director] commissioner and shall be  
5651 reimbursed for actual expenses, which expenses shall be charged to and  
5652 paid by the applicant school.

5653 (g) The evaluation team appointed pursuant to subsection (f) of this  
5654 section shall: (1) Conduct an on-site inspection; (2) submit a written

5655 report outlining any evidence of noncompliance; (3) give the school  
5656 thirty days from the date of the report to provide evidence of  
5657 compliance; and (4) submit to the [executive director] commissioner a  
5658 written report recommending authorization or nonauthorization not  
5659 later than one hundred twenty days after the on-site inspection. The  
5660 evaluation team shall determine whether (A) the quality and content of  
5661 each course or program of instruction, including, but not limited to,  
5662 residential, on-line, home study and correspondence, training or study  
5663 shall reasonably and adequately achieve the stated objective for which  
5664 such course or program is offered; (B) the school has adequate space,  
5665 equipment, instructional materials and personnel for the instruction  
5666 offered; (C) the qualifications of directors, administrators, supervisors  
5667 and instructors shall reasonably and adequately assure that students  
5668 receive education consistent with the stated objectives for which a  
5669 course or program is offered; (D) students and other interested persons  
5670 shall be provided with a catalog or similar publication describing the  
5671 courses and programs offered, course and program objectives, length of  
5672 courses and programs, schedule of tuition, fees and all other charges  
5673 and expenses necessary for completion of the course or program, and  
5674 termination, withdrawal and refund policies; (E) upon satisfactory  
5675 completion of the course or program, each student shall be provided  
5676 appropriate educational credentials by the school; (F) adequate records  
5677 shall be maintained by the school to show attendance and grades, or  
5678 other indicators of student progress, and standards shall be enforced  
5679 relating to attendance and student performance; (G) the applicant  
5680 school shall be financially sound and capable of fulfilling its  
5681 commitments to students; (H) any student housing owned, leased,  
5682 rented or otherwise maintained by the applicant school shall be safe and  
5683 adequate; and (I) the school and any branch of the school in this state  
5684 has a director located at the school or branch who is responsible for daily  
5685 oversight of the school's or branch's operations. The evaluation team  
5686 may also indicate in its report such recommendations as may improve  
5687 the operation of the applicant school.

5688 Sec. 148. Section 10a-22c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
5689 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5690 (a) No certificate to operate a private career school shall be authorized  
5691 by the [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive director's]  
5692 commissioner's designee, if (1) any principal, officer, member or  
5693 director of the applicant school has acted in a similar capacity for a  
5694 private career school which has had its authorization revoked pursuant  
5695 to section 10a-22f; (2) the applicant school does not have a net worth  
5696 consisting of sufficient liquid assets or other evidence of fiscal  
5697 soundness to operate for the period of time for which authorization is  
5698 sought; (3) the applicant school or any of its agents engages in  
5699 advertising, sales, collection, credit or other practices which are false,  
5700 deceptive, misleading or unfair; (4) the applicant school has any policy  
5701 which discourages or prohibits the filing of inquiries or complaints  
5702 regarding the school's operation with the [executive director]  
5703 commissioner; (5) the applicant school fails to satisfactorily meet the  
5704 criteria set forth in subsection (g) of section 10a-22b, or, on and after the  
5705 effective date of regulations adopted pursuant to section 10a-22k, the  
5706 criteria set forth in such regulations; (6) a private career school that has  
5707 previously closed fails to follow the procedures for school closure under  
5708 section 10a-22m; or (7) the applicant school does not have a director  
5709 located at the school and at each of its branches in this state.

5710 (b) The [executive director] commissioner may deny a certificate of  
5711 authorization if the person who owns or intends to operate a private  
5712 career school has been convicted in this state, or any other state, of  
5713 larceny in violation of section 53a-122 or 53a-123; identity theft in  
5714 violation of section 53a-129b or 53a-129c; forgery in violation of section  
5715 53a-138 or 53a-139; or has a criminal record in this state, or any other  
5716 state, that the [executive director] commissioner reasonably believes  
5717 renders the person unsuitable to own and operate a private career  
5718 school. A refusal of a certificate of authorization under this subsection  
5719 shall be made in accordance with the provisions of sections 46a-79 to  
5720 46a-81, inclusive.

5721 (c) No certificate to operate a private career school shall be issued by  
5722 the [executive director] commissioner pursuant to section 10a-22d until  
5723 such private career school seeking authorization files with the  
5724 [executive director] commissioner certificates indicating that the  
5725 buildings and premises for such school meet all applicable state and  
5726 local fire and zoning requirements. Such certificates shall be attested to  
5727 by the fire marshal and zoning enforcement officer within the  
5728 municipality in which such school is located.

5729 (d) No certificate to operate a new private career school shall be  
5730 issued by the [executive director] commissioner pursuant to section 10a-  
5731 22d until such private career school seeking authorization files with the  
5732 [executive director] commissioner an irrevocable letter of credit issued  
5733 by a bank with its main office or branch located within this state in the  
5734 penal amount of forty thousand dollars guaranteeing the payments  
5735 required of the school to the private career school student protection  
5736 account in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-22u, except  
5737 that, any letter of credit issued on and after the effective date of the  
5738 regulations adopted pursuant to section 10a-22k, shall be in a penal  
5739 amount specified in such regulations. The letter of credit shall be  
5740 payable to the private career school student protection account in the  
5741 event that such school fails to make payments to the account as  
5742 provided in subsection (a) of section 10a-22u or in the event the state  
5743 takes action to reimburse the account for a tuition refund paid to a  
5744 student pursuant to the provisions of section 10a-22v, provided the  
5745 amount of the letter of credit to be paid into the private career school  
5746 student protection account shall not exceed the amounts owed to the  
5747 account. In the event a private career school fails to close in accordance  
5748 with the provisions of section 10a-22m, the [executive director]  
5749 commissioner may seize the letter of credit, which shall be made  
5750 payable to the private career school protection account.

5751 (e) The [executive director] commissioner shall notify the applicant  
5752 private career school, by certified mail, return receipt requested of the  
5753 decision to grant or deny a certificate of authorization not later than

5754 sixty days after receiving the written report of the evaluation team  
5755 appointed pursuant to subsection (e) of section 10a-22b.

5756 Sec. 149. Section 10a-22d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
5757 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5758 (a) After the initial year of approval and for the next three years of  
5759 operation as a private career school, renewal of the certificate of  
5760 authorization shall be required annually.

5761 (b) Following the fourth year of continuous authorization, a renewal  
5762 of the certificate of authorization, if granted, shall be for a period not to  
5763 exceed five years and may be subject to an evaluation pursuant to  
5764 subsection (e) of section 10a-22b, provided no private career school shall  
5765 operate for more than five additional years from the date of any renewal  
5766 without the completion of an evaluation pursuant to subsection (e) of  
5767 section 10a-22b.

5768 (c) Renewal of the certificate of authorization shall be granted only  
5769 upon (1) payment of a nonrefundable renewal fee to the Office of Higher  
5770 Education in the amount of two hundred dollars for the private career  
5771 school and two hundred dollars for each branch of a private career  
5772 school, except that, any renewal fees paid on and after the effective date  
5773 of the regulations adopted pursuant to section 10a-22k, shall be in the  
5774 amount specified in such regulations, (2) submission of any reports or  
5775 audits, as prescribed by the [executive director] commissioner or the  
5776 [executive director's] commissioner's designee, concerning the fiscal  
5777 condition of the private career school or its continuing eligibility to  
5778 participate in federal student financial aid programs, (3) the filing with  
5779 the [executive director] commissioner of a complete application for a  
5780 renewed certificate of authorization not less than one hundred twenty  
5781 days prior to the termination date of the most recent certificate of  
5782 authorization, and (4) a determination that the private career school  
5783 meets all the conditions of its recent authorization, including, but not  
5784 limited to, at the discretion of the [executive director] commissioner,

5785 evidence that such school is current on its financial obligations and has  
5786 adequate financial resources to serve its current students, and the filing  
5787 of documentation with the [executive director] commissioner that the  
5788 private career school has a passing financial ratio score as required by  
5789 34 CFR 668, as amended from time to time.

5790 (d) If the [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive  
5791 director's] commissioner's designee, determines, at any time during a  
5792 school's authorization period, that such school is out of compliance with  
5793 the conditions of authorization under sections 10a-22a to 10a-22o,  
5794 inclusive, and any applicable regulations of Connecticut state agencies,  
5795 the school may be placed on probation for a period not to exceed one  
5796 year. If, after the period of one year of probationary status, the school  
5797 remains out of compliance with the conditions of authorization, the  
5798 [executive director] commissioner may revoke such school's certificate  
5799 of authorization to operate as a private career school pursuant to section  
5800 10a-22f. During the school's period of probation, the school shall post its  
5801 probationary certificate of authorization in public view. The Office of  
5802 Higher Education may publish the school's probationary certificate of  
5803 authorization status.

5804 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10a-22a to 10a-22o,  
5805 inclusive, the [executive director] commissioner may authorize the  
5806 extension of the most recent certificate of authorization for a period not  
5807 to exceed sixty days for good cause shown, provided such extension  
5808 shall not change the date of the original certificate's issuance or the date  
5809 for each renewal.

5810 (f) After the first year of authorization, each private career school  
5811 shall pay a nonrefundable annual fee to the private career school student  
5812 protection account in the amount of two hundred dollars for the private  
5813 career school and two hundred dollars for each branch of a private  
5814 career school, except that, any annual fee paid on and after the effective  
5815 date of the regulations adopted pursuant to section 10a-22k, shall be in  
5816 the amount specified in such regulations. The annual fee shall be due



5817 and payable for each year after the first year of authorization that the  
5818 private career school and any branch of a private career school is  
5819 authorized by the [executive director] commissioner to offer career  
5820 instruction. Such annual fee shall be in addition to any renewal fee  
5821 assessed under this section.

5822 (g) Each private career school shall keep financial records in  
5823 conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. An annual  
5824 financial statement detailing the financial status of the school shall be  
5825 prepared by school management and reviewed or audited, or, for a  
5826 nonaccredited school annually receiving less than fifty thousand dollars  
5827 in tuition revenue, compiled, by a licensed certified public accountant  
5828 or licensed public accountant in accordance with standards established  
5829 by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A copy of  
5830 such financial statement shall be filed with the [executive director]  
5831 commissioner on or before the last day of the fourth month following  
5832 the end of the school's fiscal year, except in the case of a nationally  
5833 accredited school recognized by the United States Department of  
5834 Education, in which case such financial statement shall be due on or  
5835 before the last day of the sixth month following the end of the school's  
5836 fiscal year. Only audited financial statements shall be accepted from a  
5837 nationally accredited school. Upon a nonaccredited school's written  
5838 request, the [executive director] commissioner may authorize, for good  
5839 cause shown, a filing extension for a period not to exceed sixty days. No  
5840 filing extensions shall be granted to a nationally accredited school.

5841 (h) The failure of any private career school to submit an application  
5842 to the Office of Higher Education for the renewal of a certificate of  
5843 authorization on or before the date on which it is due may result in the  
5844 loss of authorization under section 10a-22f. The [executive director]  
5845 commissioner of said office may deny the renewal of such certificate of  
5846 authorization if there exists a failure to file such renewal application by  
5847 the date on which it is due, or the end of any period of extension  
5848 authorized pursuant to subsection (e) of this section.

5849 Sec. 150. Section 10a-22e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
5850 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5851 (a) During any period of authorization by the [executive director]  
5852 commissioner to operate as a private career school pursuant to sections  
5853 10a-22a to 10a-22o, inclusive, and sections 10a-22u to 10a-22w, inclusive,  
5854 such private career school may request revision of the conditions of its  
5855 authorization. Such school shall make such request to the [executive  
5856 director] commissioner, in the manner and on such forms prescribed by  
5857 the [executive director] commissioner sixty days prior to the proposed  
5858 implementation date of any intended revision. Such revision shall  
5859 include, but not be limited to, changes in (1) courses or programs; (2)  
5860 ownership of the school; (3) name of the school; (4) location of the  
5861 school's main campus; or (5) location of any of the school's additional  
5862 classroom sites or branch campuses. A private career school requesting  
5863 revision of the conditions of its authorization based on a change in  
5864 ownership of the school shall submit an application and letter of credit  
5865 pursuant to sections 10a-22b and 10a-22c, accompanied by a  
5866 nonrefundable change of ownership fee made payable to the private  
5867 career school student protection account under section 10a-22u in the  
5868 amount of two thousand dollars for the private career school and two  
5869 hundred dollars for each branch of a private career school in this state,  
5870 except that, any ownership fee paid on and after the effective date of the  
5871 regulations adopted pursuant to section 10a-22k, shall be in the amount  
5872 specified in such regulations.

5873 (b) The [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive  
5874 director's] commissioner's designee, may, not later than thirty days after  
5875 receipt of a request to revise the conditions of authorization, issue an  
5876 order prohibiting any such change if it would constitute a material or  
5877 substantial deviation from the conditions of authorization.

5878 (c) If the [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive  
5879 director's] commissioner's designee, fails to take action upon a request  
5880 for revision by the thirtieth day following the proposed implementation

5881 date of the intended revision, such request shall be deemed approved,  
5882 and the private career school's certificate of authorization shall be so  
5883 revised for the same period as its current authorization.

5884 Sec. 151. Section 10a-22f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
5885 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5886 (a) A certificate of authorization issued to a private career school  
5887 pursuant to sections 10a-22a to 10a-22o, inclusive, and sections 10a-22u  
5888 to 10a-22w, inclusive, may be revoked by the [executive director]  
5889 commissioner if such school (1) ceases to meet the conditions of its  
5890 authorization; (2) commits a material or substantial violation of sections  
5891 10a-22a to 10a-22o, inclusive, or sections 10a-22u to 10a-22w, inclusive,  
5892 or the regulations prescribed thereunder; (3) makes a false statement  
5893 about a material fact in application for authorization or renewal; (4) fails  
5894 to make a required payment to the private career school student  
5895 protection account pursuant to section 10a-22u; or (5) fails to submit a  
5896 complete application for a renewal of a certificate of authorization  
5897 pursuant to section 10a-22d.

5898 (b) The [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive  
5899 director's] commissioner's designee, shall serve written notice, by  
5900 certified mail, return receipt requested upon a private career school  
5901 indicating that revocation of the school's authorization is under  
5902 consideration and the [executive director] commissioner shall set forth  
5903 the reasons such revocation is being considered. Not later than forty-  
5904 five days after mailing such written notice, the [executive director]  
5905 commissioner, or the [executive director's] commissioner's designee,  
5906 shall hold a compliance conference with the private career school.

5907 (c) If, after the compliance conference, the [executive director]  
5908 commissioner determines that revocation of the certificate of  
5909 authorization is appropriate, the [executive director] commissioner shall  
5910 issue an order and serve written notice by certified mail, return receipt  
5911 requested upon the private career school, which notice shall include, but

5912 not be limited to, the date of the revocation.

5913 (d) A private career school aggrieved by the order of the [executive  
5914 director] commissioner revoking its certificate of authorization  
5915 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall, not later than fifteen days  
5916 after such order is mailed, request in writing a hearing before the  
5917 [executive director] commissioner. Such hearing shall be held in  
5918 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

5919 Sec. 152. Section 10a-22g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
5920 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5921 (a) A private career school which is authorized by the [executive  
5922 director] commissioner pursuant to sections 10a-22a to 10a-22o,  
5923 inclusive, and sections 10a-22u to 10a-22w, inclusive, may request  
5924 authorization to establish and operate additional classroom sites or  
5925 branch schools, or to offer existing or new programs through a distance  
5926 learning program, as defined in section 10a-22h, for the purpose of  
5927 offering the occupational instruction authorized by the [executive  
5928 director] commissioner, provided the additional classroom site or  
5929 branch school complies with the provisions of subsection (b) of this  
5930 section. Such school shall make such request for authorization to operate  
5931 an additional classroom site or branch school or to offer existing or new  
5932 programs through a distance learning program, in the manner and on  
5933 such forms as prescribed by the [executive director] commissioner, at  
5934 least sixty days prior to the proposed establishment of such additional  
5935 classroom site or branch school or such distance learning program.

5936 (b) The buildings and premises for such additional classroom site or  
5937 branch school shall meet all applicable state and local fire and zoning  
5938 requirements, and certificates attesting the same signed by the local fire  
5939 marshal and zoning enforcement officer shall be filed with the  
5940 [executive director] commissioner prior to offering such occupational  
5941 instruction. The additional classroom site or branch school shall be in  
5942 compliance with the relevant requirements set forth in subsection (g) of

5943 section 10a-22b, or on and after the effective date of the regulations  
5944 adopted pursuant to section 10a-22k, the requirements set forth in such  
5945 regulations.

5946 (c) The [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive  
5947 director's] commissioner's designee, not later than thirty days after the  
5948 proposed date for establishment of a branch school, may issue an order  
5949 prohibiting any such establishment of a branch school if it would  
5950 constitute a material or substantial deviation from the conditions of  
5951 authorization or if the private career school fails to meet the  
5952 requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this section.

5953 (d) If the [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive  
5954 director's] commissioner's designee, fails to take action upon the request  
5955 for revision by the thirtieth day after the proposed date for  
5956 establishment of such additional classroom site or branch school or such  
5957 distance learning program, such request shall be deemed approved.

5958 Sec. 153. Section 10a-22i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
5959 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5960 (a) The [executive director] commissioner may assess any person,  
5961 board, partnership, association, corporation, limited liability company  
5962 or other entity which violates any provision of sections 10a-22a to 10a-  
5963 22p, inclusive, sections 10a-22u to 10a-22w, inclusive, or regulations  
5964 adopted pursuant to section 10a-22k, an administrative penalty in an  
5965 amount not to exceed five hundred dollars for each day of such  
5966 violation, except that, any administrative penalty assessed on and after  
5967 the effective date of the regulations adopted pursuant to section 10a-  
5968 22k, shall be in the amount specified in such regulations.

5969 (b) The [executive director] commissioner shall serve written notice  
5970 upon a private career school when the assessment of such an  
5971 administrative penalty is under consideration. The notice shall set forth  
5972 the reasons for the assessment of the penalty. Not later than forty-five  
5973 days after mailing such notice to the private career school, the [executive

5974 director] commissioner, or the [executive director's] commissioner's  
5975 designee, shall hold a compliance conference with the private career  
5976 school.

5977 (c) If, after the compliance conference, the [executive director]  
5978 commissioner determines that imposition of an administrative penalty  
5979 is appropriate, the [executive director] commissioner shall issue an  
5980 order and serve written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested  
5981 upon the private career school.

5982 (d) A private career school aggrieved by the order of the [executive  
5983 director] commissioner imposing an administrative penalty pursuant to  
5984 subsection (c) of this section shall, not later than fifteen days after such  
5985 order is mailed, request in writing a hearing before the [executive  
5986 director] commissioner. Such hearing shall be held in accordance with  
5987 the provisions of chapter 54.

5988 Sec. 154. Section 10a-22j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
5989 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5990 The [executive director] commissioner, through the Attorney  
5991 General, may seek an order from the Superior Court to prevent any  
5992 violation of sections 10a-22a to 10a-22p, inclusive, or sections 10a-22u to  
5993 10a-22w, inclusive.

5994 Sec. 155. Subsection (b) of section 10a-22l of the general statutes is  
5995 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
5996 *passage*):

5997 (b) The [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive  
5998 director's] commissioner's designee, may conduct an investigation and,  
5999 through the Attorney General, maintain an action in the name of the  
6000 state against any person to restrain or prevent the establishment or  
6001 operation of an institution that does not have a certificate of  
6002 authorization.

6003       Sec. 156. Section 10a-22m of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6004 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6005       (a) A private career school shall notify the [executive director]  
6006 commissioner, in writing, at least sixty days prior to closure of such  
6007 school. The private career school shall provide evidence prior to closing  
6008 that: (1) All course work is or will be completed by current students at  
6009 the school; (2) there are no refunds due any students; (3) all student  
6010 records will be maintained as prescribed in section 10a-22n; (4) final  
6011 payment has been made to the private career school student protection  
6012 account; (5) a designation of service form has been filed with the  
6013 [executive director] commissioner; and (6) the certificate of  
6014 authorization has been returned to the [executive director]  
6015 commissioner.

6016       (b) Any private career school that fails to meet the requirements  
6017 outlined in subsection (a) of this section shall be fined not more than five  
6018 hundred dollars per day for each day of noncompliance, except that, any  
6019 fine assessed on and after the effective date of the regulations adopted  
6020 pursuant to section 10a-22k, shall be in the amount specified in such  
6021 regulations, and pursuant to subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section  
6022 10a-22c, shall be ineligible to be issued a certificate of authorization  
6023 upon application to operate a private career school. Funds collected  
6024 pursuant to this subsection shall be placed in the private career student  
6025 protection account established pursuant to section 10a-22u.

6026       (c) If the [executive director] commissioner revokes a private career  
6027 school's certificate of authorization, such school shall comply with the  
6028 requirements of subsection (a) of this section. Failure to comply shall  
6029 result in further penalties at the discretion of the [executive director]  
6030 commissioner.

6031       (d) In the event a private career school fails to meet the requirements  
6032 set forth in subsection (a) of this section and closes prior to graduating  
6033 all current students, the [executive director] commissioner may seize the

6034 letter of credit filed by the private career school pursuant to subsection  
6035 (d) of section 10a-22c, and such letter of credit shall be made payable to  
6036 the private career school student protection account. The [executive  
6037 director] commissioner may expend funds from the private career  
6038 school student protection account up to the amount necessary to  
6039 facilitate a teach-out of any remaining students up to and including the  
6040 issuance of a certificate of completion pursuant to subsection (e) of this  
6041 section. For purposes of this subsection and subsection (e) of this  
6042 section, (1) "teach-out" means the completion of instruction of a course  
6043 or program of study in which a student was enrolled, provided the  
6044 teach-out includes instruction of the entire program of study when a  
6045 course is a part of such program of study, and (2) "certificate of  
6046 completion" means the credential, documented in writing, that is issued  
6047 to a student who completes a course or program of study offered by a  
6048 private career school.

6049 (e) In the event of a private career school closure that fails to meet the  
6050 requirements set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the [executive  
6051 director] commissioner may issue a certificate of completion to each  
6052 student that, in the [executive director's] commissioner's determination,  
6053 has successfully completed the student's course or program of study in  
6054 which the student was enrolled at the private career school.

6055 Sec. 157. Section 10a-22n of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6056 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6057 (a) A private career school shall maintain, preserve and protect, in a  
6058 manner approved by the [executive director] commissioner, or the  
6059 [executive director's] commissioner's designee, all school records  
6060 including, but not limited to: (1) Student or academic transcripts,  
6061 including, in a separate file, a duplicate copy of the academic transcript  
6062 of each student who graduated from such school, and a duplicate copy  
6063 of the academic transcript of each student enrolled at such school that  
6064 contains the student's name, address, program of study, length of such  
6065 program of study, grade point average and courses completed; (2)



6066 attendance records or other indicators of student progress; (3) copies of  
6067 individual enrollment agreements or contracts; (4) evidence of tuition  
6068 payments; and (5) any other documentation as prescribed by the  
6069 [executive director] commissioner.

6070 (b) The [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive  
6071 director's] commissioner's designee, may at any time during regular  
6072 business or school hours, with or without notice, visit a private career  
6073 school. During such visitation, the [executive director] commissioner, or  
6074 the [executive director's] commissioner's designee, may request an  
6075 officer or director of the school to produce, and shall be provided with  
6076 immediate access to, such records or information as are required to  
6077 verify that the school continues to meet the conditions of authorization.  
6078 If the [executive director] commissioner determines that such private  
6079 career school has not maintained, preserved or protected school records  
6080 in accordance with this section, the [executive director] commissioner  
6081 may assess an administrative penalty on such private career school  
6082 pursuant to section 10a-22i.

6083 (c) If a school ceases to operate as a private career school, it shall (1)  
6084 immediately transmit all student or academic transcripts, described in  
6085 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, to the [executive  
6086 director] commissioner, and (2) keep the [executive director]  
6087 commissioner advised in writing as to the location and availability of all  
6088 other student records or shall file all such other student records with the  
6089 [executive director] commissioner.

6090 (d) The [executive director] commissioner shall maintain all records,  
6091 files and other documents associated with private career schools in a  
6092 manner consistent with the mission and responsibilities of the Office of  
6093 Higher Education.

6094 Sec. 158. Section 10a-22o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6095 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6096 (a) The [executive director] commissioner, through the Attorney

6097 General, may petition the superior court for the judicial district of  
6098 Hartford for the enforcement of any order issued by the [executive  
6099 director] commissioner, and for other appropriate relief. The court may  
6100 issue such orders as are appropriate to aid in enforcement.

6101 (b) The [executive director] commissioner, or the [executive  
6102 director's] commissioner's designee, may conduct any necessary review,  
6103 inspection or investigation regarding applications for certificates of  
6104 authorization or possible violations of sections 10a-22a to 10a-22p,  
6105 inclusive, or any applicable regulations of Connecticut state agencies. In  
6106 connection with any investigation, the [executive director]  
6107 commissioner or the [executive director's] commissioner's designee,  
6108 may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel testimony and order the  
6109 production of any record or document. If any person refuses to appear,  
6110 testify or produce any record or document when so ordered, the  
6111 [executive director] commissioner may seek relief pursuant to  
6112 subsection (a) of this section.

6113 Sec. 159. Section 10a-22p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6114 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6115 (a) On and after January 1, 2020, any private career school, as defined  
6116 in section 10a-22a, that requires any student, as a condition of  
6117 enrollment, to enter into an agreement that (1) limits participation in a  
6118 class action against such school, (2) limits any claim the student may  
6119 have against such school or the damages for such claim, or (3) requires  
6120 the student to assert any claim against such school in a forum that is less  
6121 convenient, more costly or more dilatory for the resolution of a dispute  
6122 than a judicial forum established in the state where the student may  
6123 otherwise properly bring a claim, shall include in its application to the  
6124 Office of Higher Education for initial or renewed certificate of  
6125 authorization pursuant to sections 10a-22b and 10a-22d, a statement (A)  
6126 disclosing the number of claims made against the school, including  
6127 claims made against a parent organization or subsidiary of the school,  
6128 by a student currently or formerly enrolled at the school, (B) describing

6129 the nature of the rights asserted, and (C) updating the status of such  
6130 claims. The school shall submit additional details regarding such claims  
6131 as the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6132 Education may require.

6133 (b) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6134 Education may deny the application for initial or renewed certificate of  
6135 authorization of a private career school or consider a private career  
6136 school ineligible to receive any public funds, including, but not limited  
6137 to, federal funds administered by the office pursuant to section 10a-45 if  
6138 (1) such school fails to include the statement required under subsection  
6139 (a) of this section in its application, or (2) upon review of such statement,  
6140 the [executive director] commissioner determines that the public policy  
6141 of protecting the interests of students in the state requires such denial.

6142 (c) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6143 Education shall have the authority granted under sections 10a-22i, 10a-  
6144 22j and 10a-22o to investigate and enforce the provisions of subsections  
6145 (a) and (b) of this section.

6146 Sec. 160. Section 10a-22r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6147 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6148 Upon the availability of funds to award financial aid grants from the  
6149 private career school student benefit account, there shall be established  
6150 an advisory committee to the [executive director] commissioner  
6151 consisting of seven members appointed by the [executive director]  
6152 commissioner, including a representative of the private career schools,  
6153 a representative from the Office of Higher Education and five members  
6154 chosen from business or industry, state legislators, private career school  
6155 alumni and the general public. Three of the members first appointed to  
6156 the committee shall be appointed for a term of three years and four of  
6157 the members first appointed shall be appointed for a term of two years.  
6158 Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for a term of two years. The  
6159 [executive director] commissioner shall administer the private career

6160 school student benefit account, established pursuant to section 10a-22u,  
6161 with the advice of the advisory committee in accordance with the  
6162 provisions of this section and sections 10a-22s and 10a-22t and may  
6163 assess the account for all direct expenses incurred in the implementation  
6164 of this section. The account shall be used to award financial aid grants  
6165 for the benefit of private career school students. The grants shall be paid  
6166 to the private career school designated by the grant recipient to be  
6167 applied against the tuition expenses of such recipient. If the balance of  
6168 the student protection account is five per cent or less of the annual net  
6169 tuition income of the schools which make payments to the account  
6170 pursuant to section 10a-22u, any unallocated funds in the student  
6171 benefit account shall be transferred to the private career school student  
6172 protection account.

6173       Sec. 161. Section 10a-22s of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6174 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6175       The [executive director] commissioner, with the advice of the  
6176 advisory committee, shall establish the criteria for awarding financial  
6177 aid grants. Applications for grants shall be submitted on such forms and  
6178 in such manner as the [executive director] commissioner, with the  
6179 advice of the advisory committee, shall prescribe. The [executive  
6180 director] commissioner shall establish policies, with the advice of the  
6181 advisory committee, for the return of any portion of a financial aid grant,  
6182 representing tuition of a student, which would otherwise be refundable.

6183       Sec. 162. Section 10a-22u of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6184 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6185       (a) There shall be an account to be known as the private career school  
6186 student protection account within the General Fund. Each private career  
6187 school authorized in accordance with the provisions of sections 10a-22a  
6188 to 10a-22o, inclusive, shall pay to the State Treasurer an amount equal  
6189 to four-tenths of one per cent of the tuition received by such school per  
6190 calendar quarter exclusive of any refunds paid, except that distance

6191 learning and correspondence schools authorized in accordance with the  
6192 provisions of section 10a-22h, shall contribute to said account only for  
6193 Connecticut residents enrolled in such schools. Payments shall be made  
6194 by January thirtieth, April thirtieth, July thirtieth and October thirtieth  
6195 in each year for tuition received during the three months next preceding  
6196 the month of payment. In addition to amounts received based on tuition,  
6197 the account shall also contain any amount required to be deposited into  
6198 the account pursuant to sections 10a-22a to 10a-22o, inclusive. Said  
6199 account shall be used for the purposes of section 10a-22v. Any interest,  
6200 income and dividends derived from the investment of the account shall  
6201 be credited to the account. All direct expenses for the maintenance of  
6202 the account may be charged to the account upon the order of the State  
6203 Comptroller. The [executive director] commissioner may assess the  
6204 account for all direct expenses incurred in the implementation of the  
6205 purposes of this section which are in excess of the normal expenditures  
6206 of the Office of Higher Education.

6207 (b) Payments required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall  
6208 be a condition of doing business in the state and failure to make any  
6209 such payment within thirty days following the date on which it is due  
6210 shall result in the loss of authorization under section 10a-22f. Such  
6211 authorization shall not be issued or renewed if there exists a failure to  
6212 make any such payment in excess of thirty days following the date on  
6213 which it is due.

6214 (c) If an audit conducted by the Office of Higher Education  
6215 determines that a school has paid into the private career school student  
6216 protection account an amount less than was required, the school shall  
6217 pay such amount plus a penalty of ten per cent of the amount required  
6218 to the State Treasurer within thirty days of receipt of notice from the  
6219 [executive director] commissioner or the [executive director's]  
6220 commissioner's designee of the amount of the underpayment and  
6221 penalty.

6222 (d) If an audit conducted by the Office of Higher Education

6223 determines that a school has paid into the private career school student  
6224 protection account an amount more than was required, subsequent  
6225 payment or payments by the school shall be appropriately credited until  
6226 such credited payment or payments equal the amount of the  
6227 overpayment.

6228 Sec. 163. Section 10a-22v of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6229 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6230 Any student enrolled in a private career school authorized in  
6231 accordance with the provisions of sections 10a-22a to 10a-22o, inclusive,  
6232 who is unable to complete an approved course or unit of instruction at  
6233 such school because of the insolvency or cessation of operation of the  
6234 school and who has paid tuition for such course or unit of instruction,  
6235 may, not later than two years after the date on which such school  
6236 became insolvent or ceased operations, make application to the  
6237 [executive director] commissioner for a refund of tuition from the  
6238 account established pursuant to section 10a-22u to the extent that such  
6239 account exists or has reached the level necessary to pay outstanding  
6240 approved claims, except that in the case of distance learning and  
6241 correspondence schools authorized in accordance with the provisions of  
6242 section 10a-22h, only Connecticut residents enrolled in such schools  
6243 may be eligible for such refund. Upon such application, the [executive  
6244 director] commissioner shall determine whether the applicant is unable  
6245 to complete a course or unit of instruction because of the insolvency or  
6246 cessation of operation of the school to which tuition has been paid. The  
6247 [executive director] commissioner may summon by subpoena any  
6248 person, records or documents pertinent to the making of a  
6249 determination regarding insolvency or cessation of operation. For the  
6250 purpose of making any tuition refund pursuant to this section, a school  
6251 shall be deemed to have ceased operation whenever it has failed to  
6252 complete a course or unit of instruction for which the student has paid  
6253 a tuition fee and, as a result, the school's authorization has been revoked  
6254 pursuant to section 10a-22f. If the [executive director] commissioner  
6255 finds that the applicant is entitled to a refund of tuition because of the

6256 insolvency or cessation of operation of the school, the [executive  
6257 director] commissioner shall determine the amount of an appropriate  
6258 refund which shall be equal to the tuition paid for the uncompleted  
6259 course or unit of instruction. Thereafter the [executive director]  
6260 commissioner shall direct the State Treasurer to pay, per order of the  
6261 Comptroller, the refund to the applicant or persons, agencies or  
6262 organizations indicated by the applicant who have paid tuition on the  
6263 student's behalf. If the student is a minor, payment shall be made to the  
6264 student's parent, parents or legal guardian. In no event shall a refund be  
6265 made from the student protection account for any financial aid provided  
6266 to or on behalf of any student in accordance with the provisions of Title  
6267 IV, Part B of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended from time  
6268 to time. Each recipient of a tuition refund made in accordance with the  
6269 provisions of this section shall assign all rights to the state of any action  
6270 against the school or its owner or owners for tuition amounts  
6271 reimbursed pursuant to this section. Upon such assignment, the state  
6272 may take appropriate action against the school or its owner or owners  
6273 in order to reimburse the student protection account for any expenses  
6274 or claims that are paid from the account and to reimburse the state for  
6275 the reasonable and necessary expenses in undertaking such action. Any  
6276 student who falsifies information on an application for tuition  
6277 reimbursement shall lose his or her right to any refund from the account.

6278 Sec. 164. Subsections (e) and (f) of section 10a-34 of the 2024  
6279 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
6280 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6281 (e) If the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6282 Education, or the [executive director's] commissioner's designee,  
6283 determines that further review of an application is needed due at least  
6284 in part to the applicant offering instruction in a new program of higher  
6285 learning or new degree level or the financial condition of the institution  
6286 of higher education is determined to be at risk of imminent closure as a  
6287 result of a financial screening conducted pursuant to the provisions of  
6288 section 10a-34h, then the [executive director] commissioner or the

6289 [executive director's] commissioner's designee shall conduct a focused  
6290 or on-site review. Such applicant shall have an opportunity to state any  
6291 objection regarding any individual selected to review an application on  
6292 behalf of the [executive director] commissioner. For purposes of this  
6293 subsection and subsection (f) of this section, "focused review" means a  
6294 review by an out-of-state curriculum expert; and "on-site review" means  
6295 a full team evaluation by the office at the institution of higher education.

6296 (f) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6297 Education, or the [executive director's] commissioner's designee, may  
6298 require (1) a focused or on-site review of any program application in a  
6299 field requiring a license to practice in Connecticut, and (2) evidence that  
6300 a program application in a field requiring a license to practice in  
6301 Connecticut meets the state or federal licensing requirements for such  
6302 license.

6303 Sec. 165. Section 10a-34a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6304 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6305 (a) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6306 Education may assess any person, school, board, association or  
6307 corporation which violates any provision of section 10a-34, 10a-34g  
6308 or 10a-35 an administrative penalty in an amount not to exceed five  
6309 hundred dollars for each day of such violation.

6310 (b) (1) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6311 Education shall serve written notice upon the person, school, board,  
6312 association or corporation when the assessment of such an  
6313 administrative penalty is under consideration. The notice shall set forth  
6314 the reasons for the assessment of the penalty.

6315 (2) Not later than forty-five days after the [executive director]  
6316 commissioner or the [executive director's] commissioner's designee  
6317 mails notice pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to such  
6318 person, school, board, association or corporation, the [executive  
6319 director] commissioner or the [executive director's] commissioner's



6320 designee shall hold a compliance conference with such person, school,  
6321 board, association or corporation.

6322 (c) If, after the compliance conference pursuant to subsection (b) of  
6323 this section, the [executive director] commissioner determines that  
6324 imposition of the administrative penalty is appropriate, the [executive  
6325 director] commissioner shall issue an order and serve written notice by  
6326 certified mail, return receipt requested upon the person, school, board,  
6327 association or corporation.

6328 (d) The person, school, board, association or corporation aggrieved  
6329 by the order of the [executive director] commissioner imposing an  
6330 administrative penalty pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall,  
6331 not later than fifteen days after such order is mailed, request, in writing,  
6332 a hearing before the Office of Higher Education. Such hearing shall be  
6333 held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54.

6334 Sec. 166. Section 10a-34b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6335 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6336 The [executive director] Commissioner of Higher Education, through  
6337 the Attorney General, may seek an order from the Superior Court to  
6338 prevent any violation of sections 10a-34, 10a-34g and 10a-35 through the  
6339 use of an injunction in accordance with the provisions of chapter 916.

6340 Sec. 167. Section 10a-34c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6341 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6342 The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6343 Education may conduct an investigation and, through the Attorney  
6344 General, maintain an action in the name of the state against any person,  
6345 school, board, association or corporation to restrain or prevent the  
6346 establishment or operation of an institution that is not authorized to  
6347 award degrees by the Office of Higher Education pursuant to the  
6348 provisions of section 10a-34.

6349 Sec. 168. Section 10a-34d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6350 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6351 The Office of Higher Education, through the Attorney General, may  
6352 petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford for the  
6353 enforcement of any order issued by the office or the [executive director]  
6354 Commissioner of Higher Education, and for other appropriate relief.  
6355 The court may issue such orders as are appropriate to aid in  
6356 enforcement.

6357 Sec. 169. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 10a-34e of the general  
6358 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
6359 (*Effective from passage*):

6360 (a) The Office of Higher Education may conduct any necessary  
6361 review, inspection or investigation regarding applications for  
6362 authorization or possible violations of this section, sections 10a-34 to  
6363 10a-34d, inclusive, section 10a-34g or any applicable regulations of  
6364 Connecticut state agencies. In connection with any investigation, the  
6365 [executive director] Commissioner of Higher Education or the  
6366 [executive director's] commissioner's designee, may administer oaths,  
6367 issue subpoenas, compel testimony and order the production of any  
6368 record or document. If any person refuses to appear, testify or produce  
6369 any record or document when so ordered, the [executive director]  
6370 commissioner may seek relief pursuant to section 10a-34d.

6371 (b) If the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6372 Education determines that an institution of higher education that is not  
6373 regionally accredited is exhibiting financial and administrative  
6374 indicators that such institution is in danger of closing, the [executive  
6375 director] commissioner may require such institution to facilitate a teach-  
6376 out, as defined in section 10a-22m, provided the [executive director]  
6377 commissioner and such institution previously discussed a teach-out that  
6378 ensures that current students of such institution are able to complete  
6379 their programs without significant impact.

6380 Sec. 170. Section 10a-34g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6381 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6382 (a) On and after January 1, 2020, any for-profit institution of higher  
6383 education licensed to operate in the state that requires any student, as a  
6384 condition of enrollment, to enter into an agreement that (1) limits  
6385 participation in a class action against such institution, (2) limits any  
6386 claim the student may have against such institution or the damages for  
6387 such claim, or (3) requires the student to assert any claim against such  
6388 institution in a forum that is less convenient, more costly or more  
6389 dilatory for the resolution of a dispute than a judicial forum established  
6390 in the state where the student may otherwise properly bring a claim,  
6391 shall include in its application to the Office of Higher Education for  
6392 authorization pursuant to section 10a-34, a statement (A) disclosing the  
6393 number of claims made against the institution, including claims made  
6394 against a parent organization or subsidiary of the institution, by a  
6395 student currently or formerly enrolled at the institution, (B) a  
6396 description of the nature of the rights asserted, and (C) the status of such  
6397 claims. The institution shall submit additional details regarding such  
6398 claims as the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6399 Education may require.

6400 (b) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6401 Education may deny the application for initial or renewed license or  
6402 accreditation of a for-profit institution of higher education or consider a  
6403 for-profit institution of higher education ineligible to receive any public  
6404 funds, including, but not limited to, federal funds administered by the  
6405 office pursuant to section 10a-45 if (1) such institution fails to include  
6406 the statement required under subsection (a) of this section in its  
6407 application, or (2) upon review of such statement, the [executive  
6408 director] commissioner determines that the public policy of protecting  
6409 the interests of students in the state requires such denial.  
6410 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (i) of section 10a-34, the  
6411 [executive director] commissioner may deny the accreditation of an  
6412 institution of higher education, for the purposes of this subsection, by

6413 refusing to accept or withdrawing any previous acceptance of regional  
6414 accreditation made under subsection (i) of said section.

6415 (c) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6416 Education shall have the authority granted under sections 10a-34a, 10a-  
6417 34b and 10a-34e to investigate and enforce the provisions of subsections  
6418 (a) and (b) of this section.

6419 Sec. 171. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 10a-34h of the  
6420 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
6421 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6422 (b) The Office of Higher Education shall enter into a memorandum of  
6423 understanding with one or more accrediting agencies to conduct an  
6424 annual financial screening of each independent institution of higher  
6425 education in the state. If an independent institution of higher education  
6426 does not complete an annual financial screening with an accrediting  
6427 agency, such financial screening shall be conducted by the office in the  
6428 form and manner prescribed by the [executive director] commissioner  
6429 of said office. The office may determine that an independent institution  
6430 of higher education is at risk of imminent closure through (1) a financial  
6431 screening conducted by the office, or (2) acceptance by the office of such  
6432 determination made by an accrediting agency. Upon determining that  
6433 an independent institution of higher education is at risk of imminent  
6434 closure, the office shall submit a summary of the reasons for such  
6435 determination to such institution.

6436 (c) Upon receiving a summary from the Office of Higher Education  
6437 that an independent institution of higher education has been  
6438 determined to be at risk of imminent closure, such institution shall  
6439 submit to the office, in the form and manner prescribed by the [executive  
6440 director] commissioner of said office, (1) notice of any known financial  
6441 liability or risk, (2) any information necessary to accurately determine  
6442 and monitor the institution's financial status and risk of imminent  
6443 closure, and (3) an updated closure plan approved by the governing

6444 board of such institution pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10a-34e.

6445 (d) If any independent institution of higher education in the state fails  
6446 to comply with the requirements of this section, the [executive director  
6447 of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education may request the  
6448 suspension of any state funding designated for such institution,  
6449 establish a date to suspend or revoke such institution's degree-granting  
6450 authority or impose such other penalties the [executive director]  
6451 commissioner deems appropriate.

6452 Sec. 172. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 10a-35b of the  
6453 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
6454 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6455 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the [executive director of the Office]  
6456 Commissioner of Higher Education, in consultation with the advisory  
6457 council established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, shall create  
6458 a database of credentials offered in the state for the purpose of  
6459 explaining the skills and competencies earned through a credential in  
6460 uniform terms and plain language. In creating the database, the  
6461 [executive director] commissioner shall utilize the minimum data policy  
6462 of the New England Board of Higher Education's High Value  
6463 Credentials for New England initiative, the uniform terms and  
6464 descriptions of Credentials Engine's Credential Transparency  
6465 Description Language and the uniform standards for comparing and  
6466 linking credentials in Credential Engine's Credential Transparency  
6467 Description Language-Achievement Standards Network. At a  
6468 minimum, the database shall include the following information for each  
6469 credential: (1) Credential status type, (2) the entity that owns or offers  
6470 the credential, (3) the type of credential being offered, (4) a short  
6471 description of the credential, (5) the name of the credential, (6) the  
6472 Internet web site that provides information relating to the credential, (7)  
6473 the language in which the credential is offered, (8) the estimated  
6474 duration for completion, (9) the industry related to the credential which  
6475 may include its code under the North American Industry Classification

6476 System, (10) the occupation related to the credential which may include  
6477 its code under the standard occupational classification system of the  
6478 Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor or  
6479 under The Occupational Information Network, (11) the estimated cost  
6480 for earning the credential, and (12) a listing of online or physical  
6481 locations where the credential is offered.

6482 (c) There is established an advisory council for the purpose of  
6483 advising the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6484 Education on the implementation of the database created pursuant to  
6485 subsection (b) of this section. The advisory council shall consist of (1)  
6486 representatives from the Office of Workforce Strategy, Office of Higher  
6487 Education, Office of Policy and Management, Labor Department,  
6488 Department of Education, Connecticut State Colleges and Universities,  
6489 The University of Connecticut and independent institutions of higher  
6490 education, and (2) the Chief Data Officer, or such officer's designee. The  
6491 Chief Workforce Officer, the Chief Data Officer and the [executive  
6492 director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education, or their  
6493 designees, shall be cochairpersons of the advisory council and shall  
6494 schedule the meetings of the advisory council.

6495 (d) Not later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, each regional  
6496 workforce development board, community action agency, as defined in  
6497 section 17b-885, institution of higher education, private career school,  
6498 provider of an alternate route to certification program approved by the  
6499 State Board of Education, and provider of a training program listed on  
6500 the Labor Department's Eligible Training Provider List shall submit  
6501 information, in the form and manner prescribed by the [executive  
6502 director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education, about any  
6503 credential offered by such institution, school or provider for inclusion  
6504 in the database created pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Such  
6505 information shall include, but need not be limited to, the data described  
6506 in subdivisions (1) to (12), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section,  
6507 except an institution of higher education may omit the data required  
6508 pursuant to subdivisions (6), (9) and (10) of subsection (b) of this section

6509 if such data is not applicable to a credential offered by such institution.

6510 Sec. 173. Subsection (a) of section 10a-35c of the general statutes is  
6511 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
6512 *passage*):

6513 (a) The Office of Workforce Strategy, established pursuant to section  
6514 4-124w, shall, in consultation with the Chief Data Officer, the Board of  
6515 Trustees of The University of Connecticut, the Board of Regents for  
6516 Higher Education, the Labor Commissioner, the Commissioner of  
6517 Education, the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of  
6518 Higher Education or any other stakeholder as identified by the Chief  
6519 Workforce Officer, establish standards for designating certain  
6520 credentials, as defined in section 10a-34h, as credentials of value. Such  
6521 standards may include, but need not be limited to, meeting the  
6522 workforce needs of employers in the state, completion rates, net cost,  
6523 whether the credential transfers to or stacks onto another credential of  
6524 value, average time to completion, types of employment opportunities  
6525 available upon completion and earnings upon completion. The Office of  
6526 Workforce Strategy shall not require the submission of an application or  
6527 any other information from a provider of a credential for such credential  
6528 to be designated a credential of value.

6529 Sec. 174. Subsection (c) of section 10a-48 of the general statutes is  
6530 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
6531 *passage*):

6532 (c) There is established a Connecticut Campus Compact for Student  
6533 Community Service to review opportunities and initiatives for, and  
6534 develop plans to encourage and support, student community service  
6535 programs at institutions of higher education in the state or which  
6536 involve cooperation and coordination among such institutions. The  
6537 compact shall be composed of the chief executive officer or president of  
6538 each public and independent institution of higher education in the state  
6539 and the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher

6540 Education, or their designees. On or before October 1, 1989, and at least  
6541 annually thereafter, the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner  
6542 of Higher Education shall convene the members of the compact.

6543 Sec. 175. Section 10a-48b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6544 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6545 The Office of Higher Education may, within the limits of available  
6546 appropriations, provide grants on a competitive basis to public and  
6547 nonprofit service entities seeking to participate in the federal National  
6548 and Community Service Trust Program pursuant to 42 USC 12501 et  
6549 seq., in order to assist such service entities in meeting federal matching  
6550 fund requirements for service placements, provided no grant shall  
6551 exceed one-half of the federally unreimbursed cost to the service entity  
6552 for providing such placements. Applications for grants pursuant to this  
6553 section shall be made at such time and in such manner as the [executive  
6554 director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education prescribes.

6555 Sec. 176. Section 10a-55y of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6556 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6557 The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6558 Education and the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction  
6559 Services, in consultation with an epidemiologist or other specialist with  
6560 expertise in mental health issues at institutions of higher education, may  
6561 jointly offer training workshops for the campus mental health coalitions  
6562 established pursuant to section 10a-55x regarding best practices for the  
6563 assessment and provision of mental health services and programming  
6564 at institutions of higher education.

6565 Sec. 177. Section 10a-57 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6566 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6567 The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6568 Education shall report on or before March 1, 2013, and annually  
6569 thereafter, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint



6570 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
6571 matters relating to higher education and appropriations and the  
6572 budgets of state agencies on state, regional and national trends  
6573 regarding Connecticut higher education, including, but not limited to,  
6574 expenditures, funding, enrollment, faculty and staff positions, cost  
6575 sharing and student financial aid. The Office of Higher Education shall  
6576 collect such data and information as it deems necessary for the  
6577 development of such annual report.

6578 Sec. 178. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10a-77a of the  
6579 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
6580 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6581 (2) (A) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30,  
6582 2006, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment  
6583 fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with  
6584 section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for the  
6585 Community-Technical College System a grant in an amount equal to  
6586 half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received by or  
6587 for the benefit of the community-technical college system as a whole and  
6588 each regional community-technical college for the calendar year ending  
6589 the December thirty-first preceding the commencement of such fiscal  
6590 year, as certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees by February  
6591 fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii)  
6592 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
6593 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state  
6594 agencies, and (iii) the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of  
6595 Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed the endowment  
6596 fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the  
6597 grant is made.

6598 (B) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2014,  
6599 inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund  
6600 eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with section  
6601 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for the Community-

6602 Technical College System a grant in an amount equal to one-quarter of  
6603 the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts, except as provided  
6604 in this subdivision, received by or for the benefit of the community-  
6605 technical college system as a whole and each regional community-  
6606 technical college for the calendar year ending the December thirty-first  
6607 preceding the commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the  
6608 chairperson of the board of trustees by February fifteenth to (i) the  
6609 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing  
6610 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
6611 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii) the  
6612 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education,  
6613 provided such sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant  
6614 maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made.  
6615 Endowment fund eligible gifts that meet the criteria set forth in this  
6616 subdivision, made by donors during the period from January 1, 2005, to  
6617 June 30, 2005, shall continue to be matched by the Office of Higher  
6618 Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total amount of  
6619 endowment fund eligible gifts received. Commitments by donors to  
6620 make endowment fund eligible gifts for two or more years that meet the  
6621 criteria set forth in this subdivision and that are made for the period  
6622 prior to December 31, 2004, but ending before December 31, 2012, shall  
6623 continue to be matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount  
6624 equal to one-half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts  
6625 received through the commitment.

6626 (C) In any such fiscal year in which the total of the eligible gifts  
6627 received by the community-technical colleges exceeds the endowment  
6628 fund state grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year the amount  
6629 in excess of such endowment fund state grant maximum commitment  
6630 shall be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any  
6631 succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the  
6632 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment  
6633 fund state grant maximum commitment. Any endowment fund eligible  
6634 gifts that are not included in the total amount of endowment fund

6635 eligible gifts certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees  
6636 pursuant to this subdivision may be carried forward and be eligible for  
6637 a matching state grant in any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year  
6638 ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive,  
6639 subject to the endowment fund state matching grant commitment for  
6640 such fiscal year.

6641 Sec. 179. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10a-99a of the  
6642 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
6643 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6644 (2) (A) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30,  
6645 2006, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment  
6646 fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with  
6647 section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for the  
6648 Connecticut State University System a grant in an amount equal to half  
6649 of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received by or for  
6650 the benefit of the Connecticut State University System as a whole and  
6651 each state university for the calendar year ending the December thirty-  
6652 first preceding the commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the  
6653 chairperson of the board of trustees by February fifteenth to (i) the  
6654 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing  
6655 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
6656 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii) the  
6657 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education,  
6658 provided such sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant  
6659 maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made.

6660 (B) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2014,  
6661 inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund  
6662 eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with section  
6663 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for the Connecticut State  
6664 University System a grant in an amount equal to one-quarter of the total  
6665 amount of endowment fund eligible gifts, except as provided for in this  
6666 subdivision, received by or for the benefit of the Connecticut State

6667 University System as a whole and each state university for the calendar  
6668 year ending the December thirty-first preceding the commencement of  
6669 such fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees  
6670 by February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
6671 Management, (ii) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
6672 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets  
6673 of state agencies, and (iii) the [executive director of the Office]  
6674 Commissioner of Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed  
6675 the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal  
6676 year in which the grant is made. Endowment fund eligible gifts that  
6677 meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision, made by donors during  
6678 the period from January 1, 2005, to June 30, 2005, shall continue to be  
6679 matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount equal to one-  
6680 half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received.  
6681 Commitments by donors to make endowment fund eligible gifts for two  
6682 or more years that meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision and that  
6683 are made for the period prior to December 31, 2004, but ending before  
6684 December 31, 2012, shall continue to be matched by the Office of Higher  
6685 Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total amount of  
6686 endowment fund eligible gifts received.

6687 (C) In any such fiscal year in which the total of the eligible gifts  
6688 received by the Connecticut State University System as a whole and  
6689 each state university exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum  
6690 commitment for such fiscal year the amount in excess of such  
6691 endowment fund state grant maximum commitment shall be carried  
6692 forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding  
6693 fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year  
6694 ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment fund state  
6695 grant maximum commitment. Any endowment fund eligible gifts that  
6696 are not included in the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts  
6697 certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees pursuant to this  
6698 subdivision may be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state  
6699 grant in any succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30,

6700 2000, to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the  
6701 endowment fund state matching grant maximum commitment for such  
6702 fiscal year.

6703 Sec. 180. Subsection (a) of section 10a-104 of the general statutes is  
6704 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
6705 *passage*):

6706 (a) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall: (1)  
6707 Make rules for the government of the university and shall determine the  
6708 general policies of the university, including those concerning the  
6709 admission of students and the establishment of schools, colleges,  
6710 divisions and departments, which policies shall be consistent with the  
6711 goals identified in section 10a-11c, and shall direct the expenditure of  
6712 the university's funds within the amounts available; (2) develop the  
6713 mission statement for The University of Connecticut, and all campuses  
6714 thereof, that shall be consistent with such goals and include, but not be  
6715 limited to, the following elements: (A) The educational needs of and  
6716 constituencies served by said university and campuses; (B) the degrees  
6717 offered by said university; and (C) the role and scope of each institution  
6718 and campus within the university system, which shall include each  
6719 institution's and campus' particular strengths and specialties; (3)  
6720 establish policies for the university system and for the individual  
6721 institutions and campuses under its jurisdiction; (4) review and approve  
6722 recommendations for the establishment of new academic programs; (5)  
6723 report all new programs and program changes to the Office of Higher  
6724 Education; (6) make recommendations, when appropriate, regarding  
6725 institutional or campus mergers or closures; (7) coordinate the programs  
6726 and services of the institutions and campuses under its jurisdiction; (8)  
6727 be authorized to enter into agreements, consistent with the provisions  
6728 of section 5-141d, to save harmless and indemnify sponsors of research  
6729 grants to The University of Connecticut, provided such an agreement is  
6730 required to receive the grant and limits liability to damages or injury  
6731 resulting from acts or omissions related to such research by employees  
6732 of the university; (9) promote fund-raising to assist the university and

6733 report to the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher  
6734 Education and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
6735 having cognizance of matters relating to education by January 1, 1994,  
6736 and biennially thereafter, on such fund-raising; (10) charge the direct  
6737 costs for a building project under its jurisdiction to the bond fund  
6738 account for such project, provided (A) such costs are charged in  
6739 accordance with a procedure approved by the Treasurer and (B) nothing  
6740 in this subdivision shall permit the charging of working capital costs, as  
6741 defined in the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of  
6742 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the  
6743 United States, as from time to time amended, or costs originally paid  
6744 from sources other than the bond fund account; (11) exercise the powers  
6745 delegated to it pursuant to section 10a-109d; and (12) establish by  
6746 October 1, 1997, policies governing the acceptance of gifts made by a  
6747 foundation established pursuant to sections 4-37e and 4-37f to the  
6748 university or its employees for reimbursement of expenditures or  
6749 payment of expenditures on behalf of the university or its employees.

6750 Sec. 181. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10a-109i of the  
6751 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
6752 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6753 (2) (A) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1999, to June 30,  
6754 2006, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment  
6755 fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with  
6756 section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the endowment fund for the university a  
6757 grant in an amount equal to half of the total amount of endowment fund  
6758 eligible gifts, except as provided in this subparagraph, received by the  
6759 university or for the benefit of the university for the calendar year  
6760 ending the December thirty-first preceding the commencement of such  
6761 fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees by  
6762 February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
6763 Management, (ii) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
6764 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets  
6765 of state agencies, and (iii) the [executive director of the Office]

6766 Commissioner of Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed  
6767 the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal  
6768 year in which the grant is made. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1999,  
6769 and June 30, 2000, the Office of Higher Education shall deposit in the  
6770 endowment fund for the university grants in total amounts which shall  
6771 not exceed the endowment fund state grant, as defined in subdivision  
6772 (7) of section 10a-109c of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised  
6773 to January 1, 1997, and which shall be equal to the amounts certified by  
6774 the chairperson of the board of trustees for each such fiscal year of  
6775 endowment fund eligible gifts received by the university or for the  
6776 benefit of the university and for which written commitments were made  
6777 prior to July 1, 1997. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, the funds  
6778 required to be deposited in the endowment fund pursuant to this  
6779 subparagraph shall be appropriated to the university for such purpose  
6780 and not appropriated to the fund established pursuant to section 10a-  
6781 8b.

6782 (B) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2014,  
6783 inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund  
6784 eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with section  
6785 10a-8b, shall deposit in the endowment fund for the university a grant  
6786 in an amount equal to one-quarter of the total amount of endowment  
6787 fund eligible gifts, except as provided in this subdivision, received by  
6788 the university or for the benefit of the university for the calendar year  
6789 ending the December thirty-first preceding the commencement of such  
6790 fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the board of trustees by  
6791 February fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
6792 Management, (ii) the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
6793 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets  
6794 of state agencies, and (iii) the [executive director of the Office]  
6795 Commissioner of Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed  
6796 the endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal  
6797 year in which the grant is made. Endowment fund eligible gifts that  
6798 meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision, made by donors during

6799 the period from January 1, 2005, to June 30, 2005, shall continue to be  
6800 matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount equal to one-  
6801 half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts received.  
6802 Commitments by donors to make endowment fund eligible gifts for two  
6803 or more years that meet the criteria set forth in this subdivision and that  
6804 are made for the period prior to December 31, 2004, but ending before  
6805 December 31, 2012, shall continue to be matched by the Office of Higher  
6806 Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total amount of  
6807 endowment fund eligible gifts received through the commitment.

6808 (C) In any such fiscal year in which the eligible gifts received by the  
6809 university exceed the endowment fund state grant maximum  
6810 commitment for such fiscal year, the amount in excess of such  
6811 endowment fund state grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year  
6812 shall be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any  
6813 succeeding fiscal year, from the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, to the  
6814 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment  
6815 fund state grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year. Any  
6816 endowment fund eligible gifts that are not included in the total amount  
6817 of endowment fund eligible gifts certified by the chairperson of the  
6818 board of trustees pursuant to this subparagraph may be carried forward  
6819 and be eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding fiscal year  
6820 from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June  
6821 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment fund state matching grant  
6822 maximum commitment for such fiscal year.

6823 Sec. 182. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10a-143a of the  
6824 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
6825 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6826 (2) (A) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30,  
6827 2006, inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment  
6828 fund eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with  
6829 section 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for Charter Oak  
6830 State College a grant in an amount equal to half of the total amount of



6831 endowment fund eligible gifts received by or for the benefit of Charter  
6832 Oak State College for the calendar year ending the December thirty-first  
6833 preceding the commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the  
6834 chairperson of the Board of Regents for Higher Education by February  
6835 fifteenth to (i) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii)  
6836 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
6837 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state  
6838 agencies, and (iii) the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of  
6839 Higher Education, provided such sums do not exceed the endowment  
6840 fund state grant maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the  
6841 grant is made.

6842 (B) For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2014,  
6843 inclusive, as part of the state contract with donors of endowment fund  
6844 eligible gifts, the Office of Higher Education, in accordance with section  
6845 10a-8b, shall deposit in the Endowment Fund for Charter Oak State  
6846 College a grant in an amount equal to one-quarter of the total amount  
6847 of endowment fund eligible gifts, except as provided in this subdivision,  
6848 received by or for the benefit of Charter Oak State College for the  
6849 calendar year ending the December thirty-first preceding the  
6850 commencement of such fiscal year, as certified by the chairperson of the  
6851 Board of Regents for Higher Education by February fifteenth to (i) the  
6852 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, (ii) the joint standing  
6853 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
6854 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, and (iii) the  
6855 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education,  
6856 provided such sums do not exceed the endowment fund state grant  
6857 maximum commitment for the fiscal year in which the grant is made.  
6858 Endowment fund eligible gifts that meet the criteria set forth in this  
6859 subdivision, made by donors during the period from January 1, 2005, to  
6860 June 30, 2005, shall continue to be matched by the Office of Higher  
6861 Education in an amount equal to one-half of the total amount of  
6862 endowment fund eligible gifts received. Commitments by donors to  
6863 make endowment fund eligible gifts for two or more years that meet the

6864 criteria set forth in this subdivision and that are made for the period  
6865 prior to December 31, 2004, but ending before December 31, 2012, shall  
6866 continue to be matched by the Office of Higher Education in an amount  
6867 equal to one-half of the total amount of endowment fund eligible gifts  
6868 received through the commitment.

6869 (C) In any such fiscal year in which the total of the eligible gifts  
6870 received by Charter Oak State College exceeds the endowment fund  
6871 state grant maximum commitment for such fiscal year the amount in  
6872 excess of such endowment fund state grant maximum commitment  
6873 shall be carried forward and be eligible for a matching state grant in any  
6874 succeeding fiscal year from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the  
6875 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment  
6876 fund state grant maximum commitment. Any endowment fund eligible  
6877 gifts that are not included in the total amount of endowment fund  
6878 eligible gifts certified by the chairperson of the Board of Regents for  
6879 Higher Education pursuant to this subdivision may be carried forward  
6880 and be eligible for a matching state grant in any succeeding fiscal year  
6881 from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the fiscal year ending June  
6882 30, 2014, inclusive, subject to the endowment fund state matching grant  
6883 maximum commitment for such fiscal year.

6884 Sec. 183. Section 10a-154e of the 2024 supplement to the general  
6885 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
6886 (*Effective from passage*):

6887 (a) On or before January 1, 2024, the Office of Higher Education shall  
6888 establish and administer, within available appropriations, an adjunct  
6889 professor incentive grant program. The program shall provide an  
6890 incentive grant in an amount of twenty thousand dollars to each  
6891 licensed health care provider who (1) accepts a position as an adjunct  
6892 professor at a public institution of higher education that was offered to  
6893 such provider after being considered as an applicant for such position  
6894 pursuant to section 10a-154d, and (2) remains in such position for not  
6895 less than one academic year. Each licensed health care provider who

6896 receives a grant under this subsection shall be eligible for an additional  
6897 grant in an amount of twenty thousand dollars if the provider remains  
6898 in such position for not less than two academic years. The [executive  
6899 director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education shall establish  
6900 the application process for the grant program.

6901 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the  
6902 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education  
6903 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the  
6904 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
6905 matters relating to public health regarding the number and  
6906 demographics of the adjunct professors who applied for and received  
6907 incentive grants from the adjunct professor grant program established  
6908 under subsection (a) of this section, the number and types of classes  
6909 taught by such adjunct professors, the institutions of higher education  
6910 employing such adjunct professors and any other information deemed  
6911 pertinent by the [executive director] commissioner.

6912 Sec. 184. Section 10a-164b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
6913 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6914 (a) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, to June 30, 2025,  
6915 inclusive, the Office of Higher Education shall administer a grant  
6916 program to provide grants to public and independent institutions of  
6917 higher education, for the delivery of mental health services to students  
6918 on campus.

6919 (b) On and after January 1, 2023, applications for grants pursuant to  
6920 subsection (a) of this section shall be filed with the [executive director of  
6921 the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education at such time, and in such  
6922 manner, as the [executive director] commissioner prescribes. As part of  
6923 the application, the applicant shall submit a plan for the expenditure of  
6924 grant funds.

6925 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the [executive director of  
6926 the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education may award a grant to an

6927 applicant and shall determine the amount of the grant award based on  
6928 the plan submitted by such applicant pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
6929 section. The [executive director] commissioner shall pay a grant to each  
6930 grant recipient in each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, to June  
6931 30, 2025, inclusive, as follows: (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023,  
6932 the amount of the grant shall be as determined by the commissioner  
6933 under this subsection; (2) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the  
6934 amount of the grant shall be the same amount as the grant awarded for  
6935 the prior fiscal year; and (3) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the  
6936 amount of the grant shall be seventy per cent of the amount of the grant  
6937 awarded for the prior fiscal year.

6938 (d) Grant recipients shall file expenditure reports with the [executive  
6939 director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education at such time  
6940 and in such manner as the [executive director] commissioner prescribes.  
6941 A grant recipient shall only expend grant funds received under this  
6942 section in accordance with the plan submitted pursuant to subsection  
6943 (b) of this section, and a grant recipient may not use such grant funds  
6944 received under this section for the purpose of any operating expenses  
6945 that existed prior to receipt of such grant. Grant recipients shall refund  
6946 to the Office of Higher Education (1) any unexpended amounts at the  
6947 close of the fiscal year in which the grant was awarded, and (2) any  
6948 amounts not expended in accordance with the plan for which such grant  
6949 application was approved.

6950 (e) Each grant recipient, in collaboration with the Office of Higher  
6951 Education, shall develop metrics to annually track and calculate the  
6952 utilization rate of the grant program for such grant recipient in order to  
6953 measure the success of the program. Such grant recipient shall annually  
6954 submit such metrics and utilization rate to the office.

6955 (f) For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section, the  
6956 Office of Higher Education may accept funds from private sources or  
6957 any other state agency, gifts, grants and donations, including, but not  
6958 limited to, in-kind contributions.

6959 (g) (1) Not later than January 1, 2024, and each January first thereafter,  
6960 until and including January 1, 2026, the [executive director of the Office]  
6961 Commissioner of Higher Education shall submit a report, in accordance  
6962 with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the utilization rate for each grant  
6963 recipient calculated pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, to the joint  
6964 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
6965 matters relating to higher education.

6966 (2) Not later than January 1, 2026, the [executive director]  
6967 commissioner shall develop recommendations concerning (A) whether  
6968 such grant program should be extended and funded for the fiscal year  
6969 ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, and (B) the amount  
6970 of the grant award under the program. The [executive director]  
6971 commissioner shall submit such recommendations, in accordance with  
6972 the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the  
6973 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
6974 education.

6975 Sec. 185. Subsection (d) of section 10a-168b of the general statutes is  
6976 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
6977 *passage*):

6978 (d) Persons may apply to the Office of Higher Education for grants  
6979 under this section at such time and in such manner as the [executive  
6980 director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education prescribes.

6981 Sec. 186. Subdivision (10) of subsection (b) of section 2-137 of the 2024  
6982 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
6983 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6984 (10) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
6985 Strategy, or the [executive director's] commissioner's designee;

6986 Sec. 187. Section 4-5 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is  
6987 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
6988 *passage*):

6989 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"  
6990 means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
6991 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue  
6992 Services, Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and  
6993 Families, Commissioner of Consumer Protection, Commissioner of  
6994 Correction, Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
6995 State Board of Education, Commissioner of Emergency Services and  
6996 Public Protection, Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
6997 Protection, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public  
6998 Health, Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Commissioner  
6999 of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Commissioner of Social  
7000 Services, Commissioner of Developmental Services, Commissioner of  
7001 Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of Transportation, Commissioner of  
7002 Veterans Affairs, Commissioner of Housing, Commissioner of Aging  
7003 and Disability Services, Commissioner of Early Childhood, [executive  
7004 director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy, executive  
7005 director of the Office of Military Affairs, executive director of the  
7006 Technical Education and Career System, Chief Workforce Officer and  
7007 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Higher Education. As  
7008 used in sections 4-6 and 4-7, "department head" also means the  
7009 Commissioner of Education.

7010 Sec. 188. Section 10-532 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes  
7011 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
7012 *passage*):

7013 (a) As used in this section, "universal nurse home visiting" means an  
7014 evidence-based nurse home visiting model in which a registered nurse,  
7015 licensed pursuant to chapter 378, with specialized training provides  
7016 services in the home to families with newborns in accordance with the  
7017 provisions of this section.

7018 (b) The Commissioner of Early Childhood, in collaboration with the  
7019 Commissioners of Social Services, [and] Public Health and [the  
7020 Executive Director of the Office of] Health Strategy, shall, within

7021 available appropriations, develop a state-wide program to offer  
7022 universal nurse home visiting services to all families with newborns  
7023 residing in the state to support parental health, healthy child  
7024 development and strengthen families.

7025 (c) When developing the program, said commissioners [and  
7026 executive director,] shall (1) consult with insurers that offer health  
7027 benefit plans in the state, hospitals, local public health authorities,  
7028 existing early childhood home visiting programs, community-based  
7029 organizations and social service providers; and (2) maximize the use of  
7030 available federal funding.

7031 (d) The program shall provide universal nurse home visiting services  
7032 that are (1) evidence-based, and (2) designed to improve outcomes in  
7033 one or more of the following areas: (A) Child safety; (B) child health and  
7034 development; (C) family economic self-sufficiency; (D) maternal and  
7035 parental health; (E) positive parenting; (F) reducing child mistreatment;  
7036 (G) reducing family violence; (H) parent-infant bonding; and (I) any  
7037 other appropriate area established, in writing, by the Commissioners of  
7038 Early Childhood, Social Services, [and] Public Health and [the executive  
7039 director of the Office of] Health Strategy.

7040 (e) The universal nurse home visiting services provided pursuant to  
7041 the program shall (1) be voluntary and carry no negative consequences  
7042 for a family that declines to participate, (2) include an evidence-based  
7043 assessment of the physical, social and emotional factors affecting a  
7044 family receiving such services, (3) include at least one visit during a  
7045 newborn's first three months of life or other time frame as deemed  
7046 appropriate by said commissioners [and executive director] and that is  
7047 consistent with an evidence-based model, (4) allow families to choose  
7048 up to a certain number of additional visits consistent with such model,  
7049 (5) include a follow-up visit no later than three months or other time  
7050 frame established by such model after the last visit, and (6) provide  
7051 information and referrals to address each family's identified needs. Such  
7052 services may be offered in every community in the state and to all

7053 families with newborns based on the full extent of available provider  
7054 capacity.

7055 (f) The Commissioner of Social Services may seek approval of an  
7056 amendment to the state Medicaid plan or a waiver from federal law to  
7057 provide coverage for universal nurse home visiting services provided  
7058 pursuant to this section and in a time frame and manner to ensure that  
7059 such coverage does not duplicate other applicable federal funding.

7060 (g) The Commissioner of Early Childhood, in collaboration with the  
7061 Commissioners of Social Services, [and] Public Health and [the  
7062 executive director of the Office of] Health Strategy, shall collect and  
7063 analyze data generated by the program to assess the effectiveness of the  
7064 program in meeting the goals described in subsection (d) of this section  
7065 and collaborate with other state agencies to develop protocols for  
7066 sharing such data, including the timely sharing of data with primary  
7067 care providers that provide care to families with newborns receiving  
7068 universal nurse home visiting services pursuant to the provisions of this  
7069 section.

7070 Sec. 189. Subsections (b) to (f), inclusive, of section 17b-59a of the  
7071 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
7072 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7073 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the  
7074 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy,  
7075 [established under section 19a-754a,] shall (1) develop, throughout the  
7076 Departments of Developmental Services, Public Health, Correction,  
7077 Children and Families, Veterans Affairs and Mental Health and  
7078 Addiction Services, uniform management information, uniform  
7079 statistical information, uniform terminology for similar facilities, and  
7080 uniform electronic health information technology standards, (2) plan for  
7081 increased participation of the private sector in the delivery of human  
7082 services, and (3) provide direction and coordination to federally funded  
7083 programs in the human services agencies and recommend uniform



7084 system improvements and reallocation of physical resources and  
7085 designation of a single responsibility across human services agencies  
7086 lines to facilitate shared services and eliminate duplication.

7087 (c) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
7088 Strategy shall, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services  
7089 and the State Health Information Technology Advisory Council,  
7090 established pursuant to section 17b-59f, implement and periodically  
7091 revise the state-wide health information technology plan established  
7092 pursuant to this section and shall establish electronic data standards to  
7093 facilitate the development of integrated electronic health information  
7094 systems for use by health care providers and institutions that receive  
7095 state funding. Such electronic data standards shall: (1) Include  
7096 provisions relating to security, privacy, data content, structures and  
7097 format, vocabulary and transmission protocols; (2) limit the use and  
7098 dissemination of an individual's Social Security number and require the  
7099 encryption of any Social Security number provided by an individual; (3)  
7100 require privacy standards no less stringent than the "Standards for  
7101 Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information" established  
7102 under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996,  
7103 P.L. 104-191, as amended from time to time, and contained in 45 CFR  
7104 160, 164; (4) require that individually identifiable health information be  
7105 secure and that access to such information be traceable by an electronic  
7106 audit trail; (5) be compatible with any national data standards in order  
7107 to allow for interstate interoperability; (6) permit the collection of health  
7108 information in a standard electronic format; and (7) be compatible with  
7109 the requirements for an electronic health information system.

7110 (d) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
7111 Strategy shall, within existing resources and in consultation with the  
7112 State Health Information Technology Advisory Council: (1) Oversee the  
7113 development and implementation of the State-wide Health Information  
7114 Exchange in conformance with section 17b-59d; (2) coordinate the state's  
7115 health information technology and health information exchange efforts  
7116 to ensure consistent and collaborative cross-agency planning and

7117 implementation; and (3) serve as the state liaison to, and work  
7118 collaboratively with, the State-wide Health Information Exchange  
7119 established pursuant to section 17b-59d to ensure consistency between  
7120 the state-wide health information technology plan and the State-wide  
7121 Health Information Exchange and to support the state's health  
7122 information technology and exchange goals.

7123 (e) The state-wide health information technology plan, implemented  
7124 and periodically revised pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, shall  
7125 enhance interoperability to support optimal health outcomes and  
7126 include, but not be limited to (1) general standards and protocols for  
7127 health information exchange, and (2) national data standards to support  
7128 secure data exchange data standards to facilitate the development of a  
7129 state-wide, integrated electronic health information system for use by  
7130 health care providers and institutions that are licensed by the state. Such  
7131 electronic data standards shall (A) include provisions relating to  
7132 security, privacy, data content, structures and format, vocabulary and  
7133 transmission protocols, (B) be compatible with any national data  
7134 standards in order to allow for interstate interoperability, (C) permit the  
7135 collection of health information in a standard electronic format, and (D)  
7136 be compatible with the requirements for an electronic health  
7137 information system.

7138 (f) Not later than February 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the  
7139 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy, in  
7140 consultation with the State Health Information Technology Advisory  
7141 Council, shall report in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
7142 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
7143 cognizance of matters relating to human services and public health  
7144 concerning: (1) The development and implementation of the state-wide  
7145 health information technology plan and data standards, established and  
7146 implemented by the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of  
7147 Health Strategy pursuant to this section; (2) the establishment of the  
7148 State-wide Health Information Exchange; and (3) recommendations for  
7149 policy, regulatory and legislative changes and other initiatives to

7150 promote the state's health information technology and exchange goals.

7151 Sec. 190. Subsections (d) to (g), inclusive, of section 17b-59d of the  
7152 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
7153 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7154 (d) (1) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
7155 Strategy, in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
7156 Management and the State Health Information Technology Advisory  
7157 Council, established pursuant to section 17b-59f, shall, upon the  
7158 approval by the State Bond Commission of bond funds authorized by  
7159 the General Assembly for the purposes of establishing a State-wide  
7160 Health Information Exchange, develop and issue a request for proposals  
7161 for the development, management and operation of the State-wide  
7162 Health Information Exchange. Such request shall promote the reuse of  
7163 any and all enterprise health information technology assets, such as the  
7164 existing Provider Directory, Enterprise Master Person Index, Direct  
7165 Secure Messaging Health Information Service provider infrastructure,  
7166 analytic capabilities and tools that exist in the state or are in the process  
7167 of being deployed. Any enterprise health information exchange  
7168 technology assets purchased after June 2, 2016, and prior to the  
7169 implementation of the State-wide Health Information Exchange shall be  
7170 capable of interoperability with a State-wide Health Information  
7171 Exchange.

7172 (2) Such request for proposals may require an eligible organization  
7173 responding to the request to: (A) Have not less than three years of  
7174 experience operating either a state-wide health information exchange in  
7175 any state or a regional exchange serving a population of not less than  
7176 one million that (i) enables the exchange of patient health information  
7177 among health care providers, patients and other authorized users  
7178 without regard to location, source of payment or technology, (ii)  
7179 includes, with proper consent, behavioral health and substance abuse  
7180 treatment information, (iii) supports transitions of care and care  
7181 coordination through real-time health care provider alerts and access to

7182 clinical information, (iv) allows health information to follow each  
7183 patient, (v) allows patients to access and manage their health data, and  
7184 (vi) has demonstrated success in reducing costs associated with  
7185 preventable readmissions, duplicative testing or medical errors; (B) be  
7186 committed to, and demonstrate, a high level of transparency in its  
7187 governance, decision-making and operations; (C) be capable of  
7188 providing consulting to ensure effective governance; (D) be regulated or  
7189 administratively overseen by a state government agency; and (E) have  
7190 sufficient staff and appropriate expertise and experience to carry out the  
7191 administrative, operational and financial responsibilities of the State-  
7192 wide Health Information Exchange.

7193 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section,  
7194 if, on or before January 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Social Services, in  
7195 consultation with the State Health Information Technology Advisory  
7196 Council, established pursuant to section 17b-59f, submits a plan to the  
7197 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for the establishment  
7198 of a State-wide Health Information Exchange consistent with  
7199 subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section, and such plan is approved by  
7200 the secretary, the commissioner may implement such plan and enter  
7201 into any contracts or agreements to implement such plan.

7202 (f) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
7203 Strategy shall have administrative authority over the State-wide Health  
7204 Information Exchange. The [executive director] commissioner shall be  
7205 responsible for designating, and posting on its Internet web site, the list  
7206 of systems, technologies, entities and programs that shall constitute the  
7207 State-wide Health Information Exchange. Systems, technologies,  
7208 entities, and programs that have not been so designated shall not be  
7209 considered part of said exchange.

7210 (g) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
7211 Strategy shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of  
7212 chapter 54 that set forth requirements necessary to implement the  
7213 provisions of this section. The [executive director] commissioner may

7214 implement policies and procedures necessary to administer the  
7215 provisions of this section while in the process of adopting such policies  
7216 and procedures in regulation form, provided the [executive director]  
7217 commissioner holds a public hearing at least thirty days prior to  
7218 implementing such policies and procedures and publishes notice of  
7219 intention to adopt the regulations on the Office of Health Strategy's  
7220 Internet web site and the eRegulations System not later than twenty  
7221 days after implementing such policies and procedures. Policies and  
7222 procedures implemented pursuant to this subsection shall be valid until  
7223 the time such regulations are effective.

7224 Sec. 191. Subsection (d) of section 17b-59e of the general statutes is  
7225 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
7226 *passage*):

7227 (d) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
7228 Strategy shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of  
7229 chapter 54 that set forth requirements necessary to implement the  
7230 provisions of this section. The [executive director] commissioner may  
7231 implement policies and procedures necessary to administer the  
7232 provisions of this section while in the process of adopting such policies  
7233 and procedures in regulation form, provided the [executive director]  
7234 commissioner holds a public hearing at least thirty days prior to  
7235 implementing such policies and procedures and publishes notice of  
7236 intention to adopt the regulations on the Office of Health Strategy's  
7237 Internet web site and the eRegulations System not later than twenty  
7238 days after implementing such policies and procedures. Policies and  
7239 procedures implemented pursuant to this subsection shall be valid until  
7240 the time such regulations are effective.

7241 Sec. 192. Section 17b-59f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
7242 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7243 (a) There shall be a State Health Information Technology Advisory  
7244 Council to advise the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of

7245 Health Strategy and the health information technology officer,  
7246 designated in accordance with section 19a-754a, in developing priorities  
7247 and policy recommendations for advancing the state's health  
7248 information technology and health information exchange efforts and  
7249 goals and to advise the [executive director] commissioner and officer in  
7250 the development and implementation of the state-wide health  
7251 information technology plan and standards and the State-wide Health  
7252 Information Exchange, established pursuant to section 17b-59d. The  
7253 advisory council shall also advise the [executive director] commissioner  
7254 and officer regarding the development of appropriate governance,  
7255 oversight and accountability measures to ensure success in achieving  
7256 the state's health information technology and exchange goals.

7257 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

7258 (1) One member appointed by the [executive director of the Office]  
7259 Commissioner of Health Strategy, who shall be an expert in state health  
7260 care reform initiatives;

7261 (2) The health information technology officer, designated in  
7262 accordance with section 19a-754a, or the health information technology  
7263 officer's designee;

7264 (3) The Commissioners of Social Services, Mental Health and  
7265 Addiction Services, Children and Families, Correction, Public Health  
7266 and Developmental Services, or the commissioners' designees;

7267 (4) The Chief Information Officer of the state, or the Chief Information  
7268 Officer's designee;

7269 (5) The chief executive officer of the Connecticut Health Insurance  
7270 Exchange, or the chief executive officer's designee;

7271 (6) The chief information officer of The University of Connecticut  
7272 Health Center, or the chief information officer's designee;

7273 (7) The Healthcare Advocate, or the Healthcare Advocate's designee;

7274 (8) The Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;

7275 (9) Five members appointed by the Governor, one each who shall be  
7276 (A) a representative of a health system that includes more than one  
7277 hospital, (B) a representative of the health insurance industry, (C) an  
7278 expert in health information technology, (D) a health care consumer or  
7279 consumer advocate, and (E) a current or former employee or trustee of  
7280 a plan established pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (c) of 29 USC  
7281 186;

7282 (10) Three members appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
7283 Senate, one each who shall be (A) a representative of a federally  
7284 qualified health center, (B) a provider of behavioral health services, and  
7285 (C) a physician licensed under chapter 370;

7286 (11) Three members appointed by the speaker of the House of  
7287 Representatives, one each who shall be (A) a technology expert who  
7288 represents a hospital system, as defined in section 19a-486i, (B) a  
7289 provider of home health care services, and (C) a health care consumer  
7290 or a health care consumer advocate;

7291 (12) One member appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who  
7292 shall be a representative of an independent community hospital;

7293 (13) One member appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
7294 Representatives, who shall be a physician who provides services in a  
7295 multispecialty group and who is not employed by a hospital;

7296 (14) One member appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who  
7297 shall be a primary care physician who provides services in a small  
7298 independent practice;

7299 (15) One member appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
7300 Representatives, who shall be an expert in health care analytics and  
7301 quality analysis;

7302 (16) The president pro tempore of the Senate, or the president's

7303 designee;

7304 (17) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or the speaker's  
7305 designee;

7306 (18) The minority leader of the Senate, or the minority leader's  
7307 designee; and

7308 (19) The minority leader of the House of Representatives, or the  
7309 minority leader's designee.

7310 (c) Any member appointed or designated under subdivisions (10) to  
7311 (19), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
7312 General Assembly.

7313 (d) (1) The health information technology officer, designated in  
7314 accordance with section 19a-754a, shall serve as a chairperson of the  
7315 council. The council shall elect a second chairperson from among its  
7316 members, who shall not be a state official. The chairpersons of the  
7317 council may establish subcommittees and working groups and may  
7318 appoint individuals other than members of the council to serve as  
7319 members of the subcommittees or working groups. The terms of the  
7320 members shall be coterminous with the terms of the appointing  
7321 authority for each member and subject to the provisions of section 4-1a.  
7322 If any vacancy occurs on the council, the appointing authority having  
7323 the power to make the appointment under the provisions of this section  
7324 shall appoint a person in accordance with the provisions of this section.  
7325 A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum.  
7326 Members of the council shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
7327 reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of  
7328 their duties.

7329 (2) The chairpersons of the council may appoint up to four additional  
7330 members to the council, who shall serve at the pleasure of the  
7331 chairpersons.



7332 (e) (1) The council shall establish a working group to be known as the  
7333 All-Payer Claims Database Advisory Group. Said group shall include,  
7334 but need not be limited to, (A) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
7335 Management, the Comptroller, the Commissioners of Public Health,  
7336 Social Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Insurance  
7337 Commissioner, the Healthcare Advocate and the Chief Information  
7338 Officer, or their designees; (B) a representative of the Connecticut State  
7339 Medical Society; and (C) representatives of health insurance companies,  
7340 health insurance purchasers, hospitals, consumer advocates and health  
7341 care providers. The health information technology officer may appoint  
7342 additional members to said group.

7343 (2) The All-Payer Claims Database Advisory Group shall develop a  
7344 plan to implement a state-wide multipayer data initiative to enhance the  
7345 state's use of health care data from multiple sources to increase  
7346 efficiency, enhance outcomes and improve the understanding of health  
7347 care expenditures in the public and private sectors.

7348 (f) Prior to submitting any application, proposal, planning document  
7349 or other request seeking federal grants, matching funds or other federal  
7350 support for health information technology or health information  
7351 exchange, the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
7352 Strategy or the Commissioner of Social Services shall present such  
7353 application, proposal, document or other request to the council for  
7354 review and comment.

7355 Sec. 193. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 17b-59g of the general  
7356 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
7357 (*Effective from passage*):

7358 (a) The state, acting by and through the Secretary of the Office of  
7359 Policy and Management, in collaboration with the [executive director of  
7360 the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy, shall establish a program  
7361 to expedite the development of the State-wide Health Information  
7362 Exchange, established under section 17b-59d, to assist the state, health

7363 care providers, insurance carriers, physicians and all stakeholders in  
7364 empowering consumers to make effective health care decisions,  
7365 promote patient-centered care, improve the quality, safety and value of  
7366 health care, reduce waste and duplication of services, support clinical  
7367 decision-making, keep confidential health information secure and make  
7368 progress toward the state's public health goals. The purposes of the  
7369 program shall be to (1) assist the State-wide Health Information  
7370 Exchange in establishing and maintaining itself as a neutral and trusted  
7371 entity that serves the public good for the benefit of all Connecticut  
7372 residents, including, but not limited to, Connecticut health care  
7373 consumers and Connecticut health care providers and carriers, (2)  
7374 perform, on behalf of the state, the role of intermediary between public  
7375 and private stakeholders and customers of the State-wide Health  
7376 Information Exchange, and (3) fulfill the responsibilities of the Office of  
7377 Health Strategy, as described in section 19a-754a.

7378 (b) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
7379 Strategy, in consultation with the health information technology officer,  
7380 designated in accordance with section 19a-754, shall design, and the  
7381 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in collaboration with  
7382 said [executive director] commissioner, may establish or incorporate an  
7383 entity to implement the program established under subsection (a) of this  
7384 section. Such entity shall, without limitation, be owned and governed,  
7385 in whole or in part, by a party or parties other than the state and may be  
7386 organized as a nonprofit entity.

7387 Sec. 194. Subsection (c) of section 17b-337 of the general statutes is  
7388 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
7389 *passage*):

7390 (c) The Long-Term Care Planning Committee shall consist of: (1) The  
7391 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of  
7392 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
7393 services, public health, elderly services and long-term care; (2) the  
7394 Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee; (3)

7395 one member of the Office of Policy and Management appointed by the  
7396 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management; (4) one member from  
7397 the Department of Public Health appointed by the Commissioner of  
7398 Public Health; (5) one member from the Department of Housing  
7399 appointed by the Commissioner of Housing; (6) one member from the  
7400 Department of Developmental Services appointed by the Commissioner  
7401 of Developmental Services; (7) one member from the Department of  
7402 Mental Health and Addiction Services appointed by the Commissioner  
7403 of Mental Health and Addiction Services; (8) one member from the  
7404 Department of Transportation appointed by the Commissioner of  
7405 Transportation; (9) one member from the Department of Children and  
7406 Families appointed by the Commissioner of Children and Families; (10)  
7407 one member from the Health Systems Planning Unit of the Office of  
7408 Health Strategy appointed by the [executive director of the Office]  
7409 Commissioner of Health Strategy; and (11) one member from the  
7410 Department of Aging and Disability Services appointed by the  
7411 Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services. The committee shall  
7412 convene no later than ninety days after June 4, 1998. Any vacancy shall  
7413 be filled by the appointing authority. The chairperson shall be elected  
7414 from among the members of the committee. The committee shall seek  
7415 the advice and participation of any person, organization or state or  
7416 federal agency it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
7417 section.

7418 Sec. 195. Section 19a-6q of the general statutes is repealed and the  
7419 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7420 The Commissioner of Public Health, in consultation with the  
7421 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy [,  
7422 established under section 19a-754a,] and local and regional health  
7423 departments, shall, within available resources, develop a plan that is  
7424 consistent with the Department of Public Health's Healthy Connecticut  
7425 2020 health improvement plan and the state healthcare innovation plan  
7426 developed pursuant to the State Innovation Model Initiative by the  
7427 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center. The

7428 [commissioner] Commissioner of Public Health shall develop and  
7429 implement such plan to: (1) Reduce the incidence of tobacco use, high  
7430 blood pressure, health care associated infections, asthma, unintended  
7431 pregnancy and diabetes; (2) improve chronic disease care coordination  
7432 in the state; and (3) reduce the incidence and effects of chronic disease  
7433 and improve outcomes for conditions associated with chronic disease in  
7434 the state. The [commissioner] Commissioner of Public Health shall post  
7435 such plan on the Department of Public Health's Internet web site.

7436 Sec. 196. Subsections (b) to (h), inclusive, of section 19a-127k of the  
7437 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
7438 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7439 (b) On and after January 1, 2023, each hospital shall submit  
7440 community benefit program reporting to the Office of Health Strategy,  
7441 or to a designee selected by the [executive director of the Office]  
7442 Commissioner of Health Strategy, in the form and manner described in  
7443 subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section.

7444 (c) Each hospital shall submit its community health needs assessment  
7445 to the Office of Health Strategy not later than thirty days after the date  
7446 on which such assessment is made available to the public pursuant to  
7447 26 CFR 1.501(r)-(3)(b), provided the [executive director of the Office]  
7448 Commissioner of Health Strategy, or the [executive director's]  
7449 commissioner's designee, may grant an extension of time to a hospital  
7450 for the filing of such assessment. Such submission shall contain the  
7451 following:

7452 (1) Consistent with the requirements set forth in 26 CFR 1.501(r)-  
7453 (3)(b)(6)(i), and as included in a hospital's federal filing submitted to the  
7454 Internal Revenue Service:

7455 (A) A definition of the community served by the hospital and a  
7456 description of how the community was determined;

7457 (B) A description of the process and methods used to conduct the

7458 community health needs assessment;

7459 (C) A description of how the hospital solicited and took into account  
7460 input received from persons who represent the broad interests of the  
7461 community it serves;

7462 (D) A prioritized description of the significant health needs of the  
7463 community identified through the community health needs assessment,  
7464 and a description of the process and criteria used in identifying certain  
7465 health needs as significant and prioritizing those significant health  
7466 needs;

7467 (E) A description of the resources potentially available to address the  
7468 significant health needs identified through the community health needs  
7469 assessment;

7470 (F) An evaluation of the impact of any actions that were taken, since  
7471 the hospital finished conducting its immediately preceding community  
7472 health needs assessment, to address the significant health needs  
7473 identified in the hospital's prior community health needs assessment;  
7474 and

7475 (2) Additional documentation of the following:

7476 (A) The names of the individuals responsible for developing the  
7477 community health needs assessment;

7478 (B) The demographics of the population within the geographic  
7479 service area of the hospital and, to the extent feasible, a detailed  
7480 description of the health disparities, health risks, insurance status,  
7481 service utilization patterns and health care costs within such geographic  
7482 service area;

7483 (C) A description of the health status and health disparities affecting  
7484 the population within the geographic service area of the hospital,  
7485 including, but not limited to, the health status and health disparities  
7486 affecting a representative spectrum of age, racial and ethnic groups,

7487 incomes and medically underserved populations;

7488 (D) A description of the meaningful participation afforded to  
7489 community benefit partners and diverse community members in  
7490 assessing community health needs, priorities and target populations;

7491 (E) A description of the barriers to achieving or maintaining health  
7492 and to accessing health care, including, but not limited to, social,  
7493 economic and environmental barriers, lack of access to or availability of  
7494 sources of health care coverage and services and a lack of access to and  
7495 availability of prevention and health promotion services and support;

7496 (F) Recommendations regarding the role that the state and other  
7497 community benefit partners could play in removing the barriers  
7498 described in subparagraph (E) of this subdivision and enabling effective  
7499 solutions; and

7500 (G) Any additional information, data or disclosures that the hospital  
7501 voluntarily chooses to include as may be relevant to its community  
7502 benefit program.

7503 (d) Each hospital shall submit its implementation strategy to the  
7504 Office of Health Strategy not later than thirty days after the date on  
7505 which such implementation strategy is adopted pursuant to 26 CFR  
7506 1.501(r)-(3)(c), provided the [executive director of the Office]  
7507 Commissioner of Health Strategy, or the [executive director's]  
7508 commissioner's designee, may grant an extension to a hospital for the  
7509 filing of such implementation strategy. Such submission shall contain  
7510 the following:

7511 (1) Consistent with the requirements set forth in 26 CFR 1.501(r)-  
7512 (3)(b)(6)(i), and as included in a hospital's federal filing submitted to the  
7513 Internal Revenue Service:

7514 (A) With respect to each significant health need identified through  
7515 the community health needs assessment, either (i) a description of how

7516 the hospital plans to address the health need, or (ii) identification of the  
7517 health need as one which the hospital does not intend to address;

7518 (B) For significant health needs described in subparagraph (A)(i) of  
7519 this subdivision, (i) a description of the actions that the hospital intends  
7520 to take to address the health need and the anticipated impact of such  
7521 actions, (ii) identification of the resources that the hospital plans to  
7522 commit to address the health need, and (iii) a description of any planned  
7523 collaboration between the hospital and other facilities or organizations  
7524 to address the health need;

7525 (C) For significant health needs identified in subparagraph (A)(ii) of  
7526 this subdivision, an explanation of why the hospital does not intend to  
7527 address such health need; and

7528 (2) Additional documentation of the following:

7529 (A) The names of the individuals responsible for developing the  
7530 implementation strategy;

7531 (B) A description of the meaningful participation afforded to  
7532 community benefit partners and diverse community members;

7533 (C) A description of the community health needs and health  
7534 disparities that were prioritized in developing the implementation  
7535 strategy with consideration given to the most recent version of the state  
7536 health plan prepared by the Department of Public Health pursuant to  
7537 section 19a-7;

7538 (D) Reference-citing evidence, if available, that shows how the  
7539 implementation strategy is intended to address the corresponding  
7540 health need or reduction in health disparity;

7541 (E) A description of the planned methods for the ongoing evaluation  
7542 of proposed actions and corresponding process or outcome measures  
7543 intended for use in assessing progress or impact;

7544 (F) A description of how the hospital solicited commentary on the  
7545 implementation strategy from the communities within such hospital's  
7546 geographic service area and revisions to such strategy based on such  
7547 commentary; and

7548 (G) Any other information that the hospital voluntarily chooses to  
7549 include as may be relevant to its implementation strategy, including, but  
7550 not limited to, data, disclosures, expected or planned resource outlay,  
7551 investments or commitments, including, but not limited to, staff,  
7552 financial or in-kind commitments.

7553 (e) On or before October 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, each  
7554 hospital shall submit to the Office of Health Strategy a status report on  
7555 such hospital's community benefit program, provided the [executive  
7556 director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy, or the  
7557 [executive director's] commissioner's designee, may grant an extension  
7558 to a hospital for the filing of such report. Such report shall include the  
7559 following:

7560 (1) A description of major updates regarding community health  
7561 needs, priorities and target populations, if any;

7562 (2) A description of progress made regarding the hospital's actions in  
7563 support of its implementation strategy;

7564 (3) A description of any major changes to the proposed  
7565 implementation strategy and associated hospital actions; and

7566 (4) A description of financial resources and other resources allocated  
7567 or expended that supported the actions taken in support of the hospital's  
7568 implementation strategy.

7569 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 19a-755a, and to the full  
7570 extent permitted by 45 CFR 164.514(e), the Office of Health Strategy  
7571 shall make data in the all-payer claims database available to hospitals  
7572 for use in their community benefit programs and activities solely for the



7573 purposes of (1) preparing the hospital's community health needs  
7574 assessment, (2) preparing and executing the hospital's implementation  
7575 strategy, and (3) fulfilling community benefit program reporting, as  
7576 described in subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section. Any  
7577 disclosure made by said office pursuant to this subsection of  
7578 information other than health information shall be made in a manner to  
7579 protect the confidentiality of such information as may be required by  
7580 state or federal law.

7581 (g) A hospital shall not be responsible for limitations in its ability to  
7582 fulfill community benefit program reporting requirements, as described  
7583 in subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section, if the all-payer claims  
7584 database data is not provided to such hospital, as required by subsection  
7585 (f) of this section.

7586 (h) On or before April 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the [executive  
7587 director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy shall develop a  
7588 summary and analysis of the community benefit program reporting  
7589 submitted by hospitals under this section during the previous calendar  
7590 year and post such summary and analysis on its Internet web site and  
7591 solicit stakeholder input through a public comment period. The Office  
7592 of Health Strategy shall use such reporting and stakeholder input to:

7593 (1) Identify additional stakeholders that may be engaged to address  
7594 identified community health needs including, but not limited to, federal,  
7595 state and municipal entities, nonhospital private sector health care  
7596 providers and private sector entities that are not health care providers,  
7597 including community-based organizations, insurers and charitable  
7598 organizations;

7599 (2) Determine how each identified stakeholder could assist in  
7600 addressing identified community health needs or augmenting solutions  
7601 or approaches reported in the implementation strategies;

7602 (3) Determine whether to make recommendations to the Department  
7603 of Public Health in the development of its state health plan; and

7604 (4) Inform the state-wide health care facilities and services plan  
7605 established pursuant to section 19a-634.

7606 Sec. 197. Subdivision (6) of section 19a-486 of the general statutes is  
7607 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
7608 *passage*):

7609 (6) ["Executive director"] "Commissioner" means the [executive  
7610 director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy, [established  
7611 under section 19a-754a,] or the [executive director's] commissioner's  
7612 designee.

7613 Sec. 198. Section 19a-486a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
7614 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7615 (a) No nonprofit hospital shall enter into an agreement to transfer a  
7616 material amount of its assets or operations or a change in control of  
7617 operations to a person that is organized or operated for profit without  
7618 first having received approval of the agreement by the [executive  
7619 director] commissioner and the Attorney General pursuant to sections  
7620 19a-486 to 19a-486h, inclusive, and pursuant to the Attorney General's  
7621 authority under section 3-125. Any such agreement without the  
7622 approval required by sections 19a-486 to 19a-486h, inclusive, shall be  
7623 void.

7624 (b) Prior to any transaction described in subsection (a) of this section,  
7625 the nonprofit hospital and the purchaser shall concurrently submit a  
7626 certificate of need determination letter as described in subsection (c) of  
7627 section 19a-638 to the [executive director] commissioner and the  
7628 Attorney General by serving it on them by certified mail, return receipt  
7629 requested, or delivering it by hand to each office. The certificate of need  
7630 determination letter shall contain: (1) The name and address of the  
7631 nonprofit hospital; (2) the name and address of the purchaser; (3) a brief  
7632 description of the terms of the proposed agreement; and (4) the  
7633 estimated capital expenditure, cost or value associated with the  
7634 proposed agreement. The certificate of need determination letter shall

7635 be subject to disclosure pursuant to section 1-210.

7636 (c) Not later than thirty days after receipt of the certificate of need  
7637 determination letter by the [executive director] commissioner and the  
7638 Attorney General, the purchaser and the nonprofit hospital shall hold a  
7639 hearing on the contents of the certificate of need determination letter in  
7640 the municipality in which the new hospital is proposed to be located.  
7641 The nonprofit hospital shall provide not less than two weeks' advance  
7642 notice of the hearing to the public by publication in a newspaper having  
7643 a substantial circulation in the affected community for not less than  
7644 three consecutive days. Such notice shall contain substantially the same  
7645 information as in the certificate of need determination letter. The  
7646 purchaser and the nonprofit hospital shall record and transcribe the  
7647 hearing and make such recording or transcription available to the  
7648 [executive director] commissioner, the Attorney General or members of  
7649 the public upon request. A public hearing held in accordance with the  
7650 provisions of section 19a-639a shall satisfy the requirements of this  
7651 subsection.

7652 (d) The [executive director] commissioner and the Attorney General  
7653 shall review the certificate of need determination letter. The Attorney  
7654 General shall determine whether the agreement requires approval  
7655 pursuant to this chapter. If such approval is required, the [executive  
7656 director] commissioner and the Attorney General shall transmit to the  
7657 purchaser and the nonprofit hospital an application form for approval  
7658 pursuant to this chapter, unless the [executive director] commissioner  
7659 refuses to accept a filed or submitted certificate of need determination  
7660 letter. Such application form shall require the following information: (1)  
7661 The name and address of the nonprofit hospital; (2) the name and  
7662 address of the purchaser; (3) a description of the terms of the proposed  
7663 agreement; (4) copies of all contracts, agreements and memoranda of  
7664 understanding relating to the proposed agreement; (5) a fairness  
7665 evaluation by an independent person who is an expert in such  
7666 agreements, that includes an analysis of each of the criteria set forth in  
7667 section 19a-486c; (6) documentation that the nonprofit hospital

7668 exercised the due diligence required by subdivision (2) of subsection (a)  
7669 of section 19a-486c, including disclosure of the terms of any other offers  
7670 to transfer assets or operations or change control of operations received  
7671 by the nonprofit hospital and the reason for rejection of such offers; and  
7672 (7) such other information as the [executive director] commissioner or  
7673 the Attorney General deem necessary to their review pursuant to the  
7674 provisions of sections 19a-486 to 19a-486f, inclusive, and chapter 368z.  
7675 The application shall be subject to disclosure pursuant to section 1-210.

7676 (e) No later than sixty days after the date of mailing of the application  
7677 form, the nonprofit hospital and the purchaser shall concurrently file an  
7678 application with the [executive director] commissioner and the Attorney  
7679 General containing all the required information. The [executive  
7680 director] commissioner and the Attorney General shall review the  
7681 application and determine whether the application is complete. The  
7682 [executive director] commissioner and the Attorney General shall, no  
7683 later than twenty days after the date of their receipt of the application,  
7684 provide written notice to the nonprofit hospital and the purchaser of  
7685 any deficiencies in the application. Such application shall not be deemed  
7686 complete until such deficiencies are corrected.

7687 (f) No later than twenty-five days after the date of their receipt of the  
7688 completed application under this section, the [executive director]  
7689 commissioner and the Attorney General shall jointly publish a summary  
7690 of such agreement in a newspaper of general circulation where the  
7691 nonprofit hospital is located.

7692 (g) Any person may seek to intervene in the proceedings under  
7693 section 19a-486e, in the same manner as provided in section 4-177a.

7694 Sec. 199. Section 19a-486b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
7695 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7696 (a) Not later than one hundred twenty days after the date of receipt  
7697 of the completed application pursuant to subsection (e) of section 19a-  
7698 486a, the Attorney General and the [executive director] commissioner

7699 shall approve the application, with or without modification, or deny the  
7700 application. The [executive director] commissioner shall also determine,  
7701 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 368z, whether to approve,  
7702 with or without modification, or deny the application for a certificate of  
7703 need that is part of the completed application. Notwithstanding the  
7704 provisions of section 19a-639a, the [executive director] commissioner  
7705 shall complete the decision on the application for a certificate of need  
7706 within the same time period as the completed application. Such one-  
7707 hundred-twenty-day period may be extended by (1) agreement of the  
7708 Attorney General, the [executive director] commissioner, the nonprofit  
7709 hospital and the purchaser, or (2) the [executive director] commissioner  
7710 for an additional one hundred twenty days pending completion of a cost  
7711 and market impact review conducted pursuant to section 19a-639f. If the  
7712 Attorney General initiates a proceeding to enforce a subpoena pursuant  
7713 to section 19a-486c or 19a-486d, the one-hundred-twenty-day period  
7714 shall be tolled until the final court decision on the last pending  
7715 enforcement proceeding, including any appeal or time for the filing of  
7716 such appeal. Unless the one-hundred-twenty-day period is extended  
7717 pursuant to this section, if the [executive director] commissioner and  
7718 Attorney General fail to take action on an agreement prior to the one  
7719 hundred twenty-first day after the date of the filing of the completed  
7720 application, the application shall be deemed approved.

7721 (b) The [executive director] commissioner and the Attorney General  
7722 may place any conditions on the approval of an application that relate  
7723 to the purposes of sections 19a-486a to 19a-486h, inclusive. In placing  
7724 any such conditions the [executive director] commissioner shall follow  
7725 the guidelines and criteria described in subdivision (4) of subsection (d)  
7726 of section 19a-639. Any such conditions may be in addition to any  
7727 conditions placed by the [executive director] commissioner pursuant to  
7728 subdivision (4) of subsection (d) of section 19a-639.

7729 Sec. 200. Section 19a-486d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
7730 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7731 (a) The [executive director] commissioner shall deny an application  
7732 filed pursuant to subsection (d) of section 19a-486a unless the [executive  
7733 director] commissioner finds that: (1) In a situation where the asset or  
7734 operation to be transferred provides or has provided health care services  
7735 to the uninsured or underinsured, the purchaser has made a  
7736 commitment to provide health care to the uninsured and the  
7737 underinsured; (2) in a situation where health care providers or insurers  
7738 will be offered the opportunity to invest or own an interest in the  
7739 purchaser or an entity related to the purchaser safeguard procedures are  
7740 in place to avoid a conflict of interest in patient referral; and (3)  
7741 certificate of need authorization is justified in accordance with chapter  
7742 368z. The [executive director] commissioner may contract with any  
7743 person, including, but not limited to, financial or actuarial experts or  
7744 consultants, or legal experts with the approval of the Attorney General,  
7745 to assist in reviewing the completed application. The [executive  
7746 director] commissioner shall submit any bills for such contracts to the  
7747 purchaser. Such bills shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand  
7748 dollars. The purchaser shall pay such bills no later than thirty days after  
7749 the date of receipt of such bills.

7750 (b) The [executive director] commissioner may, during the course of  
7751 a review required by this section: (1) Issue in writing and cause to be  
7752 served upon any person, by subpoena, a demand that such person  
7753 appear before the [executive director] commissioner and give testimony  
7754 or produce documents as to any matters relevant to the scope of the  
7755 review; and (2) issue written interrogatories, to be answered under oath,  
7756 as to any matters relevant to the scope of the review and prescribing a  
7757 return date that would allow a reasonable time to respond. If any person  
7758 fails to comply with the provisions of this subsection, the [executive  
7759 director] commissioner, through the Attorney General, may apply to the  
7760 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford seeking enforcement  
7761 of such subpoena. The superior court may, upon notice to such person,  
7762 issue and cause to be served an order requiring compliance. Service of  
7763 subpoenas ad testificandum, subpoenas duces tecum, notices of

7764 deposition and written interrogatories as provided in this subsection  
7765 may be made by personal service at the usual place of abode or by  
7766 certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the person to be  
7767 served at such person's principal place of business within or without  
7768 this state or such person's residence.

7769 Sec. 201. Section 19a-486e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
7770 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7771 Prior to making any decision to approve, with or without  
7772 modification, or deny any application filed pursuant to subsection (d)  
7773 of section 19a-486a, the Attorney General and the [executive director]  
7774 commissioner shall jointly conduct one or more public hearings, one of  
7775 which shall be in the primary service area of the nonprofit hospital. At  
7776 least fourteen days before conducting the public hearing, the Attorney  
7777 General and the [executive director] commissioner shall provide notice  
7778 of the time and place of the hearing through publication in one or more  
7779 newspapers of general circulation in the affected community.

7780 Sec. 202. Section 19a-486f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
7781 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7782 If the [executive director] commissioner or the Attorney General  
7783 denies an application filed pursuant to subsection (d) of section 19a-  
7784 486a, or approves it with modification, the nonprofit hospital or the  
7785 purchaser may appeal such decision in the same manner as provided in  
7786 section 4-183, provided that nothing in sections 19a-486 to 19a-486f,  
7787 inclusive, shall be construed to apply the provisions of chapter 54 to the  
7788 proceedings of the Attorney General.

7789 Sec. 203. Section 19a-486g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
7790 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7791 The Commissioner of Public Health shall refuse to issue a license to,  
7792 or if issued shall suspend or revoke the license of, a hospital if the  
7793 commissioner finds, after a hearing and opportunity to be heard, that:

7794 (1) There was a transaction described in section 19a-486a that  
7795 occurred without the approval of the [executive director] Commissioner  
7796 of Health Strategy, if such approval was required by sections 19a-486 to  
7797 19a-486h, inclusive;

7798 (2) There was a transaction described in section 19a-486a without the  
7799 approval of the Attorney General, if such approval was required by  
7800 sections 19a-486 to 19a-486h, inclusive, and the Attorney General  
7801 certifies to the [executive director] Commissioner of Health Strategy that  
7802 such transaction involved a material amount of the nonprofit hospital's  
7803 assets or operations or a change in control of operations; or

7804 (3) The hospital is not complying with the terms of an agreement  
7805 approved by the Attorney General and [executive director]  
7806 Commissioner of Health Strategy pursuant to sections 19a-486 to 19a-  
7807 486h, inclusive.

7808 Sec. 204. Section 19a-486h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
7809 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7810 Nothing in sections 19a-486 to 19a-486h, inclusive, shall be construed  
7811 to limit: (1) The common law or statutory authority of the Attorney  
7812 General; (2) the statutory authority of the Commissioner of Public  
7813 Health including, but not limited to, licensing; (3) the statutory authority  
7814 of the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
7815 Strategy, including, but not limited to, certificate of need authority; or  
7816 (4) the application of the doctrine of cy pres or approximation.

7817 Sec. 205. Subsections (d) to (i), inclusive, of section 19a-486i of the  
7818 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
7819 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7820 (d) (1) The written notice required under subsection (c) of this section  
7821 shall identify each party to the transaction and describe the material  
7822 change as of the date of such notice to the business or corporate structure  
7823 of the group practice, including: (A) A description of the nature of the



7824 proposed relationship among the parties to the proposed transaction;  
7825 (B) the names and specialties of each physician that is a member of the  
7826 group practice that is the subject of the proposed transaction and who  
7827 will practice medicine with the resulting group practice, hospital,  
7828 hospital system, captive professional entity, medical foundation or  
7829 other entity organized by, controlled by, or otherwise affiliated with  
7830 such hospital or hospital system following the effective date of the  
7831 transaction; (C) the names of the business entities that are to provide  
7832 services following the effective date of the transaction; (D) the address  
7833 for each location where such services are to be provided; (E) a  
7834 description of the services to be provided at each such location; and (F)  
7835 the primary service area to be served by each such location.

7836 (2) Not later than thirty days after the effective date of any transaction  
7837 described in subsection (c) of this section, the parties to the transaction  
7838 shall submit written notice to the [executive director of the Office]  
7839 Commissioner of Health Strategy. Such written notice shall include, but  
7840 need not be limited to, the same information described in subdivision  
7841 (1) of this subsection. The [executive director] commissioner shall post  
7842 a link to such notice on the Office of Health Strategy's Internet web site.

7843 (e) Not less than thirty days prior to the effective date of any  
7844 transaction that results in an affiliation between one hospital or hospital  
7845 system and another hospital or hospital system, the parties to the  
7846 affiliation shall submit written notice to the Attorney General of such  
7847 affiliation. Such written notice shall identify each party to the affiliation  
7848 and describe the affiliation as of the date of such notice, including: (1) A  
7849 description of the nature of the proposed relationship among the parties  
7850 to the affiliation; (2) the names of the business entities that are to provide  
7851 services following the effective date of the affiliation; (3) the address for  
7852 each location where such services are to be provided; (4) a description  
7853 of the services to be provided at each such location; and (5) the primary  
7854 service area to be served by each such location.

7855 (f) Written information submitted to the Attorney General pursuant

7856 to subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of this section shall be maintained and  
7857 used by the Attorney General in the same manner as provided in section  
7858 35-42.

7859 (g) Not later than January 15, 2018, and annually thereafter, each  
7860 hospital and hospital system shall file with the Attorney General and  
7861 the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy a  
7862 written report describing the activities of the group practices owned or  
7863 affiliated with such hospital or hospital system. Such report shall  
7864 include, for each such group practice: (1) A description of the nature of  
7865 the relationship between the hospital or hospital system and the group  
7866 practice; (2) the names and specialties of each physician practicing  
7867 medicine with the group practice; (3) the names of the business entities  
7868 that provide services as part of the group practice and the address for  
7869 each location where such services are provided; (4) a description of the  
7870 services provided at each such location; and (5) the primary service area  
7871 served by each such location.

7872 (h) Not later than January 15, 2018, and annually thereafter, each  
7873 group practice comprised of thirty or more physicians that is not the  
7874 subject of a report filed under subsection (g) of this section shall file with  
7875 the Attorney General and the [executive director of the Office]  
7876 Commissioner of Health Strategy a written report concerning the group  
7877 practice. Such report shall include, for each such group practice: (1) The  
7878 names and specialties of each physician practicing medicine with the  
7879 group practice; (2) the names of the business entities that provide  
7880 services as part of the group practice and the address for each location  
7881 where such services are provided; (3) a description of the services  
7882 provided at each such location; and (4) the primary service area served  
7883 by each such location.

7884 (i) Not later than January 15, 2018, and annually thereafter, each  
7885 hospital and hospital system shall file with the Attorney General and  
7886 the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy a  
7887 written report describing each affiliation with another hospital or

7888 hospital system. Such report shall include: (1) The name and address of  
7889 each party to the affiliation; (2) a description of the nature of the  
7890 relationship among the parties to the affiliation; (3) the names of the  
7891 business entities that provide services as part of the affiliation and the  
7892 address for each location where such services are provided; (4) a  
7893 description of the services provided at each such location; and (5) the  
7894 primary service area served by each such location.

7895 Sec. 206. Subsections (l) and (m) of section 19a-508c of the 2024  
7896 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
7897 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

7898 (l) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no hospital,  
7899 health system or hospital-based facility shall collect a facility fee for (A)  
7900 outpatient health care services that use a current procedural  
7901 terminology evaluation and management (CPT E/M) code or  
7902 assessment and management (CPT A/M) code and are provided at a  
7903 hospital-based facility located off-site from a hospital campus, or (B)  
7904 outpatient health care services provided at a hospital-based facility  
7905 located off-site from a hospital campus received by a patient who is  
7906 uninsured of more than the Medicare rate.

7907 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, on and after July  
7908 1, 2024, no hospital or health system shall collect a facility fee for  
7909 outpatient health care services that use a current procedural  
7910 terminology evaluation and management (CPT E/M) code or  
7911 assessment and management (CPT A/M) code and are provided on the  
7912 hospital campus. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to  
7913 (A) an emergency department located on a hospital campus, or (B)  
7914 observation stays on a hospital campus and (CPT E/M) and (CPT A/M)  
7915 codes when billed for the following services: (i) Wound care, (ii)  
7916 orthopedics, (iii) anticoagulation, (iv) oncology, (v) obstetrics, and (vi)  
7917 solid organ transplant.

7918 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this

7919 subsection, in circumstances when an insurance contract that is in effect  
7920 on July 1, 2016, provides reimbursement for facility fees prohibited  
7921 under the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, and in  
7922 circumstances when an insurance contract that is in effect on July 1,  
7923 2024, provides reimbursement for facility fees prohibited under the  
7924 provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection, a hospital or health  
7925 system may continue to collect reimbursement from the health insurer  
7926 for such facility fees until the applicable date of expiration, renewal or  
7927 amendment of such contract, whichever such date is the earliest.

7928 (4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a freestanding  
7929 emergency department. As used in this subdivision, "freestanding  
7930 emergency department" means a freestanding facility that (A) is  
7931 structurally separate and distinct from a hospital, (B) provides  
7932 emergency care, (C) is a department of a hospital licensed under chapter  
7933 368v, and (D) has been issued a certificate of need to operate as a  
7934 freestanding emergency department pursuant to chapter 368z.

7935 (5) (A) On and after July 1, 2024, if the [executive director of the  
7936 Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy receives information and has  
7937 a reasonable belief, after evaluating such information, that any hospital,  
7938 health system or hospital-based facility charged facility fees, other than  
7939 through isolated clerical or electronic billing errors, in violation of any  
7940 provision of this section, or rule or regulation adopted thereunder, such  
7941 hospital, health system or hospital-based facility shall be subject to a  
7942 civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars. The [executive director]  
7943 commissioner may issue a notice of violation and civil penalty by first  
7944 class mail or personal service. Such notice shall include: (i) A reference  
7945 to the section of the general statutes, rule or section of the regulations of  
7946 Connecticut state agencies believed or alleged to have been violated; (ii)  
7947 a short and plain language statement of the matters asserted or charged;  
7948 (iii) a description of the activity to cease; (iv) a statement of the amount  
7949 of the civil penalty or penalties that may be imposed; (v) a statement  
7950 concerning the right to a hearing; and (vi) a statement that such hospital,  
7951 health system or hospital-based facility may, not later than ten business

7952 days after receipt of such notice, make a request for a hearing on the  
7953 matters asserted.

7954 (B) The hospital, health system or hospital-based facility to whom  
7955 such notice is provided pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this  
7956 subdivision may, not later than ten business days after receipt of such  
7957 notice, make written application to the Office of Health Strategy to  
7958 request a hearing to demonstrate that such violation did not occur. The  
7959 failure to make a timely request for a hearing shall result in the issuance  
7960 of a cease and desist order or civil penalty. All hearings held under this  
7961 subsection shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of  
7962 chapter 54.

7963 (C) Following any hearing before the Office of Health Strategy  
7964 pursuant to this subdivision, if said office finds, by a preponderance of  
7965 the evidence, that such hospital, health system or hospital-based facility  
7966 violated or is violating any provision of this subsection, any rule or  
7967 regulation adopted thereunder or any order issued by said office, said  
7968 office shall issue a final cease and desist order in addition to any civil  
7969 penalty said office imposes.

7970 (m) (1) Each hospital and health system shall report not later than  
7971 October 1, 2023, and thereafter not later than July 1, 2024, and annually  
7972 thereafter, to the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of  
7973 Health Strategy, on a form prescribed by the [executive director]  
7974 commissioner, concerning facility fees charged or billed during the  
7975 preceding calendar year. Such report shall include, but need not be  
7976 limited to, (A) the name and address of each facility owned or operated  
7977 by the hospital or health system that provides services for which a  
7978 facility fee is charged or billed, and an indication as to whether each  
7979 facility is located on or outside of the hospital or health system campus,  
7980 (B) the number of patient visits at each such facility for which a facility  
7981 fee was charged or billed, (C) the number, total amount and range of  
7982 allowable facility fees paid at each such facility disaggregated by payer  
7983 mix, (D) for each facility, the total amount of facility fees charged and

7984 the total amount of revenue received by the hospital or health system  
7985 derived from facility fees, (E) the total amount of facility fees charged  
7986 and the total amount of revenue received by the hospital or health  
7987 system from all facilities derived from facility fees, (F) a description of  
7988 the ten procedures or services that generated the greatest amount of  
7989 facility fee gross revenue, disaggregated by current procedural  
7990 terminology category (CPT) code for each such procedure or service  
7991 and, for each such procedure or service, patient volume and the total  
7992 amount of gross and net revenue received by the hospital or health  
7993 system derived from facility fees, disaggregated by on-campus and off-  
7994 campus, and (G) the top ten procedures or services for which facility  
7995 fees are charged based on patient volume and the gross and net revenue  
7996 received by the hospital or health system for each such procedure or  
7997 service, disaggregated by on-campus and off-campus. For purposes of  
7998 this subsection, "facility" means a hospital-based facility that is located  
7999 on a hospital campus or outside a hospital campus.

8000 (2) The [executive director] commissioner shall publish the  
8001 information reported pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, or  
8002 post a link to such information, on the Internet web site of the Office of  
8003 Health Strategy.

8004 Sec. 207. Subsection (a) of section 19a-612 of the general statutes is  
8005 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
8006 *passage*):

8007 (a) There is established, within the Office of Health Strategy,  
8008 established under section 19a-754a, a unit to be known as the Health  
8009 Systems Planning Unit. The unit, under the direction of the [executive  
8010 director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy, shall constitute  
8011 a successor to the former Office of Health Care Access, in accordance  
8012 with the provisions of sections 4-38d and 4-39.

8013 Sec. 208. Section 19a-612d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
8014 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8015 (a) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8016 Strategy shall oversee the Health Systems Planning Unit and shall  
8017 exercise independent decision-making authority over all certificate of  
8018 need decisions.

8019 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
8020 the Deputy Commissioner of Public Health shall retain independent  
8021 decision-making authority over only the certificate of need applications  
8022 that are pending before the Office of Health Care Access and have been  
8023 deemed completed by said office on or before May 14, 2018. Following  
8024 the issuance by the Deputy Commissioner of Public Health of a final  
8025 decision on any such certificate of need application, the [executive  
8026 director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy shall exercise  
8027 independent authority on any further action required on such certificate  
8028 of need application or the certificate of need issued pursuant to such  
8029 application.

8030 Sec. 209. Subsection (c) of section 19a-613 of the 2024 supplement to  
8031 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
8032 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8033 (c) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8034 Strategy, or any person the [executive director] commissioner  
8035 designates, may conduct a hearing and render a final decision in any  
8036 case when a hearing is required or authorized under the provisions of  
8037 any statute dealing with the Health Systems Planning Unit.

8038 Sec. 210. Section 19a-614 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
8039 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8040 The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8041 Strategy may employ and pay professional and support staff subject to  
8042 the provisions of chapter 67 and contract with and engage consultants  
8043 and other independent professionals as may be necessary or desirable  
8044 to carry out the functions of the Health Systems Planning Unit.

8045 Sec. 211. Subdivision (7) of section 19a-630 of the general statutes is  
8046 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
8047 *passage*):

8048 (7) ["Executive director"] "Commissioner" means the [executive  
8049 director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy.

8050 Sec. 212. Subsection (b) of section 19a-631 of the general statutes is  
8051 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
8052 *passage*):

8053 (b) Each hospital shall annually pay to the [executive director of the  
8054 Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy, for deposit in the General  
8055 Fund, an amount equal to its share of the actual expenditures made by  
8056 the unit during each fiscal year including the cost of fringe benefits for  
8057 unit personnel as estimated by the Comptroller, the amount of expenses  
8058 for central state services attributable to the unit for the fiscal year as  
8059 estimated by the Comptroller, plus the expenditures made on behalf of  
8060 the unit from the Capital Equipment Purchase Fund pursuant to section  
8061 4a-9 for such year. Payments shall be made by assessment of all  
8062 hospitals of the costs calculated and collected in accordance with the  
8063 provisions of this section and section 19a-632. If for any reason a hospital  
8064 ceases operation, any unpaid assessment for the operations of the unit  
8065 shall be reapportioned among the remaining hospitals to be paid in  
8066 addition to any other assessment.

8067 Sec. 213. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 19a-632 of the general  
8068 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
8069 (*Effective from passage*):

8070 (d) Immediately following the close of each state fiscal year the  
8071 [executive director] commissioner shall recalculate the proposed  
8072 assessment for each hospital based on the costs of the unit in accordance  
8073 with subsection (b) of this section using the actual expenditures made  
8074 by the unit during that fiscal year and the actual expenditures made on  
8075 behalf of the unit from the Capital Equipment Purchase Fund pursuant



8076 to section 4a-9. On or before August thirty-first, annually, the unit shall  
8077 render to each hospital a statement showing the difference between the  
8078 respective recalculated assessment and the amount previously paid. On  
8079 or before September thirtieth, the [executive director] commissioner,  
8080 after receiving any objections to such statements, shall make such  
8081 adjustments which in said [executive director's] commissioner's opinion  
8082 may be indicated and shall render an adjusted assessment, if any, to the  
8083 affected hospitals. Adjustments to reflect any credit or amount due  
8084 under the recalculated assessment for the previous state fiscal year shall  
8085 be made to the proposed assessment due on or before December thirty-  
8086 first of the following state fiscal year.

8087 (e) If any assessment is not paid when due, the [executive director]  
8088 commissioner shall impose a fee equal to (1) two per cent of the  
8089 assessment if such failure to pay is for not more than five days, (2) five  
8090 per cent of the assessment if such failure to pay is for more than five  
8091 days but not more than fifteen days, or (3) ten per cent of the assessment  
8092 if such failure to pay is for more than fifteen days. If a hospital fails to  
8093 pay any assessment for more than thirty days after the date when due,  
8094 the [executive director] commissioner may, in addition to the fees  
8095 imposed pursuant to this subsection, impose a civil penalty of up to one  
8096 thousand dollars per day for each day past the initial thirty days that the  
8097 assessment is not paid. Any civil penalty authorized by this subsection  
8098 shall be imposed by the [executive director] commissioner in accordance  
8099 with subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of section 19a-653.

8100 Sec. 214. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 19a-633 of the 2024  
8101 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
8102 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8103 (a) The [executive director] commissioner, or any agent authorized  
8104 by [such executive director] the commissioner to conduct any inquiry,  
8105 investigation or hearing under the provisions of this chapter, shall have  
8106 power to administer oaths and take testimony under oath relative to the  
8107 matter of inquiry or investigation. At any hearing ordered by the unit,

8108 the [executive director] commissioner or such agent having authority by  
8109 law to issue such process may subpoena witnesses and require the  
8110 production of records, papers and documents pertinent to such inquiry.  
8111 If any person disobeys such process or, having appeared in obedience  
8112 thereto, refuses to answer any pertinent question put to such person by  
8113 the [executive director] commissioner or such [executive director's]  
8114 commissioner's authorized agent or to produce any records and papers  
8115 pursuant thereto, the [executive director] commissioner or such  
8116 [executive director's] commissioner's agent may apply to the superior  
8117 court for the judicial district of Hartford or for the judicial district  
8118 wherein the person resides or wherein the business has been conducted,  
8119 or to any judge of said court if the same is not in session, setting forth  
8120 such disobedience to process or refusal to answer, and said court or such  
8121 judge shall cite such person to appear before said court or such judge to  
8122 answer such question or to produce such records and papers.

8123 (b) If the [executive director] commissioner or such agent has  
8124 received information and has a reasonable belief that any person, health  
8125 care facility or institution has violated or is violating any provision of  
8126 this chapter, or any regulation or order of the unit, the [executive  
8127 director] commissioner or such agent may issue a notice pursuant to this  
8128 section. The unit shall notify the person, health care facility or institution  
8129 against whom such order is issued by first class mail or personal service.  
8130 The notice shall include: (1) A reference to the sections of the general  
8131 statutes, regulations of Connecticut state agencies or orders alleged or  
8132 believed to have been violated; (2) a short and plain language statement  
8133 of the matters asserted or charged; (3) a description of the activity  
8134 alleged to have violated a statute or regulation identified pursuant to  
8135 subdivision (1) of this subsection; (4) a statement concerning the right to  
8136 a hearing of such person, health care facility or institution; and (5) a  
8137 statement that such person, health care facility or institution may, not  
8138 later than ten business days after receipt of such notice, make a written  
8139 request for a hearing on the matters asserted, to be sent to the [executive  
8140 director] commissioner or such agent.

8141       Sec. 215. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 19a-634 of the general  
8142 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
8143 (*Effective from passage*):

8144       (a) The Health Systems Planning Unit shall conduct, on a biennial  
8145 basis, a state-wide health care facility utilization study. Such study may  
8146 include an assessment of: (1) Current availability and utilization of acute  
8147 hospital care, hospital emergency care, specialty hospital care,  
8148 outpatient surgical care, primary care and clinic care; (2) geographic  
8149 areas and subpopulations that may be underserved or have reduced  
8150 access to specific types of health care services; and (3) other factors that  
8151 the unit deems pertinent to health care facility utilization. Not later than  
8152 June thirtieth of the year in which the biennial study is conducted, the  
8153 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy shall  
8154 report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the Governor and the joint  
8155 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
8156 matters relating to public health and human services on the findings of  
8157 the study. Such report may also include the unit's recommendations for  
8158 addressing identified gaps in the provision of health care services and  
8159 recommendations concerning a lack of access to health care services.

8160       (b) The unit, in consultation with such other state agencies as the  
8161 [executive director] commissioner deems appropriate, shall establish  
8162 and maintain a state-wide health care facilities and services plan. Such  
8163 plan may include, but not be limited to: (1) An assessment of the  
8164 availability of acute hospital care, hospital emergency care, specialty  
8165 hospital care, outpatient surgical care, primary care and clinic care; (2)  
8166 an evaluation of the unmet needs of persons at risk and vulnerable  
8167 populations as determined by the [executive director] commissioner; (3)  
8168 a projection of future demand for health care services and the impact  
8169 that technology may have on the demand, capacity or need for such  
8170 services; and (4) recommendations for the expansion, reduction or  
8171 modification of health care facilities or services. In the development of  
8172 the plan, the unit shall consider the recommendations of any advisory  
8173 bodies which may be established by the [executive director]

8174 commissioner. The [executive director] commissioner may also  
8175 incorporate the recommendations of authoritative organizations whose  
8176 mission is to promote policies based on best practices or evidence-based  
8177 research. The [executive director] commissioner, in consultation with  
8178 hospital representatives, shall develop a process that encourages  
8179 hospitals to incorporate the state-wide health care facilities and services  
8180 plan into hospital long-range planning and shall facilitate  
8181 communication between appropriate state agencies concerning  
8182 innovations or changes that may affect future health planning. The unit  
8183 shall update the state-wide health care facilities and services plan not  
8184 less than once every two years.

8185       Sec. 216. Subsections (d) to (f), inclusive, of section 19a-638 of the 2024  
8186 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
8187 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8188       (d) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8189 Strategy may implement policies and procedures necessary to  
8190 administer the provisions of this section while in the process of adopting  
8191 such policies and procedures as regulation, provided the [executive  
8192 director] commissioner holds a public hearing prior to implementing  
8193 the policies and procedures and posts notice of intent to adopt  
8194 regulations on the office's Internet web site and the eRegulations System  
8195 not later than twenty days after the date of implementation. Policies and  
8196 procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until the  
8197 time final regulations are adopted.

8198       (e) On or before June 30, 2026, a mental health facility seeking to  
8199 increase licensed bed capacity without applying for a certificate of need,  
8200 as permitted pursuant to subdivision (23) of subsection (b) of this  
8201 section, shall notify the Office of Health Strategy, in a form and manner  
8202 prescribed by the [executive director of said office] commissioner,  
8203 regarding (1) such facility's intent to increase licensed bed capacity, (2)  
8204 the address of such facility, and (3) a description of all services that are  
8205 being or will be provided at such facility.

8206 (f) Not later than January 1, 2025, the [executive director of the Office  
8207 of Health Strategy] commissioner shall report to the Governor and, in  
8208 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing  
8209 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
8210 relating to public health concerning the [executive director's]  
8211 commissioner's recommendations, if any, regarding the establishment  
8212 of an expedited certificate of need process for mental health facilities.

8213 Sec. 217. Subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection (d) of section 19a-639  
8214 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in  
8215 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8216 (3) The unit shall deny any certificate of need application involving a  
8217 transfer of ownership of a hospital unless the [executive director]  
8218 commissioner finds that the affected community will be assured of  
8219 continued access to high quality and affordable health care after  
8220 accounting for any proposed change impacting hospital staffing.

8221 (4) The unit may deny any certificate of need application involving a  
8222 transfer of ownership of a hospital subject to a cost and market impact  
8223 review pursuant to section 19a-639f if the [executive director]  
8224 commissioner finds that (A) the affected community will not be assured  
8225 of continued access to high quality and affordable health care after  
8226 accounting for any consolidation in the hospital and health care market  
8227 that may lessen health care provider diversity, consumer choice and  
8228 access to care, and (B) any likely increases in the prices for health care  
8229 services or total health care spending in the state may negatively impact  
8230 the affordability of care.

8231 Sec. 218. Subsection (h) of section 19a-639a of the 2024 supplement to  
8232 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
8233 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8234 (h) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8235 Strategy may implement policies and procedures necessary to  
8236 administer the provisions of this section while in the process of adopting

8237 such policies and procedures as regulation, provided the [executive  
8238 director] commissioner holds a public hearing prior to implementing  
8239 the policies and procedures and posts notice of intent to adopt  
8240 regulations on the office's Internet web site and the eRegulations System  
8241 not later than twenty days after the date of implementation. Policies and  
8242 procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until the  
8243 time final regulations are adopted.

8244 Sec. 219. Subsection (e) of section 19a-639b of the general statutes is  
8245 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
8246 *passage*):

8247 (e) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8248 Strategy may implement policies and procedures necessary to  
8249 administer the provisions of this section while in the process of adopting  
8250 such policies and procedures as regulation, provided the [executive  
8251 director] commissioner holds a public hearing prior to implementing  
8252 the policies and procedures and posts notice of intent to adopt  
8253 regulations on the office's Internet web site and the eRegulations System  
8254 not later than twenty days after the date of implementation. Policies and  
8255 procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until the  
8256 time final regulations are adopted.

8257 Sec. 220. Subsection (b) of section 19a-639c of the 2024 supplement to  
8258 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
8259 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8260 (b) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8261 Strategy may implement policies and procedures necessary to  
8262 administer the provisions of this section while in the process of adopting  
8263 such policies and procedures as regulation, provided the [executive  
8264 director] commissioner holds a public hearing prior to implementing  
8265 the policies and procedures and posts notice of intent to adopt  
8266 regulations on the office's Internet web site and the eRegulations System  
8267 not later than twenty days after the date of implementation. Policies and

8268 procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until the  
8269 time final regulations are adopted.

8270 Sec. 221. Subsection (d) of section 19a-639e of the general statutes is  
8271 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
8272 *passage*):

8273 (d) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8274 Strategy may implement policies and procedures necessary to  
8275 administer the provisions of this section while in the process of adopting  
8276 such policies and procedures as regulation, provided the [executive  
8277 director] commissioner holds a public hearing prior to implementing  
8278 the policies and procedures and posts notice of intent to adopt  
8279 regulations on the office's Internet web site and the eRegulations System  
8280 not later than twenty days after the date of implementation. Policies and  
8281 procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until the  
8282 time final regulations are adopted.

8283 Sec. 222. Subsection (l) of section 19a-639f of the general statutes is  
8284 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
8285 *passage*):

8286 (l) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8287 Strategy shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of  
8288 chapter 54, concerning cost and market impact reviews and to  
8289 administer the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall include  
8290 definitions of the following terms: "Dispersed service area", "health  
8291 status adjusted total medical expense", "major service category",  
8292 "relative prices", "total health care spending" and "health care services".  
8293 The [executive director] commissioner may implement policies and  
8294 procedures necessary to administer the provisions of this section while  
8295 in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in regulation  
8296 form, provided the [executive director] commissioner publishes notice  
8297 of intention to adopt the regulations on the office's Internet web site and  
8298 the eRegulations System not later than twenty days after implementing

8299 such policies and procedures. Policies and procedures implemented  
8300 pursuant to this subsection shall be valid until the time such regulations  
8301 are effective.

8302 Sec. 223. Subsections (c) to (f), inclusive, of section 19a-654 of the  
8303 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
8304 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8305 (c) An outpatient surgical facility, as defined in section 19a-493b, a  
8306 short-term acute care general or children's hospital, or a facility that  
8307 provides outpatient surgical services as part of the outpatient surgery  
8308 department of a short-term acute care hospital shall submit to the unit  
8309 the data identified in subsection (c) of section 19a-634. The unit shall  
8310 convene a working group consisting of representatives of outpatient  
8311 surgical facilities, hospitals and other individuals necessary to develop  
8312 recommendations that address current obstacles to, and proposed  
8313 requirements for, patient-identifiable data reporting in the outpatient  
8314 setting. On or before February 1, 2012, the working group shall report,  
8315 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on its findings and  
8316 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General  
8317 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and  
8318 insurance and real estate. Additional reporting of outpatient data as the  
8319 unit deems necessary shall begin not later than July 1, 2015. On or before  
8320 July 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the Connecticut Association of  
8321 Ambulatory Surgery Centers shall provide a progress report to the  
8322 Office of Health Strategy, until such time as all ambulatory surgery  
8323 centers are in full compliance with the implementation of systems that  
8324 allow for the reporting of outpatient data as required by the [executive  
8325 director] commissioner. Until such additional reporting requirements  
8326 take effect on July 1, 2015, the department may work with the  
8327 Connecticut Association of Ambulatory Surgery Centers and the  
8328 Connecticut Hospital Association on specific data reporting initiatives  
8329 provided that no penalties shall be assessed under this chapter or any  
8330 other provision of law with respect to the failure to submit such data.



8331 (d) Except as provided in this subsection, patient-identifiable data  
8332 received by the unit shall be kept confidential and shall not be  
8333 considered public records or files subject to disclosure under the  
8334 Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200. The unit may  
8335 release de-identified patient data or aggregate patient data to the public  
8336 in a manner consistent with the provisions of 45 CFR 164.514. Any de-  
8337 identified patient data released by the unit shall exclude provider,  
8338 physician and payer organization names or codes and shall be kept  
8339 confidential by the recipient. The unit may release patient-identifiable  
8340 data (1) for medical and scientific research as provided for in section  
8341 19a-25-3 of the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, and (2) to (A)  
8342 a state agency for the purpose of improving health care service delivery,  
8343 (B) a federal agency or the office of the Attorney General for the purpose  
8344 of investigating hospital mergers and acquisitions, (C) another state's  
8345 health data collection agency with which the unit has entered into a  
8346 reciprocal data-sharing agreement for the purpose of certificate of need  
8347 review or evaluation of health care services, upon receipt of a request  
8348 from such agency, provided, prior to the release of such patient-  
8349 identifiable data, such agency enters into a written agreement with the  
8350 unit pursuant to which such agency agrees to protect the confidentiality  
8351 of such patient-identifiable data and not to use such patient-identifiable  
8352 data as a basis for any decision concerning a patient, or (D) a consultant  
8353 or independent professional contracted by the Office of Health Strategy  
8354 pursuant to section 19a-614 to carry out the functions of the unit,  
8355 including collecting, managing or organizing such patient-identifiable  
8356 data. No individual or entity receiving patient-identifiable data may  
8357 release such data in any manner that may result in an individual patient,  
8358 physician, provider or payer being identified. The unit shall impose a  
8359 reasonable, cost-based fee for any patient data provided to a  
8360 nongovernmental entity.

8361 (e) Not later than October 1, 2018, the Health Systems Planning Unit  
8362 shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Comptroller  
8363 that shall permit the Comptroller to access the data set forth in

8364 subsections (b) and (c) of this section, provided the Comptroller agrees,  
8365 in writing, to keep individual patient and provider data identified by  
8366 proper name or personal identification code and submitted pursuant to  
8367 this section confidential.

8368 (f) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8369 Strategy shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of  
8370 chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this section.

8371 Sec. 224. Section 19a-673a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
8372 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8373 The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8374 Strategy shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to  
8375 establish uniform debt collection standards for hospitals.

8376 Sec. 225. Section 19a-676 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
8377 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8378 On or before March thirty-first of each year, for the preceding fiscal  
8379 year, each hospital shall submit to the unit, in the form and manner  
8380 prescribed by the unit, the data specified in regulations adopted by the  
8381 [executive director] commissioner in accordance with chapter 54, the  
8382 hospital's verification of net revenue required under section 19a-649 and  
8383 any other data required by the unit, including hospital budget system  
8384 data for the hospital's twelve months' actual filing requirements.

8385 Sec. 226. Subsection (b) of section 19a-725 of the general statutes is  
8386 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
8387 *passage*):

8388 (b) (1) The Health Care Cabinet shall consist of the following  
8389 members who shall be appointed on or before August 1, 2011: (A) Five  
8390 appointed by the Governor, two of whom may represent the health care  
8391 industry and shall serve for terms of four years, one of whom shall  
8392 represent community health centers and shall serve for a term of three

8393 years, one of whom shall represent insurance producers and shall serve  
8394 for a term of three years and one of whom shall be an at-large  
8395 appointment and shall serve for a term of three years; (B) one appointed  
8396 by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be an oral health  
8397 specialist engaged in active practice and shall serve for a term of four  
8398 years; (C) one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall  
8399 represent labor and shall serve for a term of three years; (D) one  
8400 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be an  
8401 advanced practice registered nurse engaged in active practice and shall  
8402 serve for a term of two years; (E) one appointed by the speaker of the  
8403 House of Representatives, who shall be a consumer advocate and shall  
8404 serve for a term of four years; (F) one appointed by the majority leader  
8405 of the House of Representatives, who shall be a primary care physician  
8406 engaged in active practice and shall serve for a term of four years; (G)  
8407 one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives,  
8408 who shall represent the health information technology industry and  
8409 shall serve for a term of three years; (H) five appointed jointly by the  
8410 chairpersons of the SustiNet Health Partnership board of directors, one  
8411 of whom shall represent faith communities, one of whom shall represent  
8412 small businesses, one of whom shall represent the home health care  
8413 industry, one of whom shall represent hospitals, and one of whom shall  
8414 be an at-large appointment, all of whom shall serve for terms of five  
8415 years; (I) the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8416 Strategy, or the [executive director's] commissioner's designee; (J) the  
8417 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's  
8418 designee; the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee; the chief  
8419 executive officer of the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange, or said  
8420 officer's designee; the Commissioners of Social Services and Public  
8421 Health, or their designees; and the Healthcare Advocate, or the  
8422 Healthcare Advocate's designee, all of whom shall serve as ex-officio  
8423 voting members; and (K) the Commissioners of Children and Families,  
8424 Developmental Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services, and  
8425 the Insurance Commissioner, or their designees, and the nonprofit  
8426 liaison to the Governor, or the nonprofit liaison's designee, all of whom

8427 shall serve as ex-officio nonvoting members.

8428 (2) Following the expiration of initial cabinet member terms,  
8429 subsequent cabinet terms shall be for four years, commencing on  
8430 August first of the year of the appointment. If an appointing authority  
8431 fails to make an initial appointment to the cabinet or an appointment to  
8432 fill a cabinet vacancy within ninety days of the date of such vacancy, the  
8433 appointed cabinet members shall, by majority vote, make such  
8434 appointment to the cabinet.

8435 (3) Upon the expiration of the initial terms of the five cabinet  
8436 members appointed by Sustinet Health Partnership board of directors,  
8437 five successor cabinet members shall be appointed as follows: (A) One  
8438 appointed by the Governor; (B) one appointed by the president pro  
8439 tempore of the Senate; (C) one appointed by the speaker of the House of  
8440 Representatives; and (D) two appointed by majority vote of the  
8441 appointed board members. Successor board members appointed  
8442 pursuant to this subdivision shall be at-large appointments.

8443 (4) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8444 Strategy, or the [executive director's] commissioner's designee, shall  
8445 serve as the chairperson of the Health Care Cabinet.

8446 Sec. 227. Subsection (a) of section 19a-754a of the 2024 supplement to  
8447 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
8448 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8449 (a) There is established an Office of Health Strategy, which shall be  
8450 within the Department of Public Health for administrative purposes  
8451 only. The department head of said office shall be the [executive director  
8452 of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy, who shall be appointed  
8453 by the Governor in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-  
8454 8, inclusive, with the powers and duties therein prescribed.

8455 Sec. 228. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 19a-754b of the 2024  
8456 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is

8457 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8458 (c) (1) Beginning on January 1, 2020, the [executive director of the  
8459 Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy may conduct a study, with the  
8460 assistance of the Comptroller and not more frequently than once  
8461 annually, of each pharmaceutical manufacturer of a pipeline drug that,  
8462 in the opinion of the [executive director] commissioner in consultation  
8463 with the Comptroller and the Commissioner of Social Services, may  
8464 have a significant impact on state expenditures for outpatient  
8465 prescription drugs. The office may work with the Comptroller to utilize  
8466 existing state resources and contracts, or contract with a third party,  
8467 including, but not limited to, an accounting firm, to conduct such study.

8468 (2) Each pharmaceutical manufacturer that is the subject of a study  
8469 conducted pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall submit to  
8470 the office, or any contractor engaged by the office or the Comptroller to  
8471 perform such study, the following information for the pipeline drug that  
8472 is the subject of such study:

8473 (A) The primary disease, condition or therapeutic area studied in  
8474 connection with such drug, and whether such drug is therapeutically  
8475 indicated for such disease, condition or therapeutic area;

8476 (B) Each route of administration studied for such drug;

8477 (C) Clinical trial comparators, if applicable, for such drug;

8478 (D) The estimated year of market entry for such drug;

8479 (E) Whether the federal Food and Drug Administration has  
8480 designated such drug as an orphan drug, a fast track product or a  
8481 breakthrough therapy; and

8482 (F) Whether the federal Food and Drug Administration has  
8483 designated such drug for accelerated approval and, if such drug  
8484 contains a new molecular entity, for priority review.

8485 (d) (1) On or before March 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, the  
8486 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy, in  
8487 consultation with the Comptroller, Commissioner of Social Services and  
8488 Commissioner of Public Health, shall prepare a list of not more than ten  
8489 outpatient prescription drugs that the [executive director]  
8490 Commissioner of Health Strategy, in the [executive director's]  
8491 commissioner's discretion, determines are (A) provided at substantial  
8492 cost to the state, considering the net cost of such drugs, or (B) critical to  
8493 public health. The list shall include outpatient prescription drugs from  
8494 different therapeutic classes of outpatient prescription drugs and not  
8495 less than one generic outpatient prescription drug.

8496 (2) Prior to publishing the annual list pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
8497 this subsection, the [executive director] commissioner shall prepare a  
8498 preliminary list that includes outpatient prescription drugs that the  
8499 [executive director] commissioner plans to include on such annual list.  
8500 The [executive director] commissioner shall make such preliminary list  
8501 available for public comment for not less than thirty days. During the  
8502 public comment period, any manufacturer of an outpatient prescription  
8503 drug included on the preliminary list may produce documentation, as  
8504 permitted by federal law, to the [executive director] commissioner to  
8505 establish that the wholesale acquisition cost of such drug, less all rebates  
8506 paid to the state for such outpatient prescription drug during the  
8507 immediately preceding calendar year, does not exceed the limits  
8508 established in subdivision (3) of this subsection. If such documentation  
8509 establishes, to the satisfaction of the [executive director] commissioner,  
8510 that the wholesale acquisition cost of the drug, less all rebates paid to  
8511 the state for such drug during the immediately preceding calendar year,  
8512 does not exceed the limits established in subdivision (3) of this  
8513 subsection, the [executive director] commissioner shall, not later than  
8514 fifteen days after the closing of the public comment period, remove such  
8515 drug from the preliminary list before publishing the annual list  
8516 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

8517 (3) The [executive director] commissioner shall not list any outpatient

8518 prescription drugs under subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection unless  
8519 the wholesale acquisition cost of such outpatient prescription drug (A)  
8520 increased by not less than sixteen per cent cumulatively during the  
8521 immediately preceding two calendar years, and (B) was not less than  
8522 forty dollars for a course of treatment.

8523 (4) (A) The pharmaceutical manufacturer of an outpatient  
8524 prescription drug included on a list prepared by the [executive director]  
8525 commissioner pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection shall  
8526 provide to the office, in a form and manner specified by the [executive  
8527 director] commissioner, (i) a written, narrative description, suitable for  
8528 public release, of all factors that caused the increase in the wholesale  
8529 acquisition cost of the listed outpatient prescription drug, and (ii)  
8530 aggregate, company-level research and development costs and such  
8531 other capital expenditures that the [executive director] commissioner, in  
8532 the [executive director's] commissioner's discretion, deems relevant for  
8533 the most recent year for which final audited data are available.

8534 (B) The quality and types of information and data that a  
8535 pharmaceutical manufacturer submits to the office under this  
8536 subdivision shall be consistent with the quality and types of information  
8537 and data that the pharmaceutical manufacturer includes in (i) such  
8538 pharmaceutical manufacturer's annual consolidated report on Securities  
8539 and Exchange Commission Form 10-K, or (ii) any other public  
8540 disclosure.

8541 (5) The office shall establish a standardized form for reporting  
8542 information and data pursuant to this subsection after consulting with  
8543 pharmaceutical manufacturers. The form shall be designed to minimize  
8544 the administrative burden and cost of reporting on the office and  
8545 pharmaceutical manufacturers.

8546 Sec. 229. Section 19a-754e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
8547 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8548 (a) The [Executive Director of the Office] Commissioner of Health

8549 Strategy, in consultation with the Office of Policy and Management, the  
8550 Department of Social Services, the Connecticut Insurance Department  
8551 and the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange established pursuant to  
8552 section 38a-1081, shall study the feasibility of offering health care  
8553 coverage for (1) income-eligible children ages nine to eighteen,  
8554 inclusive, regardless of immigration status, who are not otherwise  
8555 eligible for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, or an  
8556 offer of affordable employer sponsored insurance as defined in the  
8557 Affordable Care Act, as an employee or a dependent of an employee,  
8558 and (2) adults with household income not exceeding two hundred per  
8559 cent of the federal poverty level who do not otherwise qualify for  
8560 medical assistance, an offer of affordable, employer-sponsored  
8561 insurance as defined in the Affordable Care Act, as an employee or a  
8562 dependent of an employee, or health care coverage through the  
8563 Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange due to household income.

8564 (b) The study on the feasibility of providing health care coverage to  
8565 income-eligible children ages nine to eighteen, inclusive, shall include,  
8566 but not be limited to: (1) The age groups that would be provided medical  
8567 assistance in each year, and appropriations necessary to provide such  
8568 assistance, (2) income eligibility criteria and health care coverage  
8569 consistent with the medical assistance programs established pursuant to  
8570 sections 17b-261 and 17b-292, and (3) recommendations for identifying  
8571 and enrolling such children in such coverage.

8572 (c) The study on the feasibility of providing health care coverage for  
8573 adults with household income not exceeding two hundred per cent of  
8574 the federal poverty level shall include, but not be limited to: (1)  
8575 Household income caps for adults who would be provided health care  
8576 coverage in each year, and appropriations necessary to provide such  
8577 coverage, (2) health care coverage consistent with the medical assistance  
8578 programs established pursuant to section 17b-261 and the HUSKY D  
8579 program as defined in section 17b-290, and (3) recommendations for  
8580 identifying and enrolling such adults in such coverage.



8581 (d) Not later than July 1, 2022, the [executive director] commissioner  
8582 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on  
8583 provisions of the feasibility study to the joint standing committees of the  
8584 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
8585 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, human services and  
8586 insurance and real estate.

8587 Sec. 230. Subdivisions (1) to (9), inclusive, of section 19a-754f of the  
8588 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
8589 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8590 (1) "Drug manufacturer" means the manufacturer of a drug that is:  
8591 (A) Included in the information and data submitted by a health carrier  
8592 pursuant to section 38a-479qqq, (B) studied or listed pursuant to  
8593 subsection (c) or (d) of section 19a-754b, or (C) in a therapeutic class of  
8594 drugs that the [executive director] Commissioner of Health Strategy  
8595 determines, through public or private reports, has had a substantial  
8596 impact on prescription drug expenditures, net of rebates, as a  
8597 percentage of total health care expenditures;

8598 (2) ["Executive director"] "Commissioner" means the [executive  
8599 director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy;

8600 (3) "Health care cost growth benchmark" means the annual  
8601 benchmark established pursuant to section 19a-754g;

8602 (4) "Health care quality benchmark" means an annual benchmark  
8603 established pursuant to section 19a-754g;

8604 (5) "Health care provider" has the same meaning as provided in  
8605 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 19a-17b;

8606 (6) "Net cost of private health insurance" means the difference  
8607 between premiums earned and benefits incurred, and includes insurers'  
8608 costs of paying bills, advertising, sales commissions, and other  
8609 administrative costs, net additions or subtractions from reserves, rate

8610 credits and dividends, premium taxes and profits or losses;

8611 (7) "Office" means the Office of Health Strategy established under  
8612 section 19a-754a;

8613 (8) "Other entity" means a drug manufacturer, pharmacy benefits  
8614 manager or other health care provider that is not considered a provider  
8615 entity;

8616 (9) "Payer" means a payer, including Medicaid, Medicare and  
8617 governmental and nongovernment health plans, and includes any  
8618 organization acting as payer that is a subsidiary, affiliate or business  
8619 owned or controlled by a payer that, during a given calendar year, pays  
8620 health care providers for health care services or pharmacies or provider  
8621 entities for prescription drugs designated by the [executive director]  
8622 Commissioner of Health Strategy;

8623 Sec. 231. Section 19a-754g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
8624 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8625 (a) Not later than July 1, 2022, the [executive director] commissioner  
8626 shall publish (1) the health care cost growth benchmarks and annual  
8627 primary care spending targets as a percentage of total medical expenses  
8628 for the calendar years 2021 to 2025, inclusive, and (2) the annual health  
8629 care quality benchmarks for the calendar years 2022 to 2025, inclusive,  
8630 on the office's Internet web site.

8631 (b) (1) (A) Not later than July 1, 2025, and every five years thereafter,  
8632 the [executive director] commissioner shall develop and adopt annual  
8633 health care cost growth benchmarks and annual primary care spending  
8634 targets for the succeeding five calendar years for provider entities and  
8635 payers.

8636 (B) In developing the health care cost growth benchmarks and  
8637 primary care spending targets pursuant to this subdivision, the  
8638 [executive director] commissioner shall consider (i) any historical and

8639 forecasted changes in median income for individuals in the state and the  
8640 growth rate of potential gross state product, (ii) the rate of inflation, and  
8641 (iii) the most recent report prepared by the [executive director]  
8642 commissioner pursuant to subsection (b) of section 19a-754h.

8643 (C) (i) The [executive director] commissioner shall hold at least one  
8644 informational public hearing prior to adopting the health care cost  
8645 growth benchmarks and primary care spending targets for each  
8646 succeeding five-year period described in this subdivision. The  
8647 [executive director] commissioner may hold informational public  
8648 hearings concerning any annual health care cost growth benchmark and  
8649 primary care spending target set pursuant to subsection (a) or  
8650 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section. Such informational  
8651 public hearings shall be held at a time and place designated by the  
8652 [executive director] commissioner in a notice prominently posted by the  
8653 [executive director] commissioner on the office's Internet web site and  
8654 in a form and manner prescribed by the [executive director]  
8655 commissioner. The [executive director] commissioner shall make  
8656 available on the office's Internet web site a summary of any such  
8657 informational public hearing and include the [executive director's]  
8658 commissioner's recommendations, if any, to modify or not to modify  
8659 any such annual benchmark or target.

8660 (ii) If the [executive director] commissioner determines, after any  
8661 informational public hearing held pursuant to this subparagraph, that a  
8662 modification to any health care cost growth benchmark or annual  
8663 primary care spending target is, in the [executive director's]  
8664 commissioner's discretion, reasonably warranted, the [executive  
8665 director] commissioner may modify such benchmark or target.

8666 (iii) The [executive director] commissioner shall annually (I) review  
8667 the current and projected rate of inflation, and (II) include on the office's  
8668 Internet web site the [executive director's] commissioner's findings of  
8669 such review, including the reasons for making or not making a  
8670 modification to any applicable health care cost growth benchmark. If the

8671 [executive director] commissioner determines that the rate of inflation  
8672 requires modification of any health care cost growth benchmark  
8673 adopted under this section, the [executive director] commissioner may  
8674 modify such benchmark. In such event, the [executive director]  
8675 commissioner shall not be required to hold an informational public  
8676 hearing concerning such modified health care cost growth benchmark.

8677 (D) The [executive director] commissioner shall post each adopted  
8678 health care cost growth benchmark and annual primary care spending  
8679 target on the office's Internet web site.

8680 (E) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (A) to (D),  
8681 inclusive, of this subdivision, if the average annual health care cost  
8682 growth benchmark for a succeeding five-year period described in this  
8683 subdivision differs from the average annual health care cost growth  
8684 benchmark for the five-year period preceding such succeeding five-year  
8685 period by more than one-half of one per cent, the [executive director]  
8686 commissioner shall submit the annual health care cost growth  
8687 benchmarks developed for such succeeding five-year period to the joint  
8688 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
8689 matters relating to insurance for the committee's review and approval.  
8690 The committee shall be deemed to have approved such annual health  
8691 care cost growth benchmarks for such succeeding five-year period,  
8692 except upon a vote to reject such benchmarks by the majority of  
8693 committee members at a meeting of such committee called for the  
8694 purpose of reviewing such benchmarks and held not later than thirty  
8695 days after the [executive director] commissioner submitted such  
8696 benchmarks to such committee. If the committee votes to reject such  
8697 benchmarks, the [executive director] commissioner may submit to the  
8698 committee modified annual health care cost growth benchmarks for  
8699 such succeeding five-year period for the committee's review and  
8700 approval in accordance with the provisions of this subparagraph. The  
8701 [executive director] commissioner shall not be required to hold an  
8702 informational public hearing concerning such modified benchmarks.  
8703 Until the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having

8704 cognizance of matters relating to insurance approves annual health care  
8705 cost growth benchmarks for the succeeding five-year period, such  
8706 benchmarks shall be deemed to be equal to the average annual health  
8707 care cost growth benchmark for the preceding five-year period.

8708 (2) (A) Not later than July 1, 2025, and every five years thereafter, the  
8709 [executive director] commissioner shall develop and adopt annual  
8710 health care quality benchmarks for the succeeding five calendar years  
8711 for provider entities and payers.

8712 (B) In developing annual health care quality benchmarks pursuant to  
8713 this subdivision, the [executive director] commissioner shall consider (i)  
8714 quality measures endorsed by nationally recognized organizations,  
8715 including, but not limited to, the National Quality Forum, the National  
8716 Committee for Quality Assurance, the Centers for Medicare and  
8717 Medicaid Services, the Centers for Disease Control, the Joint  
8718 Commission and expert organizations that develop health equity  
8719 measures, and (ii) measures that: (I) Concern health outcomes,  
8720 overutilization, underutilization and patient safety, (II) meet standards  
8721 of patient-centeredness and ensure consideration of differences in  
8722 preferences and clinical characteristics within patient subpopulations,  
8723 and (III) concern community health or population health.

8724 (C) (i) The [executive director] commissioner shall hold at least one  
8725 informational public hearing prior to adopting the health care quality  
8726 benchmarks for each succeeding five-year period described in this  
8727 subdivision. The [executive director] commissioner may hold  
8728 informational public hearings concerning the quality measures the  
8729 [executive director] commissioner proposes to adopt as health care  
8730 quality benchmarks. Such informational public hearings shall be held at  
8731 a time and place designated by the [executive director] commissioner in  
8732 a notice prominently posted by the [executive director] commissioner  
8733 on the office's Internet web site and in a form and manner prescribed by  
8734 the [executive director] commissioner. The [executive director]  
8735 commissioner shall make available on the office's Internet web site a

8736 summary of any such informational public hearing and include the  
8737 [executive director's] recommendations, if any, to modify or not modify  
8738 any such health care quality benchmark.

8739 (ii) If the [executive director] commissioner determines, after any  
8740 informational public hearing held pursuant to this subparagraph, that  
8741 modifications to any health care quality benchmarks are, in the  
8742 [executive director's] commissioner's discretion, reasonably warranted,  
8743 the [executive director] commissioner may modify such quality  
8744 benchmarks. The [executive director] commissioner shall not be  
8745 required to hold an additional informational public hearing concerning  
8746 such modified quality benchmarks.

8747 (D) The [executive director] commissioner shall post each adopted  
8748 health care quality benchmark on the office's Internet web site.

8749 (c) The [executive director] commissioner may enter into such  
8750 contractual agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes  
8751 of this section, including, but not limited to, contractual agreements  
8752 with actuarial, economic and other experts and consultants.

8753 Sec. 232. Section 19a-754h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
8754 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8755 (a) Not later than August 15, 2022, and annually thereafter, each  
8756 payer shall report to the [executive director] commissioner, in a form  
8757 and manner prescribed by the [executive director] commissioner, for the  
8758 preceding or prior years, if the [executive director] commissioner so  
8759 requests based on material changes to data previously submitted,  
8760 aggregated data, including aggregated self-funded data as applicable,  
8761 necessary for the [executive director] commissioner to calculate total  
8762 health care expenditures, primary care spending as a percentage of total  
8763 medical expenses and net cost of private health insurance. Each payer  
8764 shall also disclose, as requested by the [executive director]  
8765 commissioner, payer data required for adjusting total medical expense  
8766 calculations to reflect changes in the patient population.

8767 (b) Not later than March 31, 2023, and annually thereafter, the  
8768 [executive director] commissioner shall prepare and post on the office's  
8769 Internet web site, a report concerning the total health care expenditures  
8770 utilizing the total aggregate medical expenses reported by payers  
8771 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, including, but not limited to,  
8772 a breakdown of such population-adjusted total medical expenses by  
8773 payer and provider entities. The report may include, but shall not be  
8774 limited to, information regarding the following:

8775 (1) Trends in major service category spending;

8776 (2) Primary care spending as a percentage of total medical expenses;

8777 (3) The net cost of private health insurance by payer by market  
8778 segment, including individual, small group, large group, self-insured,  
8779 student and Medicare Advantage markets; and

8780 (4) Any other factors the [executive director] commissioner deems  
8781 relevant to providing context on such data, which shall include, but not  
8782 be limited to, the following factors: (A) The impact of the rate of inflation  
8783 and rate of medical inflation; (B) impacts, if any, on access to care; and  
8784 (C) responses to public health crises or similar emergencies.

8785 (c) The [executive director] commissioner shall annually submit a  
8786 request to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for  
8787 the unadjusted total medical expenses of Connecticut residents.

8788 (d) Not later than August 15, 2023, and annually thereafter, each  
8789 payer or provider entity shall report to the [executive director]  
8790 commissioner in a form and manner prescribed by the [executive  
8791 director] commissioner, for the preceding year, and for prior years if the  
8792 [executive director] commissioner so requests based on material  
8793 changes to data previously submitted, on the health care quality  
8794 benchmarks adopted pursuant to section 19a-754g.

8795 (e) Not later than March 31, 2024, and annually thereafter, the

8796 [executive director] commissioner shall prepare and post on the office's  
8797 Internet web site, a report concerning health care quality benchmarks  
8798 reported by payers and provider entities pursuant to subsection (d) of  
8799 this section.

8800 (f) The [executive director] commissioner may enter into such  
8801 contractual agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes  
8802 of this section, including, but not limited to, contractual agreements  
8803 with actuarial, economic and other experts and consultants.

8804 Sec. 233. Section 19a-754i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
8805 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8806 (a) (1) For each calendar year, beginning on January 1, 2023, the  
8807 [executive director] commissioner shall, if the payer or provider entity  
8808 subject to the cost growth benchmark or primary care spending target  
8809 so requests, meet with such payer or provider entity to review and  
8810 validate the total medical expenses data collected pursuant to section  
8811 19a-754h for such payer or provider entity. The [executive director]  
8812 commissioner shall review information provided by the payer or  
8813 provider entity and, if deemed necessary, amend findings for such  
8814 payer or provider prior to the identification of payer or provider entities  
8815 that exceeded the health care cost growth benchmark or failed to meet  
8816 the primary care spending target for the performance year as set forth  
8817 in section 19a-754h. The [executive director] commissioner shall  
8818 identify, not later than May first of such calendar year, each payer or  
8819 provider entity that exceeded the health care cost growth benchmark or  
8820 failed to meet the primary care spending target for the performance  
8821 year.

8822 (2) For each calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2024, the  
8823 [executive director] commissioner shall, if the payer or provider entity  
8824 subject to the health care quality benchmarks for the performance year  
8825 so requests, meet with such payer or provider entity to review and  
8826 validate the quality data collected pursuant to section 19a-754h for such



8827 payer or provider entity. The [executive director] commissioner shall  
8828 review information provided by the payer or provider entity and, if  
8829 deemed necessary, amend findings for such payer or provider prior to  
8830 the identification of payer or provider entities that exceeded the health  
8831 care quality benchmark as set forth in section 19a-754h. The [executive  
8832 director] commissioner shall identify, not later than May first of such  
8833 calendar year, each payer or provider entity that exceeded the health  
8834 care quality benchmark for the performance year.

8835 (3) Not later than thirty days after the [executive director]  
8836 commissioner identifies each payer or provider entity pursuant to  
8837 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, the [executive director]  
8838 commissioner shall send a notice to each such payer or provider entity.  
8839 Such notice shall be in a form and manner prescribed by the [executive  
8840 director] commissioner, and shall disclose to each such payer or  
8841 provider entity:

8842 (A) That the [executive director] commissioner has identified such  
8843 payer or provider entity pursuant to subdivision (1) or (2) of this  
8844 subsection; and

8845 (B) The factual basis for the [executive director's] commissioner's  
8846 identification of such payer or provider entity pursuant to subdivision  
8847 (1) or (2) of this subsection.

8848 (b) (1) For each calendar year beginning on and after January 1, 2023,  
8849 if the [executive director] commissioner determines that the annual  
8850 percentage change in total health care expenditures for the performance  
8851 year exceeded the health care cost growth benchmark for such year, the  
8852 [executive director] commissioner shall identify, not later than May first  
8853 of such calendar year, any other entity that significantly contributed to  
8854 exceeding such benchmark. Each identification shall be based on:

8855 (A) The report prepared by the [executive director] commissioner  
8856 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 19a-754h for such calendar year;

8857 (B) The report filed pursuant to section 38a-479ppp for such calendar  
8858 year;

8859 (C) The information and data reported to the office pursuant to  
8860 subsection (d) of section 19a-754b for such calendar year;

8861 (D) Information obtained from the all-payer claims database  
8862 established under section 19a-755a; and

8863 (E) Any other information that the [executive director] commissioner,  
8864 in the [executive director's] commissioner's discretion, deems relevant  
8865 for the purposes of this section.

8866 (2) The [executive director] commissioner shall account for costs, net  
8867 of rebates and discounts, when identifying other entities pursuant to  
8868 this section.

8869 Sec. 234. Section 19a-754j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
8870 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8871 (a) (1) Not later than June 30, 2023, and annually thereafter, the  
8872 [executive director] commissioner shall hold an informational public  
8873 hearing to compare the growth in total health care expenditures in the  
8874 performance year to the health care cost growth benchmark established  
8875 pursuant to section 19a-754g for such year. Such hearing shall involve  
8876 an examination of:

8877 (A) The report most recently prepared by the [executive director]  
8878 commissioner pursuant to subsection (b) of section 19a-754h;

8879 (B) The expenditures of provider entities and payers, including, but  
8880 not limited to, health care cost trends, primary care spending as a  
8881 percentage of total medical expenses and the factors contributing to  
8882 such costs and expenditures; and

8883 (C) Any other matters that the [executive director] commissioner, in  
8884 the [executive director's] commissioner's discretion, deems relevant for

8885 the purposes of this section.

8886 (2) The [executive director] commissioner may require any payer or  
8887 provider entity that, for the performance year, is found to be a  
8888 significant contributor to health care cost growth in the state or has  
8889 failed to meet the primary care spending target, to participate in such  
8890 hearing. Each such payer or provider entity that is required to  
8891 participate in such hearing shall provide testimony on issues identified  
8892 by the [executive director] commissioner and provide additional  
8893 information on actions taken to reduce such payer's or entity's  
8894 contribution to future state-wide health care costs and expenditures or  
8895 to increase such payer's or provider entity's primary care spending as a  
8896 percentage of total medical expenses.

8897 (3) The [executive director] commissioner may require that any other  
8898 entity that is found to be a significant contributor to health care cost  
8899 growth in this state during the performance year participate in such  
8900 hearing. Any other entity that is required to participate in such hearing  
8901 shall provide testimony on issues identified by the [executive director]  
8902 commissioner and provide additional information on actions taken to  
8903 reduce such other entity's contribution to future state-wide health care  
8904 costs. If such other entity is a drug manufacturer, and the [executive  
8905 director] commissioner requires that such drug manufacturer  
8906 participate in such hearing with respect to a specific drug or class of  
8907 drugs, such hearing may, to the extent possible, include representatives  
8908 from at least one brand-name manufacturer, one generic manufacturer  
8909 and one innovator company that is less than ten years old.

8910 (4) Not later than October 15, 2023, and annually thereafter, the  
8911 [executive director] commissioner shall prepare and submit a report, in  
8912 accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the  
8913 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance  
8914 and public health. Such report shall be based on the [executive  
8915 director's] commissioner's analysis of the information submitted during  
8916 the most recent informational public hearing conducted pursuant to this

8917 subsection and any other information that the [executive director]  
8918 commissioner, in the [executive director's] commissioner's discretion,  
8919 deems relevant for the purposes of this section, and shall:

8920 (A) Describe health care spending trends in this state, including, but  
8921 not limited to, trends in primary care spending as a percentage of total  
8922 medical expense, and the factors underlying such trends;

8923 (B) Include the findings from the report prepared pursuant to  
8924 subsection (b) of section 19a-754h;

8925 (C) Describe a plan for monitoring any unintended adverse  
8926 consequences resulting from the adoption of cost growth benchmarks  
8927 and primary care spending targets and the results of any findings from  
8928 the implementation of such plan; and

8929 (D) Disclose the [executive director's] commissioner's  
8930 recommendations, if any, concerning strategies to increase the efficiency  
8931 of the state's health care system, including, but not limited to, any  
8932 recommended legislation concerning the state's health care system.

8933 (b) (1) Not later than June 30, 2024, and annually thereafter, the  
8934 [executive director] commissioner shall hold an informational public  
8935 hearing to compare the performance of payers and provider entities in  
8936 the performance year to the quality benchmarks established for such  
8937 year pursuant to section 19a-754g. Such hearing shall include an  
8938 examination of:

8939 (A) The report most recently prepared by the [executive director]  
8940 commissioner pursuant to subsection (e) of section 19a-754h; and

8941 (B) Any other matters that the [executive director] commissioner, in  
8942 the [executive director's] commissioner's discretion, deems relevant for  
8943 the purposes of this section.

8944 (2) The [executive director] commissioner may require any payer or  
8945 provider entity that failed to meet any health care quality benchmarks

8946 in this state during the performance year to participate in such hearing.  
8947 Each such payer or provider entity that is required to participate in such  
8948 hearing shall provide testimony on issues identified by the [executive  
8949 director] commissioner and provide additional information on actions  
8950 taken to improve such payer's or provider entity's quality benchmark  
8951 performance.

8952 (3) Not later than October 15, 2024, and annually thereafter, the  
8953 [executive director] commissioner shall prepare and submit a report, in  
8954 accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the  
8955 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to insurance  
8956 and public health. Such report shall be based on the [executive  
8957 director's] commissioner's analysis of the information submitted during  
8958 the most recent informational public hearing conducted pursuant to this  
8959 subsection and any other information that the [executive director]  
8960 commissioner, in the [executive director's] commissioner's discretion,  
8961 deems relevant for the purposes of this section, and shall:

8962 (A) Describe health care quality trends in this state and the factors  
8963 underlying such trends;

8964 (B) Include the findings from the report prepared pursuant to  
8965 subsection (e) of section 19a-754h; and

8966 (C) Disclose the [executive director's] commissioner's  
8967 recommendations, if any, concerning strategies to improve the quality  
8968 of the state's health care system, including, but not limited to, any  
8969 recommended legislation concerning the state's health care system.

8970 Sec. 235. Section 19a-754k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
8971 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

8972 The [executive director] Commissioner of Health Strategy may adopt  
8973 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions  
8974 of section 19a-754a and sections 19a-754f to 19a-754j, inclusive.

8975       Sec. 236. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 19a-755a of the general  
8976 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
8977 (*Effective from passage*):

8978       (b) (1) There is established an all-payer claims database program. The  
8979 Office of Health Strategy shall: (A) Oversee the planning,  
8980 implementation and administration of the all-payer claims database  
8981 program for the purpose of collecting, assessing and reporting health  
8982 care information relating to safety, quality, cost-effectiveness, access and  
8983 efficiency for all levels of health care; (B) ensure that data received is  
8984 securely collected, compiled and stored in accordance with state and  
8985 federal law; (C) conduct audits of data submitted by reporting entities  
8986 in order to verify its accuracy; and (D) in consultation with the Health  
8987 Information Technology Advisory Council established under section  
8988 17b-59f, maintain written procedures for the administration of such all-  
8989 payer claims database. Any such written procedures shall include (i)  
8990 reporting requirements for reporting entities, and (ii) requirements for  
8991 providing notice to a reporting entity regarding any alleged failure on  
8992 the part of such reporting entity to comply with such reporting  
8993 requirements.

8994       (2) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
8995 Strategy shall seek funding from the federal government, other public  
8996 sources and other private sources to cover costs associated with the  
8997 planning, implementation and administration of the all-payer claims  
8998 database program.

8999       (3) (A) Upon the adoption of reporting requirements as set forth in  
9000 subdivision (1) of this subsection, a reporting entity shall report health  
9001 care information for inclusion in the all-payer claims database in a form  
9002 and manner prescribed by the [executive director of the Office]  
9003 Commissioner of Health Strategy. The [executive director]  
9004 commissioner may, after notice and hearing, impose a civil penalty on  
9005 any reporting entity that fails to report health care information as  
9006 prescribed. Such civil penalty shall not exceed one thousand dollars per

9007 day for each day of violation and shall not be imposed as a cost for the  
9008 purpose of rate determination or reimbursement by a third-party payer.

9009 (B) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
9010 Strategy may provide the name of any reporting entity on which such  
9011 penalty has been imposed to the Insurance Commissioner. After  
9012 consultation with [said executive director] the Commissioner of Health  
9013 Strategy, the [commissioner] Insurance Commissioner may request the  
9014 Attorney General to bring an action in the superior court for the judicial  
9015 district of Hartford to recover any penalty imposed pursuant to  
9016 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision.

9017 (4) The Commissioner of Social Services shall submit Medicaid and  
9018 CHIP data to the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of  
9019 Health Strategy for inclusion in the all-payer claims database only for  
9020 purposes related to administration of the State Medicaid and CHIP  
9021 Plans, in accordance with 42 CFR 431.301 to 42 CFR 431.306, inclusive.

9022 (5) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
9023 Strategy shall: (A) Utilize data in the all-payer claims database to  
9024 provide health care consumers in the state with information concerning  
9025 the cost and quality of health care services for the purpose of allowing  
9026 such consumers to make economically sound and medically  
9027 appropriate health care decisions; and (B) make data in the all-payer  
9028 claims database available to any state agency, insurer, employer, health  
9029 care provider, consumer of health care services or researcher for the  
9030 purpose of allowing such person or entity to review such data as it  
9031 relates to health care utilization, costs or quality of health care services.  
9032 If health information, as defined in 45 CFR 160.103, as amended from  
9033 time to time, is permitted to be disclosed under the Health Insurance  
9034 Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, as amended  
9035 from time to time, or regulations adopted thereunder, any disclosure  
9036 thereof made pursuant to this subdivision shall have identifiers  
9037 removed, as set forth in 45 CFR 164.514, as amended from time to time.  
9038 Any disclosure made pursuant to this subdivision of information other

9039 than health information shall be made in a manner to protect the  
9040 confidentiality of such other information as required by state and  
9041 federal law. The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of  
9042 Health Strategy may set a fee to be charged to each person or entity  
9043 requesting access to data stored in the all-payer claims database.

9044 (6) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
9045 Strategy may (A) in consultation with the All-Payer Claims Database  
9046 Advisory Group set forth in section 17b-59f, enter into a contract with a  
9047 person or entity to plan, implement or administer the all-payer claims  
9048 database program, (B) enter into a contract or take any action that is  
9049 necessary to obtain data that is the same data required to be submitted  
9050 by reporting entities under Medicare Part A or Part B, (C) enter into a  
9051 contract for the collection, management or analysis of data received  
9052 from reporting entities, and (D) in accordance with subdivision (4) of  
9053 this subsection, enter into a contract or take any action that is necessary  
9054 to obtain Medicaid and CHIP data. Any such contract for the collection,  
9055 management or analysis of such data shall expressly prohibit the  
9056 disclosure of such data for purposes other than the purposes described  
9057 in this subsection.

9058 (c) Unless otherwise specified, nothing in this section and no action  
9059 taken by the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
9060 Strategy pursuant to this section or section 19a-755b shall be construed  
9061 to preempt, supersede or affect the authority of the Insurance  
9062 Commissioner to regulate the business of insurance in the state.

9063 Sec. 237. Section 19a-755b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
9064 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

9065 (a) For purposes of this section and sections 19a-904a, 19a-904b and  
9066 38a-477d to 38a-477f, inclusive:

9067 (1) "Allowed amount" means the maximum reimbursement dollar  
9068 amount that an insured's health insurance policy allows for a specific  
9069 procedure or service;



9070 (2) "Consumer health information Internet web site" means an  
9071 Internet web site developed and operated by the Office of Health  
9072 Strategy to assist consumers in making informed decisions concerning  
9073 their health care and informed choices among health care providers;

9074 (3) "Episode of care" means all health care services related to the  
9075 treatment of a condition or a service category for such treatment and,  
9076 for acute conditions, includes health care services and treatment  
9077 provided from the onset of the condition to its resolution or a service  
9078 category for such treatment and, for chronic conditions, includes health  
9079 care services and treatment provided over a given period of time or a  
9080 service category for such treatment;

9081 (4) ["Executive director"] "Commissioner" means the [executive  
9082 director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy;

9083 (5) "Health care provider" means any individual, corporation, facility  
9084 or institution licensed by this state to provide health care services;

9085 (6) "Health carrier" means any insurer, health care center, hospital  
9086 service corporation, medical service corporation, fraternal benefit  
9087 society or other entity delivering, issuing for delivery, renewing,  
9088 amending or continuing any individual or group health insurance  
9089 policy in this state providing coverage of the type specified in  
9090 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469;

9091 (7) "Hospital" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-490;

9092 (8) "Out-of-pocket costs" means costs that are not reimbursed by a  
9093 health insurance policy and includes deductibles, coinsurance and  
9094 copayments for covered services and other costs to the consumer  
9095 associated with a procedure or service;

9096 (9) "Outpatient surgical facility" has the same meaning as provided  
9097 in section 19a-493b; and

9098 (10) "Public or private third party" means the state, the federal

9099 government, employers, a health carrier, third-party administrator, as  
9100 defined in section 38a-720, or managed care organization.

9101 (b) (1) Within available resources, the consumer health information  
9102 Internet web site shall: (A) Contain information comparing the quality,  
9103 price and cost of health care services, including, to the extent practicable,  
9104 (i) comparative price and cost information for the health care services  
9105 and procedures reported pursuant to subsection (c) of this section  
9106 categorized by payer or listed by health care provider, (ii) links to  
9107 Internet web sites and consumer tools where consumers may obtain  
9108 comparative cost and quality information, including The Joint  
9109 Commission and Medicare hospital compare tool, (iii) definitions of  
9110 common health insurance and medical terms so consumers may  
9111 compare health coverage and understand the terms of their coverage,  
9112 and (iv) factors consumers should consider when choosing an insurance  
9113 product or provider group, including provider network, premium, cost  
9114 sharing, covered services and tier information; (B) be designed to assist  
9115 consumers and institutional purchasers in making informed decisions  
9116 regarding their health care and informed choices among health care  
9117 providers and, to the extent practicable, provide reference pricing for  
9118 services paid by various health carriers to health care providers; (C)  
9119 present information in language and a format that is understandable to  
9120 the average consumer; and (D) be publicized to the general public. All  
9121 information outlined in this section shall be posted on an Internet web  
9122 site established, or to be established, by the [executive director of the  
9123 Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy in a manner and time frame as  
9124 may be organizationally and financially reasonable in his or her sole  
9125 discretion.

9126 (2) Information collected, stored and published by the Office of  
9127 Health Strategy pursuant to this section is subject to the federal Health  
9128 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, as  
9129 amended from time to time.

9130 (3) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health

9131 Strategy may consider adding quality measures to the consumer health  
9132 information Internet web site.

9133 (c) Not later than January 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the  
9134 [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy shall,  
9135 to the extent the information is available, make available to the public  
9136 on the consumer health information Internet web site a list of: (1) The  
9137 fifty most frequently occurring inpatient services or procedures in the  
9138 state; (2) the fifty most frequently provided outpatient services or  
9139 procedures in the state; (3) the twenty-five most frequent surgical  
9140 services or procedures in the state; (4) the twenty-five most frequent  
9141 imaging services or procedures in the state; and (5) the twenty-five most  
9142 frequently used pharmaceutical products and medical devices in the  
9143 state. Such lists may (A) be expanded to include additional admissions  
9144 and procedures, (B) be based upon those services and procedures that  
9145 are most commonly performed by volume or that represent the greatest  
9146 percentage of related health care expenditures, or (C) be designed to  
9147 include those services and procedures most likely to result in out-of-  
9148 pocket costs to consumers or include bundled episodes of care.

9149 (d) Not later than January 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, to the  
9150 extent practicable, the [executive director of the Office] Commissioner  
9151 of Health Strategy shall issue a report, in a form and manner [to be  
9152 decided] prescribed by the [executive director] commissioner, that  
9153 includes the (1) billed and allowed amounts paid to health care  
9154 providers in each health carrier's network for each service and  
9155 procedure included pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, and (2)  
9156 out-of-pocket costs for each such service and procedure.

9157 (e) (1) On and after January 1, 2018, each hospital shall, at the time of  
9158 scheduling a service or procedure for nonemergency care that is  
9159 included in the report prepared by the [executive director of the Office]  
9160 Commissioner of Health Strategy pursuant to subsection (d) of this  
9161 section, regardless of the location or setting where such services are  
9162 delivered, notify the patient of the patient's right to make a request for

9163 cost and quality information. Upon the request of a patient for a  
9164 diagnosis or procedure included in such report, the hospital shall, not  
9165 later than three business days after scheduling such service or  
9166 procedure, provide written notice, electronically or by mail, to the  
9167 patient who is the subject of the service or procedure concerning: (A) If  
9168 the patient is uninsured, the amount to be charged for the service or  
9169 procedure if all charges are paid in full without a public or private third  
9170 party paying any portion of the charges, including the amount of any  
9171 facility fee, or, if the hospital is not able to provide a specific amount due  
9172 to an inability to predict the specific treatment or diagnostic code, the  
9173 estimated maximum allowed amount or charge for the service or  
9174 procedure, including the amount of any facility fee; (B) the  
9175 corresponding Medicare reimbursement amount or, if there is no  
9176 corresponding Medicare reimbursement amount for such diagnosis or  
9177 procedure, (i) the approximate amount Medicare would have paid the  
9178 hospital for the services on the billing statement, or (ii) the percentage  
9179 of the hospital's charges that Medicare would have paid the hospital for  
9180 the services; (C) if the patient is insured, the allowed amount, the toll-  
9181 free telephone number and the Internet web site address of the patient's  
9182 health carrier where the patient can obtain information concerning  
9183 charges and out-of-pocket costs; (D) The Joint Commission's composite  
9184 accountability rating and the Medicare hospital compare star rating for  
9185 the hospital, as applicable; and (E) the Internet web site addresses for  
9186 The Joint Commission and the Medicare hospital compare tool where  
9187 the patient may obtain information concerning the hospital.

9188 (2) If the patient is insured and the hospital is out-of-network under  
9189 the patient's health insurance policy, such written notice shall include a  
9190 statement that the service or procedure will likely be deemed out-of-  
9191 network and that any out-of-network applicable rates under such policy  
9192 may apply.

9193 Sec. 238. Subsection (b) of section 19a-911 of the general statutes is  
9194 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
9195 *passage*):

9196 (b) The Council on Protecting Women's Health shall be comprised of  
9197 (1) the following ex-officio voting members: (A) The Commissioner of  
9198 Public Health, or the commissioner's designee; (B) the Commissioner of  
9199 Mental Health and Addiction Services, or the commissioner's designee;  
9200 (C) the Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee; (D)  
9201 the [executive director of Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy, or  
9202 the [executive director's] commissioner's designee; (E) the Healthcare  
9203 Advocate, or the Healthcare Advocate's designee; and (F) the Secretary  
9204 of the Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee; and  
9205 (2) fourteen public members, three of whom shall be appointed by the  
9206 president pro tempore of the Senate, three of whom shall be appointed  
9207 by the speaker of the House of Representatives, two of whom shall be  
9208 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, two of whom shall be  
9209 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, two  
9210 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and  
9211 two of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
9212 Representatives, and all of whom shall be knowledgeable on issues  
9213 relative to women's health care in the state. The membership of the  
9214 council shall fairly and adequately represent women who have had  
9215 issues accessing quality health care in the state.

9216 Sec. 239. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 20-195sss of the general  
9217 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
9218 (*Effective from passage*):

9219 (b) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
9220 Strategy [, established under section 19a-754a,] shall, within available  
9221 resources and in consultation with the Community Health Worker  
9222 Advisory Committee established by said office and the Commissioner  
9223 of Public Health, study the feasibility of creating a certification program  
9224 for community health workers. Such study shall examine the fiscal  
9225 impact of implementing such a certification program and include  
9226 recommendations for (1) requirements for certification and renewal of  
9227 certification of community health workers, including any training,  
9228 experience or continuing education requirements, (2) methods for

9229 administering a certification program, including a certification  
9230 application, a standardized assessment of experience, knowledge and  
9231 skills, and an electronic registry, and (3) requirements for recognizing  
9232 training program curricula that are sufficient to satisfy the requirements  
9233 of certification.

9234 (c) Not later than October 1, 2018, the [executive director of the Office]  
9235 Commissioner of Health Strategy shall report, in accordance with the  
9236 provisions of section 11-4a, on the results of such study and  
9237 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General  
9238 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and  
9239 human services.

9240 Sec. 240. Subsection (c) of section 20-195ttt of the general statutes is  
9241 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
9242 *passage*):

9243 (c) The [executive director of the Office] Commissioner of Health  
9244 Strategy, or the [executive director's] commissioner's designee, shall act  
9245 as the chair of the Community Health Worker Advisory Body and shall  
9246 appoint the following members to said body:

9247 (1) Six members who are actively practicing as community health  
9248 workers in the state;

9249 (2) A member of the Community Health Workers Association of  
9250 Connecticut;

9251 (3) A representative of a community-based community health worker  
9252 training organization;

9253 (4) A representative of a regional community-technical college;

9254 (5) An employer of community health workers;

9255 (6) A representative of a health care organization that employs  
9256 community health workers;

9257 (7) A health care provider who works directly with community health  
9258 workers; and

9259 (8) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
9260 designee.

9261 Sec. 241. Subsection (a) of section 38a-477e of the general statutes is  
9262 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
9263 *passage*):

9264 (a) On and after January 1, 2017, each health carrier, as defined in  
9265 section 19a-755b, shall maintain an Internet web site and toll-free  
9266 telephone number that enables consumers to request and obtain: (1)  
9267 Information on in-network costs for inpatient admissions, health care  
9268 procedures and services, including (A) the allowed amount for, at a  
9269 minimum, admissions and procedures reported to the [executive  
9270 director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy pursuant to  
9271 section 19a-755b for each health care provider in the state; (B) the  
9272 estimated out-of-pocket costs that a consumer would be responsible for  
9273 paying for any such admission or procedure that is medically necessary,  
9274 including any facility fee, coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other  
9275 out-of-pocket expense; and (C) data or other information concerning (i)  
9276 quality measures for the health care provider, (ii) patient satisfaction, to  
9277 the extent such information is available, (iii) a directory of participating  
9278 providers, as defined in section 38a-472f, in accordance with the  
9279 provisions of section 38a-477h; and (2) information on out-of-network  
9280 costs for inpatient admissions, health care procedures and services.

9281 Sec. 242. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of  
9282 section 38a-477ee of the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
9283 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

9284 (B) The Attorney General, Healthcare Advocate and [executive  
9285 director of the Office] Commissioner of Health Strategy.

9286 Sec. 243. (*Effective from passage*) The following sums are appropriated

9287 from the GENERAL FUND for the purposes herein specified for the  
 9288 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024:

T924	GENERAL FUND	2023-2024
T925		
T926	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	
T927	Personal Services	3,300,000
T928	State Insurance and Risk Mgmt Operations	4,100,000
T929		
T930	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	
T931	Other Expenses	800,000
T932		
T933	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING	
T934	Housing/Homeless Services	3,000,000
T935		
T936	DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES	
T937	Other Expenses	1,200,000
T938		
T939	DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES	
T940	Professional Services	5,200,000
T941	Behavioral Health Medications	500,000
T942		
T943	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	
T944	Medicaid	165,000,000
T945	Old Age Assistance	500,000
T946	Aid To The Blind	19,000
T947	Aid To The Disabled	4,400,000
T948	State Administered General Assistance	3,300,000
T949		
T950	TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CAREER SYSTEM	
T951	Personal Services	2,410,000
T952	Other Expenses	1,510,000
T953		
T954	OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD	
T955	Birth to Three	607,000
T956		



T957	OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION	
T958	National Service Act	185,253
T959		
T960	TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD	
T961	Retirees Health Service Cost	550,000
T962		
T963	DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION	
T964	Personal Services	33,500,000
T965		
T966	DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	
T967	Other Expenses	990,000
T968		
T969	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT	
T970	Personal Services	350,000
T971	Other Expenses	2,700,000
T972		
T973	PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION	
T974	Personal Services	1,030,000
T975		
T976	STATE COMPTROLLER - FRINGE BENEFITS	
T977	Higher Education Alternative Retirement System	70,000,000
T978	Pensions and Retirements - Other Statutory	105,536
T979	Employers Social Security Tax	3,000,000
T980	Other Post Employment Benefits	19,000,000
T981		
T982	WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	
T983	Workers Comp Claims - UConn	600,000
T984	Workers Comp Claims - DOC	5,700,000
T985		
T986	TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	333,556,789

9289        Sec. 244. (*Effective from passage*) The amounts appropriated to the  
9290        following agencies in section 1 of public act 23-204, are reduced by the  
9291        following amounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024:

T987	GENERAL FUND	2023-2024
T988		
T989	LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT	
T990	Personal Services	5,000,000
T991		
T992	GOVERNOR'S OFFICE	
T993	Personal Services	800,000
T994		
T995	SECRETARY OF THE STATE	
T996	Personal Services	750,000
T997		
T998	ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION	
T999	Elections Enforcement Commission	500,000
T1000		
T1001	STATE TREASURER	
T1002	Personal Services	300,000
T1003		
T1004	STATE COMPTROLLER	
T1005	Personal Services	600,000
T1006		
T1007	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SERVICES	
T1008	Personal Services	11,000,000
T1009		
T1010	OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY	
T1011	Personal Services	300,000
T1012		
T1013	OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT	
T1014	Personal Services	1,000,000
T1015	Distressed Municipalities	1,500,000
T1016		
T1017	DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	
T1018	Personal Services	600,000
T1019		
T1020	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	
T1021	Other Expenses	6,550,000
T1022	Rents and Moving	650,000
T1023		

T1024	ATTORNEY GENERAL	
T1025	Personal Services	2,600,000
T1026		
T1027	DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
T1028	Personal Services	4,400,000
T1029		
T1030	DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION	
T1031	Personal Services	1,000,000
T1032		
T1033	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION	
T1034	Personal Services	2,400,000
T1035	Other Expenses	500,000
T1036		
T1037	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	
T1038	Healthcare Apprenticeship Initiative	500,000
T1039		
T1040	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	
T1041	Personal Services	400,000
T1042		
T1043	DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
T1044	Personal Services	300,000
T1045	Other Expenses	12,000,000
T1046	Office of Workforce Strategy	300,000
T1047	MRDA	400,000
T1048		
T1049	AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION	
T1050	Personal Services	400,000
T1051		
T1052	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	
T1053	Personal Services	3,300,000
T1054	Gun Violence Prevention	500,000
T1055		
T1056	OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY	
T1057	Personal Services	500,000
T1058		

T1059	DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES	
T1060	Personal Services	19,700,000
T1061	Behavioral Services Program	1,500,000
T1062	Employment Opportunities and Day Services	24,200,000
T1063	Community Residential Services	7,800,000
T1064		
T1065	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	
T1066	HUSKY B Program	16,000,000
T1067	Temporary Family Assistance - TANF	1,300,000
T1068	Connecticut Home Care Program	4,000,000
T1069	Community Services	500,000
T1070		
T1071	DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES	
T1072	Personal Services	900,000
T1073	Educational Aid for Children - Blind or Visually Impaired	200,000
T1074		
T1075	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
T1076	Personal Services	5,500,000
T1077	Sheff Settlement	12,500,000
T1078	Non Sheff Transportation	300,000
T1079	Aspiring Educators Diversity Scholarship Program	2,000,000
T1080	Charter Schools	3,000,000
T1081	Magnet Schools	5,000,000
T1082		
T1083	OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD	
T1084	Personal Services	1,650,000
T1085	Early Care and Education	9,700,000
T1086		
T1087	STATE LIBRARY	
T1088	Personal Services	700,000
T1089		
T1090	OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION	
T1091	Personal Services	100,000
T1092	Health Care Adjunct Grant Program	200,000
T1093		
T1094	TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD	

T1095	Personal Services	100,000
T1096	Municipal Retiree Health Insurance Costs	1,300,000
T1097		
T1098	DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION	
T1099	Other Expenses	750,000
T1100	Inmate Medical Services	1,200,000
T1101	Board of Pardons and Paroles	800,000
T1102		
T1103	DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	
T1104	Personal Services	18,400,000
T1105	No Nexus Special Education	500,000
T1106	Board and Care for Children - Foster	2,300,000
T1107	Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	3,900,000
T1108	Juvenile Review Boards	4,300,000
T1109		
T1110	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT	
T1111	Workers' Compensation Claims	250,000
T1112	Juvenile Justice Outreach Services	375,000
T1113	Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	375,000
T1114		
T1115	PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION	
T1116	Assigned Counsel - Criminal	2,600,000
T1117	Expert Witnesses	200,000
T1118		
T1119	STATE COMPTROLLER - FRINGE BENEFITS	
T1120	Unemployment Compensation	2,000,000
T1121	State Employees Retirement Contributions	2,300,000
T1122	Insurance - Group Life	500,000
T1123	State Employees Health Service Cost	8,000,000
T1124	Retired State Employees Health Service Cost	3,000,000
T1125	SERS Defined Contribution Match	4,400,000
T1126		
T1127	WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	
T1128	Workers' Compensation Claims	2,050,000
T1129	Workers' Comp Claims - UCHC	150,000

T1130	Workers' Comp Claims - DCF	3,500,000
T1131	Workers' Comp Claims - DMHAS	1,150,000
T1132	Workers' Comp Claims - DESPP	300,000
T1133	Workers' Comp Claims - DDS	5,300,000
T1134		
T1135	TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	245,800,000

9292        Sec. 245. (*Effective from passage*) The following sums are appropriated  
9293        from the SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND for the purpose herein  
9294        specified for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024:

T1136	SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND	2023-2024
T1137		
T1138	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	
T1139	Personal Services	400,000
T1140	State Insurance and Risk Mgmt Operations	3,800,000
T1141		
T1142	STATE COMPTROLLER - FRINGE BENEFITS	
T1143	Other Post Employment Benefits	800,000
T1144		
T1145	WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	
T1146	Workers' Compensation Claims	1,600,000
T1147		
T1148	TOTAL - SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND	6,600,000

9295        Sec. 246. (*Effective from passage*) The amounts appropriated to the  
9296        following agencies in section 2 of public act 23-204, are reduced by the  
9297        following amounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024:

T1149	SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND	2023-2024
T1150		
T1151	DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	
T1152	Personal Services	1,000,000

T1153		
T1154	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	
T1155	Personal Services	19,850,000
T1156		
T1157	STATE COMPTROLLER - FRINGE BENEFITS	
T1158	State Employees Health Service Cost	1,500,000
T1159		
T1160	TOTAL - SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND	22,350,000

9298        Sec. 247. (*Effective from passage*) The amounts appropriated to the  
 9299 following agency in section 4 of public act 23-204, are reduced by the  
 9300 following amounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024:

T1161	BANKING FUND	2023-2024
T1162		
T1163	DEPARTMENT OF BANKING	
T1164	Personal Services	2,500,000
T1165	Fringe Benefits	2,100,000
T1166		
T1167	TOTAL - BANKING FUND	4,600,000

9301        Sec. 248. (*Effective from passage*) The amounts appropriated to the  
 9302 following agencies in section 5 of public act 23-204, are reduced by the  
 9303 following amounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024:

T1168	INSURANCE FUND	2023-2024
T1169		
T1170	INSURANCE DEPARTMENT	
T1171	Personal Services	2,000,000
T1172	Fringe Benefits	2,650,000
T1173		
T1174	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	
T1175	Immunization Services	4,000,000
T1176		

T1177	OFFICE OF HEALTH STRATEGY	
T1178	Fringe Benefits	800,000
T1179		
T1180	TOTAL - INSURANCE FUND	9,450,000

9304        Sec. 249. (*Effective from passage*) The amount appropriated to the  
9305 following agency in section 7 of public act 23-204, is reduced by the  
9306 following amount for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024:

T1181	WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND	2023-2024
T1182		
T1183	WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION	
T1184	Fringe Benefits	1,500,000
T1185		
T1186	TOTAL - WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND	1,500,000

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	SA 21-15, Sec. 41
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	PA 23-204, Sec. 28
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	PA 23-204, Sec. 15
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	18-90d(b)



Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10a-19m
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	7-621
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	7-622
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	4a-12
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	17b-224
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	17b-228
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	17b-229(b)
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	17b-230
Sec. 30	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	45a-273(e)
Sec. 31	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	18-85a(c)
Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	18-85b(b)
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	18-85c
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	29-1f(a)
Sec. 35	<i>from passage</i>	PA 23-137, Sec. 18(a)
Sec. 36	<i>from passage</i>	4-124xx(c) and (d)
Sec. 37	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 38	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	17b-261(a)
Sec. 39	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 40	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	23-15h
Sec. 41	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 42	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 43	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	14-49b(b)
Sec. 44	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 45	<i>from passage</i>	19a-59i(g)
Sec. 46	<i>from passage</i>	19a-490ee
Sec. 47	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	32-616a
Sec. 48	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	32-616b
Sec. 49	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 50	<i>from passage</i>	10a-173(b)
Sec. 51	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 52	<i>from passage</i>	2-137
Sec. 53	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10a-173(c) to (e)
Sec. 54	<i>from passage</i>	22a-202(d)
Sec. 55	<i>from passage</i>	22a-200c(e)
Sec. 56	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	32-9p(b)

Sec. 57	October 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 58	October 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 59	October 1, 2024	12-287
Sec. 60	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 61	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 62	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 63	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 64	April 1, 2025	17b-597
Sec. 65	July 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 66	October 1, 2024	17a-836
Sec. 67	October 1, 2024	17a-836a
Sec. 68	October 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 69	October 1, 2024	4-61aa(a)
Sec. 70	October 1, 2024	17a-780
Sec. 71	October 1, 2024	17a-837(b)
Sec. 72	October 1, 2024	17a-835
Sec. 73	<i>from passage</i>	17b-280c(b)
Sec. 74	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 75	July 1, 2024	10a-174
Sec. 76	<i>from passage</i>	PA 23-170, Sec. 23
Sec. 77	July 1, 2024	4-66g(b)
Sec. 78	January 1, 2025	5-250
Sec. 79	July 1, 2024	4-8
Sec. 80	<i>from passage</i>	51-49d(c) and (d)
Sec. 81	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 82	October 1, 2024	8-169ll
Sec. 83	October 1, 2024	8-169hh
Sec. 84	October 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 85	October 1, 2024	New section
Sec. 86	July 1, 2024	1-79(5)
Sec. 87	July 1, 2024	Repealer section
Sec. 88	July 1, 2024	Repealer section
Sec. 89	<i>from passage</i>	15-31k
Sec. 90	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 91	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 92	July 1, 2024	4-28e(c)
Sec. 93	July 1, 2024	17b-274(c)
Sec. 94	July 1, 2024	17b-491a(b)
Sec. 95	July 1, 2025	4-28e(b)

Sec. 96	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 97	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 98	<i>from passage</i>	19a-186a
Sec. 99	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 100	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	3-70a(c)
Sec. 101	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	38a-511(c)
Sec. 102	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	38a-511a
Sec. 103	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	38a-550(c)
Sec. 104	<i>January 1, 2025</i>	38a-550a
Sec. 105	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	17b-342
Sec. 106	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 107	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 108	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	HB 5437 (current session), Sec. 1
Sec. 109	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 110	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10a-1a(a)
Sec. 111	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 112	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 113	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 114	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-264l
Sec. 115	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-264o
Sec. 116	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-66ee(d)
Sec. 117	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-65
Sec. 118	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-64(d)
Sec. 119	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-97(b)
Sec. 120	<i>from passage</i>	10-65(a)
Sec. 121	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	PA 23-204, Sec. 346
Sec. 122	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 123	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 124	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-262f(19)
Sec. 125	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 126	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	PA 23-204, Sec. 203
Sec. 127	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-357e
Sec. 128	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 129	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	22a-32
Sec. 130	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	22a-39(k)
Sec. 131	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	22a-361(b)
Sec. 132	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	25-68d(d)
Sec. 133	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	10-357a(d)

Sec. 134	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	12-802(c)
Sec. 135	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	15-31a(e)
Sec. 136	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	15-120bb(e)
Sec. 137	<i>from passage</i>	3-22e
Sec. 138	<i>from passage</i>	4-5
Sec. 139	<i>from passage</i>	4-124xx(a)
Sec. 140	<i>from passage</i>	10-15j(c)(11)
Sec. 141	<i>from passage</i>	10a-1d(b)
Sec. 142	<i>from passage</i>	10a-11b(a)
Sec. 143	<i>from passage</i>	10a-19e(c)
Sec. 144	<i>from passage</i>	10a-19f(c)
Sec. 145	<i>from passage</i>	10a-19m
Sec. 146	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22a(3) and (4)
Sec. 147	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22b
Sec. 148	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22c
Sec. 149	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22d
Sec. 150	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22e
Sec. 151	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22f
Sec. 152	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22g
Sec. 153	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22i
Sec. 154	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22j
Sec. 155	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22l(b)
Sec. 156	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22m
Sec. 157	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22n
Sec. 158	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22o
Sec. 159	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22p
Sec. 160	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22r
Sec. 161	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22s
Sec. 162	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22u
Sec. 163	<i>from passage</i>	10a-22v
Sec. 164	<i>from passage</i>	10a-34(e) and (f)
Sec. 165	<i>from passage</i>	10a-34a
Sec. 166	<i>from passage</i>	10a-34b
Sec. 167	<i>from passage</i>	10a-34c
Sec. 168	<i>from passage</i>	10a-34d
Sec. 169	<i>from passage</i>	10a-34e(a) and (b)
Sec. 170	<i>from passage</i>	10a-34g
Sec. 171	<i>from passage</i>	10a-34h(b) to (d)
Sec. 172	<i>from passage</i>	10a-35b(b) to (d)

Sec. 173	<i>from passage</i>	10a-35c(a)
Sec. 174	<i>from passage</i>	10a-48(c)
Sec. 175	<i>from passage</i>	10a-48b
Sec. 176	<i>from passage</i>	10a-55y
Sec. 177	<i>from passage</i>	10a-57
Sec. 178	<i>from passage</i>	10a-77a(a)(2)
Sec. 179	<i>from passage</i>	10a-99a(a)(2)
Sec. 180	<i>from passage</i>	10a-104(a)
Sec. 181	<i>from passage</i>	10a-109i(b)(2)
Sec. 182	<i>from passage</i>	10a-143a(a)(2)
Sec. 183	<i>from passage</i>	10a-154e
Sec. 184	<i>from passage</i>	10a-164b
Sec. 185	<i>from passage</i>	10a-168b(d)
Sec. 186	<i>from passage</i>	2-137(b)(10)
Sec. 187	<i>from passage</i>	4-5
Sec. 188	<i>from passage</i>	10-532
Sec. 189	<i>from passage</i>	17b-59a(b) to (f)
Sec. 190	<i>from passage</i>	17b-59d(d) to (g)
Sec. 191	<i>from passage</i>	17b-59e(d)
Sec. 192	<i>from passage</i>	17b-59f
Sec. 193	<i>from passage</i>	17b-59g(a) and (b)
Sec. 194	<i>from passage</i>	17b-337(c)
Sec. 195	<i>from passage</i>	19a-6q
Sec. 196	<i>from passage</i>	19a-127k(b) to (h)
Sec. 197	<i>from passage</i>	19a-486(6)
Sec. 198	<i>from passage</i>	19a-486a
Sec. 199	<i>from passage</i>	19a-486b
Sec. 200	<i>from passage</i>	19a-486d
Sec. 201	<i>from passage</i>	19a-486e
Sec. 202	<i>from passage</i>	19a-486f
Sec. 203	<i>from passage</i>	19a-486g
Sec. 204	<i>from passage</i>	19a-486h
Sec. 205	<i>from passage</i>	19a-486i(d) to (i)
Sec. 206	<i>from passage</i>	19a-508c(l) and (m)
Sec. 207	<i>from passage</i>	19a-612(a)
Sec. 208	<i>from passage</i>	19a-612d
Sec. 209	<i>from passage</i>	19a-613(c)
Sec. 210	<i>from passage</i>	19a-614
Sec. 211	<i>from passage</i>	19a-630(7)

Sec. 212	<i>from passage</i>	19a-631(b)
Sec. 213	<i>from passage</i>	19a-632(d) and (e)
Sec. 214	<i>from passage</i>	19a-633(a) and (b)
Sec. 215	<i>from passage</i>	19a-634(a) and (b)
Sec. 216	<i>from passage</i>	19a-638(d) to (f)
Sec. 217	<i>from passage</i>	19a-639(d)(3) and (4)
Sec. 218	<i>from passage</i>	19a-639a(h)
Sec. 219	<i>from passage</i>	19a-639b(e)
Sec. 220	<i>from passage</i>	19a-639c(b)
Sec. 221	<i>from passage</i>	19a-639e(d)
Sec. 222	<i>from passage</i>	19a-639f(l)
Sec. 223	<i>from passage</i>	19a-654(c) to (f)
Sec. 224	<i>from passage</i>	19a-673a
Sec. 225	<i>from passage</i>	19a-676
Sec. 226	<i>from passage</i>	19a-725(b)
Sec. 227	<i>from passage</i>	19a-754a(a)
Sec. 228	<i>from passage</i>	19a-754b(c) and (d)
Sec. 229	<i>from passage</i>	19a-754e
Sec. 230	<i>from passage</i>	19a-754f(1) to (9)
Sec. 231	<i>from passage</i>	19a-754g
Sec. 232	<i>from passage</i>	19a-754h
Sec. 233	<i>from passage</i>	19a-754i
Sec. 234	<i>from passage</i>	19a-754j
Sec. 235	<i>from passage</i>	19a-754k
Sec. 236	<i>from passage</i>	19a-755a(b) and (c)
Sec. 237	<i>from passage</i>	19a-755b
Sec. 238	<i>from passage</i>	19a-911(b)
Sec. 239	<i>from passage</i>	20-195sss(b) and (c)
Sec. 240	<i>from passage</i>	20-195ttt(c)
Sec. 241	<i>from passage</i>	38a-477e(a)
Sec. 242	<i>from passage</i>	38a-477ee(c)(1)(B)
Sec. 243	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 244	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Sec. 246	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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