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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."

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- 1 Strike line T6 in its entirety
 - 2 In line T141, strike "1,200,000" and insert "800,000" in lieu thereof
 - 3 In line T148, strike the opening and closing brackets around "Foundry
 - 4 66"
 - 5 In line T148, strike the opening and closing brackets around "500,000"
 - 6 In line T149, strike "550,000" and insert in lieu thereof "700,000"
 - 7 Strike lines T151, T170 and T176 in their entirety
 - 8 In line T163, strike "AHB Nonprofit" and insert "AHM Nonprofit" in
 - 9 lieu thereof
 - 10 In line T167, strike "Grant Administrator" and insert "Grant
 - 11 Administrator for SB-1"

- 12 Strike line T174 in its entirety
- 13 In line T185, strike "WVRA" and insert in lieu thereof "Westville
- 14 Village Renaissance Alliance"
- 15 Strike line T191 in its entirety
- 16 Strike lines T193, T211 and T212 in their entirety
- 17 Strike line T196 in its entirety
- 18 In line T206, strike "Blue Hills" and insert "Blue Hills Civic
- 19 Association" in lieu thereof
- 20 After line T221 insert the following:

<u>"Summerfield United Methodist Church</u>				<u>125,000</u>
<u>Long Wharf Theater</u>				<u>75,000</u>
<u>Yale Rep. Theater</u>				<u>75,000"</u>

- 21 Strike line T246 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

<u>"RESC Trauma Coordinators</u>		1,200,000		<u>500,000"</u>
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- 22 After line T283 insert the following:

<u>"Norwalk Housing Authority Scholarship</u>				<u>25,000"</u>
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- 23 After line T314 insert the following:

<u>"Regional Deep River, Essex and Cheshire Dog Pound</u>				<u>100,000"</u>
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24 After line T333 insert the following:

<u>"Bethlehem House Bridgeport/Stratford</u>				<u>30,000</u>
<u>Christian Community Action</u>				<u>150,000"</u>

25 Strike line T363 in its entirety

26 In line T365, strike "Cheshire Health District" and insert "Town of
27 Cheshire" in lieu thereof

28 After line T382, insert the following:

<u>"West Hartford Vision Zero Action Plan</u>				<u>1,000,000"</u>
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29 Strike line T403 in its entirety

30 In line T404, strike "Bloomfield Workforce" and insert "Bloomfield
31 Public Schools" in lieu thereof.

32 In line T429, strike "SB-5" and insert "AI and Digital Literacy For
33 Schools" in lieu thereof

34 In line T430, strike "New London Early Child Learning Center at BP"
35 and insert "New London BOE at Early Childhood Center at B.P. Learned
36 Mission" in lieu thereof

37 After line T437, insert the following:

<u>"University of Bridgeport</u>				<u>450,000"</u>
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38 In line T468, strike "8,929,000" and insert in lieu thereof "8,679,000"

39 After line T494, insert the following:

	<u>Cromwell</u>				<u>300,000</u>
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41 After line T535, insert the following:

<u>"Community Guidance Clinic"</u>					<u>100,000"</u>
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42 After line T536 insert the following:

<u>"Fixing Fathers One Dad at a Time, Inc."</u>					<u>75,000"</u>
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43 After line T562 insert the following:

<u>"Hartford Police Athletic League"</u>					<u>1,000,000"</u>
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44 Strike line T600 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

<u>"Teeg"</u>			200,000		<u>250,000"</u>
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45 Strike line T611 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

<u>"Hospital Based Autism Service Pilot"</u>			[500,000]		500,000"
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46 In line T618, strike "Chester Adult Day, All Care LLC, All Care of East
 47 Hartford" and insert "Chestelm Adult Day, All Care LLC, All Care of
 48 East Hartford, Caring Connection Adult Day"

49 In line T618, strike "300,000" and insert "350,000" in lieu thereof

50 Strike lines T619, T625 and T626 in their entirety

51 After line T626 insert the following:

"School Based health Care				<u>800,000</u> "
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52 After line T626, insert the following:

"Mosaic Nonprofit				<u>250,000</u> "
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53 After line T670 insert the following:

"Community Renewal Team Meals on Wheels				<u>200,000</u>
Kuhn Employment Opportunities				<u>30,000</u> "

54 Strike line T713 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"Time Limited Police Loan Forgiveness		[1,000,000] <u>250,000</u> "		
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55 Strike line T731 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"Hartford Sewage System Repair and Improvement Fund			<u>4,000,000</u> "	
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56 Strike lines 74 to 103, inclusive, and insert the following in lieu
57 thereof:

58 "Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or after October 15, 2024, to the
59 extent that there are funds allocated pursuant to the provisions of
60 section 41 of special act 21-15, as amended by section 306 of public act
61 21-2 of the June special session, section 3 of special act 22-2, section 10 of
62 public act 22-118, section 1 of public act 22-146, section 2 of public act
63 22-1 of the November special session, section 1 of public act 23-1, section
64 48 of public act 23-204, section 1 of special act 24-1, and section 1 of this

65 act, that the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
66 reasonably believes will not be obligated by December 31, 2024, or
67 expended by December 31, 2026, and if the Comptroller's last
68 cumulative monthly financial statement before October 15, 2024,
69 concerning the state's General Fund, issued under subsection (a) of
70 section 3-115 of the general statutes, projects a General Fund deficit, the
71 secretary shall reallocate such funds to resolve agency deficiencies,
72 provided the total amount of such reallocation for agency deficiencies
73 shall not exceed the total of the projected deficit stated in the
74 Comptroller's October letter. If no such deficit is projected, or if such
75 funds remain after satisfying such deficit, the secretary shall reallocate
76 \$40,000,000 of such funds as follows: (1) \$20,000,000 to the Connecticut
77 State Colleges and Universities, (2) \$10,000,000 to The University of
78 Connecticut, and (3) \$10,000,000 to The University of Connecticut
79 Health Center. If the secretary determines there are less than \$40,000,000
80 of such funds available for reallocation, the secretary shall reduce the
81 amounts described in subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of this subsection
82 proportionately. If funds remain after reallocating \$40,000,000 of such
83 funds for the purposes described in subdivisions (1) to (3), inclusive, of
84 this subsection, the secretary shall reallocate such remaining funds for
85 any other allowable use under section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the
86 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to
87 time. For the purposes of this section, "obligated" has the same meaning
88 as provided in 31 CFR 35.2, as amended from time to time."

89 In line 172, strike "in health clinics" and insert ", inclusive of all family
90 therapy services"

91 Change the effective date of section 23 to "Effective from passage"

92 Change the effective date of section 24 to "Effective from passage"

93 In line 459, strike "54-434" and insert "52-434" in lieu thereof

94 Strike section 38 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

95 "Sec. 38. Subsection (a) of section 17b-261 of the 2024 supplement to

96 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
97 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

98 (a) Medical assistance shall be provided for any otherwise eligible
99 person (1) whose income, including any available support from legally
100 liable relatives and the income of the person's spouse or dependent
101 child, is not more than one hundred [~~forty-three~~] fifty-nine per cent,
102 pending approval of a federal waiver applied for pursuant to subsection
103 (e) of this section, of the benefit amount paid to a person with no income
104 under the temporary family assistance program and (2) if such person
105 is an institutionalized individual as defined in Section 1917 of the Social
106 Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(h)(3), and has not made an assignment or
107 transfer or other disposition of property for less than fair market value
108 for the purpose of establishing eligibility for benefits or assistance under
109 this section. Any such disposition shall be treated in accordance with
110 Section 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(c). Any
111 disposition of property made on behalf of an applicant or recipient or
112 the spouse of an applicant or recipient by a guardian, conservator,
113 person authorized to make such disposition pursuant to a power of
114 attorney or other person so authorized by law shall be attributed to such
115 applicant, recipient or spouse. A disposition of property ordered by a
116 court shall be evaluated in accordance with the standards applied to any
117 other such disposition for the purpose of determining eligibility. The
118 commissioner shall establish the standards for eligibility for medical
119 assistance at one hundred [~~forty-three~~] fifty-nine per cent of the benefit
120 amount paid to a household of equal size with no income under the
121 temporary family assistance program. In determining eligibility, the
122 commissioner shall not consider as income Aid and Attendance pension
123 benefits granted to a veteran, as defined in section 27-103, or the
124 surviving spouse of such veteran. Except as provided in section 17b-277
125 and section 17b-292, the medical assistance program shall provide
126 coverage to persons under the age of nineteen with household income
127 up to one hundred ninety-six per cent of the federal poverty level
128 without an asset limit and to persons under the age of nineteen, who
129 qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act, with

130 household income not exceeding one hundred ninety-six per cent of the
131 federal poverty level without an asset limit, and their parents and needy
132 caretaker relatives, who qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the
133 Social Security Act, with household income not exceeding one hundred
134 [fifty-five] thirty-three per cent of the federal poverty level without an
135 asset limit. Such levels shall be based on the regional differences in such
136 benefit amount, if applicable, unless such levels based on regional
137 differences are not in conformance with federal law. Any income in
138 excess of the applicable amounts shall be applied as may be required by
139 said federal law, and assistance shall be granted for the balance of the
140 cost of authorized medical assistance. The Commissioner of Social
141 Services shall provide applicants for assistance under this section, at the
142 time of application, with a written statement advising them of (A) the
143 effect of an assignment or transfer or other disposition of property on
144 eligibility for benefits or assistance, (B) the effect that having income that
145 exceeds the limits prescribed in this subsection will have with respect to
146 program eligibility, and (C) the availability of, and eligibility for,
147 services provided by the Connecticut Home Visiting System,
148 established pursuant to section 17b-751b. For coverage dates on or after
149 January 1, 2014, the department shall use the modified adjusted gross
150 income financial eligibility rules set forth in Section 1902(e)(14) of the
151 Social Security Act and the implementing regulations to determine
152 eligibility for HUSKY A, HUSKY B and HUSKY D applicants, as defined
153 in section 17b-290. Persons who are determined ineligible for assistance
154 pursuant to this section shall be provided a written statement notifying
155 such persons of their ineligibility and advising such persons of their
156 potential eligibility for one of the other insurance affordability programs
157 as defined in 42 CFR 435.4."

158 Strike sections 40 to 43, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
159 following in lieu thereof:

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

162 (a) There is established an account to be known as the Passport to the

163 Parks account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the
164 General Fund. Moneys in such account shall be used to provide
165 expenses of the Council on Environmental Quality, beginning with the
166 fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and for the care, maintenance, operation
167 and improvement of state parks and campgrounds, the care,
168 maintenance and operation of Batterson Park, a public park owned by
169 the city of Hartford and located in the city of New Britain and the town
170 of Farmington, the operation of the Thames River Heritage Park taxi
171 serving the city of New London and the city of Groton for the fiscal years
172 ending June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2031, inclusive, in an amount not to
173 exceed two hundred thousand dollars in each of the fiscal years ending
174 June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2028, inclusive, one hundred thousand dollars
175 in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2029, and June 30, 2030, and in an
176 amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars in the fiscal year ending
177 June 30, 2031, the funding of soil and water conservation districts and
178 the funding of environmental review teams, in accordance with
179 subsection (b) of this section. All funds collected from the Passport to
180 the Parks Fee established pursuant to section 14-49b shall be deposited
181 into the Passport to the Parks account. Such account shall contain all
182 moneys required by law to be deposited in such account. Such account
183 may receive funds from private or public sources, including, but not
184 limited to, any municipal government or the federal government. Such
185 account shall contain subaccounts as required by section 23-15b.

186 (b) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and each fiscal year
187 thereafter, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall be paid by the
188 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection from the Passport
189 to the Parks account to each of the following entities: (1) The Connecticut
190 River Coastal Conservation District, (2) the Eastern Conservation
191 District, (3) the North Central Conservation District, (4) the Northwest
192 Conservation District, (5) the Southwest Conservation District, (6) the
193 Connecticut Environmental Review Team, and (7) the Connecticut
194 Council on Water and Soil Conservation.

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

197 Recapture shall enter into a memorandum of agreement for the care,
198 maintenance and operation of Batterson Park by Riverfront Recapture.
199 Such agreement may include, but shall not be limited to: (1)
200 Authorization for Riverfront Recapture, through its agents and
201 employees, to enter upon, maintain and operate all areas of Batterson
202 Park, including, but not limited to, any areas not under the care, custody
203 and control of the city of Hartford, and (2) the provision of a grant-in-
204 aid from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to
205 Riverfront Recapture, each fiscal year, for the care, maintenance and
206 operation of Batterson Park through funding available to such state
207 agency in accordance with the provisions of section 23-15h of the
208 general statutes.

209 Sec. 42. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Energy and
210 Environmental Protection shall enter into a memorandum of agreement
211 with the Thames River Heritage Park Foundation for the funding of the
212 operations and administration of a water taxi boat and tour operations
213 along the Thames River in both the city of New London and the city of
214 Groton during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2031, in
215 accordance with subsection (a) of section 23-15h of the general statutes.

216 Sec. 43. Subsection (b) of section 14-49b of the general statutes is
217 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
218 *2025*):

219 (b) For each new registration or renewal of registration of any motor
220 vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles pursuant to this
221 chapter, the person registering such vehicle shall pay to the
222 commissioner a fee of [fifteen] twenty-four dollars for registration for a
223 triennial period or [ten] sixteen dollars for registration for a biennial
224 period for the following registration types: Passenger, motorcycle,
225 motor home, combination or antique. Any person who is sixty-five years
226 or older and who obtains a one-year registration renewal under section
227 14-49 for such registration type shall pay [five] eight dollars for the
228 annual registration period. The provisions of this subsection shall not
229 apply to any motor vehicle that is not self-propelled or that is exempted

230 from payment of a registration fee. This fee shall be identified as the
231 "Passport to the Parks Fee" on any registration form provided by the
232 commissioner. Payments collected pursuant to the provisions of this
233 subsection shall be deposited in the Passport to the Parks account
234 established pursuant to section 23-15h. The fee required by this
235 subsection is in addition to any other fees prescribed by any other
236 provision of this title for the registration of a motor vehicle. No part of
237 the "Passport to the Parks Fee" shall be subject to a refund under
238 subsection (z) of section 14-49."

239 In line 950, after "statutes." insert "The Comptroller shall enter into a
240 memorandum of understanding with The University of Connecticut
241 Health Center for the purpose of providing operating support."

242 Strike lines 1094 to 1097, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
243 following in lieu thereof:

244 "(g) Sales of tangible personal property or services that are necessary
245 for the operation of the XL Center made to the contractor while the XL
246 Center is operated by the contractor shall be exempt from the taxes
247 imposed under chapter 219."

248 Strike section 90 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
249 thereof:

250 "Sec. 90. (*Effective from passage*) Wherever the words "executive
251 director of the Office of Health Strategy", "executive director" or
252 "director" are used to denote the executive director of the Office of
253 Health Strategy in any public act of the 2024 session, the words
254 "Commissioner of Health Strategy" or "commissioner" shall be
255 substituted in lieu thereof."

256 Strike section 91 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
257 thereof:

258 "Sec. 91. (*Effective from passage*) Wherever the words "executive
259 director of the Office of Higher Education", "executive director" or

260 "director" are used to denote the executive director of the Office of
261 Higher Education in any public act of the 2024 session, the words
262 "Commissioner of Higher Education" or "commissioner" shall be
263 substituted in lieu thereof."

264 Strike lines 3150 to 3152, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
265 following in lieu thereof:

266 "relating to higher education and employment advancement; and

267 (4) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. [; and

268 (5) The Auditors of Public Accounts.]"

269 In line 3340, after "Management" insert ", or the secretary's designee,"

270 Strike section 111 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
271 thereof:

272 "Sec. 111. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The legislative Commissioners'
273 Office shall, in codifying the provisions of this act, make such technical,
274 grammatical and punctuation changes as are necessary to carry out the
275 purposes of this act, including, but not limited to, correcting inaccurate
276 internal references.

277 (b) The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall, in codifying sections
278 137 to 242, inclusive, of this act or any public act of the 2024 session,
279 make such technical, grammatical and punctuation changes as are
280 necessary to carry out the purposes of said sections."

281 In line 3944, strike the opening bracket

282 In line 3954, strike the closing bracket

283 Strike section 124 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
284 and internal references accordingly

285 Strike sections 129 to 132, inclusive, in their entirety and substitute
286 the following in lieu thereof:

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

289 (a) No regulated activity shall be conducted upon any wetland
290 without a permit. Any person proposing to conduct or cause to be
291 conducted a regulated activity upon any wetland shall file an
292 application for a permit with the commissioner, in such form and with
293 such information as the commissioner may prescribe. Such application
294 shall include a detailed description of the proposed work and a map
295 showing the area of wetland directly affected, with the location of the
296 proposed work thereon, together with the names of the owners of record
297 of adjacent land and known claimants of water rights in or adjacent to
298 the wetland of whom the applicant has notice. The commissioner shall
299 cause a copy of such application to be mailed or sent by electronic means
300 to the chief administrative officer in the town or towns where the
301 proposed work, or any part thereof, is located, and the [chairman]
302 chairperson of the conservation commission and shellfish commission
303 of the town or towns where the proposed work, or any part thereof, is
304 located. The commissioner or the commissioner's duly designated
305 hearing officer shall hold a public hearing on such application,
306 provided, whenever the commissioner determines that the regulated
307 activity for which a permit is sought is not likely to have a significant
308 impact on the wetland, the commissioner may waive the requirement
309 for public hearing after publishing notice, in a newspaper having
310 general circulation in each town wherever the proposed work or any
311 part thereof is located, of the commissioner's intent to waive said
312 requirement and of the commissioner's tentative decision regarding the
313 application, except that the commissioner shall hold a hearing on such
314 application upon request of the applicant or upon receipt of a petition,
315 signed by at least twenty-five persons, requesting such a hearing, unless
316 the regulated activity is a transportation capital project subject to the
317 provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (b) of this section.
318 The following shall be notified of the hearing by mail or by electronic
319 means not less than fifteen days prior to the date set for the hearing: All
320 of those persons and agencies who are entitled to receive a copy of such

321 application in accordance with the terms [hereof] of this subsection and
322 all owners of record of adjacent land and known claimants to water
323 rights in or adjacent to the wetland of whom the applicant has notice.
324 The commissioner shall cause notice of the commissioner's tentative
325 decision regarding the application and such hearing to be published at
326 least once not more than thirty days and not fewer than ten days before
327 the date set for the hearing in the newspaper having a general
328 circulation in each town where the proposed work, or any part thereof,
329 is located. All applications and maps and documents relating thereto
330 shall be open for public inspection at the office of the commissioner. At
331 such hearing, any person or persons may appear and be heard.

332 (b) (1) If the regulated activity is a transportation capital project and
333 (A) such project is not located at an airport, as defined in section 15-34,
334 (B) the federal government requires public participation regarding such
335 regulated activity, (C) the person proposing to conduct or cause to be
336 conducted such regulated activity sought public input on such
337 regulated activity by implementing a plan approved by an agency of the
338 federal government, and (D) such person submits to the commissioner
339 a copy of the approved plan for public participation, a written summary
340 of the opportunities for public participation that were provided and a
341 copy or record of any comments received regarding such regulated
342 activity and how such comments were responded to or addressed, the
343 commissioner shall only be required to hold a public hearing on such
344 application, upon receipt of a petition, signed by at least twenty-five
345 persons, that alleges aggrievement or unreasonable pollution or
346 destruction of the public trust.

347 (2) For the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection, a petition
348 alleges aggrievement or unreasonable pollution or destruction of the
349 public trust if the petition sets forth specific facts that demonstrate that
350 the legal rights, duties or privileges of at least one person who signed
351 the petition will be, or may reasonably be expected to be, affected by
352 such regulated activity, or that alleges that the regulated activity
353 involves conduct which has, or which is reasonably likely to have, the
354 effect of unreasonably polluting, impairing or destroying the public

355 trust in the air, water or other natural resources of the state. Any such
356 petition shall identify the relevant statutory or regulatory provision
357 which the petitioners claim such proposed regulated activity does not
358 satisfy. The commissioner shall provide a copy of any such petition
359 received to the person proposing to conduct or cause to be conducted
360 such regulated activity, who, not more than seven business days after
361 receipt of such petition, may object to such petition on the basis that the
362 petition does not contain the specific factual demonstration required by
363 this subdivision. The commissioner shall determine whether the
364 petition satisfies the requirements of this subdivision and shall send
365 notice of such determination, in writing, to the person proposing to
366 conduct or cause to be conducted such regulated activity and the person
367 who submitted the petition.

368 (3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to modify or limit
369 any requirement of sections 22a-1a to 22a-1h, inclusive, concerning a
370 public scoping process, a public hearing or public participation.

371 Sec. 130. Subsection (k) of section 22a-39 of the general statutes is
372 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
373 *2024*):

374 (k) (1) Conduct a public hearing no sooner than thirty days and not
375 later than sixty days following the receipt by said commissioner of any
376 inland wetlands application, provided whenever the commissioner
377 determines that the regulated activity for which a permit is sought is not
378 likely to have a significant impact on the wetland or watercourse, [he]
379 the commissioner may waive the requirement for public hearing after
380 [(1)] (A) publishing notice, in a newspaper having general circulation in
381 each town wherever the proposed work or any part thereof is located,
382 of [his] the commissioner's intent to waive said requirement, and [(2)]
383 (B) mailing or providing by electronic means notice of such intent to the
384 chief administrative officer in the town or towns where the proposed
385 work, or any part thereof, is located, and the [chairman] chairperson of
386 the conservation commission and inland wetlands agency of each such
387 town or towns, except that the commissioner shall hold a hearing on

388 such application upon receipt, not later than thirty days after such notice
389 has been published, sent or mailed, of a petition signed by at least
390 twenty-five persons requesting such a hearing, unless the regulated
391 activity is a transportation capital project subject to the provisions of
392 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection. The commissioner shall [(A)]
393 (i) publish notice of such hearing at least once not more than thirty days
394 and not fewer than ten days before the date set for the hearing in a
395 newspaper having a general circulation in each town where the
396 proposed work, or any part thereof, is located, and [(B)] (ii) mail or
397 provide by electronic means notice of such hearing to the chief
398 administrative officer in the town or towns where the proposed work,
399 or any part thereof, is located, and the [chairman] chairperson of the
400 conservation commission and inland wetlands agency of each such
401 town or towns. All applications and maps and documents relating
402 thereto shall be open for public inspection at the office of the
403 commissioner. The commissioner shall state upon [his] the
404 commissioner's records [his] the commissioner's findings and reasons
405 for the action taken.

406 (2) If the regulated activity is a transportation capital project and (A)
407 such project is not located at an airport, as defined in section 15-34, (B)
408 the federal government requires public participation regarding such
409 regulated activity, (C) the person proposing to conduct or cause to be
410 conducted such regulated activity sought public input on such
411 regulated activity by implementing a plan approved by an agency of the
412 federal government, and (D) such person submits to the commissioner
413 a copy of the approved plan for public participation, a written summary
414 of the opportunities for public participation that were provided and a
415 copy or record of any comments received regarding such regulated
416 activity and how such comments were responded to or addressed, the
417 commissioner shall only be required to hold a public hearing on such
418 application, upon receipt of a petition, signed by at least twenty-five
419 persons, that alleges grievance or unreasonable pollution or
420 destruction of the public trust.

421 (3) For the purposes of subdivision (2) of this subsection, a petition

422 alleges aggrievement or unreasonable pollution or destruction of the
423 public trust if the petition sets forth specific facts that demonstrate that
424 the legal rights, duties or privileges of at least one person who signed
425 the petition will be, or may reasonably be expected to be, affected by
426 such regulated activity, or that alleges that the regulated activity
427 involves conduct that has, or which is reasonably likely to have, the
428 effect of unreasonably polluting, impairing or destroying the public
429 trust in the air, water or other natural resources of the state. Any such
430 petition shall identify the relevant statutory or regulatory provision
431 which the petitioners claim such proposed regulated activity does not
432 satisfy. The commissioner shall provide a copy of any such petition
433 received to the person proposing to conduct or cause to be conducted
434 such regulated activity, who, not more than seven business days after
435 receipt of such petition, may object to such petition on the basis that the
436 petition does not contain the specific factual demonstration required by
437 this subdivision. The commissioner shall determine whether the
438 petition satisfies the requirements of this subdivision and shall send
439 notice of such determination, in writing, to the person proposing to
440 conduct or cause to be conducted such regulated activity and the person
441 who submitted the petition.

442 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to modify or limit
443 any requirements of sections 22a-1a to 22a-1h, inclusive, concerning a
444 public scoping process, a public hearing or public participation;

445 Sec. 131. Subsection (b) of section 22a-361 of the general statutes is
446 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
447 *2024*):

448 (b) (1) The commissioner, at least thirty days before approving or
449 denying an application for a permit, shall provide or require the
450 applicant to provide notice by certified mail, return receipt requested,
451 or by electronic means to the applicant, to the Connecticut Port
452 Authority, as appropriate, the Attorney General and the Commissioner
453 of Agriculture and to the chief executive officer, the [chairmen]
454 chairpersons of the planning, zoning, harbor management and shellfish

455 commissions of each town in which such structure, fill, obstruction,
456 encroachment or dredging is to be located or work to be performed, and
457 to the owner of each franchised oyster ground and the lessee of each
458 leased oyster ground within which such work is to be performed and
459 shall publish such notice once in a newspaper having a substantial
460 circulation in the area affected. Such notice shall contain [(1)] (A) the
461 name of the applicant; [(2)] (B) the location and nature of the proposed
462 activities; [(3)] (C) the tentative decision regarding the application; and
463 [(4)] (D) any additional information the commissioner deems necessary.
464 There shall be a comment period following the public notice during
465 which interested persons may submit written comments. The
466 commissioner may hold a public hearing prior to approving or denying
467 an application if, in the commissioner's discretion, the public interest
468 will best be served by holding such hearing. The commissioner shall
469 hold a public hearing if the commissioner receives: [(A)] (i) A written
470 request for such public hearing from the applicant, or [(B)] (ii) a petition,
471 signed by twenty-five or more persons requesting such public hearing
472 on an application, unless the regulated activity is a transportation
473 capital project subject to the provisions of subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
474 subsection. Following such notice and comment period and public
475 hearing, if applicable, the commissioner may, in whole or in part,
476 approve, modify and approve or deny the application. The
477 commissioner shall provide to the applicant and the persons set forth
478 above, by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by electronic
479 means, notice of the commissioner's decision. If the commissioner
480 requires the applicant to provide the notice specified in this [subsection]
481 subdivision, the applicant shall certify to the commissioner, not later
482 than twenty days after providing such notice, that such notice has been
483 provided in accordance with this [subsection] subdivision. Any person
484 who is aggrieved by the commissioner's final decision on such
485 application may appeal such decision to the Superior Court in
486 accordance with section 4-183.

487 (2) If the proposed activity is a transportation capital project and (A)
488 such project is not located at an airport, as defined in section 15-34, (B)

489 the federal government requires public participation regarding such
490 activity, (C) the person proposing to conduct or cause to be conducted
491 such activity sought public input on such activity by implementing a
492 plan approved by an agency of the federal government, and (D) such
493 person submits to the commissioner a copy of the approved plan for
494 public participation, a written summary of the opportunities for public
495 participation that were provided and a copy or record of any comments
496 received regarding such activity and how such comments were
497 responded to or addressed, the commissioner shall only be required to
498 hold a public hearing on such application, upon receipt of a petition,
499 signed by at least twenty-five persons, that alleges aggrievement or
500 unreasonable pollution or destruction of the public trust.

501 (3) For the purposes of subdivision (2) of this subsection, a petition
502 alleges aggrievement or unreasonable pollution or destruction of the
503 public trust if the petition sets forth specific facts that demonstrate that
504 the legal rights, duties or privileges of at least one person who signed
505 the petition will be, or may reasonably be expected to be, affected by
506 such activity, or that alleges that the activity involves conduct which
507 has, or which is reasonably likely to have, the effect of unreasonably
508 polluting, impairing or destroying the public trust in the air, water or
509 other natural resources of the state. Any such petition shall identify the
510 relevant statutory or regulatory provision that the petitioners claim such
511 activity does not satisfy. The commissioner shall provide a copy of any
512 such petition received to the person proposing to conduct or cause to be
513 conducted such activity, who, not more than seven business days after
514 receipt of such petition, may object to such petition on the basis that the
515 petition does not contain the specific factual demonstration required by
516 this subdivision. The commissioner shall determine whether the
517 petition satisfies the requirements of this subdivision and shall send
518 notice of such determination, in writing, to the person proposing to
519 conduct or cause to be conducted such activity and the person who
520 submitted the petition.

521 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to modify or limit
522 any requirement of sections 22a-1a to 22a-1h, inclusive, concerning a

523 public scoping process, a public hearing or public participation.

524 Sec. 132. Subsection (d) of section 25-68d of the general statutes is
525 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
526 *2024*):

527 (d) (1) Any state agency proposing an activity or critical activity
528 within or affecting the floodplain may apply to the commissioner for
529 exemption from the provisions of subsection (b) of this section. Such
530 application shall include a statement of the reasons why such agency is
531 unable to comply with said subsection and any other information the
532 commissioner deems necessary. The commissioner, at least thirty days
533 before approving, approving with conditions or denying any such
534 application, shall publish once in a newspaper having a substantial
535 circulation in the affected area notice of: [(1)] (A) The name of the
536 applicant; [(2)] (B) the location and nature of the requested exemption;
537 [(3)] (C) the tentative decision on the application; and [(4)] (D) additional
538 information the commissioner deems necessary to support the decision
539 to approve, approve with conditions or deny the application. There shall
540 be a comment period following the public notice during which period
541 interested persons and municipalities may submit written comments.
542 After the comment period, the commissioner shall make a final
543 determination to either approve the application, approve the
544 application with conditions or deny the application.

545 (2) The commissioner may hold a public hearing prior to approving,
546 approving with conditions or denying any application if in the
547 discretion of the commissioner the public interest will be best served
548 thereby, and the commissioner shall hold a public hearing upon receipt
549 of a petition signed by at least twenty-five persons, unless the activity
550 or critical activity is a transportation capital project subject to the
551 provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection. Notice of such
552 hearing shall be published at least thirty days before the hearing in a
553 newspaper having a substantial circulation in the area affected. The
554 commissioner may approve or approve with conditions such exemption
555 if the commissioner determines that (A) the agency has shown that the

556 activity or critical activity is in the public interest, will not injure persons
557 or damage property in the area of such activity or critical activity,
558 complies with the provisions of the National Flood Insurance Program,
559 and, in the case of a loan or grant, the recipient of the loan or grant has
560 been informed that increased flood insurance premiums may result
561 from the activity or critical activity. An activity shall be considered to be
562 in the public interest if it is a development subject to environmental
563 remediation regulations adopted pursuant to section 22a-133k and is in
564 or adjacent to an area identified as a regional center, neighborhood
565 conservation area, growth area or rural community center in the state
566 plan of conservation and development pursuant to chapter 297, or (B) in
567 the case of a flood control project, such project meets the criteria of
568 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and is more cost-effective to the
569 state and municipalities than a project constructed to or above the base
570 flood or base flood for a critical activity. Following approval for
571 exemption for a flood control project, the commissioner shall provide
572 notice of the hazards of a flood greater than the capacity of the project
573 design to each member of the legislature whose district will be affected
574 by the project and to the following agencies and officials in the area to
575 be protected by the project: The planning and zoning commission, the
576 inland wetlands agency, the director of civil defense, the conservation
577 commission, the fire department, the police department, the chief
578 elected official and each member of the legislative body, and the
579 regional council of governments. Notice shall be given to the general
580 public by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in each
581 municipality in the area in which the project is to be located.

582 (3) If the activity or critical activity is a transportation capital project
583 and (A) such project is not located at an airport, as defined in section 15-
584 34, (B) the federal government requires public participation regarding
585 such activity or critical activity, (C) the state agency proposing to
586 conduct or cause to be conducted such activity or critical activity sought
587 public input on such activity or critical activity by implementing a plan
588 approved by an agency of the federal government, and (D) such state
589 agency submits to the commissioner a copy of the approved plan for

590 public participation, a written summary of the opportunities for public
591 participation that were provided and a copy or record of any comments
592 received regarding such activity or critical activity and how such
593 comments were responded to or addressed, the commissioner shall only
594 be required to hold a public hearing on such application, upon receipt
595 of a petition, signed by at least twenty-five persons, that alleges
596 aggrievement or unreasonable pollution or destruction of the public
597 trust.

598 (4) For the purposes of subdivision (3) of this subsection, a petition
599 alleges aggrivement or unreasonable pollution or destruction of the
600 public trust if the petition sets forth specific facts that demonstrate that
601 the legal rights, duties or privileges of at least one person who signed
602 the petition will be, or may reasonably be expected to be, affected by
603 such activity or critical activity, or that alleges that the activity or critical
604 activity involves conduct which has, or which is reasonably likely to
605 have, the effect of unreasonably polluting, impairing or destroying the
606 public trust in the air, water or other natural resources of the state. Any
607 such petition shall identify the relevant statutory or regulatory
608 provision with which petitioners claim such activity or critical activity
609 does not satisfy. The commissioner shall provide a copy of any such
610 petition received to the state agency. Not more than seven business days
611 after receipt of such petition, the state agency may object to such petition
612 on the basis that the petition does not contain the specific factual
613 demonstration required by this subdivision. The commissioner shall
614 determine whether the petition satisfies the requirements of this
615 subdivision and shall send notice of such determination, in writing, to
616 the state agency and the person who submitted the petition.

617 (5) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to modify or limit
618 any requirement of sections 22a-1a to 22a-1h, inclusive, concerning a
619 public scoping process, a public hearing or public participation."

620 Strike sections 133 to 136, inclusive, in their entirety and renumber
621 the remaining sections and internal references accordingly

622 Strike section 138 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
 623 and internal references accordingly

624 Strike section 143 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
 625 and internal references accordingly

626 Strike section 144 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
 627 and internal references accordingly

628 Strike section 184 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
 629 and internal references accordingly

630 After line T991, insert the following:

<u>"AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS</u>	
<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>100,000"</u>

631 In line T1116, bracket "2,600,000" and insert "1,000,000" in lieu thereof

632 In line T1135, bracket "245,800,000" and insert "244,300,000" in lieu
 633 thereof

634 In line T1164, bracket "2,500,000" and insert "2,700,000" in lieu thereof

635 In line T1167, bracket "4,600,000" and insert "4,800,000" in lieu thereof

636 After line T1183, insert the following:

<u>"Personal Services</u>	<u>900,000"</u>
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637 In line T1184, bracket "1,500,000" and insert "1,900,000" in lieu thereof

638 In line T1186, bracket "1,500,000" and insert "2,800,000" in lieu thereof

639 Strike lines 3349 and 3350 in their entirety and insert the following in
 640 lieu thereof:

641 "sections 10-65 and 10-264/ of the general statutes and section 113 of

642 this act:"

643 Strike lines 3353 to 3357, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
644 following in lieu thereof:

645 "(2) "Foundation" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-
646 262f of the general statutes."

647 Strike lines 4055 to 4098, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
648 following in lieu thereof:

649 "(j) After accommodating students from participating districts in
650 accordance with an approved enrollment agreement, an interdistrict
651 magnet school operator that has unused student capacity may enroll
652 directly into its program any interested student. A student from a
653 district that is not participating in an interdistrict magnet school or the
654 interdistrict student attendance program pursuant to section 10-266aa
655 to an extent determined by the Commissioner of Education shall be
656 given preference. The local or regional board of education otherwise
657 responsible for educating such student shall contribute funds to support
658 the operation of the interdistrict magnet school in an amount equal to
659 the per student tuition, if any, charged to participating districts, except
660 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter,
661 such per student tuition charged to such participating districts shall not
662 exceed fifty-eight per cent the per student tuition charged during the
663 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

664 (k) [(1)] For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and each fiscal year
665 thereafter, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of education
666 by (1) a regional educational service center operating an interdistrict
667 magnet school, [or any tuition charged by] (2) the Hartford school
668 district operating the Great Path Academy on behalf of Manchester
669 Community College, or (3) any interdistrict magnet school operator
670 described in section 10-264s, for any student enrolled in kindergarten to
671 grade twelve, inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet school shall be in
672 an amount equal to the difference between (A) the average per pupil
673 expenditure of the magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the

674 amount of any per pupil state subsidy calculated under subsection (c)
675 of this section plus any revenue from other sources calculated on a per
676 pupil basis, except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each
677 fiscal year thereafter, the per student tuition charged to a local or
678 regional board of education shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent the per
679 student tuition charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. If
680 any such board of education fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner
681 may withhold from such board's town or towns a sum payable under
682 section 10-262i in an amount not to exceed the amount of the unpaid
683 tuition to the magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal agent for
684 the magnet school as a supplementary grant for the operation of the
685 interdistrict magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of such
686 tuitions exceed the difference between (i) the total expenditures of the
687 magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (ii) the total per pupil state
688 subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of this section plus any revenue
689 from other sources. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive
690 financial review of the operating budget of a magnet school to verify
691 such tuition rate."

692 Strike lines 4133 to 4150, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
693 following in lieu thereof:

694 "[~~(C)~~] (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year
695 thereafter, a regional educational service center operating an
696 interdistrict magnet school offering a preschool program that is not
697 located in the Sheff region shall charge tuition to the parent or guardian
698 of a child enrolled in such preschool program in an amount up to four
699 thousand fifty-three dollars, except such regional educational service
700 center shall [(i)] (A) not charge tuition to such parent or guardian with
701 a family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median
702 income, and [(ii)] (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each
703 fiscal year thereafter, charge tuition to such parent or guardian in an
704 amount not to exceed fifty-eight per cent of the tuition charged during
705 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The Department of Education shall,
706 within available appropriations, be financially responsible for any
707 unpaid tuition charged to such parent or guardian with a family income

708 at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The
709 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the
710 operating budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to
711 verify such tuition rate."

712 Strike lines 4171 to 4200, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
713 following in lieu thereof:

714 "(2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2015, and each school
715 year thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator that is a local
716 or regional board of education and did not charge tuition to another
717 local or regional board of education for the school year commencing July
718 1, 2014, may not charge tuition to such board unless (A) such operator
719 receives authorization from the Commissioner of Education to charge
720 the proposed tuition, and (B) if such authorization is granted, such
721 operator provides written notification on or before September first of
722 the school year prior to the school year in which such tuition is to be
723 charged to such board of the tuition to be charged to such board for each
724 student that such board is otherwise responsible for educating and is
725 enrolled at the interdistrict magnet school under such operator's control,
726 except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
727 thereafter, the amount of such tuition charged to such other local or
728 regional board of education shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent the per
729 student tuition charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. In
730 deciding whether to authorize an interdistrict magnet school operator
731 to charge tuition under this subdivision, the commissioner shall
732 consider (i) the average per pupil expenditure of such operator for each
733 interdistrict magnet school under the control of such operator, and (ii)
734 the amount of any per pupil state subsidy and any revenue from other
735 sources received by such operator. The commissioner may conduct a
736 comprehensive financial review of the operating budget of the magnet
737 school of such operator to verify that the tuition is appropriate. The
738 provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any interdistrict magnet
739 school operator that is a regional educational service center or assisting
740 the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v.*
741 *O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,

742 as determined by the Commissioner of Education."

743 Strike lines 4271 to 4298, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
744 following in lieu thereof:

745 "(b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, and each fiscal year
746 thereafter, any tuition charged to a local or regional board of education
747 by a regional educational service center operating an interdistrict
748 magnet school assisting the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to
749 the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
750 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of
751 Education, for any student enrolled in kindergarten to grade twelve,
752 inclusive, in such interdistrict magnet school shall be in an amount equal
753 to the difference between (1) the average per pupil expenditure of the
754 magnet school for the prior fiscal year, and (2) the amount of any per
755 pupil state subsidy calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264l,
756 plus any revenue from other sources calculated on a per pupil basis,
757 except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
758 thereafter, the per student tuition charged to a local or regional board of
759 education shall not exceed fifty-eight per cent the per student tuition
760 charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. If any such board
761 of education fails to pay such tuition, the commissioner may withhold
762 from such board's town or towns a sum payable under section 10-262i
763 in an amount not to exceed the amount of the unpaid tuition to the
764 magnet school and pay such money to the fiscal agent for the magnet
765 school as a supplementary grant for the operation of the interdistrict
766 magnet school program. In no case shall the sum of such tuitions exceed
767 the difference between (A) the total expenditures of the magnet school
768 for the prior fiscal year, and (B) the total per pupil state subsidy
769 calculated under subsection (c) of section 10-264l, plus any revenue from
770 other sources. The commissioner may conduct a comprehensive review
771 of the operating budget of a magnet school to verify such tuition rate."

772 Strike lines 4339 to 4371, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
773 following in lieu thereof:

774 "~~[(4)]~~ (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and each fiscal year
775 thereafter, a regional educational service center operating an
776 interdistrict magnet school assisting the state in meeting its obligations
777 pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any
778 related stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the
779 Commissioner of Education, and offering a preschool program shall
780 charge tuition to the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in such
781 preschool program in an amount [up to four thousand fifty-three
782 dollars] not to exceed fifty-eight per cent the per child tuition charged
783 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, except such regional
784 educational service center shall not charge tuition to such parent or
785 guardian with a family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the
786 state median income. The Department of Education shall, within
787 available appropriations, be financially responsible for any unpaid
788 tuition charged to such parent or guardian with a family income at or
789 below seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The
790 commissioner may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the
791 operating budget of any such magnet school charging such tuition to
792 verify such tuition rate.

793 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year
794 thereafter, any interdistrict magnet school operator described in section
795 10-264s that offers a preschool program shall charge tuition to the parent
796 or guardian of a child enrolled in such preschool program in an amount
797 not to exceed fifty-eight per cent the per child tuition charged during
798 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, except such interdistrict magnet
799 school operator shall not charge tuition to such parent or guardian with
800 a family income at or below seventy-five per cent of the state median
801 income. The Department of Education shall, within available
802 appropriations, be financially responsible for any unpaid tuition
803 charged to such parent or guardian with a family income at or below
804 seventy-five per cent of the state median income. The commissioner
805 may conduct a comprehensive financial review of the operating budget
806 of any such interdistrict magnet school operator charging such tuition
807 to verify such tuition rate."

808 Strike section 116 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
809 and internal references accordingly

810 Strike lines 4487 to 4503, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
811 following in lieu thereof:

812 "(2) The board of education operating an agricultural science and
813 technology education center may charge, subject to the provisions of
814 section 10-65b, tuition for a school year in an amount not to exceed fifty-
815 nine and two-tenths per cent of the foundation level pursuant to
816 subdivision (9) of section 10-262f, per student for the fiscal year in which
817 the tuition is paid, except that [(1)] (A) such board may charge tuition
818 for [(A)] (i) students enrolled under shared-time arrangements on a pro
819 rata basis, and [(B)] (ii) special education students which shall not
820 exceed the actual costs of educating such students minus the amounts
821 received pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section and
822 subsection (c) of this section, and [(2)] (B) for the fiscal year ending June
823 30, 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, such board may charge such
824 tuition in an amount not to exceed fifty-eight per cent of the amount
825 such board charged during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Any
826 tuition paid by such board for special education students in excess of
827 the tuition paid for non-special-education students shall be reimbursed
828 pursuant to section 10-76g."

829 Strike section 124 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
830 and internal references accordingly

831 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
832 internal references accordingly:

833 "Sec. 501. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) Up to \$800,000 of the unexpended
834 balance of funds that was transferred and made available to the
835 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, for Other Expenses,
836 for costs associated with the legalization of cannabis in subdivision (36)
837 of subsection (b) of section 12 of public act 22-118 and, in subsection (d)
838 of section 41 of public act 23-204, carried forward and made available
839 for the same purpose during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, shall

840 be made available to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
841 Management, for Other Expenses, during the fiscal year ending June 30,
842 2024, as follows:

843 (1) Up to \$500,000 to implement executive branch agency process
844 improvements; and

845 (2) Up to \$300,000 for pension consultation services.

846 (b) The unexpended balance of funds made available to the secretary
847 under subsection (a) of this section shall not lapse on June 30, 2024, and
848 shall continue to be available for the purposes described in subsection
849 (a) of this section during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

850 Sec. 502. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Up to \$1,500,000 of the unexpended
851 balance of funds that was transferred and made available to the
852 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, for Other Expenses,
853 for costs associated with the legalization of cannabis in subdivision (36)
854 of subsection (b) of section 12 of public act 22-118 and, in subsection (d)
855 of section 41 of public act 23-204, carried forward and made available
856 for the same purpose during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, shall
857 not lapse on June 30, 2024, and such funds shall be transferred and made
858 available to the Department of Social Services, for Community Action
859 Agencies, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

860 Sec. 503. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
861 section 10-215b of the general statutes, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
862 2025, the Department of Education shall be financially responsible for
863 the portion of the cost to local and regional boards of education of
864 reduced priced meals under the National School Lunch Program and
865 School Breakfast Program for those students not enrolled in a school that
866 qualifies for the maximum federal reimbursement for all school meals
867 served under the federal Community Eligibility Provision. As used in
868 this section, "Community Eligibility Provision" means the federal meal
869 reimbursement program administered by the United States Department
870 of Agriculture, as set forth in 7 CFR 245.9, as amended from time to time.

871 Sec. 504. Section 8-169rr of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 872 *October 1, 2024*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 38	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	17b-261(a)
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. 90	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 91	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 111	<i>from passage</i>	New 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. 501	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 503	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 504	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	Repealer section