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Committee Bill No. 5937

LCO No. 3839

Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT FOR SMALL TOWNS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) The Commissioner of Economic and
2 Community Development shall administer a program of grants to
3 small towns. Grants may be made to municipalities for reimbursement
4 of costs incurred for economic development.

5 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
6 chapter 54 of the general statutes, for the administration of this section,
7 including the establishment of eligibility requirements for small towns
8 and the application process.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) A "small town economic development account" is
10 hereby created within the General Fund. There shall be deposited in
11 said account all moneys received by or appropriated to the
12 Department of Economic and Community Development from time to
13 time for such account.

14 (b) Amounts in the small town economic development account shall

15 be used for the purpose of making such grants pursuant to section 1 of
16 this act.

17 Sec. 3. (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this
18 section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to
19 time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more
20 series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate fifty
21 million dollars.

22 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
23 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
24 Department of Economic and Community Development for the
25 purpose of grants under section 1 of this act.

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

47 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
48 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
49 due.

50 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To create an account within the Department of Economic and Community Development to provide economic development assistance to small towns.

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

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