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Committee Bill No. 6344

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:

(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND FOR CHILDREN IN NORWALK, FOR PERMANENT RECREATIONAL AND COMPUTER FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN NEW HAVEN AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DAY CARE CENTER AND RECREATIONAL FACILITY AT WEST END SCHOOL IN BRIDGEPORT.

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

1 Section 1. (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this
2 section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to
3 time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more
4 series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate ____
5 dollars.

6 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
7 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used as follows:

8 (1) Three hundred fifty thousand dollars to be used by the
9 Department of Children and Families for the purpose of a grant to
10 Boundless Playgrounds, Inc. for the design and construction in
11 Norwalk of "Devon's Place", a fully accessible playground for children

12 to be located on eighteen thousand square feet donated by the city of
13 Norwalk in Matthews Park in coordination with the development of
14 Heritage Park;

15 (2) ___ dollars to be used by the Department of Education for a
16 grant to the city of New Haven for permanent facilities for after school
17 programs for children and families that include an indoor basketball
18 court, indoor tennis court, indoor pool and a computer center;

19 (3) Two million dollars to be used by the Office of Policy and
20 Management for the purpose of a grant to the city of Bridgeport for the
21 construction of a day care center and recreational facility at the West
22 End School; and

23 (4) One million three hundred fifty thousand dollars to be used by
24 the Department of Children and Families for the purpose of a grant to
25 the Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center in Norwalk for the purchase
26 and renovation of a facility in Norwalk for the expansion of its mental
27 health services for children and the consolidation of its dispersed
28 programs into a central location.

29 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
30 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
31 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
32 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
33 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
34 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
35 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
36 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
37 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
38 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
39 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
40 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
41 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
42 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
43 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,

44 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
45 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
46 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
47 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
48 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
49 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
50 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
51 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
52 due.

53 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide funds for the design and construction in Norwalk of a fully accessible playground for children known as "Devon's Place", permanent facilities for families and children for after school programs in New Haven, a day care center and recreational facility at the new West End School in Bridgeport and the purchase of a new facility for the Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance Center in Norwalk to enable the center to expand its mental health services for children and to consolidate its programs into a central location.

[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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