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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5126

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE URBAN SITES REINVESTMENT PROGRAM."**

1 Strike out section 1 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Section 1. (NEW) (a) As used in this section:

3 (1) "Economic development project" means a business development  
4 project, as defined in section 32-222 of the general statutes, cultural  
5 heritage projects and downtown improvements; and

6 (2) "Small town" means a municipality that has a population of less  
7 than thirty thousand.

8 (b) There is established within the Department of Economic and  
9 Community Development a program providing grants for economic  
10 development projects in small towns that are identified in a plan of  
11 economic development that has been approved by the resolution of the

12 legislative body of the small town.

13 (c) During the six-month period beginning July 1, 2001, small towns  
14 may submit an application in the form and manner prescribed by the  
15 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development. Each  
16 application shall include a plan of economic development for the small  
17 town that has been approved by resolution of the legislative body of  
18 such small town and that identifies specific economic development  
19 projects.

20 (d) On or before January 1, 2002, the commissioner shall review all  
21 applications timely received pursuant to this section, may approve  
22 such applications and provide grants to small towns for economic  
23 development projects. Grants may be used for strategic economic  
24 development planning, downtown revitalization, infrastructure  
25 improvements critical to economic development and historic or  
26 cultural assets linked to economic development. In approving grants  
27 under this section the commissioner may take into account the  
28 differing needs of small towns, the need for consistency and equity in  
29 the distribution of grant awards and the extent to which particular  
30 economic development projects may advance the purposes of this  
31 section.

32 (e) A small town may use grants awarded under this section for  
33 grants, loans or micro-loans for economic development projects  
34 identified in the plan submitted under this section.

35 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 4-66c of the general statutes is  
36 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

37 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent hereinafter  
38 stated, shall be used, subject to the provisions of subsections (c) and (d)  
39 of this section, for the purpose of redirecting, improving and  
40 expanding state activities which promote community conservation and  
41 development and improve the quality of life for urban residents of the  
42 state as hereinafter stated: (1) For the Department of Economic and  
43 Community Development: Economic and community development

44 projects, including administrative costs incurred by the Department of  
45 Economic and Community Development, not exceeding seventy-seven  
46 million three hundred thousand dollars, one million dollars of which  
47 shall be used for a grant to the development center program and the  
48 nonprofit business consortium deployment center approved pursuant  
49 to section 32-411 provided five million dollars of said authorization  
50 shall be effective July 1, 2000, and twenty-five million dollars of which  
51 shall be used for grants under section 1 of this act; (2) for the  
52 Department of Transportation: Urban mass transit, not exceeding two  
53 million dollars; (3) for the Department of Environmental Protection:  
54 Recreation development and solid waste disposal projects, not  
55 exceeding one million nine hundred ninety-five thousand nine  
56 hundred two dollars; (4) for the Department of Social Services: Child  
57 day care projects, elderly centers, shelter facilities for victims of  
58 domestic violence, emergency shelters and related facilities for the  
59 homeless, multipurpose human resource centers and food distribution  
60 facilities, not exceeding thirty-nine million one hundred thousand  
61 dollars, provided four million dollars of said authorization shall be  
62 effective July 1, 1994; (5) for the Department of Economic and  
63 Community Development: Housing projects, not exceeding three  
64 million dollars; (6) for the Office of Policy and Management: (A)  
65 Grants-in-aid to municipalities for a pilot demonstration program to  
66 leverage private contributions for redevelopment of designated  
67 historic preservation areas, not exceeding one million dollars; (B)  
68 grants-in-aid for urban development projects including economic and  
69 community development, transportation, environmental protection,  
70 public safety, children and families and social services projects and  
71 programs, including, in the case of economic and community  
72 development projects administered on behalf of the Office of Policy  
73 and Management by the Department of Economic and Community  
74 Development, administrative costs incurred by the Department of  
75 Economic and Community Development, not exceeding five hundred  
76 forty-five million three hundred thousand dollars, provided one  
77 hundred twenty-five million dollars of said authorization shall be  
78 effective July 1, 2000. Five million dollars of the grants-in-aid

79 authorized in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (6) of this subsection  
80 may be made available to private nonprofit organizations for the  
81 purposes described in said subparagraph (B). Five million dollars of  
82 the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (6) of  
83 this subsection may be made available for necessary renovations and  
84 improvements of libraries."

85 In line 74, strike out "2" and insert "3" in lieu thereof