



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 18

February Session, 2004

Senate Bill No. 393

Senate, February 27, 2004

The Committee on Education reported through SEN. GAFFEY of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT IN STONINGTON.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
2 section 10-292 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation
3 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let
4 out until plans and specifications have been approved by the
5 Department of Education's school facilities unit, the town of
6 Stonington may let out for bid on and commence a project for
7 extension, alteration and roof replacement (Project Number 137-0046
8 EA/RR) at Stonington High School and shall be eligible to
9 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,
10 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
11 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>
-----------	---------------------

ED *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Education, Dept.	Bonding- See Below	See Below	See Below

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Stonington	See Below	See Below	See Below

Explanation

This bill allows the town of Stonington to be considered for a grant commitment from the state for a school construction project notwithstanding the provisions of CGS 10-292 or state regulations regarding plan submittal to and approval by the State Department of Education. Since this bill does not actually make certain that a grant commitment will be made the bill has no actual cost to the state.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 393

AN ACT CONCERNING A SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT IN STONINGTON.**SUMMARY:**

By law, to be eligible for a state reimbursement grant for a school construction project, a local school district must obtain the State Department of Education's (SDE) approval of the project's plans and specifications before it offers the project for competitive bid. This bill waives this requirement for an extension, alteration, and roof replacement project at Stonington High School. It thus allows Stonington to bid and begin the project without plan approval and allows the project to be considered for a state grant after the SDE approves the plans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***State School Construction Grants***

The state reimburses school districts for 20% to 80% of eligible school construction costs, depending on wealth. Certain types of projects are eligible for a 5% or 10% bonus. In addition, the state pays 95% of the costs for vocational-technical schools and for interdistrict magnet schools, regional vocational agriculture centers, and regional special education facilities, and 50% of the district's usual reimbursement rate for administrative facilities.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 24 Nay 0