



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5233**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY BOARD.**

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

1       Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) As used in sections 1 to 8, inclusive,  
2       of this act:

3       (1) "Transportation Strategy Board" means the board created under  
4       section 13b-57e of the general statutes, as amended.

5       (2) "TSB project account" means the account created under section  
6       113 of public act 03-1 of the June 30 special session, as amended by this  
7       act.

8       (3) "Section 16 Project" means a project originally undertaken by the  
9       Transportation Strategy Board pursuant to section 16 of public act 01-5  
10      of the June special session.

11      Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) During the fiscal year ending June 30,  
12      2005, the sum of \$150,000 shall be transferred from the TSB project  
13      account to the Department of Transportation to support the  
14      implementation of the increased motorist assistance services  
15      recommended by the Transportation Strategy Board.

16      Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) Notwithstanding the provisions of

17 public act 03-4 of the June 30 special session, during the fiscal year  
18 ending June 30, 2005, the sum of \$60,000 may, with the approval of the  
19 Transportation Strategy Board, be expended from the TSB project  
20 account to support the preparation and distribution of highway  
21 diversion plans as recommended by said board.

22 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
23 public act 03-4 of the June 30 special session, during the fiscal year  
24 ending June 30, 2005, an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 may, with  
25 the approval of the Transportation Strategy Board, be expended from  
26 the TSB project account to support the continuation of the following  
27 TSB projects: Fairfield County Inter-Regional Bus Services; New Haven  
28 Line Commuter Connection; Danbury Area Feeder Bus Service;  
29 Shoreline East Service extension; Southeast Connecticut Jobs Access-  
30 Dial-A-Ride; and Hartford Area Express Bus Service.

31 (b) The Transportation Strategy Board shall evaluate each of the  
32 projects identified in subsection (a) of this section and shall submit its  
33 findings and recommendations concerning the continued funding of  
34 such programs to the Governor and the General Assembly, in  
35 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, not later than  
36 January 1, 2005.

37 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
38 public act 03-4 of the June 30 special session, during the fiscal year  
39 ending June 30, 2005, an amount not to exceed \$600,000 may be  
40 expended from the TSB project account to support the continuation of  
41 the state operating assistance to Tweed-New Haven Airport, provided:  
42 (1) The city of New Haven continues to provide at least its current  
43 level of operating subsidy to the airport; and (2) no such funds are  
44 expended to provide, directly or indirectly, subsidies or financial  
45 assistance to any air carrier.

46 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
47 public act 03-4 of the June 30 special session, during the fiscal year  
48 ending June 30, 2004, an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 may, with

49 the approval of the Transportation Strategy Board, be expended from  
50 the TSB project account for expenses incurred by the Department of  
51 Transportation in connection with the following Section 16 Projects:  
52 Deduct-A-Ride Program; Southeast Corridor Tourism Service-Single  
53 Ticket Fare Structure; Capitol Region Council of Governments-New  
54 Britain Busway; and Southeast Connecticut Jobs Access-Dial-A-Ride.

55 Sec. 7. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) During the fiscal year ending June 30,  
56 2005, up to \$640,000 shall be transferred from the TSB project account  
57 to the Office of Policy and Management to fund the grant to regional  
58 agencies under section 4-124q of the general statutes.

59 Sec. 8. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) (a) The unexpended balance of funds  
60 appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the  
61 Transportation Strategy Board in subsection (a) of section 47 of special  
62 act 01-1 of the June special session, and carried forward in subsection  
63 (2) of subsection (aa) of section 47 of special act 01-1 of the June special  
64 session, as amended by section 2 of special act 01-1 of the November 15  
65 special session, section 16 of public act 02-1 of the May 9 special  
66 session, subsection (a) of section 42 of public act 03-1 of the June 30  
67 special session, and section 36 of public act 03-4 of the June 30 special  
68 session, shall not lapse on June 30, 2004, and such funds shall continue  
69 to be available for the programs and purposes of the Transportation  
70 Strategy Board during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

71 Sec. 9. Section 113 of public act 03-1 of the June 30 special session is  
72 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
73 *passage*):

74 (a) There shall be a Transportation Strategy Board projects account,  
75 which shall be a nonlapsing account within the Special Transportation  
76 Fund.

77 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, five million dollars of  
78 the moneys received or collected by the state or any officer thereof on  
79 account of, or derived from, the incremental revenues received  
80 pursuant to section 14-50a, as amended, shall be deposited into the

81 account established under subsection (a) of this section and shall be  
82 used to provide funding for the projects and purposes of the  
83 Transportation Strategy Board.

84 (c) On and after July 1, [2005] 2004, all moneys received or collected  
85 by the state or any officer thereof on account of, or derived from, one-  
86 half of the incremental revenues received pursuant to section 14-50a, as  
87 amended, shall be deposited into the account established under  
88 subsection (a) of this section and shall be used to provide funding for  
89 the projects and purposes of the Transportation Strategy Board.

90 Sec. 10. Section 6 of public act 03-4 of the June 30 special session is  
91 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
92 *passage*):

93 On or before January 1, 2004, the Commissioner of Transportation,  
94 in consultation with the Department of Public Safety and the  
95 Department of Motor Vehicles, shall establish a program to implement  
96 regularly scheduled and enforced hours of operation for weigh  
97 stations. Not later than October 1, [2003] 2004, and annually thereafter,  
98 the commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-  
99 4a, on the planned program to the joint standing committee of the  
100 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
101 transportation.

102 Sec. 11. Section 36 of public act 03-4 of the June 30 special session is  
103 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
104 *passage*):

105 (a) The [sum of \$10,300,000] balance carried forward pursuant to  
106 subsection (a) of section 42 of public act 03-1 of the June 30 special  
107 session shall be expended as follows: East Haven Road and Sidewalk  
108 Improvement Aid, \$150,000; Fairfield County Interregional Services,  
109 \$900,000; New Haven Line Commuter Connection, \$320,000; Danbury  
110 Area Feeder Bus Service - Harlem Line, \$200,000; Expanded Hartford  
111 Area Express Bus Service, \$750,000; Shoreline East Service through  
112 New Haven - Bridgeport - Stamford, \$1,700,000 [;] and Continuation of

113 State Operating Subsidy for Tweed-New Haven Airport, \$600,000. [;  
114 Transportation Strategy Board projects account, \$3,700,000.] The  
115 balance of such funds shall be deposited in the Transportation Strategy  
116 Board projects account established by section 113 of public act 03-1 of  
117 the June 30 special session, as amended by this act.

118 (b) The funds for the State Operating Subsidy for Tweed-New  
119 Haven Airport in subsection (a) of this section shall be made available  
120 only if the city of New Haven continues its current level of operating  
121 subsidy.

122 Sec. 12. Section 14-41 of the general statutes, as amended by section  
123 6 of public act 03-171, section 34 of public act 03-3 of the June 30 special  
124 session and section 6 of public act 04-4, is repealed and the following is  
125 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

126 (a) Except as provided in section 14-41a, as amended by this act,  
127 each motor vehicle operator's license shall be renewed every six years  
128 or every four years on the date of the operator's birthday in accordance  
129 with a schedule to be established by the commissioner. On and after  
130 July 1, 2005, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall screen the  
131 vision of each motor vehicle operator prior to every other renewal of  
132 the operator's license of such operator in accordance with a schedule  
133 adopted by the commissioner. Such screening requirement shall apply  
134 to every other renewal following the initial screening. In lieu of the  
135 vision screening by the commissioner, such operator may submit the  
136 results of a vision screening conducted by a licensed health care  
137 professional qualified to conduct such screening on a form prescribed  
138 by the commissioner during the twelve months preceding such  
139 renewal. No motor vehicle operator's license may be renewed unless  
140 the operator passes such vision screening. The commissioner shall  
141 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to  
142 implement the provisions of this subsection relative to the  
143 administration of vision screening.

144 (b) An original operator's license shall expire within a period not

145 exceeding six years following the date of the operator's next birthday.  
 146 The fee for such original license shall be computed at the rate of [forty-  
 147 three] forty-four dollars for a four-year license, [sixty-five] sixty-six  
 148 dollars for a six-year license and eleven dollars per year for any part of  
 149 a year thereof.

150 (c) The commissioner shall, at least fifteen days before the date on  
 151 which each motor vehicle operator's license expires, notify the operator  
 152 of the expiration date. Any previously licensed operator who operates  
 153 a motor vehicle within sixty days after the expiration date of the  
 154 operator's license without obtaining a renewal of the license shall be  
 155 deemed to have failed to renew a motor vehicle operator's license and  
 156 shall be fined in accordance with the amount designated for the  
 157 infraction of failure to renew a motor vehicle operator's license. Any  
 158 operator so charged shall not be prosecuted under section 14-36, as  
 159 amended, for the same act constituting a violation under this section  
 160 but section 14-36, as amended, shall apply after the sixty-day period.

161 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-3a, if the expiration  
 162 date of any motor vehicle operator's license or any public passenger  
 163 transportation permit falls on any day when offices of the  
 164 commissioner are closed for business or are open for less than a full  
 165 business day, the license or permit shall be deemed valid until  
 166 midnight of the next day on which offices of the commissioner are  
 167 open for a full day of business.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>

