



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 45**

February Session, 2004

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**AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2004) (a) The Commissioners of  
2 Mental Retardation and Mental Health and Addiction Services shall  
3 encourage the development of independent living opportunities for  
4 low and moderate income nonelderly persons with mental disabilities  
5 by making grants-in-aid, within available resources, to state-wide,  
6 private, nonprofit housing development corporations which are  
7 organized and operating for the purpose of expanding independent  
8 living opportunities for such persons. Such grants-in-aid shall be used  
9 to facilitate the development of small, noninstitutionalized living units  
10 for such persons, through programs including, but not limited to,  
11 preproject development, receipt of federal funds, site acquisition and  
12 architectural review. For the purposes of this section, "nonelderly  
13 persons with mental disabilities" means persons sixty-one years of age  
14 or younger who have been certified by the Social Security Board as  
15 being totally disabled under the federal Social Security Act or certified  
16 by any other federal board or agency as being totally disabled.

17 (b) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in  
18 consultation with the Commissioner of Mental Retardation, shall adopt  
19 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the

20 general statutes, to carry out the purposes of this section.

21       Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) (a) For the purposes described in  
22 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
23 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
24 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
25 the aggregate ten million dollars.

26       (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
27 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
28 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the  
29 Department of Mental Retardation for the purpose of making grants-  
30 in-aid to state-wide private nonprofit housing development  
31 corporations that are organized and operating for the purpose of  
32 expanding independent living opportunities for nonelderly persons  
33 with mental disabilities.

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

53 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of  
54 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual  
55 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State  
56 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become  
57 due.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*