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Introduced by:
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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS
COMMITTEE RELATING TO POPULATIONS IN STATE ELDERLY AND
DISABLED HOUSING PROJECTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The state agencies charged with
2 providing social services to the elderly and nonelderly disabled
3 populations shall assist housing authorities in identifying and
4 accessing social services offered by such agencies. The Department of
5 Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Department of Mental
6 Retardation and the Department of Social Services shall each develop
7 a plan that details outreach efforts, available services and crisis
8 intervention. Not later than October 1, 2005, each such department
9 shall report a summary of its collaboration efforts with housing
10 authorities to the select committee of the General Assembly having
11 cognizance of matters relating to housing, in accordance with section
12 11-4a of the general statutes.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Annually, the Department of
14 Economic and Community Development and the Connecticut Housing

15 Finance Authority shall jointly conduct a comprehensive assessment of
16 current and future needs for rental assistance under section 8-119kk of
17 the general statutes for housing projects for the state's elderly and
18 disabled. Not later than October 1, 2005, the results of the first such
19 analysis shall be presented to the select committee of the General
20 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to housing, in
21 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

22 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) Not later than July 1, 2006, the
23 Department of Economic and Community Development shall develop
24 and maintain a comprehensive inventory of all publicly assisted
25 housing in the state. The inventory shall identify all existing assisted
26 rental units by type and funding source, and include, but not be
27 limited to, information on tenant eligibility, rents charged, available
28 subsidies, occupancy and vacancy rates, waiting lists and accessibility
29 features. In order to assist the department in the completion of the
30 inventory, all owners of such housing units, both public and private,
31 shall report accessible housing units to the database established and
32 maintained under section 8-119x of the general statutes.

33 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) For the purposes described in
34 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
35 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
36 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
37 the aggregate ten million dollars.

38 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
39 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
40 Department of Economic and Community Development for the
41 purpose of provide additional affordable housing for low-income
42 elderly and disabled persons.

43 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
44 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
45 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
46 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission

47 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
48 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
49 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
50 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
51 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
52 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
53 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
54 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
55 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
56 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
57 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
58 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
59 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
60 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
61 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
62 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
63 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
64 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
65 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
66 due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide an inventory of accessible housing units and services for the elderly and disabled persons, and provide funding for additional units for these residents.

[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.]

