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**Raised Bill No. 6802**

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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

(ED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING A CONNECTICUT OUT OF SCHOOL TIME GRANT.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The Department of  
2 Education, in conjunction with the after school committee established  
3 pursuant to section 10-16v of the general statutes, shall administer an  
4 out of school time grant program to assist municipalities to form  
5 strong public and private partnerships to help finance and meet the  
6 needs for quality programs and activities for enrichment and  
7 education, with attention to safety, health, nutrition, literacy,  
8 recreation, arts and technology. Such programs may be available  
9 during out of school time hours, including, but not limited to, after  
10 school, weekends, school vacations and the summer.

11 (b) Grants from such program may be used for the following  
12 purposes: (1) Development of a strategic plan to address the supply,  
13 quality and unmet need for after school programs; (2) provision of  
14 matching funds for local private and public partnerships to ensure  
15 sustainability; (3) provision of technical assistance to local programs to  
16 improve program quality; (4) provision of teacher training; (5)

17 development of public education and awareness strategies; (6)  
18 promotion of age appropriate youth leadership opportunities and  
19 opportunities for involvement in after school program planning; (7)  
20 strengthening of community, school and family partnerships; and (8)  
21 support of state-wide efforts to enhance coordination and maximize  
22 resources.

23 (c) Recipients of grants from the program established pursuant to  
24 this section shall meet the following criteria or other criteria, as  
25 determined by the Commissioner of Education, needed to carry out the  
26 purposes of the grant in accordance with subsection (a) of this section:  
27 (1) Represent a significant segment of the municipality and  
28 demonstrate a viable public and private partnership within the  
29 municipality; and (2) be a charitable organization which is a tax-  
30 exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
31 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code  
32 of the United States, as from time to time amended, with the capacity  
33 and mission of working state-wide to meet the purposes of the  
34 program established pursuant to said subsection (a).

35 (d) Within available appropriations, any state agency participating  
36 as part of the after school committee may contribute to the program  
37 established pursuant to this section in order to maximize resources.

38 (e) For purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section, the  
39 Department of Education and the partnerships may accept funds from  
40 the private sector.

41 (f) The Department of Education and the after school committee  
42 shall develop and apply appropriate evaluation procedures to measure  
43 the effectiveness of the grant program established pursuant to this  
44 section.

45 (g) The Department of Education shall, no later than January 1,  
46 2007, and annually thereafter, report to the joint standing committee of  
47 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to

48 education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
49 general statutes, on the benefits and effects on children participating in  
50 programs that received grants pursuant to this section.

51 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The sum of five million dollars is  
52 appropriated to the Department of Education, from the General Fund,  
53 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for the purposes of carrying  
54 out the provisions of section 1 of this act.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a grant program for after school programs.

*[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.]*