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Introduced by:

SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th Dist.

REP. AMANN, 118th Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT
COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND OTHER
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education
2 having reviewed applications for state grants for public school
3 building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of the general
4 statutes, as amended, on the basis of priorities for such projects and
5 standards for school construction established by the State Board of
6 Education, and having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects
7 ranked in order of priority, including a separate schedule of previously
8 authorized projects which have changed substantially in scope or cost,
9 as determined by said commissioner together with the amount of
10 estimated grant with respect to each eligible project, and having
11 submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to December 15, 2004,
12 to a committee of the General Assembly established under section
13 10-283a of the general statutes for the purpose of reviewing such
14 listing, is hereby authorized to enter into grant commitments on behalf

15 of the state in accordance with said section 10-283 with respect to the
16 priority listing of such projects and in such estimated amounts as
17 approved by said committee prior to February 1, 2005, as follows:

18 (1) Estimated Grant Commitments

T1	School District	Estimated	Estimated
T2	School	Project Costs	Grant
T3	Project Number		
T4			
T5	HARTFORD		
T6	Simpson-Waverly Classical Magnet		
T7	0289 MAG/A	\$ 22,523,095	\$ 21,396,940
T8			
T9	HARTFORD		
T10	Capital College Prep Magnet		
T11	0290 MAG/N	41,070,000	39,016,500
T12			
T13	NEW HAVEN		
T14	Metropolitan Business Magnet		
T15	0350 MAG/N	34,204,450	32,494,228
T16			
T17	STAMFORD		
T18	Environmental Studies Magnet		
T19	0259 MAG/N	58,000,000	55,100,000
T20			
T21	ANDOVER		
T22	Andover Elementary School		
T23	0014 EA	1,300,000	756,730
T24			
T25	BETHEL		
T26	Bethel High School		
T27	0057 EA	25,315,262	10,488,113
T28			
T29	DANBURY		

T30	Rogers Park Middle School		
T31	0131 EA	7,520,000	3,920,928
T32			
T33	EAST HADDAM		
T34	New East Haddam 4-8 School		
T35	0038 N/PS	24,830,000	12,149,319
T36			
T37	MILFORD		
T38	Alternative Education		
T39	0167 PF/EA	3,300,000	1,449,690
T40			
T41	NEW FAIRFIELD		
T42	New Fairfield Middle/High School		
T43	0041 A/CV	378,000	132,300
T44			
T45	OLD SAYBROOK		
T46	Old Saybrook Middle School		
T47	0035 EA	4,000,000	1,185,600
T48			
T49	OLD SAYBROOK		
T50	Old Saybrook Senior High School		
T51	0036 EA/RR	12,300,000	3,645,720
T52			
T53	WATERBURY		
T54	New Elementary School #1		
T55	0252 N/PS	31,900,000	24,722,500
T56			
T57	WATERBURY		
T58	New Elementary School #2		
T59	0253 N/PS	31,900,000	24,722,500
T60			
T61	WATERBURY		
T62	New Elementary School #3		
T63	0254 N/PS	31,900,000	24,722,500

T64			
T65	CT TECH. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM		
T66	Bullard-Havens THS		
T67	0015 VT/EA	27,331,000	27,331,000
T68			
T69	CT TECH. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM		
T70	Windham THS		
T71	0016 VT/EA	42,051,000	42,051,000
T72			
T73	CT TECH. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM		
T74	Vinal THS		
T75	0017 EA/RR	51,076,000	51,076,000
T76			
T77	CT TECH. HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM		
T78	Oliver Wolcott THS		
T79	0018 EA/RR	44,117,000	44,117,000
T80			
T81	DANBURY		
T82	Broadview Middle School		
T83	0132 EA	7,900,000	4,119,060
T84			
T85	DANBURY		
T86	Danbury High School		
T87	0134 A	600,000	312,840
T88			
T89	FAIRFIELD		
T90	Tomlinson Middle School		
T91	0112 EA	28,876,000	7,836,946
T92			
T93	GROTON		
T94	Fitch Senior High School		
T95	0178 EA	45,000,000	27,000,000
T96			
T97	GROTON		

T98	New Elementary School		
T99	0179 N	20,800,000	12,480,000
T100			
T101	MANCHESTER		
T102	Robertson School		
T103	0197 E	140,000	89,502
T104			
T105	NEW HAVEN		
T106	Clemente PK-8 School		
T107	0351 A/RR	37,840,000	30,272,000
T108			
T109	NEW HAVEN		
T110	New Bishop Woods School		
T111	0352 N	28,179,886	22,543,909
T112			
T113	NORWALK		
T114	Roton Middle School		
T115	0232 EA	5,800,000	2,112,940
T116			
T117	NORWALK		
T118	Norwalk High School		
T119	0233 EA	32,500,000	11,839,750
T120			
T121	NORWALK		
T122	Columbus Elementary School		
T123	0234 A/EC	3,750,000	1,366,125
T124			
T125	NORWALK		
T126	Tracey School		
T127	0235 A/EC	4,300,000	1,566,490
T128			
T129	STAMFORD		
T130	Stillmeadow School		
T131	0256 A/TCH	168,983	50,695

T132			
T133	STAMFORD		
T134	Springdale School		
T135	0257 A/TCH	170,207	51,062
T136			
T137	STAMFORD		
T138	Northeast School		
T139	0258 A/TCH	99,540	29,862
T140			
T141	STERLING		
T142	New Sterling PK-8 School		
T143	0013 N	27,500,000	20,724,000
T144			
T145	TRUMBULL		
T146	Regional Agriscience/Tech Center		
T147	0098 VE	114,058	108,355
T148			
T149	WALLINGFORD		
T150	Lyman Hall H.S. - Vocational Agri.		
T151	0147 VA/N	27,808,000	26,417,600
T152			
T153	WATERBURY		
T154	Crosby High School		
T155	0255 EA	5,800,000	4,495,000
T156			
T157	WATERFORD		
T158	Clark Lane Middle School		
T159	0098 A/RR	22,201,534	5,867,865
T160			
T161	WEST HARTFORD		
T162	Duffy School		
T163	0206 EA	1,000,000	389,300
T164			
T165	WOLCOTT		

T166	Wolcott High School		
T167	0073 A	120,000	74,568
T168			
T169	REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 1		
T170	Housatonic Valley Reg. H.S.		
T171	0038 EA/RR	1,452,698	643,400
T172			
T173	REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 14		
T174	Nonnewaug High School		
T175	0085 VE	169,000	160,550
T176			
T177	REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 19		
T178	E.O. Smith Depot Road Satellite		
T179	0017 EA/RR	1,998,000	1,691,107
T180			
T181	DERBY		
T182	Derby High School		
T183	0051 A/EC	2,230,750	1,053,208
T184			
T185	ENFIELD		
T186	Harriet Beecher Stowe School		
T187	0134 EC/CV	381,332	260,107
T188			
T189	MANCHESTER		
T190	Bowers School		
T191	0200 A/EC	682,000	436,003
T192			
T193	MANCHESTER		
T194	Waddell School		
T195	0201 A/EC	1,189,000	760,128
T196			
T197	REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 1		
T198	Central Administration		
T199	0039 BE/E	200,000	44,290

19 (2) Previously Authorized Projects Which Have Changed
 20 Substantially in Scope or Cost.

T200	School District	Authorized	Requested
T201	School		
T202	Project Number		
T203			
T204	BRIDGEPORT		
T205	Barnum Elementary		
T206	015-0131 N		
T207			
T208	Estimated...		
T209	Total Project Costs	\$ 44,147,458	\$ 58,315,334
T210	Total Grant	35,317,966	46,652,267
T211			
T212	BRISTOL		
T213	Ivy Drive School		
T214	017-0074 EA		
T215			
T216	Estimated...		
T217	Total Project Costs	8,500,000	14,500,000
T218	Total Grant	5,889,650	10,047,050
T219			
T220	BRISTOL		
T221	Mountain View School		
T222	017-0075 EA		
T223			
T224	Estimated...		
T225	Total Project Costs	8,500,000	13,000,000
T226	Total Grant	5,889,650	9,007,700
T227			
T228	DANBURY		
T229	Academy for International Studies		
T230	034-0124 MAG/N		
T231			
T232	Estimated...		
T233	Total Project Costs	17,500,000	21,355,000
T234	Total Grant	17,500,000	21,355,000

T235			
T236	HAMDEN		
T237	Hamden Middle School		
T238	062-0084 N		
T239			
T240	Estimated...		
T241	Total Project Costs	43,493,865	54,421,850
T242	Total Grant	27,805,628	34,791,889
T243			
T244	HARTFORD		
T245	Hartford Public High School		
T246	064-0246 RNV/E		
T247			
T248	Estimated...		
T249	Total Project Costs	82,000,000	105,000,000
T250	Total Grant	63,254,800	80,997,000
T251			
T252	HARTFORD		
T253	Breakthrough Academy Magnet		
T254	064-0271 MAG/N		
T255			
T256	Estimated...		
T257	Total Project Costs	26,000,000	29,500,000
T258	Total Grant	26,000,000	29,500,000
T259			
T260	HARTFORD		
T261	Greater Hartford Classical Magnet		
T262	064-0285 MAG/PF		
T263			
T264	Estimated...		
T265	Total Project Costs	32,000,000	36,434,294
T266	Total Grant	32,000,000	36,434,294
T267			
T268	NEW CANAAN		
T269	New Canaan High School		
T270	090-0044 RNV/E		
T271			
T272	Estimated...		
T273	Total Project Costs	54,475,454	61,170,560
T274	Total Grant	10,895,091	12,234,112
T275			

T276	NEW HAVEN		
T277	Arts Magnet Middle School		
T278	093-0307 MAG/N		
T279			
T280	Estimated...		
T281	Total Project Costs	28,700,000	29,200,000
T282	Total Grant	28,700,000	29,200,000
T283			
T284	NEW HAVEN		
T285	New Jackie Robinson Magnet School		
T286	093-0329 MAG/N		
T287			
T288	Estimated...		
T289	Total Project Costs	34,000,000	35,000,000
T290	Total Grant	26,836,200	33,250,000
T291			
T292	NEW HAVEN		
T293	Betsy Ross School		
T294	093-0332 EA/RR		
T295			
T296	Estimated...		
T297	Total Project Costs	33,500,000	38,300,000
T298	Total Grant	26,441,550	30,230,190
T299			
T300	NEW HAVEN		
T301	Barnard Magnet School		
T302	093-0339 MAG/E		
T303			
T304	Estimated...		
T305	Total Project Costs	34,000,000	34,000,000
T306	Total Grant	27,077,600	32,300,000
T307			
T308	NEW HAVEN		
T309	Cooperative Arts & Humanities		
T310	Magnet High School		
T311	093-0341 MAG/N		
T312			
T313	Estimated...		
T314	Total Project Costs	52,000,000	58,000,000
T315	Total Grant	52,000,000	58,000,000
T316			

T317	NEW HAVEN		
T318	Christopher Columbus School		
T319	093-0348 EA/RR		
T320			
T321	Estimated...		
T322	Total Project Costs	15,269,961	28,179,886
T323	Total Grant	12,160,997	22,442,461
T324			
T325	NEW HAVEN		
T326	Troup Middle School		
T327	093-0343 A		
T328			
T329	Estimated...		
T330	Total Project Costs	36,570,369	36,570,369
T331	Total Grant	28,568,772	28,568,772
T332			
T333	NEW HAVEN		
T334	Clinton Avenue School		
T335	093-0344 EA/RR		
T336			
T337	Estimated...		
T338	Total Project Costs	30,744,372	35,000,000
T339	Total Grant	24,484,818	27,874,000
T340			
T341	NORWALK		
T342	Kendall Elementary		
T343	103-0229 EA		
T344			
T345	Estimated...		
T346	Total Project Costs	6,769,000	7,900,000
T347	Total Grant	2,321,091	2,708,910
T348			
T349	SEYMOUR		
T350	Seymour High School		
T351	124-0052 EA		
T352			
T353	Estimated...		
T354	Total Project Costs	17,167,415	21,900,000
T355	Total Grant	10,484,140	13,374,330
T356			
T357	TRUMBULL		

T358	Middlebrook Elementary		
T359	144-0097 EA		
T360			
T361	Estimated...		
T362	Total Project Costs	5,412,709	7,331,482
T363	Total Grant	1,701,214	2,304,285
T364			
T365	WATERFORD		
T366	Clark Lane Middle School		
T367	152-0081 EA/RR		
T368			
T369	Estimated...		
T370	Total Project Costs	9,688,100	10,706,900
T371	Total Grant	2,283,485	2,523,616
T372			
T373	WATERFORD		
T374	Waterford High School		
T375	152-0083 A/RR		
T376			
T377	Estimated...		
T378	Total Project Costs	13,056,500	14,361,500
T379	Total Grant	3,076,111	3,385,006
T380			
T381	WESTPORT		
T382	Greensfarms Elementary		
T383	158-0087 RNV/E		
T384			
T385	Estimated...		
T386	Total Project Costs	13,791,900	16,364,732
T387	Total Grant	2,905,953	3,448,049
T388			
T389	EAST HARTFORD		
T390	East Hartford Glastonbury		
T391	Elementary Magnet School		
T392	043-0228 MAG/N		
T393			
T394	Estimated...		
T395	Total Project Costs	24,039,994	24,932,539
T396	Total Grant	24,039,994	24,932,539
T397			
T398	REG. DIST. #5		

T399	Amity Reg. Jr. High-Bethany		
T400	205-0042 EA/RR		
T401			
T402	Estimated...		
T403	Total Project Costs	15,880,352	20,623,333
T404	Total Grant	5,558,123	7,218,167
T405			
T406	REG. DIST. #5		
T407	Amity Reg. Jr. High-Orange		
T408	205-0043 EA/RR		
T409			
T410	Estimated...		
T411	Total Project Costs	15,589,965	20,322,584
T412	Total Grant	5,456,488	7,112,904
T413			
T414	MONTVILLE		
T415	Mohegan School		
T416	086-0084 EA/RR		
T417			
T418	Estimated...		
T419	Total Project Costs	5,749,872	6,782,481
T420	Total Grant	3,758,116	4,433,030
T421			
T422	HARTFORD		
T423	Pathways to Technology Magnet School		
T424	064-0286 MAG/N		
T425			
T426	Estimated...		
T427	Total Project Costs	29,681,896	36,940,500
T428	Total Grant	29,681,896	36,940,500

21 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
 22 section 10-292 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
 23 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
 24 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
 25 Education's school facilities unit, the town of West Hartford may let
 26 out for bid on and commence a project for relocatable classrooms
 27 (Project Number 155-0199) at King Philip Middle School and shall be

28 eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from
29 the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
30 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

31 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
32 section 10-292 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
33 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
34 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
35 Education's school facilities unit, the town of Simsbury may let out for
36 bid on and commence a project for relocatable classrooms (Project
37 Number 128-0100) at Central School and shall be eligible to
38 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,
39 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
40 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

41 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
42 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
43 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
44 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
45 Education's school facilities unit, the city of Waterbury may let out for
46 bid on and commence the projects for roof replacement (Project
47 Number 151-0237 RR) at Wilson Elementary School, code updates
48 (Project Number 151-0197 CV) at Kennedy High School, renovations
49 (Project Number 151-0243 RNV Barnard Elementary School phase) and
50 (Project Number 151-0243 RNV Tinker Elementary School phase),
51 asbestos abatement in the gymnasium (Project Number 151-0251 CV)
52 at Barnard Elementary School and asbestos abatement in the tunnel
53 (Project Number 151-0247 CV) at Barnard Elementary School and shall
54 be eligible to subsequently be considered for grant commitments from
55 the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
56 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

57 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
58 sections 10-283 and 10-284 of the general statutes or any regulations
59 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring that local legislative

60 authorizations be obtained within one year after the authorization by
61 the General Assembly of a grant commitment or requiring that the
62 town begin constructing within two years after the effective date of the
63 act of the General Assembly authorizing the Commissioner of
64 Education to enter into grant commitments for such projects, the town
65 of Newington shall have until June 30, 2006, to authorize and until
66 June 30, 2007, to begin construction on the projects at Newington High
67 School, John Wallace Middle School and Martin Kellogg Middle School
68 (Project Numbers 094-0085 Comprehensive A/C, 094-0087 Industrial
69 Technology, 094-0088 Auditorium A/C, 094-0090 A/C Auditorium &
70 Cafe, 094-0091 Industrial Technology and 094-0092 Field House
71 Renovations) and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for
72 grant commitments from the state.

73 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
74 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general
75 statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education
76 concerning projected enrollment for a school building project, the town
77 of Oxford may increase the projected enrollment to seven hundred
78 fifty students for the new construction project (Project Number 108-
79 0028) at the new Oxford High School.

80 Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
81 section 7-131n of the general statutes, the town of New London may
82 convey park property to LEARN for the Marine Sciences Magnet High
83 School (Project Number 245-0087 MAG/N) for use as a magnet school
84 site.

85 Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) LEARN shall begin construction on the
86 Marine Sciences Magnet High School (Project Number 245-0087
87 MAG/N) on or before June 30, 2006, and may be eligible to receive
88 state school construction funding.

89 Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
90 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
91 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans

92 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
93 Education's school facilities unit, the town of Old Saybrook may let out
94 for bid on and commence a project for alteration (Project Number 106-
95 0038 A) at Old Saybrook Middle School and shall be eligible to
96 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,
97 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
98 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

99 Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
100 section 10-286 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
101 State Board of Education setting square footage specifications for
102 purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project
103 grant, such square footage specifications shall not apply to the
104 extension and alteration project (Project Number 159-0094 EA) at the
105 Webb School in Wethersfield.

106 Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
107 chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under
108 said chapter, the town of West Hartford is authorized to renovate and
109 improve the athletic fields of Conard High School in an amount not to
110 exceed one million dollars and shall be subsequently eligible for school
111 construction grant assistance provided a completed grant application
112 is submitted to the Department of Education prior to June 30, 2006.
113 The full cost of renovation and improvement shall be deemed eligible
114 costs for the purpose of grant calculation. The grant for construction
115 assistance shall be fifty per cent of the total costs of the project.

116 Sec. 12. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
117 chapter 173 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
118 State Board of Education concerning eligible costs, Regional District
119 #11 may apply for and subsequently be eligible to receive a school
120 construction grant for costs of emergency repairs and maintenance at
121 Parish Hill High School, as required to maintain New England
122 Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation. Such costs shall not
123 exceed one million dollars. The state standard space specifications, the

124 provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of
125 section 10-283 of the general statutes concerning redirection, the
126 provisions of subsection (b) of section 10-287 of the general statutes
127 concerning bidding, and the provisions of section 10-292 concerning
128 plan review shall not apply to this project.

129 Sec. 13. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
130 section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
131 State Board of Education requiring a completed grant application be
132 submitted prior to June 30, 2004, or subsection (d) of section 10-283 of
133 the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of
134 Education requiring local funding authorization for the local share of
135 project costs prior to application, an extension and alteration project
136 for Regional School District #11 at Parish Hill High School with costs
137 approximately forty million dollars shall be included in subsection (1)
138 of section 1 of this act, provided a complete grant application is
139 submitted prior to June 30, 2006. Such project shall also be eligible for
140 the reimbursement bonus pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-285a
141 of the general statutes, provided a cooperative arrangement is
142 established as required in said subsection (d) prior to the completion of
143 the project.

144 Sec. 14. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
145 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
146 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
147 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
148 Education's school facilities unit, the town of West Hartford may let
149 out for bid on and commence a project for a new middle school
150 (Project Number 155-0201 PF/EA) at Bristow Middle School and shall
151 be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from
152 the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
153 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

154 Sec. 15. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
155 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the

156 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
157 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
158 Education's school facilities unit, the town of West Hartford may let
159 out for bid on and commence a project for portable classrooms (Project
160 Number 155-0203 RE) at Whiting Lane Elementary School and shall be
161 eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from
162 the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
163 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

164 Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
165 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
166 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
167 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
168 Education's school facilities unit, the town of West Hartford may let
169 out for bid on and commence a project for portable classrooms (Project
170 Number 155-0202 RE) at Hall High School and shall be eligible to
171 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,
172 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
173 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

174 Sec. 17. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
175 chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under
176 said chapter, the town of Meriden is authorized to renovate and
177 improve the athletic fields adjacent to the Washington Middle School,
178 known as Falcon Field, in an amount not to exceed four million dollars
179 and shall be subsequently eligible for school construction grant
180 assistance provided a completed grant application is submitted to the
181 Department of Education prior to June 30, 2006. The full cost of
182 renovation and improvement shall be deemed eligible costs for the
183 purpose of grant calculation. The grant for construction assistance
184 shall be fifty per cent of the total costs of the project. The renovated
185 and improved fields shall be used primarily for school-related
186 activities.

187 Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of

188 section 10-291 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
189 State Board of Education concerning prior approval for site acquisition,
190 the town of West Hartford shall be eligible for reimbursement for site
191 acquisition costs incurred on the additions and renovations to Whiting
192 Lane School (Project Number 155-0161 EA).

193 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any professional or consulting
194 fee that is calculated as a proportion of total project costs for any
195 school building project for which state assistance is provided in
196 accordance with the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes
197 shall not be increased as a result of increased prices for construction
198 materials.

199 Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Except as provided in
200 subsection (b) of this section, for any school building project
201 authorized by the General Assembly on or after July 1, 2005,
202 classrooms or libraries shall be constructed or altered in accordance
203 with American National Standard: Acoustical Performance Criteria,
204 Design Requirements and Guidelines for Schools, ANSI S12. 60-2002.
205 The provisions of this section shall not apply to classrooms or libraries
206 where adequate acoustical modifications cannot be made without
207 compromising health and safety, or the educational purpose or
208 function of a specific classroom or library.

209 (b) A local or regional board of education may apply to the
210 Commissioner of Education for a waiver from the standard required in
211 subsection (a) of this section for any relocatable classroom that will be
212 used by the same school for a period of less than thirty-six months and
213 the commissioner shall grant such waiver provided the application
214 includes evidence that the board, with notice to parents, students and
215 teachers, held a public hearing on the effects that required acoustical
216 standards for classrooms may have on a student's ability to learn.

217 Sec. 21. Subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 10-286 of the
218 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
219 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

220 (4) Commencing with the school construction projects authorized by
221 the General Assembly during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1985, and
222 for all such projects so authorized thereafter, the calculation of grants
223 pursuant to this section shall be made in accordance with the state
224 standard space specifications in effect at the time of the final grant
225 calculation, except that on and after July 1, 2005, in the case of a school
226 district with an enrollment of less than one hundred fifty students in
227 grades kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, state standard space
228 specifications shall not apply in the calculation of grants pursuant to
229 this section and the Commissioner of Education may modify the
230 standard space specifications for a project in such district.

231 Sec. 22. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
232 chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under
233 said chapter, the town of West Hartford is authorized to renovate and
234 improve the athletic fields of Hall High School in an amount not to
235 exceed one million dollars and shall be subsequently eligible for school
236 construction grant assistance provided a completed grant application
237 is submitted to the Department of Education prior to June 30, 2006. The
238 full cost of renovation and improvement shall be deemed eligible costs
239 for the purpose of grant calculation. The grant for construction
240 assistance shall be fifty per cent of the costs of the total project.

241 Sec. 23. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
242 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
243 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
244 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
245 Education's school facilities unit, the town of Trumbull may let out for
246 bid on and commence a project for renovation as new (Project Number
247 TMP-144-ZWGF) at Trumbull High School and shall be eligible to
248 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,
249 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
250 Department of Education's school facilities unit, provided a complete
251 grant application is submitted prior to July 1, 2006.

252 Sec. 24. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
253 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
254 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
255 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
256 Education's school facilities unit, the town of Canterbury may let out
257 for bid on and commence a project for a code violation (Project
258 Number 022-0013 CV) at Canterbury Elementary School and shall be
259 eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from
260 the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
261 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

262 Sec. 25. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
263 section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
264 State Board of Education requiring that the description of a project
265 type for a school building project be made at the time of application for
266 a school building project grant, the town of North Branford may
267 change the scope of the extension and alteration project at North
268 Branford Middle/High School (Project Number 099-0049 EA) to a
269 renovation project for the middle school portion of the school.

270 Sec. 26. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
271 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
272 State Board of Education requiring that a bid not be let out until plans
273 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
274 Education's school facilities unit, the town of Stamford may let out for
275 bid on and commence a project for roof replacement (Project Number
276 135-0252 RR) at Toquam Elementary School and shall be eligible to
277 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,
278 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
279 Department of Education's school facilities unit.

280 Sec. 27. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
281 section 10-283 of the general statutes and any regulation adopted by
282 the State Board of Education requiring that the scope of a school
283 building project be set at the time of application for a school building

284 project grant, the town of Canton may expand the scope of the project
285 at Canton Intermediate School (Project Number 023-0026 EA).

286 Sec. 28. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of
287 chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under
288 said chapter, the town of Manchester may designate up to two legally
289 qualified employees to be the architects of record for elementary
290 school building projects and the prorated salary and benefits paid to
291 such employees for work pertaining to design and construction on
292 such projects shall be eligible costs for the purpose of calculating a
293 grant under section 10-286 of the general statutes, provided (1) the
294 town submits to the Department of Education documented and
295 certified records of such work completed by said architects, including,
296 but not limited to, timesheets that clearly delineate the number of
297 hours the architects worked on such project, and (2) no other
298 nonemployee architect renders services to the building project that are
299 included as eligible costs.

300 Sec. 29. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any
301 provision of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation
302 adopted under said chapter, and the provisions of subdivision (2) of
303 subsection (b) of section 10-286 of the general statutes, the town of
304 Manchester may use funds provided under section 10a-194c of the
305 general statutes toward the required local share of project costs for the
306 construction of the Manchester Head Start/Preschool Center for the
307 purpose of offering a full-day town-wide preschool program provided,
308 notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 187 of the general statutes
309 and section 17b-749i of the general statutes, the town of Manchester
310 shall pay the dept service costs on such funds.

311 Sec. 30. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
312 chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under
313 said chapter, the grant authorization for the school construction project
314 at Howell Cheney Regional Vocational Technical High School (Project
315 Number 900-003 EA) shall be increased by one million two hundred

316 thousand dollars for artificial turf at the athletic fields.

317 Sec. 31. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
318 section 25-32 of the general statutes or any regulation requiring a town
319 to obtain a permit authorizing a change of use of Class I watershed
320 lands from the Commissioner of Public Health, the town of
321 Wallingford may continue with renovation projects at Moran Middle
322 School (Project Number 148-0143 EA), Parker Farms Elementary
323 School (Project Number 148-0137 EA) and Sheehan High School
324 (Project Number 148-142 EA).

325 Sec. 32. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
326 section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted
327 pursuant to said section 10-283, requiring that funding authorization
328 for the local share of the project costs be secured prior to application
329 and that no school building project shall be added to subdivision (1) of
330 the school construction list, the projects for extension and alteration
331 (Project Number TMP-089-JQZK), extension (Project Number TMP-
332 089-RGTZ), and relocatable classrooms (Project Number TMP-089-
333 WJBZ) at New Britain High School in New Britain are included in said
334 subdivision (1) and shall be eligible to be subsequently considered for
335 grant commitments from the state, provided the school district files
336 completed grant applications for the school building projects and
337 secures the funding authorization for the local share of the project costs
338 prior to June 30, 2006, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of
339 the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of
340 Education.

341 Sec. 33. Subsection (c) of section 10-56 of the general statutes is
342 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
343 *1, 2005*):

344 (c) When a district has been authorized to issue general obligation
345 bonds, notes or other obligations as provided by this section, the board
346 may authorize, for a period not to exceed [four] eight years, the issue
347 of temporary notes in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from

348 the sale of such bonds. Notes issued for a shorter period of time may
349 be renewed by the issue of other notes, provided the period from the
350 date of the original notes to the maturity of the last notes issued in
351 renewal thereof shall not exceed [four] eight years. The term of such
352 notes shall not be included in computing the time within which such
353 bonds shall mature, provided such term does not exceed four years.
354 For any series of notes the term of which is extended past the fourth
355 year, the provisions of section 7-378a providing for the retirement from
356 budgeted funds of one-twentieth of the net project cost, the reduction
357 of the term of the bonds when sold and the commencement of the first
358 principal payment of such bonds, shall apply with respect to each year
359 beyond the fourth that the notes are outstanding. The provisions of
360 section 7-373 shall be deemed to apply to such notes. The board, or
361 such officer or body to whom the board delegates the authority to
362 make such determinations, shall determine the date, maturity, interest
363 rate, form, manner of sale and other terms of such notes which shall be
364 general obligations of the regional school district and member towns.
365 Such notes may bear interest or be sold at a discount. The interest or
366 discount on such notes and any renewals thereof and the expense of
367 preparing, issuing and marketing them may be included as a part of
368 the cost of the project for the financing of which such bonds were
369 authorized. Upon the sale of such bonds, the board shall apply
370 immediately the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, to the
371 payment of the principal and interest of all notes issued in anticipation
372 thereof or deposit the proceeds in trust for such purpose with a bank
373 or trust company, which may be the bank or trust company, if any, at
374 which such notes are payable.

375 Sec. 34. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
376 chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted pursuant
377 to said chapter, the grant authorization for the school construction
378 project at Ellis Regional Vocational Technical High School (Project
379 Number 900-009 EA) shall be increased by five hundred thousand
380 dollars for costs to illuminate the athletic fields and for other
381 improvements.

382 Sec. 35. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
383 section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted
384 pursuant to said section 10-283, requiring that funding authorization
385 for the local share of the project costs be secured prior to application
386 and that no school building project shall be added to the school
387 construction list in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, the projects
388 for (1) library reconstruction for Duffy School, and (2) air conditioning
389 at King Philip Middle School in West Hartford are included in said
390 subdivision (1) and shall be eligible to be subsequently considered for
391 a grant commitment from the state, provided the school district files a
392 completed application for a school building project and secures the
393 funding authorization for the local share of the project costs prior to
394 June 30, 2006, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the
395 general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of
396 Education.

397 Sec. 36. Section 10-66hh of the general statutes is repealed and the
398 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

399 For the fiscal years ending [June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003, and June 30,
400 2004] June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, the Commissioner of Education
401 shall establish, within available [appropriations and] bond
402 authorizations, a grant program to assist state charter schools in
403 financing (1) school building projects, as defined in section 10-282, (2)
404 general improvements to school buildings, as defined in subsection (a)
405 of section 10-265h, and (3) repayment of debt incurred prior to July 1,
406 2005, for [prior] school building projects. [Eligibility for such grants
407 shall be limited to state charter schools whose charters were renewed
408 in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2001, June 30, 2002, and June 30,
409 2003, pursuant to subsection (g) of section 10-66bb.] The governing
410 authorities of such state charter schools may apply for such grants to
411 the Department of Education at such time and in such manner as the
412 commissioner prescribes. [Each state charter school may receive no
413 more than one grant under this section and no grant under this section
414 shall exceed five hundred thousand dollars.] The commissioner shall

415 give preference to applications that provide for matching funds from
416 nonstate sources.

417 Sec. 37. (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) For the purposes described in
418 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
419 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
420 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
421 the aggregate ten million dollars, provided five million dollars of said
422 authorization shall be effective July 1, 2006.

423 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
424 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
425 Department of Education for the purpose of grants pursuant to section
426 10-66hh of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

427 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
428 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
429 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
430 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
431 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
432 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
433 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
434 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
435 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
436 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
437 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
438 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
439 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
440 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
441 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
442 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
443 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
444 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
445 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
446 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of

447 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
448 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
449 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
450 due.

451 Sec. 38. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a commission
452 to study the long-term capital needs of state charter schools. Such
453 study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of the
454 process for funding capital needs of state charter schools and the
455 overall capital needs of all public schools.

456 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members:

457 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
458 who shall be a representative of a regional education service center;

459 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
460 shall be a representative of a state charter school;

461 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
462 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a union that
463 represents teachers certified by the State Board of Education;

464 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
465 a parent of a student of a state charter school;

466 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
467 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Connecticut
468 Association of School Business Officers;

469 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
470 a school superintendent;

471 (7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

472 (8) The chairpersons of the joint standing committees of the General
473 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and
474 finance, or their designees;

475 (9) The ranking members of the joint standing committees of the
476 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
477 and finance, or their designees; and

478 (10) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
479 secretary's designee.

480 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
481 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
482 filled by the appointing authority.

483 (d) The chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General
484 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education shall be
485 the chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the
486 first meeting of the task force which shall be held no later than sixty
487 days after the effective date of this section.

488 (e) Not later than January 1, 2006, the task force shall submit a
489 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
490 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
491 relating to education and finance, in accordance with the provisions of
492 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
493 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2006, whichever is
494 earlier.

495 Sec. 39. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) For the fiscal year ending
496 June 30, 2006, there shall be established a pilot program for the
497 development of a school building facility to be used for a state charter
498 school. The Commissioner of Education may receive applications for
499 the purchase and renovation of a building to be used as a state charter
500 school facility. The amount of the grant shall be equal to the net
501 eligible expenditures multiplied by the school construction
502 reimbursement rate for the town in which the facility will be located.
503 Enrollment projections identified in the application may exceed
504 current charter school enrollment limitations, if approved by the
505 commissioner. The provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes

506 concerning school construction projects and regulations adopted by
507 the State Board of Education, in accordance with said chapter 173, shall
508 apply to the project, except as provided by this section.

509 (b) Eligible applicants shall be successful state charter school
510 governing boards that have operated a charter school for at least five
511 years and have had the charter of the school renewed by the State
512 Board of Education. The application shall include information
513 concerning the charter school that describes: (1) Academic success,
514 including test results on mastery examinations pursuant to section 10-
515 14n of the general statutes, (2) attendance records of students, (3)
516 student success in completing the program of studies offered by the
517 school, (4) parental involvement in the operation and decisions of the
518 governing board, and (5) other such information as is required by the
519 Commissioner of Education. The application shall be submitted in
520 such form, manner and time as determined by the commissioner.

521 (c) The Commissioner of Education may select one application for
522 state grant assistance. The commissioner shall notify the school
523 construction committee pursuant to section 10-283a of the general
524 statutes of the commissioner's selection and the proposed funding for
525 such state charter school project. The school construction committee
526 shall consider the application in conjunction with the committee's
527 review of the listing of eligible projects developed in accordance with
528 section 10-283 of the general statutes. If the school construction
529 committee approves the request for funding, the committee shall
530 include such grant request as a separately-listed item on a special
531 supplementary schedule for such pilot charter school project on the
532 listing of eligible projects developed in accordance with section 10-283
533 of the general statutes.

534 (d) If a state charter school that received a grant pursuant to this
535 section ceases to be used as a state charter school facility, the
536 Commissioner of Education shall determine whether title to the
537 building and any legal interest in appurtenant land shall revert to the

538 state.

539 Sec. 40. (*Effective from passage*). Notwithstanding the provisions of
 540 chapter 173 of the general statutes and any regulation adopted by the
 541 State Board of Education concerning eligibility for school building
 542 project grant assistance, the town of Danbury shall be eligible to file a
 543 completed grant application prior to October 1, 2005, and shall be
 544 subsequently considered for a grant commitment from the state for the
 545 purpose of constructing a Head Start education facility. Said facility
 546 shall be deemed a pilot program to support early childhood education
 547 and may be operated by a nonprofit agency.

548 Sec. 41. (*Effective from passage*) For the fiscal years ending June 30,
 549 2005, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, the Commissioner of Education may
 550 provide grants for children in the Hartford program described in
 551 section 10-266aa of the general statutes to participate in an all day
 552 kindergarten program. In addition to the subsidy provided to the
 553 receiving district for educational services, such grants may be used for
 554 the provision of before and after-school care and remedial services for
 555 the kindergarten students participating in the program.

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>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-286(b)(4)
Sec. 22	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 23	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 25	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 29	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 30	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 31	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-56(c)
Sec. 34	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 35	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 36	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	10-66hh
Sec. 37	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 38	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 39	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 40	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 41	<i>from passage</i>	New section