



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 90**

February Session, 2006

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CONNSTEP FUNDING.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-348 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 [(a)] There is hereby established within the Department of Economic  
4 and Community Development a manufacturing extension service  
5 program for the purpose of awarding a grant to the Connecticut  
6 manufacturing extension partnership affiliate, which shall be known as  
7 CONNSTEP, as designated by the United States Department of  
8 Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology.  
9 Applications for a grant under this section shall be made and grants  
10 shall be awarded in the manner and form prescribed by the  
11 commissioner. The extension service's responsibilities shall include,  
12 but not be limited to, providing training for small and medium-sized  
13 businesses in high performance work practices.

14 [(b) For the purposes described in subsection (c) of this section, the  
15 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to  
16 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and  
17 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate four million  
18 dollars.

19 (c) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the

20 amount stated in subsection (c) of this section, shall be used by the  
21 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development for the  
22 purposes of subsection (a) of this section.

23 (d) All provisions of section 3-20, or the exercise of any right or  
24 power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions  
25 of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds  
26 authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and  
27 temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the  
28 sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with  
29 said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall  
30 mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their  
31 respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or  
32 resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds.  
33 None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the  
34 State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for  
35 such authorization, which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of  
36 the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and  
37 conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Said  
38 bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the  
39 state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are  
40 pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds  
41 as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of  
42 the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts  
43 necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is  
44 hereby made, and the Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest  
45 as the same become due.]

46 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of two million five hundred  
47 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Economic and  
48 Community Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year  
49 ending June 30, 2007, for the purpose of carrying out the requirements  
50 of section 32-348 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

51 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of three hundred fifty-seven  
52 thousand five hundred dollars is appropriated to the Department of

53 Economic and Community Development, from the General Fund, for  
54 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for a grant to the Southeastern  
55 Connecticut Enterprise Region to match federal funds for the  
56 procurement technical assistance program.

57 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of one million five hundred  
58 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Office of Workforce  
59 Competitiveness, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending  
60 June 30, 2007, for incumbent worker training.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	32-348
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

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