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June Special Session, Public Act No. 07-5

AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO CERTAIN SPECIAL SESSION AND REGULAR SESSION PUBLIC ACTS.

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

Section 1. Section 103 of public act 07-4 of the June special session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

As used in sections 104 to [108] 106, inclusive, of [this act] public act 07-4 of the June special session, as amended by this act:

(1) "Eligible housing" means the housing that is in the housing loan portfolio that was transferred from the Department of Economic and Community Development to the Connecticut Housing Finance [Department] Authority pursuant to section 8-37uu of the general statutes;

(2) "Financial assistance" means grants, loans, deferred loans, no interest and low interest loans, loan guarantees, interest subsidies and similar financings; and

(3) "Fund" means the State-Assisted Housing Sustainability Fund established pursuant to section 104 of [this act] public act 07-4 of the

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June special session, as amended by this act.

Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 104 of public act 07-4 of the June special session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) (1) The department shall adopt [written procedures in accordance with section 1-121] regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section and sections 103, 105 and 106 of public act 07-4 of the June special session. Such [procedures] regulations shall establish [(1)] (A) guidelines for grants and loans, and [(2)] (B) a process for certifying an emergency condition in not more than forty-eight hours and for committing emergency funds, including costs of resident relocation, if necessary, not more than five business days after application by the owner of eligible housing for emergency repair financial assistance. The guidelines under [subdivision (1) of this subsection] subparagraph (A) of this subdivision shall provide for deferred payment of principal and interest upon approval of the committee.

(2) The department shall adopt written policies and procedures to implement such provisions while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in regulation form, and the commissioner shall print a notice of intention to adopt the regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days prior to implementing such policies and procedures. The department shall submit final regulations to implement said sections to the legislative regulation review committee not later than October 1, 2009. Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this subdivision shall be valid until the time final regulations are effective.

Sec. 3. Section 105 of public act 07-4 of the June special session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(a) [(1)] There is established a State-Assisted Housing Sustainability Advisory Committee. The committee shall consist of the following members:

[(A)] (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who may be a member of the General Assembly;

[(B)] (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who may be a member of the General Assembly;

[(C)] (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall represent a housing authority with one hundred or more but less than two hundred fifty units of eligible housing and be appointed from a list submitted by the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials;

[(D)] (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall represent a housing authority with fewer than one hundred units of eligible housing and be appointed from a list submitted by the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials;

[(E)] (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall represent a housing authority with two hundred fifty or more units of eligible housing and be appointed from a list submitted by the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials;

[(F)] (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall represent a housing authority with fewer than one hundred units of eligible housing and be appointed from a list submitted by the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials;

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[(G)] (7) Four appointed by the Governor;

[(H)] (8) The State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee; and

[(I)] (9) The State Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee.

(b) The committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall advise the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority on the administration, management, procedures and objectives of the financial assistance provided pursuant to section 104 of [this act] public act 07-4 of the June special session, as amended by this act, including, but not limited to, the establishment of criteria, priorities and procedures for such financial assistance and the adoption of regulations pursuant to section 104 of public act 07-4 of the June special session, as amended by this act.

(c) The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the committee shall be selected by the committee from among its members. The chairperson, or the vice-chairperson in the absence of the chairperson, may establish subcommittees and working groups of the members as needed and designate a chairperson of each such subcommittee.

(d) The initial term of the members appointed to the committee pursuant to [subparagraphs (C) to (I)] subdivisions (1) to (7), inclusive, of [subdivision (1) of] subsection (a) of this section shall be staggered by lottery conducted by the committee. After the initial term, the terms of all members shall be three years. Members may be reappointed for an unlimited number of terms.

Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 8-23 of the general statutes, as amended by section 3 of public act 07-239, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

(a) (1) At least once every ten years, the commission shall prepare or

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amend and shall adopt a plan of conservation and development for the municipality. Following adoption, the commission shall regularly review and maintain such plan. The commission may adopt such geographical, functional or other amendments to the plan or parts of the plan, in accordance with the provisions of this section, as it deems necessary. The commission may, at any time, prepare, amend and adopt plans for the redevelopment and improvement of districts or neighborhoods which, in its judgment, contain special problems or opportunities or show a trend toward lower land values.

(2) If a plan is not amended decennially, the chief elected official of the municipality shall submit a letter to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the Commissioners of Transportation, Environmental Protection and Economic and Community Development that explains why such plan was not amended. A copy of such letter shall be included in each application by the municipality for discretionary state funding submitted to any state agency.

Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 8-41 of the general statutes, as amended by section 108 of public act 07-4 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) When the governing body of a municipality other than a town adopts a resolution as described in section 8-40, it shall promptly notify the chief executive officer of such adoption. Upon receiving such notice, the chief executive officer shall appoint five persons who are residents of said municipality as commissioners of the authority, except that where the authority operates more than three thousand units the chief executive officer may appoint two additional persons who are residents of the municipality. If the governing body of a town adopts such a resolution, such body shall appoint five persons who are residents of said town as commissioners of the authority created for such town. The commissioners who are first so appointed shall be

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designated to serve for a term of either one, two, three, four or five years, except that if the authority has five members, the terms of not more than one member shall expire in the same year. Terms shall commence on the first day of the month next succeeding the date of their appointment, and annually thereafter a commissioner shall be appointed to serve for five years except that any vacancy which may occur because of a change of residence by a commissioner, removal of a commissioner, resignation or death shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term. If a governing body increases the membership of the authority on or after July 1, 1995, such governing body shall, by resolution, provide for a term of five years for each such additional member. The term of the chairman shall be three years. At least one of such commissioners of an authority having five members, and at least two of such commissioners of an authority having more than five members, shall be a tenant or tenants who live in housing owned or managed by such authority, if any exists, provided that any such tenant shall have resided in such housing for more than one year or is a tenant who previously resided in such housing for more than one year and is receiving housing assistance in a housing program directly administered by [the Department of Economic and Community Development] such authority and provided further that no such tenant shall have the authority to vote on any matter concerning the establishment or revision of the rents to be charged in any housing owned or managed by such authority. If, on October 1, 1979, a municipality has adopted a resolution as described in section 8-40, but has no tenants serving as commissioners, the chief executive officer of a municipality other than a town or the governing body of a town shall appoint a tenant who meets the qualifications set out in this section as a commissioner of such authority when the next vacancy occurs. No commissioner of an authority may hold any public office in the municipality for which the authority is created. A commissioner shall hold office until his successor is appointed and has qualified. A certificate of the appointment or reappointment of any commissioner

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shall be filed with the clerk and shall be conclusive evidence of the legal appointment of such commissioner, after he has taken an oath in the form prescribed in the first paragraph of section 1-25. The powers of each authority shall be vested in the commissioners thereof. Three commissioners shall constitute a quorum if the authority consists of five commissioners. Four commissioners shall constitute a quorum if the authority consists of more than five commissioners. Action may be taken by the authority upon a vote of not less than a majority of the commissioners present, unless the bylaws of the authority require a larger number. The chief executive officer, or, in the case of an authority for a town, the governing body of the town, shall designate which of the commissioners shall be the first chairman, but when the office of chairman of the authority becomes vacant, the authority shall select a chairman from among its commissioners. An authority shall select from among its commissioners a vice chairman, and it may employ a secretary, who shall be executive director, and technical experts and such other officers, agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it requires, and shall determine their qualifications, duties and compensation, provided, in municipalities having a civil service law, all appointments and promotions, except the employment of the secretary, shall be based on examinations given and lists prepared under such law, and, except so far as may be inconsistent with the terms of this chapter, such civil service law and regulations adopted thereunder shall apply to such housing authority and its personnel. For such legal services as it requires, an authority may employ its own counsel and legal staff. An authority may delegate any of its powers and duties to one or more of its agents or employees. A commissioner, or any employee of the authority who handles its funds, shall be required to furnish an adequate bond. The commissioners shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

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Sec. 6. Section 83 of public act 07-4 of the June special session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Not later than January 15, 2008, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall complete an analysis of the requirements of sections [6, 28, 29, 31 and 32 of this act, sections 46b-149 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, 46b-12 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, 46b-121 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, subsection (c) of section 46b-127 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and subsection (f) of section 46b-133c of the general statutes, as amended by this act] 46b-120 of the general statutes, 46b-121 of the general statutes, 46b-121k of the general statutes, subsection (b) of section 46b-124 of the general statutes, subsection (c) of section 46b-127 of the general statutes, subsection (b) of section 46b-133 of the general statutes, subsection (f) of section 46b-133c of the general statutes, subsection (f) of section 46b-133d of the general statutes, subsection (b) of section 46b-140 of the general statutes, section 46b-146 of the general statutes, section 46b-149b of the general statutes, subsection (c) of section 10-19m of the general statutes, subsection (a) of section 51-165 of the general statutes, and sections 46b-150f to 46b-150h, inclusive, of the general statutes, each as amended by public act 07-4 of the June special session, and the impact of such requirements on budgeted state agencies, and shall submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, the judiciary, and human services and to the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children. The report shall indicate (1) the budgeted state agencies affected by said sections, [6, 28, 29, 31 and 32 of this act, sections 46b-149 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, 46b-12 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, 46b-121 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, subsection (c) of section

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46b-127 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and subsection (f) of section 46b-133c of the general statutes, as amended by this act,] and (2) the secretary's estimate of expenditures required to enable such budgeted state agencies to comply with the requirements of said sections. [6, 28, 29, 31 and 32 of this act, 46b-149 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, sections 46b-12 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, 46b-121 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, subsection (c) of section 46b-127 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and subsection (f) of section 46b-133c of the general statutes, as amended by this act.]

Sec. 7. Section 12-256 of the general statutes, as amended by section 26 of public act 07-253, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu there (*Effective from passage*):

(a) For purposes of this section, "quarterly period" means a period of three calendar months commencing on the first day of January, April, July or October and ending on the last day of March, June, September or December, respectively.

(b) Each person operating a community antenna television system under chapter 289 or a certified competitive video service pursuant to sections 2 to 12, inclusive, of [this act] public act 07-253, and each person operating a business that provides one-way transmission to subscribers of video programming by satellite, shall pay a quarterly tax upon the gross earnings from (1) the lines, facilities, apparatus and auxiliary equipment in this state used for operating a community antenna television system, or (2) the transmission to subscribers in this state of video programming by satellite or by a certified competitive video service provider, as the case may be. No deduction shall be allowed from such gross earnings for operations related to commissions, rebates or other payments, except such refunds as arise from errors or overcharges. On or before the last day of the month next succeeding each quarterly period, each such person shall render to the

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commissioner a return on forms prescribed or furnished by the commissioner, signed by the person performing the duties of treasurer or an authorized agent or officer of the system or service operated by such person, which return shall include information regarding the name and location within this state of such system or service and the total amount of gross earnings derived from such operations and such other facts as the commissioner may require for the purpose of making any computation required by this chapter.

(c) For purposes of this chapter, a holder of a certificate of cable franchise authority under section 13 of [this act] public act 07-253, and a community antenna television company issued a certificate of video franchise authority under section 2 of public act 07-253 for any service area in which it was not certified to provide community antenna television service pursuant to section 16-331 on or before October 1, 2007, shall be treated as a person operating a community antenna television system under chapter 289.

Sec. 8. Subparagraph (L) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-407 of the general statutes, as amended by section 31 of public act 07-253, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(L) (i) The rendering of community antenna television service, as defined in subdivision (27) of this subsection, for a consideration on or after January 1, 1990, exclusive of any such service rendered by an employee for the employer of such employee. For purposes of this chapter, "community antenna television service" [shall include] includes service provided by a holder of a certificate of cable franchise authority pursuant to section 13 of [this act] public act 07-253, and service provided by a community antenna television company issued a certificate of video franchise authority pursuant to section 2 of public act 07-253 for any service area in which it was not certified to provide community antenna television service pursuant to section 16-331 on or

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before October 1, 2007.

(ii) The rendering of certified competitive video service, as defined in subdivision (38) of this subsection, as amended by [this act] public act 07-253, for consideration on or after October 1, 2007, exclusive of any such service rendered by an employee for the employer of such employee.

Sec. 9. Section 33 of public act 07-253 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There is established an account to be known as the "public, educational and governmental programming and education technology investment account", which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account and any interest or penalties collected by the Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section.

(b) The moneys in said account shall be expended by the Department of Public Utility Control as follows: (1) Fifty per cent of said moneys shall be available to local community antenna television and video advisory councils; state-wide community antenna television and video advisory councils; public, educational and governmental programmers and public, educational and governmental studio operators to subsidize capital and equipment costs related to producing and procuring such programming, and (2) fifty per cent of said moneys shall be available to boards of education and other education entities for education technology initiatives.

(c) (1) The account shall be supported solely through a tax equal to one-half of one per cent of the gross earnings from rendering community antenna television service, video programming service by satellite and certified competitive video service in this state for

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quarterly periods beginning on or after October 1, 2007, and before October 1, 2009, and a tax equal to one-quarter of one per cent of the gross earnings from rendering community antenna television service, video programming service by satellite and certified competitive video service in this state for quarterly periods beginning on or after October 1, 2009, by each person operating a community antenna television system under chapter 289 of the general statutes or a certified competitive video service pursuant to sections 2 to 13, inclusive, of [this act] public act 07-253 and each person operating a business that provides one-way transmission to subscribers of video programming by satellite. Such tax for [the fiscal year] a quarterly period shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue Services, on or before the last day of the month next succeeding the quarterly period, on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue [Service by August thirtieth following the close of the fiscal year] Services, which form shall be signed by the person performing the duties of treasurer or an authorized agent or officer. For the purposes of this section, gross [receipts] earnings in this state shall be determined in a manner consistent with chapter 211 of the general statutes.

(2) The amount of any tax due and unpaid under this section shall be subject to the penalties and interest established in section 12-268d, as amended by this act, and the amount of any tax, penalty or interest due and unpaid under this section may be collected under the provisions of section 12-35.

(d) On or before October 1, 2007, the Department of Public Utility Control shall initiate a contested case proceeding to establish eligibility requirements and procedures for applying for allocations from the account. On or before April 1, 2008, the department shall issue a final decision in the contested case proceeding. Such decision shall include any recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly that the department deems necessary with regard to the ongoing operation

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of the account.

(e) For purposes of this section, a holder of a certificate of cable franchise authority pursuant to section 13 of [this act] public act 07-253 shall be treated as a person operating a community antenna television system pursuant to chapter 289 of the general statutes and community antenna television service shall include service provided by a holder of a certificate of cable franchise authority pursuant to section 13 of [this act] public act 07-253.

Sec. 10. Section 12-268d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) If any company included in section 12-249, section 12-256, [or] as amended by this act, and section 26 of public act 07-253, section 12-264 or section 33 of public act 07-253, as amended by this act, or municipal utility, as defined in section 12-265, fails to pay the amount of tax reported to be due on its return within the time specified under the provisions of chapter 210, 211, 212 or this chapter or section 33 of public act 07-253, as amended by this act, there shall be imposed a penalty equal to ten per cent of such amount due and unpaid, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater. Such amount shall bear interest at the rate of one per cent per month or fraction thereof, from the due date of such tax until the date of payment.

(b) If any company or municipal utility has not made its return within one month after the time specified in section 12-249, 12-256, [or] as amended by this act, and section 26 of public act 07-253, section 12-264 or section 33 of public act 07-253, as amended by this act, the commissioner may make such return at any time thereafter, according to the best information obtainable and according to the form prescribed. To the tax imposed upon the basis of such return, there shall be added an amount equal to ten per cent of such tax, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater. The tax shall bear interest at the rate of

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one per cent per month or fraction thereof, from the due date of such tax until the date of payment. No taxpayer shall be subject to a penalty under both subsections (a) and (b) of this section in relation to the same tax period.

(c) Subject to the provisions of section 12-3a, the commissioner may waive all or part of the penalties provided under this chapter when it is proven to his satisfaction that the failure to pay any tax was due to reasonable cause and was not intentional or due to neglect.

Sec. 11. Section 12-633 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall grant a credit against any tax due under the provisions of chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or 212 in an amount not to exceed sixty per cent of the total cash amount invested during the taxable year by the business firm in programs operated or created pursuant to proposals approved pursuant to section 12-632, provided a tax credit not to exceed ~~[sixty]~~ one hundred per cent of the total cash amount invested during the taxable year by the business firm may be allowed for investment in certain energy conservation [and employment and training] projects as provided in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 12-635, as amended by this act.

Sec. 12. Section 12-635 of the general statutes, as amended by section 72 of public act 07-242, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall grant a credit against any tax due under the provisions of chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or 212; (1) [in] In an amount not to exceed one hundred per cent of the total cash amount invested during the taxable year by the business firm in programs operated or created pursuant to proposals approved pursuant to section 12-632 for energy conservation projects directed

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toward properties occupied by persons, at least seventy-five per cent of whom are at an income level not exceeding one hundred fifty per cent of the poverty level for the year next preceding the year during which such tax credit is to be granted; (2) in an amount equal to one hundred per cent of the total cash amount invested during the taxable year by the business firm in programs operated or created pursuant to proposals approved pursuant to section 12-632 for energy conservation projects at properties owned or occupied by charitable corporations, foundations, trusts or other entities as determined under regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter; or (3) in an amount not to exceed sixty per cent of the total cash amount invested during the taxable year by the business firm (A) in employment and training programs directed at youths, at least seventy-five per cent of whom are at an income level not exceeding one hundred fifty per cent of the poverty level for the year next preceding the year during which such tax credit is to be granted; (B) in employment and training programs directed at handicapped persons as determined under regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter; (C) in employment and training programs for unemployed workers who are fifty years of age or older; (D) in education and employment training programs for recipients in the temporary family assistance program; or (E) in child care services. Any other program which serves persons at least seventy-five per cent of whom are at an income level not exceeding one hundred fifty per cent of the poverty level for the year next preceding the year during which such tax credit is to be granted and which meets the standards for eligibility under this chapter shall be eligible for a tax credit under this section in an amount equal to sixty per cent of the total cash invested by the business firm in such program.

Sec. 13. Subsection (f) of section 12-217jj of the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 07-236, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(f) The issuance by the [commissioner] commission of a tax credit voucher with respect to an amount of tax credits stated thereon shall mean that none of such tax credits are subject to a post-certification remedy, and that the commission and the commissioner shall have no right, except in the case of possible material misrepresentation or fraud, to conduct any further or additional review, examination or audit of the expenditures or costs for which such tax credits were issued. [In the event that] If at any time after the issuance of a tax credit voucher [] the commission or the commissioner determines that there was a material misrepresentation or fraud on the part of an eligible production company in connection with the submission of an expense report and the result of such material misrepresentation or fraud was that (1) a specific amount of tax credits was reflected on the tax credit voucher issued in response to such expense report that would not have otherwise been so reflected, and (2) such tax credits would otherwise be subject to a post-certification remedy, such tax credits shall not be subject to any post-certification remedy and the sole and exclusive remedy of the commission and the commissioner shall be to seek collection of the amount of such tax credits from the eligible production company that committed the fraud or misrepresentation, not from any transferee of such tax credits.

Sec. 14. Subsection (e) of section 2 of public act 07-236 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(e) The issuance by the [commissioner] commission of a tax credit voucher with respect to an amount of tax credits stated thereon shall mean that none of such tax credits are subject to a post-certification remedy, and that the commission and the commissioner shall have no right except in the case of a possible material misrepresentation or fraud, to conduct any further or additional review, examination or audit of the expenditures or costs for which such tax credits were issued. [In the event that] If at any time after the issuance of a tax

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credit voucher [] the commission or the commissioner determines that there was a material misrepresentation or fraud on the part of a taxpayer in connection with the submission of an expense report and the result of such material misrepresentation or fraud was that (1) a specific amount of tax credits was reflected on the tax credit voucher issued in response to such expense report that would not have otherwise been so reflected, and (2) such tax credits would otherwise be subject to a post-certification remedy, such tax credits shall not be subject to any post-certification remedy and the sole and exclusive remedy of the commission and the commissioner shall be to seek collection of the amount of such tax credits from the taxpayer that committed the fraud or misrepresentation, not from any transferee of the tax credits.

Sec. 15. Subsection (f) of section 3 of public act 07-236 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(f) The issuance by the [commissioner] commission of a digital animation tax credit voucher with respect to an amount of tax credits stated thereon shall mean that none of such tax credits are subject to a post-certification remedy, and that the commission and the commissioner shall have no right, except in the case of possible material misrepresentation or fraud, to conduct any further or additional review, examination or audit of the expenditures or costs for which such tax credits were issued. [In the event that] If at any time after the issuance of a tax credit voucher [] the commission or the commissioner determines that there was a material misrepresentation or fraud on the part of a state-certified digital animation production company in connection with the submission of an expense report and the result of such material misrepresentation or fraud was that (1) a specific amount of tax credits was reflected on the tax credit voucher issued in response to such expense report that would not have otherwise been so reflected, and (2) such tax credits would otherwise

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be subject to a post-certification remedy, such tax credits shall not be subject to any post-certification remedy and the sole and exclusive remedy of the commission and the commissioner shall be to seek collection of the amount of such tax credits from the digital animation production company that committed the fraud or misrepresentation, not from any transferee of the tax credits.

Sec. 16. Subsection (d) of section 1 of special act 99-8, as amended by section 89 of public act 01-9 of the June special session, section 205 of public act 03-6 of the June 30 special session, and section 3 of public act 05-3 of the June special session, is amended to read as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(d) The pilot program established under this section shall terminate September 20, [2007] 2009.

Sec. 17. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 31-236 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(2) (A) If, in the opinion of the administrator, the individual has left suitable work voluntarily and without good cause attributable to the employer, until such individual has earned at least ten times such individual's benefit rate, provided whenever an individual voluntarily leaves part-time employment under conditions that would render the individual ineligible for benefits, such individual's ineligibility shall be limited as provided in subsection (b) of this section, if applicable, and provided further, no individual shall be ineligible for benefits if the individual leaves suitable work (i) for good cause attributable to the employer, including leaving as a result of changes in conditions created by the individual's employer, (ii) to care for a seriously ill spouse or child, or parent domiciled with the individual, provided such illness is documented by a licensed physician, (iii) due to the discontinuance of transportation, other than the individual's

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personally owned vehicle, used to get to and from work, provided no reasonable alternative transportation is available, [or] (iv) to protect the individual or a child domiciled with the individual from becoming or remaining a victim of domestic violence, as defined in section 17b-112a, provided such individual has made reasonable efforts to preserve the employment, but the employer's account shall not at any time be charged with respect to any voluntary leaving that falls under subparagraph (A)(iv) of this subdivision, or (v) for a separation from employment that occurs during the period beginning on July 1, 2007, and ending on June 30, 2008, to accompany a spouse who is on active duty with the armed forces of the United States and is required to relocate by the armed forces, but the employer's account shall not at any time be charged with respect to any voluntary leaving that falls under subparagraph (A)(v) of this subdivision; or (B) if, in the opinion of the administrator, the individual has been discharged or suspended for felonious conduct, conduct constituting larceny of property or service, the value of which exceeds twenty-five dollars, or larceny of currency, regardless of the value of such currency, wilful misconduct in the course of the individual's employment, or participation in an illegal strike, as determined by state or federal laws or regulations, until such individual has earned at least ten times the individual's benefit rate; provided an individual who (i) while on layoff from regular work, accepts other employment and leaves such other employment when recalled by the individual's former employer, (ii) leaves work that is outside the individual's regular apprenticeable trade to return to work in the individual's regular apprenticeable trade, (iii) has left work solely by reason of governmental regulation or statute, or (iv) leaves part-time work to accept full-time work, shall not be ineligible on account of such leaving and the employer's account shall not at any time be charged with respect to such separation, unless such employer has elected payments in lieu of contributions.

Sec. 18. Section 2-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the

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following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

No bonus, gratuity or extra payment of any sort over and above the amount agreed upon as the salary or wage for each employee at the time of hiring or thereafter shall be voted or paid to any employee of the General Assembly or of either house thereof from public funds. Nothing [herein contained] in this section shall be deemed to prohibit (1) the payment of extra or overtime pay for extra or overtime work in accordance with a regularly established policy of any department, or (2) the award of specified annual lump sum payments for meritorious service, in accordance with an incentive plan established by the Joint Committee on Legislative Management or any subcommittee of said committee having cognizance of matters relating to personnel policies and based on annual performance appraisals made by office directors, or their designees, to nonpartisan employees of the General Assembly whose salaries equal the maximum salary for their job classification under the compensation plan for nonpartisan employees of the General Assembly. The amount of any such lump sum payment shall not be deemed an increase in salary.

Sec. 19. Section 56 of public act 07-4 of the June special session is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

A qualified biodiesel distributor shall not be eligible for a grant pursuant to section 52 of [this act] public act 07-4 of the June special session for purposes other than to assist with purchasing equipment or constructing, modifying or retrofitting facilities, including, but not limited to, the actual costs of creating storage and distribution capacity for biodiesel during the month. [Such grants shall not] No grant issued pursuant to said section 52 shall exceed fifty thousand dollars for any one distributor at any one site. The Department of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the person, firm, corporation or entity selected to implement the grant pursuant to

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subsection (b) of section 52 of [this act] public act 07-4 of the June special session, if applicable, shall create an application process and guidelines for the administration of this grant provision.

Sec. 20. Subsection (e) of section 14-44 of the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 07-224, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(e) Prior to issuing an operator's license bearing a school endorsement or bearing the appropriate type of endorsement for operation of a student transportation vehicle pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section, the commissioner shall require each applicant to submit to state and national criminal history records checks, conducted in accordance with section 29-17a, and a check of the state child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. [for perpetrator information. The criminal history records checks required pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a.] If notice of a state or national criminal history record [or] is received, the commissioner may, subject to the provisions of section 46a-80, refuse to issue an operator's license bearing such endorsement and, in such case, shall immediately notify the applicant, in writing, of such refusal. If notification that the applicant is listed as a perpetrator of abuse on the state child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k is received, the commissioner may [, subject to the provisions of section 46a-80,] refuse to issue an operator's license bearing such an endorsement and, in such case, shall immediately notify the applicant, in writing, of such refusal. The commissioner shall not issue a temporary operator's license bearing a school endorsement or bearing the appropriate type of endorsement for operation of a student transportation vehicle.

Sec. 21. Subsection (f) of section 17a-28 of the general statutes, as amended by section 69 of public act 07-217, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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(f) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall, upon request, promptly provide copies of records, without the consent of a person, to (1) a law enforcement agency, (2) the Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's designee, or a state's attorney for the judicial district in which the child resides or in which the alleged abuse or neglect occurred, or the state's attorney's designee, for purposes of investigating or prosecuting an allegation of child abuse or neglect, (3) the attorney appointed to represent a child in any court in litigation affecting the best interests of the child, (4) a guardian ad litem appointed to represent a child in any court in litigation affecting the best interests of the child, (5) the Department of Public Health, which licenses any person to care for children for the purposes of determining suitability of such person for licensure, subject to the provisions of sections 17a-101g and 17a-101k, (6) any state agency which licenses such person to educate or care for children pursuant to section 10-145b or 17a-101j, subject to the provisions of sections 17a-101g and 17a-101k concerning nondisclosure of findings of responsibility for abuse and neglect, (7) the Governor, when requested in writing, in the course of the Governor's official functions or the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children when requested in the course of said committees' official functions in writing, and upon a majority vote of said committee, provided no names or other identifying information shall be disclosed unless it is essential to the legislative or gubernatorial purpose, (8) a local or regional board of education, provided the records are limited to educational records created or obtained by the state or Connecticut-Unified School District #2, established pursuant to section 17a-37, (9) a party in a custody proceeding under section 17a-112 or 46b-129, in the Superior Court where such records concern a child who is the subject of the proceeding or the parent of such child, [and] (10) the Chief Child

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Protection Attorney, or his or her designee, for purposes of ensuring competent representation by the attorneys whom the Chief Child Protection Attorney contracts with to provide legal and guardian ad litem services to the subjects of such records and to ensure accurate payments for services rendered by such contract attorneys, and (11) the Department of Motor Vehicles, for purposes of checking the state's child abuse and neglect registry pursuant to subsection (e) of section 14-44, as amended by this act. A disclosure under this section shall be made of any part of a record, whether or not created by the department, provided no confidential record of the Superior Court shall be disclosed other than the petition and any affidavits filed therewith in the superior court for juvenile matters, except upon an order of a judge of the Superior Court for good cause shown. The commissioner shall also disclose the name of any individual who cooperates with an investigation of a report of child abuse or neglect to such law enforcement agency or state's attorney for purposes of investigating or prosecuting an allegation of child abuse or neglect. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall, upon request, subject to the provisions of sections 17a-101g and 17a-101k, promptly provide copies of records, without the consent of the person, to (A) the Department of Public Health for the purpose of determining the suitability of a person to care for children in a facility licensed under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, and 19a-87b, and (B) the Department of Social Services for determining the suitability of a person for any payment from the department for providing child care.

Sec. 22. Section 12-326b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

(a) No [distributor or] dealer shall, with intent to injure competitors or destroy or substantially lessen competition, sell cigarettes in this state below cost and no [distributor or] dealer shall, with intent to

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injure competitors or destroy or substantially lessen competition, buy cigarettes in this state below cost.

(b) No distributor shall, with intent to injure competitors or destroy or substantially lessen competition, sell cigarettes in this state below cost and no distributor shall, with intent to injure competitors or destroy or substantially lessen competition, buy cigarettes in this state below cost.

(c) A violation of subsection (b) of this section shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice pursuant to subsection (a) of section 42-110b.

Sec. 23. Section 12-326g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

(a) Any dealer violating any provision of sections 12-326a to 12-326h, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars for the first offense and not more than five hundred dollars for each subsequent offense.

(b) Any distributor violating any provision of sections 12-326a to 12-326h, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars for the first offense, not more than five thousand dollars for the second offense, and not more than ten thousand dollars for each subsequent offense, except that, if the violation is of subsection (b) of section 12-326b, as amended by this act, such distributor shall be fined an additional one thousand dollars for each carton of cigarettes sold or bought in violation of said subsection.

Sec. 24. Subsection (c) of section 12-295 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2008*):

(c) If the commissioner finds, after a hearing as provided in subsection (a) of this section, that a distributor has violated any

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provision of sections 12-326a to 12-326h, inclusive, as amended by this act, the commissioner shall (1) for a first violation, suspend such distributor's license for not less than seven days and assess a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars, (2) for a second violation within a five-year period, suspend such distributor's license for not less than thirty days and assess a civil penalty of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars, and (3) for a subsequent violation within a five-year period, revoke such distributor's license and assess a civil penalty of not more than fifty thousand dollars, except that if the violation is of subsection (b) of section 12-326b, as amended by this act, the commissioner shall assess an additional civil penalty of one thousand dollars for each carton of cigarettes sold or bought in violation of said subsection. The commissioner shall order such distributor to conspicuously post a notice in a public place stating that cigarettes cannot be sold during the period of such suspension and the reason therefor. Any sale of cigarettes by such distributor during the period of such suspension shall be deemed an additional violation of said sections.

Sec. 25. Section 17b-261g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

[The] To the extent permitted by federal law, the Commissioner of Social Services shall provide reimbursement under the [HUSKY Plan, Part A] Medicaid program to children for physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy services provided by a home health care agency, as defined in section 19a-490, in the child's home or a substantially equivalent environment. For purposes of such reimbursement, a substantially equivalent environment may include, but not be limited to, facilities that provide child day care services, as defined in subsection (a) of section 19a-77, and after school programs, as defined in section 10-16x.

Sec. 26. Subsection (b) of section 17b-265e of the general statutes, as

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amended by section 4 of public act 07-2 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) Assistance provided in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to available funds. All expenditures for prescription drugs under subsection (a) of this section shall be charged to the Medicare Part D Supplemental Needs Fund. [For each fiscal year, such expenditures shall not exceed the amount appropriated to the Department of Social Services in section 1 of public act 06-186 for the Medicare Part D Supplemental Needs Fund.]

Sec. 27. Subsection (a) of section 10a-179 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) There is created a body politic and corporate to be known as the "State of Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority". Said authority is constituted a public instrumentality and political subdivision of the state and the exercise by the authority of the powers conferred by this chapter shall be deemed and held to be the performance of an essential public and governmental function. Notwithstanding the provisions of the general statutes or any public or special act, the board of directors of said authority shall consist of ten members, two of whom shall be the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the State Treasurer, *ex officio*, and eight of whom shall be residents of the state appointed by the Governor, not more than four of such appointed members to be members of the same political party. Three of the appointed members shall be current or retired trustees, directors, officers or employees of institutions for higher education, two of the appointed members shall be current or retired trustees, directors, officers or employees of health care institutions and one of such appointed members shall be a person having a favorable reputation for skill, knowledge and experience in

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state and municipal finance, either as a partner, officer or employee of an investment banking firm which originates and purchases state and municipal securities, or as an officer or employee of an insurance company or bank whose duties relate to the purchase of state and municipal securities as an investment and to the management and control of a state and municipal securities portfolio. On or before the first day of July, annually, the Governor shall appoint a member or members to succeed those whose terms expire, each for a term of five years and until a successor is appointed and has qualified. The Governor shall fill any vacancy for the unexpired term. A member of the board shall be eligible for reappointment. Any member of the board may be removed by the Governor for misfeasance, malfeasance or wilful neglect of duty. Each member of the board shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation required by article XI, section 1, of the State Constitution prior to assuming such office. A record of each such oath shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the State. Each ex-officio member may designate his deputy or any member of his staff to represent him as a member at meetings of the board with full power to act and vote in his behalf.

Sec. 28. (*Effective from passage*) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, up to \$100,000 of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Education in sections 1 and 11 of public act 07-1 of the June special session, for the Early Childhood Advisory Cabinet, may be used to support the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Leadership in Action Program.

Sec. 29. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Agriculture shall, within available appropriations, make payments, in such manner as determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture, to dairy farmers operating in this state to offset the low milk prices paid to such farmers during the period from January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006, inclusive. The commissioner shall calculate any payment

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made to a dairy farmer under this section on the basis of the amount of milk produced by such farmer during said period.

Sec. 30. Subsection (e) of section 14-10 of the general statutes, as amended by section 6 of public act 07-167, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(e) In the event (1) a federal court judge, federal court magistrate or judge of the Superior Court, Appellate Court or Supreme Court of the state, (2) a member of a municipal police department or a member of the Division of State Police within the Department of Public Safety, (3) an employee of the Department of Correction, (4) an attorney-at-law who represents or has represented the state in a criminal prosecution, (5) a member or employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, (6) a judicial branch employee regularly engaged in court ordered enforcement or investigatory activities, (7) a federal law enforcement officer who works and resides in this state, or (8) a state referee [, as defined in] under section 52-434 submits a written request and furnishes such individual's business address to the commissioner, such business address only shall be disclosed or available for public inspection to the extent authorized by this section.

Sec. 31. Section 14-103a of the general statutes, as amended by sections 10 and 43 of public act 07-167, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

Any motor vehicle [,] that (1) has been reconstructed, [or] (2) is composed or assembled from the several parts of other motor vehicles, [or] (3) the identification and body contours of which are so altered that the vehicle no longer bears the characteristics of any specific make of motor vehicle, or (4) has been declared a total loss by any insurance carrier and subsequently reconstructed, shall be inspected by the commissioner to determine whether the vehicle is properly equipped, in good mechanical condition and in the possession of its lawful

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owner. Such vehicle shall be presented for inspection at any Department of Motor Vehicles office to conduct such inspection. The commissioner may require any person presenting any such reassembled, altered or reconstructed vehicle for inspection to provide proof of lawful purchase of any major component parts not part of the vehicle when first sold by the manufacturer. The fee for such inspection shall be eighty-eight dollars. The inspection fee shall be in addition to regular registration fees. As used in this section, "reconstructed" refers to [every] each motor vehicle materially altered from its original construction by the removal, addition or substitution of essential parts, new or used.

Sec. 32. Section 24 of public act 07-167 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, at the request of any immediate family member, shall issue a special certificate of registration and a set of number plates memorializing [Connecticut service members who were killed in the line of duty. Said] residents of this state who were killed in action while performing active military duty with the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes. Such registration and number plates shall be available for any motor vehicle owned or leased for a period of at least one year. [Said] Such number plates shall expire and be renewed as provided in section 14-22 of the general statutes. The commissioner shall charge a fee for such plates which shall cover the entire cost of making [the same] such plates and which shall be in addition to the fee for registration of such motor vehicle. Such plates shall bear the words "Gold Star Family", and the design of such plates shall be approved by a committee established by the commissioner. For the purposes of this section, "immediate family member" includes a spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, child, grandmother or grandfather of a resident of this state who was killed in action while performing active military duty with the

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armed forces, as defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes.

Sec. 33. Section 30-89 of the general statutes, as amended by section 49 of public act 07-167, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Any person to whom the sale of alcoholic liquor is by law forbidden who purchases or attempts to purchase such liquor or who makes any false statement for the purpose of procuring such liquor shall be fined not less than two hundred [nor] or more than five hundred dollars.

(b) Any minor who possesses any alcoholic liquor [on] (1) on any public street or highway, or (2) in any other public or private location, shall, for a first offense, have committed an infraction and for any subsequent offense, be fined not less than two hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars.

(c) The provisions of subsection (b) [,) of this section shall not apply to (1) a person over age eighteen who is an employee or permit holder under section 30-90a and who possesses alcoholic liquor in the course of such person's employment or business, (2) a minor who possesses alcoholic liquor on the order of a practicing physician, or (3) a minor who possesses alcoholic liquor while accompanied by a parent, guardian or spouse of the minor, who has attained the age of twenty-one. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to burden a person's exercise of religion under section 3 of article first of the Constitution of the state in violation of subsection (a) of section 52-571b.

Sec. 34. Section 22a-66l of the general statutes, as amended by section 5 of public act 07-168, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(a) Each state department, agency or institution shall use integrated pest management at facilities under its control if the Commissioner of

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Environmental Protection has provided model pest control management plans pertinent to such facilities.

(b) Each state agency or school which enters into a contract for services for pest control and pesticide application may revise and maintain its bidding procedures to require contractors to supply integrated pest management services.

(c) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall, within available appropriations, annually review a sampling of state department, agency, school or institution pest control management plans required by regulations adopted under subsection (e) of this section or section 10-231b, as amended by [this act] public act 07-168, and may review any application of pesticides to determine whether a state department, agency, school or institution acted in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

(d) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may provide model pest control management plans which incorporate integrated pest management for each appropriate category of commercial pesticide certification which it offers. The commissioner shall, within available resources, notify municipalities, school boards, and other political subdivisions of the state of the availability of the model plans for their use. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall consult with any state agency head in the development of any such plan for properties in the custody or control of such agency head.

(e) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing requirements for the application of pesticides by any state department, agency or institution. Such [regulation] regulations shall include provisions for integrated pest management methods to reduce the amount of pesticides used. Notwithstanding the provisions of this

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section and any regulations adopted under this section, a pesticide may be applied if the Commissioner of Public Health determines there is a public health emergency or the Commissioner of Environmental Protection determines that such application is necessary for control of mosquitoes.

(f) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall develop and implement a program to inform the public of the principles of integrated pest management and to encourage its application in private properties.

Sec. 35. Subdivision (12) of section 22-380e of the general statutes, as amended by section 2 of public act 07-105, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(12) ["Low income person"] "Low-income person" means a recipient of or a person eligible for one of the following public assistance programs:

(A) The food stamp program authorized by Title XIII of the federal Food and Agriculture Act of 1977, 7 USC 2011 et seq.;

(B) The federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Act authorized by 42 USC 601 et seq.;

(C) The Medicaid program authorized by Title [IX] XIX of the federal Social Security Act; [, 42 USC 1381;]

(D) The HUSKY [Medicaid] Plan Part A;

(E) The [state] medical assistance or cash assistance components of the state-administered general assistance program;

(F) The state supplement program; or

(G) Any other public assistance program that the commissioner

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determines to qualify a person as [low income] a low-income person.

Sec. 36. Subsection (c) of section 22-380g of the general statutes, as amended by section 4 of public act 07-105, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(c) Not more than ten per cent of the funds deposited in the animal population control account in accordance with subsection (f) of section 14-21h, subsection (a) of section 22-338, as amended by [this act] public act 07-105, section 22-380f, as amended by [this act] public act 07-105, and section 22-380l shall be used for the sterilization and vaccination of dogs and cats owned by a low-income person [in accordance with] pursuant to the program established under subdivision [(4)] (5) of subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 37. Section 3 of public act 07-154 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective September 1, 2007*):

On or before February 11, 2008, the municipalities participating in the pilot program established in section 1 of [this act] public act 07-154 shall submit a joint report in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on the status of the pilot program. [Said] Such report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) The municipalities' recommendation on [municipalities'] whether further legislation is necessary to grant stormwater authorities the additional powers to issue bonds, notes or other evidences of debt, (2) a map showing the geographic boundaries of the stormwater authority district, (3) information concerning the purpose and amount of any assessments recommended to fund the municipal stormwater authority, and (4) any other information that the commissioner requests pursuant to the grant agreement entered into between the commissioner and the municipality in accordance with section 2 of [this act] public act 07-154.

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Sec. 38. Subsection (e) of section 17a-126 of the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 07-174, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(e) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, implementing the subsidized guardianship program established under this section. Such regulations shall require, as a prerequisite to payment of a guardianship subsidy for the benefit of a minor child, that a home study report be filed with the court having jurisdiction of the case of the minor not later than fifteen days after the date of the request for a subsidy, provided [that] no such report shall be required to be filed if a report has previously been provided to the court or if the caregiver has been determined to be a certified relative caregiver by the commissioner. The regulations shall also establish a procedure comparable to that for the subsidized adoption program to determine the types and amounts of subsidy to be granted by the commissioner as provided in subsection [(c)] (d) of this section, for annual review of the subsidy as provided in subsection [(e)] (f) of this section and for appeal from decisions by the commissioner denying, modifying or terminating such subsidies.

Sec. 39. Subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 2 of public act 07-141 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(A) No parcel of real property may be acquired by eminent domain under [this] section 8-128 of the general statutes, as amended by public act 07-141, pursuant to a redevelopment plan under chapter 130 of the general statutes, except by approval by vote of a majority of the members of the redevelopment agency. Such approval shall be by (i) separate vote on each parcel of real property to be acquired, or (ii) a vote on one or more groups of such parcels, provided each parcel to be acquired is identified for the purposes of a vote on a group of such parcels under this subparagraph. The redevelopment agency shall not

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approve the use of eminent domain unless the redevelopment agency has (I) considered the benefits to the public and any private entity that will result from the redevelopment project and determined that the public benefits outweigh any private benefits, (II) determined that the current use of the real property cannot be feasibly integrated into the overall redevelopment plan, and (III) determined that the acquisition of the real property by eminent domain is reasonably necessary to successfully achieve the objectives of the redevelopment plan.

Sec. 40. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 2 of public act 07-141 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(4) The owner-occupant of property acquired by eminent domain under [this] section 8-128 of the general statutes, as amended by public act 07-141, pursuant to a redevelopment plan under chapter 130 of the general statutes, may file an application in the superior court for the judicial district in which the municipality is located to enjoin the acquisition of such property. The court may issue such injunction if the court finds that the redevelopment agency failed to comply with the requirements of [this] chapter 130 of the general statutes. The filing of an application to enjoin the acquisition of property by eminent domain, in a court of competent jurisdiction, shall toll the five-year period or ten-year period set forth in subparagraph (C) of subdivision (3) of this subsection with respect to such property until the date a final judgment is entered in any such action, or any appeal thereof, whichever date is later.

Sec. 41. Subsection (b) of section 2 of public act 07-141 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(b) (1) With respect to real property acquired by eminent domain [pursuant to this section] on or after the effective date of this section under section 8-128 of the general statutes, as amended by public act

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07-141, pursuant to a redevelopment plan under chapter 130 of the general statutes, if the municipality does not use the real property for the purpose for which it was acquired or for some other public use and seeks to sell the property, the municipality shall first offer the real property for sale pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection to the person from whom the real property was acquired, or heirs of the person designated pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, if any, for a price not to exceed the lesser of (A) the amount paid by the redevelopment agency to acquire the property, or (B) the fair market value of the property at the time of any sale under this subsection. After the municipality provides notice pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection, the municipality may not sell such property to a third party unless the municipality has permitted the person or named heirs six months during which to exercise the right to purchase the property, and an additional six months to finalize the purchase if the person or named heirs provide the municipality with notice of intent to purchase the property within the initial six-month period.

(2) For the purposes of any offer of sale pursuant to this subsection, the municipality shall provide a form to any person whose property is acquired by eminent domain pursuant to [this] section 8-128 of the general statutes, as amended by public act 07-141, pursuant to a redevelopment plan under chapter 130 of the general statutes, to permit such person to provide an address for notice of sale to be sent, or to provide the name and address of an agent to receive such notice. Such form shall be designed to permit the person to designate heirs of the person who shall be eligible to purchase such property pursuant to this subsection. The person or agent shall update information in the form in writing. If the person or agent does not provide or update the information in the form in a manner that permits the municipality to send notice of sale pursuant to this subsection, no such notice shall be required.

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(3) With respect to a redevelopment plan for a project that is funded in whole or in part by federal funds, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the extent that such provisions are prohibited by federal law.

Sec. 42. Section 11 of public act 07-143 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding any other rule of evidence or provision of law, a statement by a child under thirteen years of age relating to a sexual offense committed against that child, or an offense involving physical abuse committed against that child by a person or persons who had authority or apparent authority over the child, shall be admissible in a criminal [,] or juvenile [or civil] proceeding if: (1) The court finds, in a hearing conducted outside the presence of the jury, if any, that the circumstances of the statement, including its timing and content, provide particularized guarantees of its trustworthiness, (2) the statement was not made in preparation for a legal proceeding, (3) the proponent of the statement makes known to the adverse party an intention to offer the statement and the particulars of the statement including the content of the statement, the approximate time, date and location of the statement, the person to whom the statement was made and the circumstances surrounding the statement that indicate its trustworthiness, at such time as to provide the adverse party with a fair opportunity to prepare to meet it, and (4) either (A) the child testifies and is subject to cross-examination at the proceeding, or (B) the child is unavailable as a witness and (i) there is independent nontestimonial corroborative evidence of the alleged act, and (ii) the statement was made prior to the defendant's arrest or institution of juvenile proceedings in connection with the act described in the statement.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to (1) prevent the admission of any statement under another hearsay exception, (2) allow

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broader definitions in other hearsay exceptions for statements made by children under thirteen years of age at the time of the statement concerning any alleged act described in subsection (a) of this section than is done for other declarants, or (3) allow the admission pursuant to the residual hearsay exception of a statement described in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 43. Subsection (a) of section 14-41 of the general statutes, as amended by section 32 of public act 07-167 and section 94 of public act 07-1 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(a) Except as provided in section 14-41a, each motor vehicle operator's license shall be renewed every six years or every four years on the date of the operator's birthday in accordance with a schedule to be established by the commissioner. On and after July 1, 2009, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall screen the vision of each motor vehicle operator prior to every other renewal of the operator's license of such operator in accordance with a schedule adopted by the commissioner. Such screening requirement shall apply to every other renewal following the initial screening. In lieu of the vision screening by the commissioner, such operator may submit the results of a vision screening conducted by a licensed health care professional qualified to conduct such screening on a form prescribed by the commissioner during the twelve months preceding such renewal. No motor vehicle operator's license may be renewed unless the operator passes such vision screening. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this subsection related to the administration of vision screening.

Sec. 44. Subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by section 17 of public act 07-3 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

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thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(3) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of this section are not expended, the Commissioner of Education may use such unexpended funds to support local school readiness programs. The commissioner may use such funds for purposes including, but not limited to, (A) assisting local school readiness programs in meeting and maintaining accreditation requirements, (B) providing training in implementing the preschool assessment and curriculum frameworks, including training to enhance literacy teaching skills, (C) developing a state-wide preschool curriculum, (D) developing student assessments for students in grades kindergarten to two, inclusive, (E) developing and implementing best practices for parents in supporting preschool and kindergarten student learning, (F) developing and implementing strategies for children to transition from preschool to kindergarten, [and] (G) providing for professional development, including assisting in career ladder advancement, for school readiness staff, and (H) providing supplemental grants to other towns that are eligible for grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

Sec. 45. Subsection (c) of section 10-264*l* of the general statutes, as amended by section 40 of public act 07-3 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) (1) The maximum amount each interdistrict magnet school program, except those described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (3) of this subsection, shall be eligible to receive per enrolled student who is not a resident of the town operating the magnet school shall be [determined as follows: For each participating district whose magnet school program enrollment is greater than fifty-five per cent of the magnet school program total enrollment,] (A) six thousand sixteen dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, (B) six thousand seven hundred thirty dollars for the fiscal year ending June

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30, 2009, (C) seven thousand four hundred forty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and (D) eight thousand one hundred fifty-eight dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. The per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is a resident of the town operating the magnet school program shall be three thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter.

(2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, and each fiscal year thereafter, the commissioner may, within available appropriations, provide supplemental grants for the purposes of enhancing educational programs in such interdistrict magnet schools, as the commissioner determines. Such grants shall be made after the commissioner has reviewed and approved the total operating budget for such schools, including all revenue and expenditure estimates.

(3) (A) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional educational service center that enrolls less than fifty-five per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil grant in the amount of (i) six thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, (ii) six thousand five hundred dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, (iii) seven thousand sixty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, (iv) seven thousand six hundred twenty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, (v) eight thousand one hundred eighty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and (vi) eight thousand seven hundred forty-one dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

(B) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students in the amount of (i) six thousand sixteen dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, (ii) six thousand seven hundred thirty dollars for the fiscal year ending June

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30, 2009, (iii) seven thousand four hundred forty dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, and (iv) eight thousand one hundred fifty-eight dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. The per pupil grant for each enrolled student who is a resident of the district that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students shall be three thousand dollars.

(C) Each interdistrict magnet school operated by a regional educational service center that enrolls at least fifty-five per cent of the school's students from a single town shall receive a per pupil grant in an amount that is at least three thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

(4) The amounts of the grants determined pursuant to this subsection shall be proportionately adjusted, if necessary, within available appropriations, and in no case shall any grant pursuant to this section exceed the reasonable operating budget of the interdistrict magnet school program, less revenues from other sources. Any interdistrict magnet school program operating less than full-time, but at least half-time, shall be eligible to receive a grant equal to sixty-five per cent of the grant amount determined pursuant to this subsection.

[(4)] (5) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make grants to regional educational service centers that provide summer school educational programs approved by the commissioner to students participating in the interdistrict magnet school program.

Sec. 46. Subsection (e) of section 10-97 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(e) For purposes of this section, a local or regional board of education shall not be required to expend for transporting a student to a regional vocational-technical school or a vocational-agriculture

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center an amount greater than [the foundation as defined in subdivision (9) of section 10-262f] six thousand dollars, except that a board of education shall continue to pay the reasonable and necessary costs of transporting a student who is enrolled in such a school or center on July 1, 1996, until such student completes the program at such school or center.

Sec. 47. Subsections (f) and (g) of section 10-266p of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(f) In addition to the amounts allocated in subsection (a), and subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the State Board of Education shall allocate two million thirty-nine thousand six hundred eighty six dollars to the towns that rank one to three, inclusive, in population pursuant to subdivision (1) of said subsection (a), and for the fiscal [year ending June 30, 2007,] years ending June 30, 2007, June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, the State Board of Education shall allocate two million six hundred ten thousand seven hundred ninety-eight dollars to the towns that rank one to three, inclusive, in population pursuant to subdivision (1) of said subsection (a).

(g) In addition to the amounts allocated in subsection (a) and subsections (c) to (f), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and each fiscal year thereafter, the State Board of Education shall allocate [six million] four million seven hundred fifty thousand nine hundred ninety dollars as follows: Each priority school district shall receive an allocation based on the ratio of the amount it is eligible to receive pursuant to subsection (a) and subsections (c) to (f), inclusive, of this section to the total amount all priority school districts are eligible to receive pursuant to said subsection (a) and said subsections (c) to (f), inclusive.

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Sec. 48. Subdivisions (35) and (36) of section 10-262f of the general statutes, as amended by section 61 of public act 07-3 of the June special session, are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(35) "Current program expenditures" means (A) total current educational expenditures less (B) expenditures for (i) land and capital building expenditures, and equipment otherwise supported by a state grant pursuant to chapter 173, including debt service, provided, with respect to debt service, the principal amount of any debt incurred to pay an expense otherwise includable in [regular] current program expenditures may be included as part of [regular] current program expenditures in annual installments in accordance with a schedule approved by the Department of Education based upon substantially equal principal payments over the life of the debt, (ii) health services for nonpublic school children, and (iii) adult education, (C) expenditures directly attributable to (i) state grants received by or on behalf of school districts except grants for the categories of expenditures listed in subparagraphs (B)(i) to (B)(iii), inclusive, of this subdivision and except grants received pursuant to section 10-262i and section 10-262c of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 1987, and except grants received pursuant to chapter 173, (ii) federal grants received by or on behalf of school districts except for adult education and federal impact aid, and (iii) receipts from the operation of child nutrition services and student activities services, (D) expenditures of funds from private and other sources, and (E) tuition received on account of nonresident students. The town of Woodstock may include as part of the current expenses of its public schools for each school year the amount expended for current expenses in that year by Woodstock Academy from income from its endowment funds upon receipt from said academy of a certified statement of such current expenses. The town of Winchester may include as part of the current expenses of its public school for each school year the amount

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expended for current expenses in that year by the Gilbert School from income from its endowment funds upon receipt from said school of a certified statement of such current expenses.

(36) "Current program expenditures per resident student" means, in any year, the current program expenditures of a town for such year divided by the number of resident students in the town for such school year. [; provided for towns which are members of a kindergarten to grade twelve, inclusive, regional school district, "current program expenditures per resident student" means, in any year, the current program expenditures of such regional school district divided by the sum of the number of total resident students in all such member towns.]

Sec. 49. Section 41 of public act 05-6 of the June special session is repealed and the following is substitute in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

[For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2005, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, the] The Commissioner of Education may provide grants for children in the Hartford program described in section 10-266aa of the general statutes to participate in an all day kindergarten program. In addition to the subsidy provided to the receiving district for educational services, such grants may be used for the provision of before and after-school care and remedial services for the kindergarten students participating in the program.

Sec. 50. Section 48 of public act 05-245 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding subdivision (3) of subsection (e) of section 10-16p of the general statutes, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, the Department of Education may retain up to one

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hundred ninety-eight thousand two hundred dollars of the amount appropriated for purposes of section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for coordination, program evaluation and administration.

Sec. 51. Subsection (h) of section 10-265f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal [year] years ending June 30, [2007] 2008, and June 30, 2009, the amount available for the competitive grant program pursuant to this section shall be one million [seven] eight hundred [eighty-eight] fifty thousand [one] dollars and the maximum administrative amount shall not be more than three hundred fifty-three thousand six hundred forty-six dollars.

Sec. 52. Subsection (e) of section 10-262i of the general statutes, as amended by section 63 of public act 07-3 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(e) The percentage of the increase in aid pursuant to this section applicable under subsection (d) shall be the average of the results of (1) (A) a town's current program expenditures per resident student pursuant to subdivision (36) of section 10-262f, as amended by this act, subtracted from the highest current program expenditures per resident student in this state, (B) divided by the difference between the highest current program expenditures per resident student in this state and the lowest current program expenditures per resident student in this state, (C) multiplied by fifty per cent, (D) plus fifteen percentage points, (2) (A) a town's wealth pursuant to subdivision (26) of section 10-262f, subtracted from the wealth of the town with the highest wealth of all towns in this state, (B) divided by the difference between the wealth of

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the town with the highest wealth of all towns in this state and the wealth of the town with the lowest wealth of all towns in this state, (C) multiplied by fifty per cent, (D) plus fifteen percentage points, and (3) (A) a town's grant mastery percentage pursuant to subdivision (12) of section 10-262f, as amended by [this act] public act 07-3 of the June special session, subtracted from one, subtracted from one minus the grant mastery percentage of the town with the highest grant mastery percentage in this state, (B) divided by the difference between one minus the grant mastery percentage of the town with the highest grant mastery percentage in this state and one minus the grant mastery percentage of the town with the lowest grant mastery percentage in this state, (C) multiplied by fifty per cent, (D) plus fifteen percentage points. For any town whose school district is in its third year or more of being identified as in need of improvement pursuant to section 10-223e, and has failed to make adequate yearly progress in mathematics or reading at the whole district level, the percentage determined pursuant to this subsection for such town shall be increased by an additional twenty percentage points. [On] Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, charter, special act or home-rule ordinance, on or before September 15, 2007, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, a town may request the Commissioner of Education to defer a portion of the town's increase in aid over the prior fiscal year pursuant to this section to be expended in the subsequent fiscal year. If the commissioner approves such request, the deferred amount shall be credited to the increase in aid for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, rather than the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. Such funds shall be expended in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, in accordance with the provisions of this section. In no case shall a town be allowed to defer increases in aid required to be spent for education as a result of failure to make adequate yearly progress in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision.

Sec. 53. Subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-262h of the

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general statutes, as amended by section 62 of public act 07-3 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(6) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and each fiscal year thereafter, a grant in an amount equal to the amount of its target aid as described in subdivision (32) of section 10-262f except that such amount shall be capped in accordance with the following: (A) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town, the maximum percentage increase over its previous year's base revenue shall be the product of five per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked one hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in descending order to each town's wealth, provided no town shall receive an increase greater than five per cent. (B) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, June 30, 2001, June 30, 2002, June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004, for each town, the maximum percentage increase over its previous year's base revenue shall be the product of six per cent and the ratio of the wealth of the town ranked one hundred fifty-third when all towns are ranked in descending order to each town's wealth, provided no town shall receive an increase greater than six per cent. (C) No such cap shall be used for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, or any fiscal year thereafter. (D) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, for each town, the maximum percentage reduction from its previous year's base revenue shall be equal to the product of three per cent and the ratio of each town's wealth to the wealth of the town ranked seventeenth when all towns are ranked in descending order, provided no town's grant shall be reduced by more than three per cent. (E) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1997, June 30, 1998, and June 30, 1999, for each town, the maximum percentage reduction from its previous year's base revenue shall be equal to the product of five per cent and the ratio of each town's wealth to the wealth of the town ranked seventeenth when all towns are ranked in descending order, provided no town's grant shall

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be reduced by more than five per cent. (F) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town's grant shall be less than the grant it received for the prior fiscal year. (G) For each fiscal year prior to the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, except for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, in addition to the amount determined pursuant to this subdivision, a town shall be eligible for a density supplement if the density of the town is greater than the average density of all towns in the state. The density supplement shall be determined by multiplying the density aid ratio of the town by the foundation level and the town's total need students for the prior fiscal year provided, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town's density supplement shall be less than the density supplement such town received for the prior fiscal year. (H) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, the grant determined in accordance with this subdivision for a town ranked one to forty-two when all towns are ranked in descending order according to town wealth shall be further reduced by one and two-hundredths of a per cent and such grant for all other towns shall be further reduced by fifty-six-hundredths of a per cent. (I) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than the amount received under such grant for the prior fiscal year. (J) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision that provides an amount of aid per resident student that is less than the amount of aid per resident student provided under the grant received for the prior fiscal year. (K) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a priority school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than seventy per cent of the sum of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal

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year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of the portion of its total need students count described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and the adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision (22) of said section 10-262f relative to length of school year and summer school sessions, and (iii) the town's regional bonus. (L) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and each fiscal year thereafter, no town whose school district is a transitional school district shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision in an amount that is less than forty per cent of the sum of (i) the product of a town's base aid ratio, the foundation level and the town's total need students for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, (ii) the product of a town's supplemental aid ratio, the foundation level and the sum of the portion of its total need students count described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (25) of section 10-262f for the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid, and the adjustments to its resident student count described in subdivision (22) of said section 10-262f relative to length of school year and summer school sessions, and (iii) the town's regional bonus. (M) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, (i) each town whose target aid is capped pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a grant that includes a pro rata share of twenty-five million dollars based on the difference between its target aid and the amount of the grant determined with the cap, and (ii) all towns shall receive a grant that is at least 1.68 per cent greater than the grant they received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. (N) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, (i) each town whose target aid is capped pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a pro rata share of fifty million dollars based on the difference between its target aid and the amount of the grant determined with the cap, and (ii) each town shall receive a grant that is at least 1.2 per cent more than its base revenue, as defined in subdivision (28) of section 10-262f.

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(O) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, each town shall receive a grant that is at least equal to the grant it received for the prior fiscal year. (P) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, (i) each town whose target aid is capped pursuant to this subdivision shall receive a grant that includes a pro rata share of fifty million dollars based on the difference between its target aid and the amount of the grant determined with the cap, (ii) each town's grant including the cap supplement shall be reduced by three per cent, (iii) the towns of Bridgeport, Hartford and New Haven shall each receive a grant that is equal to the grant such towns received for the prior fiscal year plus one million dollars, (iv) those towns described in clause (i) of this subparagraph shall receive a grant that includes a pro rata share of three million dollars based on the same pro rata basis as used in said clause (i), (v) towns whose school districts are priority school districts pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-266p or transitional school districts pursuant to section 10-263c or who are eligible for grants under section 10-276a or 10-263d for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2002, to June 30, 2004, inclusive, shall receive grants that are at least equal to the grants they received for the prior fiscal year, (vi) towns not receiving funds under clause (iii) of this subparagraph shall receive a pro rata share of any remaining funds based on their grant determined under this subparagraph. (Q) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, (i) no town shall receive a grant pursuant to this subparagraph in an amount that is less than sixty per cent of the amount determined pursuant to the previous subparagraphs of this subdivision, (ii) notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, each town shall receive a grant that is equal to the amount the town received for the prior fiscal year increased by twenty-three and twenty-seven hundredths per cent of the difference between the grant amount calculated pursuant to this subdivision and the amount the town received for the prior fiscal year, (iii) no town whose school district is a priority school district pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-266p shall receive a grant pursuant to this subdivision that is less

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than three hundred seventy dollars per resident student, and (iv) each town shall receive a grant that is at least the greater of the amount of the grant it received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, or the amount of the grant it received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, increased by seven tenths per cent, except that the town of Winchester shall not receive less than its fixed entitlement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. (R) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2006, and June 30, 2007, each town shall receive a grant that is equal to the amount of the grant the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, increased by two per cent plus the amount specified in section 33 of public act 05-245*, provided for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, no town shall receive a grant in an amount that is less than sixty per cent of the amount of its target aid as described in subdivision (32) of section 10-262f. (S) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (i) the town's base aid, and (ii) seventeen and thirty-one one hundredths per cent of the difference between the town's fully funded grant as described in subdivision (33) of section 10-262f, as amended by [this act] public act 07-3 of the June special session, and its base aid, except that such per cent shall be adjusted for all towns so that no town shall receive a grant that is less than the amount of the grant the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, increased by four and four tenths per cent. (T) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, a grant in an amount equal to the sum of (i) the town's base aid, and (ii) twenty-three and three tenths per cent of the difference between the fully funded grant as described in said subdivision (33) of section 10-262f, and its base aid, except that no town shall receive a grant that is less than the amount of the grant the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, increased by four and four tenths per cent.

Sec. 54. Subsection (c) of section 10-66ee of the general statutes, as amended by section 11 of public act 07-3 of the June special session, is

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repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(c) (1) The state shall pay in accordance with this subsection, to the fiscal authority for a state charter school for each student enrolled in such school, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, seven thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, eight thousand dollars, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, eight thousand six hundred fifty dollars, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, nine thousand three hundred dollars. Such payments shall be made as follows: Twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than July fifteenth and September fifteenth based on estimated student enrollment on May first, and twenty-five per cent of the amount not later than January fifteenth and the remaining amount not later than April fifteenth, each based on student enrollment on October first. If the total amount appropriated for grants pursuant to this subdivision exceeds eight thousand six hundred fifty dollars per student for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and exceeds nine thousand three hundred dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, the amount of such grants payable per student shall be increased proportionately, except that such per student increase shall not exceed seventy dollars. Any amount of such appropriation remaining after such per student increase may be used by the Department of Education for supplemental grants to interdistrict magnet schools pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 10-264l, as amended by [this act, or] public act 07-3 of the June special session, to pay for a portion of the audit required pursuant to section 15 of [this act] public act 07-3 of the June special session, to pay for expenses incurred by the Department of Education to ensure the continuity of a charter school where required by a court of competent jurisdiction and, in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, to pay expenses incurred in the creation of a school pursuant to section 37 of public act 07-3 of the June special session. For

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the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, such increase shall be limited to one hundred ten dollars per student. (2) In the case of a student identified as requiring special education, the school district in which the student resides shall: (A) Hold the planning and placement team meeting for such student and shall invite representatives from the charter school to participate in such meeting; and (B) pay the state charter school, on a quarterly basis, an amount equal to the difference between the reasonable cost of educating such student and the sum of the amount received by the state charter school for such student pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and amounts received from other state, federal, local or private sources calculated on a per pupil basis. Such school district shall be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. The charter school a student requiring special education attends shall be responsible for ensuring that such student receives the services mandated by the student's individualized education program whether such services are provided by the charter school or by the school district in which the student resides.

Sec. 55. Section 28 of public act 07-242 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

An Energy Improvement District Board, in the exercise of its powers granted pursuant to sections 21 to 36, inclusive, of [this act] public act 07-242, shall be for the benefit of the inhabitants of the state, for the increase of their commerce and for the promotion of their safety, health, welfare, convenience and prosperity, and as the operation and maintenance of any project which the board is authorized to undertake constitute the performance of an essential governmental function, no board shall be required to pay any taxes or assessments upon any project acquired and constructed by it under the provisions of said sections. The bonds, notes, certificates or other evidences of debt issued pursuant to section [22] 24 of [this act] public act 07-242, their transfer and the income therefrom, including any profit made on the

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sale thereof, shall at all times be free and exempt from taxation, except for estate or succession taxes, by the state and by any political subdivision thereof, but the interest on such bonds, notes, certificates or other evidences of debt shall be included in the computation of any excise or franchise tax.

Sec. 56. Subsection (a) of section 16-245e of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivisions (14) to (18), inclusive, as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(NEW) (14) "State rate reduction bonds" means the rate reduction bonds issued on June 23, 2004, by the state to sustain funding of conservation and load management and renewable energy investment programs by substituting for disbursements to the General Fund from the Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund, established by section 16-245m, and from the Renewable Energy Investment Fund, established by section 16-245n. The state rate reduction bonds for the purposes of section 4-30a shall be deemed to be outstanding indebtedness of the state;

(NEW) (15) "Operating expenses" means, with respect to state rate reduction bonds, (A) all expenses, costs and liabilities of the state or the trustee incurred in connection with the administration or payment of the state rate reduction bonds or in discharge of its obligations and duties under the state rate reduction bonds or bond documents, expenses and other costs and expenses arising in connection with the state rate reduction bonds or pursuant to the financing order providing for the issuance of such bonds including any arbitrage rebate and penalties payable under the code in connection with such bonds, and (B) all fees and expenses payable or disburseable to the servicers or others under the bond documents;

(NEW) (16) "Bond documents" means, with respect to state rate reduction bonds, the following documents: The servicing agreements,

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the tax compliance agreement and certificate, and the continuing disclosure agreement entered into in connection with the state rate reduction bonds and the indenture;

(NEW) (17) "Indenture" means, with respect to state rate reduction bonds, the RRB Indenture, dated as of June 23, 2004, by and between the state and the trustee, as amended from time to time; and

(NEW) (18) "Trustee" means, with respect to state rate reduction bonds, the trustee appointed under the indenture.

Sec. 57. Section 3-22k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

On or before [October fifteenth] December thirty-first, annually, the Treasurer shall submit a financial report, pursuant to section 3-37, to the Governor on the operations of the trust including the receipts, disbursements, assets, investments, and liabilities and administrative costs of the trust for the prior fiscal year. The Treasurer shall also submit such report to the Connecticut Higher Education Trust Advisory Committee established pursuant to section 3-22e, and make the report available to each depositor and designated beneficiary.

Sec. 58. Subdivision (45) of subsection (a) of section 16-1 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(45) "Sustainable biomass" means biomass that is cultivated and harvested in a sustainable manner. "Sustainable biomass" does not mean construction and demolition waste, as defined in section 22a-208x, finished biomass products from sawmills, paper mills or stud mills, organic refuse fuel derived separately from municipal solid waste, or biomass from old growth timber stands, except where (A) such biomass is used in a biomass gasification plant that received funding prior to May 1, 2006, from the Renewable Energy Investment

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Fund established pursuant to section 16-245n, or (B) the energy derived from such biomass is subject to a long-term power purchase contract pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (j) of section 16-244c entered into prior to May 1, 2006, or (C) [prior to July 1, 2007,] such biomass is used in a renewable energy facility that [was approved by the department prior to October 1, 2005] is certified as a Class I renewable energy source by the department until such time as the department certifies that any biomass gasification plant, as defined in this subsection, is operational and accepting such biomass.

Sec. 59. Section 8-273a of the general statutes, as amended by section 18 of public act 07-141 and section 4 of public act 07-207, is repealed and the following is substitute in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable to property acquired on and after said date*):

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general statutes to the contrary, whenever the Commissioner of Transportation undertakes the acquisition of real property on a state or federally-funded project which results in any person being displaced from his home, business, or farm, the Commissioner of Transportation is hereby authorized to provide relocation assistance and to make relocation payments to such displaced persons and to do such other acts and follow procedures and practices as may be necessary to comply with or to provide the same relocation assistance and relocation payments as provided under the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, 42 USC 4601 et seq. and any subsequent amendments thereto and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(b) (1) Whenever the Commissioner of Transportation acquires an outdoor advertising structure, the amount of compensation to the owner of the outdoor advertising structure shall include either (A) payment for relocation costs incurred by such owner, or (B) the amount determined in accordance with subdivision (2) or (3) of this

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subsection. For purposes of the section, the fair market value of the outdoor advertising structure shall be determined by the income capitalization method.

(2) If the owner (A) is able to obtain, within one year of acquisition by the commissioner or any additional period to which the owner and the commissioner both consent, all state and local permits necessary for relocation of the outdoor advertising structure to another site in the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, as designated in the federal census, in which the outdoor advertising structure is located, and (B) such site was not previously offered for sale or lease to the owner of the outdoor advertising structure, then the commissioner shall pay to the owner the replacement cost of the outdoor advertising structure, plus the fair market value of such outdoor advertising structure less the fair market value of the outdoor advertising structure at the new site. [The fair market value of such site shall be determined by the income capitalization method.]

(3) If the owner (A) is unable to obtain, within one year of acquisition by the commissioner or any additional period to which the owner and the commissioner both consent, all state and local permits necessary for relocation to another site in the same Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, as designated in the federal census in which the outdoor advertising structure is located, or (B) such site was previously offered for sale or lease to the owner of the outdoor advertising structure, the commissioner shall pay [the replacement cost plus] the fair market value of the outdoor advertising structure the commissioner has acquired. The owner shall provide to the commissioner written documentation sufficient to establish that all state and local necessary permits cannot be obtained for relocation within one year of acquisition or any additional period to which the owner and the commissioner both consent or that the only available relocation sites have been previously offered for sale or lease to the

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owner.

(4) Any person aggrieved by determination of the amount of compensation paid under this subsection may appeal to the State Properties Review Board.

(5) The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to authorize any action that is found to violate the provisions of 23 USC 131 or 23 CFR 750 or the terms of an agreement entered into by the Commissioner of Transportation with the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to subsection (b) of section 13a-123.

Sec. 60. Subsection (a) of section 1 of special act 07-10, as amended by section 90 of public act 07-1 of the June special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Office of Legislative Management shall, within available appropriations, contract with the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering to conduct a needs-based analysis of The University of Connecticut Health Center facilities plan. The academy shall conduct such analysis in consultation with the Office of Health Care Access. Such analysis shall consider (1) a comparison of the center's proposal for a replacement hospital with the alternative plan for a remodeled center, (2) the projected state-wide need for hospital beds up to at least the year 2018, and any possible impact that any acute care hospital in the region may experience if the amount of beds is increased at the university hospital, (3) the center's need for a modernized academic medical facility to provide instruction and achieve excellence in the schools of medicine and dental medicine and program in biomedical science, attract medical and biomedical professionals to such schools and program and to support research and clinical trials, and (4) other factors that the academy may deem appropriate.

Sec. 61. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2008, and

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quarterly thereafter until June 30, 2009, the Labor Commissioner shall submit a report on the effect of subparagraph (A)(v) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 31-236 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, to (1) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and (2) the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and budgets of state agencies and labor and the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' affairs. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, (A) data on the number of separations from employment compensated under said subparagraph and the amount of benefits paid, and (B) a description of the impact of said subparagraph (A)(v) on the Unemployment Compensation Fund administered pursuant to section 31-261 of the general statutes. The commissioner shall submit the report in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

Sec. 62. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 13a-175j of the general statutes, the amount of the grant payable to each municipality for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007, to June 30, 2009, inclusive, in accordance with sections 13a-175a to 13a-175d, inclusive, of the general statutes, shall be increased proportionately by the amounts appropriated in sections 12 and 49 of public act 05-251 and in section 21 of public act 07-1 of the June special session.

Sec. 63. Section 10a-104c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut shall develop a program to facilitate the recruitment of eminent faculty and their research staffs to the university. Such program shall support economic development in the state and promote core competency areas by accelerating the pace of applied research and development. Such program shall supplement the compensation of such faculty and

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related costs of personnel and materials needed to secure such faculty for the university. Eligibility shall be limited to scientists who have demonstrated excellence in their field of research and have an interest in working collaboratively with other scientists at the university and an interest in commercialization of their research.

(b) No funds shall be expended under this section [unless there are matching funds from industry or other sources available] until the president of The University of Connecticut certifies to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management that the university or the university's foundation established pursuant to sections 4-37e and 4-37f has received written commitments for financial support from industry or other sources of not less than two million dollars for [such] purposes identified in subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 64. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section, the Department of Public Health shall, within available resources, commission and supervise an environmental evaluation, to be conducted by an independent third party approved by the department, to examine the potential impact of the city of New Britain's changing the use of such city's water company owned class I and class II land to allow for the lease of approximately 131.4 acres owned by the city and located in the town of Plainville, more specifically described as 0 Biddle Pass, for the purpose of allowing the extraction of stone and other minerals on such property.

(1) Such evaluation shall include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the (A) likely environmental impacts of such change of use on local hydrology, forest ecology and wetlands systems; (B) long term water supply needs for the city of New Britain as well as interconnected and reasonably feasibly interconnected water companies in the general geographic region surrounding the areas supplied by the city of New Britain's water reservoir system; (C) likely safe yield increase to the city of New Britain's water reservoir system that could be supplied by such

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change of use; (D) impact on raw reservoir water quality that is likely to occur from such change of use; (E) procedures and steps that are available to minimize environmental impacts from the proposed change of use, including offsets attributed to the conveyance of land immediately adjacent to the subject site, more specifically described as 0 Biddle Pass in the town of Plainville, to the city of New Britain, the town of Plainville and the town of Southington for open space purposes; and (F) a summary conclusion comparing the environmental impacts as well as potential environmental benefits and water supply benefits from such change of use.

(2) The Commissioner of Public Health shall review the environmental evaluation as it applies to the Department of Public Health's jurisdiction over and duties concerning water supplies, water companies and operators of water treatment plants and water distribution systems, including, but not limited to, the potential impact on the purity and adequacy of the existing and future public water supply, and review such evaluation for the purpose of providing the New Britain Water Department with guidance concerning the suitability of the best management practices identified in the environmental evaluation for the protection of the public water supply and the public health.

(b) Not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section, the Commissioner of Public Health shall provide the completed results of the environmental evaluation to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. Not later than ninety days after receipt of the evaluation, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall review and comment on the environmental analysis described in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to affect any requirements to obtain permits under title 22a of the general statutes or any other applicable law prior to commencement of any activities on

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the subject land.

(d) On or before March 1, 2008, the Commissioner of Public Health shall submit the results of the environmental evaluation and departmental reviews and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, for its consideration.

Sec. 65. Subsection (a) of section 4 of special act 07-11 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Public Works shall convey to the town of Newtown a parcel of land located in the town of Newtown, at a cost equal to the administrative costs of making such conveyance. Said parcel of land has an area of approximately 1.23 acres and is identified as a portion of Lot [14] 15, Block [,] 3 on town of Newtown Tax Assessor's Map 37 and contains the former storage building located at the intersection of Trades Lane and Old Farm Road. The conveyance shall be subject to the approval of the State Properties Review Board.

Sec. 66. (*Effective from passage*) (a) During the calendar year 2007, Operation Fuel, Incorporated, shall establish a one-time clean-slate program to target low-income persons with high utility bill arrearages. Said program shall constitute a one-time grant based on the recipient's income and arrearage amount. Grants shall apply only to arrearages of not more than twenty-four months and shall not exceed one thousand dollars. Said program also shall incorporate case management services, including, but not limited to, budget counseling and assistance with utility payment programs.

(b) The sum of \$2,500,000 of the funds appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management in section 21 of public act 07-1 of the June

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special session, for Implement Energy Initiatives, shall be used for the purpose of implementing the clean-slate program pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The sum of \$1,750,000 of the funds appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management in section 21 of public act 07-1 of the June special session, for Implement Energy Initiatives, shall be used for the purpose of expanding Operation Fuel, Incorporated, pursuant to section 16a-41h of the general statutes.

(d) The sum of \$750,000 of the funds appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management in section 21 of public act 07-1 of the June special session, for Implement Energy Initiatives, shall be used for Operation Fuel, Incorporated's infrastructure, technology support and case management services pursuant to section 16a-41h of the general statutes.

Sec. 67. Subsection (a) of section 20-195dd of the general statutes, as amended by section 47 of public act 07-252, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, an applicant for a license as a professional counselor shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Health of having:

- (1) Completed sixty graduate semester hours in or related to the discipline of counseling at a regionally accredited institution of higher education, which included coursework in each of the following areas:
 - (A) Human growth and development,
 - (B) social and cultural foundations,
 - (C) counseling theories and techniques or helping relationships,
 - (D) group dynamics,
 - (E) processing and counseling,
 - (F) career and lifestyle development,
 - (G) appraisals or tests and measurements for individuals and groups,
 - (H) research and evaluation, and
 - (I) professional orientation to counseling;
- (2) earned, from a regionally accredited institution of higher education a master's

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or doctoral degree in social work, marriage and family therapy, counseling, psychology or a related mental health field; [and a sixth-year degree in the discipline of counseling;] (3) acquired three thousand hours of postgraduate-degree-supervised experience in the practice of professional counseling, performed over a period of not less than one year, that included a minimum of one hundred hours of direct supervision by (A) a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 who has obtained certification in psychiatry from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, (B) a psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 383, (C) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 and certified as a clinical specialist in adult psychiatric and mental health nursing with the American Nurses Credentialing Center, (D) a marital and family therapist licensed pursuant to chapter 383a, (E) a clinical social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 383b, (F) a professional counselor licensed, or prior to October 1, 1998, eligible for licensure, pursuant to section 20-195cc, or (G) a physician certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, psychologist, advanced practice registered nurse certified as a clinical specialist in adult psychiatric and mental health nursing with the American Nurses Credentialing Center, marital and family therapist, clinical social worker or professional counselor licensed or certified as such or as a person entitled to perform similar services, under a different designation, in another state or jurisdiction whose requirements for practicing in such capacity are substantially similar to or higher than those of this state; and (4) passed an examination prescribed by the commissioner.

Sec. 68. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The sum of \$250,000 appropriated to the Department of Correction in section 1 of public act 07-1 of the June special session, and the sum of \$250,000 appropriated to the Department of Correction in section 11 of public act 07-1 of the June special session, for the Amer-i-can Program, is transferred to the Department of Education.

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(b) The sum of \$250,000 appropriated to the Commission on Culture and Tourism in section 21 of public act 07-1 of the June special session, for a Hartford Arena Study, is transferred to the Capital City Economic Development Authority.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1 and 11 of public act 07-1 of the June special session, the appropriation to the Department of Economic and Community Development for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2008, and June 30, 2009, for "SAMA Bus Windham" shall be used for "SAMA Windham".

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 21 of public act 07-1 of the June special session, the appropriation to the Department of Environmental Protection for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for "Tidal Boundaries Study" shall be used for "Title Boundaries Study".

Sec. 69. (*Effective from passage*) Section 12 of public act 07-4 of the June special session shall take effect on the effective date of this section.

Sec. 70. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-16q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(2) For fiscal year ending [June 30, 2007, and each fiscal year thereafter] June 30, 2008, the per child cost of the Department of Education school readiness component of the program offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed six thousand nine hundred twenty-five dollars, except that such per child cost shall be increased for the month of January, 2008, and each month thereafter. The increase shall be determined by the department so that the cost of the increase shall equal fifty per cent of what the department estimates on January 1, 2008, will be unspent by June 30, 2008, from the appropriation for purposes of subsection (c) of section 10-16p. In no

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event shall such increase cause the per child cost to exceed eight thousand two hundred sixty-six dollars. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of section 10-16p, the Department of Education shall not provide funding to any school readiness provider that (A) on or before January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with a town to provide school readiness services pursuant to this section and is not accredited on January 1, 2007, or (B) after January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with a town to provide school readiness services pursuant to this section and does not become accredited by the date three years after the date on which the provider first entered into such a contract.

Sec. 71. Section 10-266aa of the general statutes, as amended by sections 9 and 10 of public act 07-3 of the June special session, is amended by adding subsections (n) to (p), inclusive, as follows (*Effective from passage*):

(NEW) (n) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make grants for kindergarten and preschool programs in the Sheff region which are approved by the commissioner for students participating in the program pursuant to this section.

(NEW) (o) Within available appropriations, the commissioner may make grants for academic student support for programs pursuant to this section in the Sheff region approved by the Commissioner of Education.

(NEW) (p) For purposes of this section, "Sheff region" means the school districts for the towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, East Granby, East Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby, Hartford, Manchester, Newington, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, South Windsor, Suffield, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and Windsor Locks.

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Sec. 72. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Education shall consult with any regional community-technical college, the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System, the boards of trustees for higher education institutions licensed and accredited by the board of higher education or the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut and may consult with any not-for-profit corporation approved by the Commissioner of Education to initiate collaborative planning for establishing additional interdistrict magnet schools in the Sheff region, as defined in subsection (p) of section 10-266aa of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

Sec. 73. Section 6 of public act 07-244 and sections 30 and 53 of public act 07-3 of the June special session are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

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