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The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER PURPOSES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The State Bond Commission shall
2 have power, in accordance with the provisions of sections 1 to 7,
3 inclusive, of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of
4 bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the
5 aggregate, not exceeding \$42,935,280.

6 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds,
7 to the extent hereinafter stated, shall be used for the purpose of
8 acquiring, by purchase or condemnation, undertaking, constructing,
9 reconstructing, improving or equipping, or purchasing land or
10 buildings or improving sites for the projects hereinafter described,
11 including payment of architectural, engineering, demolition or related
12 costs in connection therewith, or of payment of the cost of long-range
13 capital programming and space utilization studies as hereinafter

14 stated:

15 (a) For the Office of Policy and Management: Development and
16 implementation of a criminal justice information system, not exceeding
17 \$8,000,000.

18 (b) For the Department of Public Works: Additions, alterations,
19 renovations and improvements to 61 Woodland Street in the city of
20 Hartford, not exceeding \$5,000,000.

21 (c) For the Military Department: Construction of a regional training
22 institute at the Camp Rell Military Complex in the town of East Lyme,
23 not exceeding \$4,000,000.

24 (d) For the Department of Environmental Protection: State parks
25 and forests stewardship program, not exceeding \$15,000,000.

26 (e) For the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control: Alterations
27 and improvements to buildings and grounds, including utilities,
28 mechanical systems, training props and energy conservation, not
29 exceeding \$250,000.

30 (f) For the Department of Developmental Services: Alterations,
31 renovations or new construction for a group home in the town of
32 Putnam, not exceeding \$1,295,000.

33 (g) For the Department of Transportation:

34 (1) Acquisition of existing freight rail lines in the town of
35 Thompson, not exceeding \$630,280;

36 (2) Purchase of new weigh station scale and related improvements
37 in the town of Greenwich, not exceeding \$1,260,000;

38 (3) Development of a master plan for deep-water ports, not
39 exceeding \$500,000;

40 (4) For the Harbor Improvement Fund, not exceeding \$5,000,000.

41 (h) For Charter Oak State College: Planning and design of a new
42 building, not exceeding \$2,000,000.

43 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) All provisions of section 3-20 of the
44 general statutes or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby
45 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby
46 adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond
47 Commission pursuant to sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act, and
48 temporary notes issued in anticipation of the money to be derived
49 from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in
50 accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such
51 bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years
52 from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the
53 resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing
54 such bonds.

55 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) None of said bonds shall be authorized
56 except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has
57 been filed with it a request for such authorization, which is signed by
58 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on
59 behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such
60 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may
61 require.

62 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) For the purposes of sections 1 to 7,
63 inclusive, of this act, "state moneys" means the proceeds of the sale of
64 bonds authorized pursuant to said sections 1 to 7, inclusive, or of
65 temporary notes issued in anticipation of the moneys to be derived
66 from the sale of such bonds. Each request filed as provided in section 4
67 of this act for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for
68 which the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and
69 expended and, in addition to any terms and conditions required
70 pursuant to said section 4, shall include the recommendation of the
71 person signing such request as to the extent to which federal, private
72 or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for
73 costs in connection with any such project should be added to the state

74 moneys available or becoming available hereunder for such project. If
75 the request includes a recommendation that some amount of such
76 federal, private or other moneys should be added to such state
77 moneys, then, if and to the extent directed by the State Bond
78 Commission at the time of authorization of such bonds, said amount of
79 such federal, private or other moneys then available, or thereafter to be
80 made available for costs in connection with such project, may be added
81 to any state moneys available or becoming available hereunder for
82 such project and shall be used for such project. Any other federal,
83 private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be made
84 available for costs in connection with such project shall, upon receipt,
85 be used by the State Treasurer, in conformity with applicable federal
86 and state law, to meet the principal of outstanding bonds issued
87 pursuant to sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act, or to meet the
88 principal of temporary notes issued in anticipation of the money to be
89 derived from the sale of bonds theretofore authorized pursuant to said
90 sections 1 to 7, inclusive, for the purpose of financing such costs, either
91 by purchase or redemption and cancellation of such bonds or notes or
92 by payment thereof at maturity. Whenever any of the federal, private
93 or other moneys so received with respect to such project are used to
94 meet the principal of such temporary notes or whenever principal of
95 any such temporary notes is retired by application of revenue receipts
96 of the state, the amount of bonds theretofore authorized in anticipation
97 of which such temporary notes were issued, and the aggregate amount
98 of bonds which may be authorized pursuant to section 1 of this act,
99 shall each be reduced by the amount of the principal so met or retired.
100 Pending use of the federal, private or other moneys so received to meet
101 principal as hereinabove directed, the amount thereof may be invested
102 by the State Treasurer in bonds or obligations of, or guaranteed by, the
103 state or the United States or agencies or instrumentalities of the United
104 States, shall be deemed to be part of the debt retirement funds of the
105 state, and net earnings on such investments shall be used in the same
106 manner as the moneys so invested.

107 Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) Any balance of proceeds of the sale of
108 said bonds authorized for any project described in section 2 of this act

109 in excess of the cost of such project may be used to complete any other
110 project described in said section 2 if the State Bond Commission shall
111 so determine and direct. Any balance of proceeds of the sale of said
112 bonds in excess of the costs of all the projects described in said section
113 2 shall be deposited to the credit of the General Fund.

114 Sec. 7. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) Said bonds issued pursuant to sections
115 1 to 7, inclusive, of this act, shall be general obligations of the state and
116 the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the
117 payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same
118 become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state
119 with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary
120 for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made,
121 and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the
122 same become due.

123 Sec. 8. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The State Bond Commission shall have
124 power, in accordance with the provisions of sections 8 to 15, inclusive,
125 of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
126 state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the aggregate,
127 not exceeding \$35,600,000.

128 Sec. 9. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds
129 shall be used for the purpose of providing grants-in-aid and other
130 financing for the projects, programs and purposes hereinafter stated:

131 (a) For the Department of Veterans' Affairs: Provide grants-in-aid to
132 towns for veterans memorials, monuments and visitors centers, not
133 exceeding \$2,000,000.

134 (b) For the Department of Agriculture: Provide loans to dairy
135 farmers for the purchase of machinery, equipment and related tangible
136 personal property necessary for operation of a dairy farm, not
137 exceeding \$6,500,000.

138 (c) For the Department of Environmental Protection: Provide grants-
139 in-aid to municipalities or nonprofit organizations as matching funds

140 for the program created by the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act,
141 not exceeding \$800,000.

142 (d) For the Commission on Culture and Tourism:

143 (1) Grants-in-aid to arts organizations, cultural organizations,
144 tourist attractions, historic structures or museums that are cultural
145 treasures of regional significance for not more than twenty per cent of
146 the cost of a capital improvement project, not exceeding \$20,000,000;

147 (2) Grant-in-aid to the town of Lebanon for the Lebanon green
148 historic preservation project, not exceeding \$600,000.

149 (e) For the Department of Economic and Community Development:

150 (1) Grants-in-aid to public and independent colleges and
151 universities for purchase of equipment for the establishment of Centers
152 of Nanoscience, not exceeding \$5,000,000;

153 (2) Grant-in-aid to the Conference of Churches for acquisition and
154 renovation of the Collin Bennett Building in the city of Hartford, not
155 exceeding \$700,000.

156 Sec. 10. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) All provisions of section 3-20 of the
157 general statutes or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby
158 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby
159 adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond
160 Commission pursuant to sections 8 to 15, inclusive, of this act, and
161 temporary notes issued in anticipation of the money to be derived
162 from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in
163 accordance with said sections 8 to 15, inclusive, of this act, and from
164 time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times
165 not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be
166 provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State
167 Bond Commission authorizing such bonds.

168 Sec. 11. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) None of said bonds shall be
169 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that

170 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization, which is
171 signed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by
172 or on behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating
173 such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may
174 require.

175 Sec. 12. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) For the purposes of sections 8 to 15,
176 inclusive, of this act, "state moneys" means the proceeds of the sale of
177 bonds authorized pursuant to said sections 8 to 15, inclusive, or of
178 temporary notes issued in anticipation of the moneys to be derived
179 from the sale of such bonds. Each request filed as provided in section
180 11 of this act for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for
181 which the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and
182 expended and, in addition to any terms and conditions required
183 pursuant to said section 11, include the recommendation of the person
184 signing such request as to the extent to which federal, private or other
185 moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for costs in
186 connection with any such project should be added to the state moneys
187 available or becoming available under said sections 8 to 15, inclusive,
188 for such project. If the request includes a recommendation that some
189 amount of such federal, private or other moneys should be added to
190 such state moneys, then, if and to the extent directed by the State Bond
191 Commission at the time of authorization of such bonds, said amount of
192 such federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be
193 made available for costs in connection with such project may be added
194 to any state moneys available or becoming available hereunder for
195 such project and be used for such project, any other federal, private or
196 other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for
197 costs in connection with such project upon receipt shall, in conformity
198 with applicable federal and state law, be used by the State Treasurer to
199 meet the principal of outstanding bonds issued pursuant to said
200 sections 8 to 15, inclusive, or to meet the principal of temporary notes
201 issued in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of
202 bonds theretofore authorized pursuant to said sections 8 to 15,
203 inclusive, for the purpose of financing such costs, either by purchase or
204 redemption and cancellation of such bonds or notes or by payment

205 thereof at maturity. Whenever any of the federal, private or other
206 moneys so received with respect to such project are used to meet the
207 principal of such temporary notes or whenever the principal of any
208 such temporary notes is retired by application of revenue receipts of
209 the state, the amount of bonds theretofore authorized in anticipation of
210 which such temporary notes were issued, and the aggregate amount of
211 bonds which may be authorized pursuant to section 8 of this act shall
212 each be reduced by the amount of the principal so met or retired.
213 Pending use of the federal, private or other moneys so received to meet
214 the principal as directed in this section, the amount thereof may be
215 invested by the State Treasurer in bonds or obligations of, or
216 guaranteed by, the state or the United States or agencies or
217 instrumentalities of the United States, shall be deemed to be part of the
218 debt retirement funds of the state, and net earnings on such
219 investments shall be used in the same manner as the moneys so
220 invested.

221 Sec. 13. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) Said bonds issued pursuant to sections
222 8 to 15, inclusive, of this act, shall be general obligations of the state
223 and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for
224 the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same
225 become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state
226 with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary
227 for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made,
228 and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the
229 same become due.

230 Sec. 14. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) In accordance with section 9 of this act,
231 the state, through the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Department
232 of Environmental Protection, the Commission on Culture and Tourism
233 and the Department of Economic and Community Development, may
234 provide grants-in-aid and other financing to or for the agencies for the
235 purposes and projects as described in said section 9. All financing shall
236 be made in accordance with the terms of a contract at such time or
237 times as shall be determined within authorization of funds by the State
238 Bond Commission.

239 Sec. 15. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) In the case of any grant-in-aid made
240 pursuant to section 9 of this act which is made to any entity which is
241 not a political subdivision of the state, the contract entered into
242 pursuant to section 14 of this act shall provide that if the premises for
243 which such grant-in-aid was made ceases, within ten years of the date
244 of such grant, to be used as a facility for which such grant was made,
245 an amount equal to the amount of such grant, minus ten per cent per
246 year for each full year which has elapsed since the date of such grant,
247 shall be repaid to the state and that a lien shall be placed on such land
248 in favor of the state to ensure that such amount will be repaid in the
249 event of such change in use, provided if the premises for which such
250 grant-in-aid was made are owned by the state, a municipality or a
251 housing authority, no lien need be placed.

252 Sec. 16. Subdivision (2) of subsection (j) of section 2 of special act 05-
253 1 of the June special session is amended to read as follows (*Effective*
254 *July 1, 2008*):

255 Alterations, renovations and new construction at state parks and
256 other recreation facilities, including Americans with Disabilities Act
257 improvements, and alterations and improvements to noncasino tribal
258 reservations, not exceeding \$15,000,000, provided \$2,500,000 shall be
259 made available for Silver Sands State Park in Milford.

260 Sec. 17. Subdivision (6) of subsection (b) of section 13 of public act
261 07-7 of the June special session is amended to read as follows (*Effective*
262 *July 1, 2008*):

263 (6) Grant-in-aid to the town of Montville [to convert the old town
264 hall to a] for development and construction of a new police station, not
265 exceeding \$800,000.

266 Sec. 18. Subdivision (13) of subsection (i) of section 13 of public act
267 07-7 of the June special session is amended to read as follows (*Effective*
268 *July 1, 2008*):

269 (13) Grant-in-aid to the city of New Britain for [building acquisition

270 associated with] design, construction, renovation or purchase of a
271 building for a food pantry, not exceeding \$150,000.

272 Sec. 19. Section 20 of public act 07-7 of the June special session is
273 amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

274 The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance with
275 the provisions of sections 20 to 26, inclusive, of [this act] public act 07-7
276 of the June special session, from time to time to authorize the issuance
277 of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in
278 the aggregate, not exceeding [~~\$244,530,361~~] \$265,130,361.

279 Sec. 20. Subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of section 21 of public act
280 07-7 of the June special session is amended to read as follows (*Effective*
281 *July 1, 2008*):

282 Infrastructure repairs and improvements, including fire, safety and
283 compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act improvements,
284 improvements to state-owned buildings and grounds, including
285 energy conservation and off-site improvements, and preservation of
286 unoccupied buildings and grounds, including office development,
287 acquisition, renovations for additional parking and security
288 improvements, not exceeding [~~\$6,000,000~~] \$7,700,000.

289 Sec. 21. Subsection (i) of section 21 of public act 07-7 of the June
290 special session is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

291 For the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station: Alterations,
292 renovations and additions to Jenkins Laboratory, not exceeding
293 [~~\$9,000,000~~] \$11,900,000.

294 Sec. 22. Subsection (k) of section 21 of public act 07-7 of the June
295 special session is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

296 For the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services: Fire,
297 safety and environmental improvements to regional facilities for client
298 and staff needs, including improvements in compliance with current
299 codes, including intermediate care facilities and site improvements,

300 handicapped access improvements, utilities, repair or replacement of
 301 roofs, air conditioning and other interior and exterior building
 302 renovations and additions at all state-owned facilities, not exceeding
 303 [\$6,000,000] \$11,000,000.

304 Sec. 23. Subdivision (1) of subsection (o) of section 21 of public act
 305 07-7 of the June special session is amended to read as follows (*Effective*
 306 *July 1, 2008*):

307 Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and
 308 grounds, not exceeding [\$2,415,000] \$13,415,000.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	SA 05-1 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 2(j)
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	PA 07-7 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 13(b)
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	PA 07-7 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 13(b)
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	PA 07-7 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 20
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	PA 07-7 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 21(e)

Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	PA 07-7 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 21(i)
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	PA 07-7 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 21(k)
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	PA 07-7 of the June Sp. Sess., Sec. 21(o)

FIN *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Treasurer, Debt Serv.	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below
Various State Agencies	GF - Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill authorizes \$99.1 million in General Obligation (GO) bonds in FY 09 for various purposes. The total General Fund debt service cost for principal and interest payments on this amount over 20 years assuming a 5.0% interest rate, is \$151.2 million. The first year that the state will experience costs associated with the bonds depends on when they are allocated through the State Bond Commission and when the funds are expended.

The bill may result in a revenue gain to municipalities related to the \$800,000 authorized to the Department of Environmental Protection. The funds will be used for grants-in-aid to municipalities or nonprofit organizations as matching funds for the program created by the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act.

Further Explanation

Office of Policy and Management (OPM): Section 2(a) authorizes bonds, in the amount of \$8 million to OPM for the following purposes: (1) \$5 million for development and implementation of a prosecutorial

case records management system¹ for the Division of Criminal Justice; (2) \$1 million for development of a master plan for the state's Criminal Justice Information System; and (3) \$2 million for an upgrade to the Connecticut On-Line Law Enforcement Communications Teleprocessing (COLLECT) system.²

Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA): Section 9(a) establishes a \$2 million grant-in-aid program to towns for veterans' memorials, monuments and visitors centers to be administered by DVA. The department currently does not operate such a grant program and therefore would incur an estimated \$84,740 in costs to administer this new program (\$32,740 annual salary for a Clerk Typist; annual fringe benefits costs of \$19,200³ would be incurred by the Comptroller; \$2,000 in associated cost for a new hire such as a computer and desk; and an estimated \$50,000 for expert consultant services to assist in the process).

Military Department: Section 2(c) authorizes \$4.0 million for construction of a regional training institute at the Camp Rell Military Complex. The funds will be used to match \$28 million in federal funds that are available for the project. Construction of the training institute is expected to take two years to complete.

Department of Agriculture (DOAg): Section 9(b) authorizes \$6.5 million for DOAg to provide loans to dairy farmers for the purchase of

¹ This system will include a database of law enforcement incident reports that is accessible to other criminal justice agencies.

² The COLLECT revision project has been undertaken to upgrade the state's existing system that is used to communicate with the FBI and all law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and Canada. Modifications are planned to provide more functions and establish a web-based environment to improve communications. Approximately \$5.7 million has been spent thus far to upgrade the COLLECT system.

³ The fringe benefit costs for state employees are budgeted centrally in the Miscellaneous Accounts administered by the Comptroller. The first year fringe benefit costs for new positions do not include pension costs. The estimated first year fringe benefit rate as a percentage of payroll is 25.36%. The state's pension contribution is based upon the prior year's certification by the actuary for the State Employees Retirement System (SERS). The SERS fringe benefit rate is 33.27%, which when combined with the rate for non-pension fringe benefits totals 58.63%.

machinery, equipment and related tangible personal property necessary for operation of a dairy farm. sHB 5021, the budget bill, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, includes \$150,000 in Other Expenses for DOAg to make recommendations, with the Office of Policy and Management and the Department of Economic and Community Development, on lowering the production costs for dairy farmers and how to establish increased revenues for the state's dairy farmers.

Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES): Section 21 provides an additional \$2.9 million for renovations to the Jenkins Laboratory and the construction of an energy efficient ("green") addition. The existing building was built in 1932 and still has its original mechanical systems. The building is also not Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant and has numerous life and safety code violations.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): Section 2(e) authorizes \$15.0 million for a state parks and stewardship program and Section 9(c) authorizes \$800,000 as state matching funds for federal grants for the purchase of improvement, protection, and acquisition at Long Island Sound stewardship sites. These authorizations will not result in any increase in DEP's operating budget.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS): Section 2(f) authorizes \$1,295,000 to DDS for the construction of a new group home in Putnam. This will replace an existing home on the same property with no change in the level of services or operational costs.

Charter Oak State College (COSC): Section 2(h) provides \$2.0 million for pre-design of a new building for COSC and the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium (CTDLC). COSC and CTDLC occupy a 14,570 sq ft building that was originally built in 1999 to house COSC. COSC previously received \$50,000 for a feasibility study of the combined space for COSC and CTDLC for the next 10 years and to review sites. The \$2.0 million will fund the next phase of the project.

Department of Children and Families (DCF): Section 23 provides

\$11 million for the following DCF projects: (1) \$8 million to support changes at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School (CJTS) and (2) \$3 million to expand capacity at Riverview Hospital for Children and Youth. Both facilities are located in Middletown.

The CJTS project will increase the facility’s maximum capacity by 94 beds. Preliminary estimates indicate that the expanded facility will require an additional 130 staff when it is operational. The projected annual General Fund cost is approximately \$15.2 million (\$10.3 million DCF, \$4.9 million fringe benefits).

The Riverview project will add another 12 beds to the hospital. Preliminary estimates indicate that the expanded facility will need an additional 60 staff when it is operational. The projected annual General Fund cost is approximately \$9.2 million (\$6.0 million DCF, \$3.2 million fringe benefits). These additional expenditures will generate partially offsetting revenues from federal financial participation under the Medicaid program.

Department of Transportation (DOT): Section 2(g)(2) provides \$1.26 million for the purchase of a new weigh station scale for the Greenwich Weigh Station located on I-95. The funds will also be used for site improvements and for signage.

Section (2)(g)(4) provides \$5.0 million for harbor improvement projects grant-in-aid program. DOT recently established and filled two positions (one Maritime Manager and one Dredging Project Coordinator) for this program.

The table below summarizes the provisions in the bill:

General Obligation Bond Authorizations in sSB 27		
Section	Agency/Description	FY 09
<u>Office of Policy and Management</u>		
Sec. 2(a)	Development and implementation of a criminal justice information system	\$8,000,000
<u>Department of Public Works</u>		
Sec. 2(b)	Additions, alterations, renovations and improvements to 61 Woodland Street in the city of Hartford	\$5,000,000
Sec. 20	Infrastructure repairs and improvements, including fire, safety and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, improvements to	\$1,700,000

General Obligation Bond Authorizations in sSB 27		
Section	Agency/Description	FY 09
	state-owned buildings and grounds, including energy conservation and off-site improvements, and preservation of unoccupied buildings and grounds, including office development, acquisition, renovations for additional parking and security improvements. PA 07-7, (JSS), Sec. 21(e)(2)	
	Subtotal	\$6,700,000
<u>Department of Veterans' Affairs</u>		
Sec. 9(a)	Grant-in-aid to towns for veterans memorials, monuments and visitors centers	\$2,000,000
<u>Department of Public Safety</u>		
Sec. 17	Language change: Grant-in-aid to Montville [to convert the old town hall to a police station] <u>for development and construction of a new police station.</u> PA 07-7, (JSS), Sec. 13(b)(6)	0
<u>Military Department</u>		
Sec. 2(c)	Construction of a regional training institute at the Camp Rell Military Complex in the town of East Lyme	\$4,000,000
<u>Commission on Fire Prevention and Control</u>		
Sec. 2(e)	Alterations and improvements to buildings and grounds, including utilities, mechanical systems, training props and energy conservation	\$250,000
<u>Department of Agriculture</u>		
Sec. 9(b)	Provide loans to dairy farmers for the purchase of machinery, equipment and related tangible personal property necessary for operation of a dairy farm	\$6,500,000
<u>Agricultural Experiment Station</u>		
Sec. 21	Renovations and additions to Jenkins Laboratory. PA 07-7, (JSS), Sec. 21(i)	\$2,900,000
<u>Department of Environmental Protection</u>		
Sec. 2(d)	State parks and forests stewardship program	\$15,000,000
Sec. 9(c)	Provide grants-in-aid to municipalities or nonprofit organizations as matching funds for the program created by the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act	800,000
Sec. 16	Language change: Alterations, renovations and new construction at state parks and other recreation facilities, including Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, <u>and alterations and improvements to noncasino tribal reservations</u>	0
	Subtotal	\$15,800,000
<u>Com on Culture and Tourism</u>		
Sec. 9(d)(1)	Grants-in-aid to arts organizations, cultural organizations, tourist attractions, historic structures or museums that are cultural treasures of regional significance for not more than twenty per cent of the cost of a capital improvement project	\$20,000,000
Sec. 9(d)(2)	Grant-in-aid to Lebanon for the Lebanon green historic preservation project	\$600,000
	Subtotal	\$20,600,000
<u>Dept. of Economic and Community Development</u>		
Sec. 9(e)(1)	Grants-in-aid to public and independent colleges and universities for purchase of equipment for the establishment of Centers of Nanoscience	\$5,000,000
Sec. 9(e)(2)	Grant-in-aid to the Conference of Churches for acquisition and renovation	\$700,000

General Obligation Bond Authorizations in sSB 27		
Section	Agency/Description	FY 09
	of the Collin Bennett Building in Hartford	
	Subtotal	\$5,700,000
<u>Department of Developmental Services</u>		
Sec. 2(f)	Alterations, renovations or new construction for a group home in the town of Putnam	\$1,295,000
<u>Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services</u>		
Sec. 22	Fire, safety and environmental improvements to regional facilities for client and staff needs, including improvements in compliance with current codes, including intermediate care facilities and site improvements, handicapped access improvements, utilities, repair or replacement of roofs, air conditioning and other interior and exterior building renovations and additions at all state-owned facilities. PA 07-7, (JSS), Sec. 21(k)	\$5,000,000
Sec. 18	Language change: Grant-in-aid to New Britain for [building acquisition associated with] <u>design, construction, renovation, or purchase of a building for a food pantry</u> . PA 07-7, (JSS), Sec. 13(i)(13)	0
	Subtotal	\$5,000,000
<u>Charter Oak State College</u>		
Sec. 2(h)	Planning and design of a new building	\$2,000,000
<u>Department of Children and Families</u>		
Sec. 23	Alterations, renovations and improvements to buildings and grounds. PA 07-7, (JSS), Sec. 21(o)(1)	\$11,000,000
<u>Department of Transportation</u>		
Sec. 2(g)(1)	Acquisition of existing freight rail lines in the town of Thompson	\$630,280
Sec. 2(g)(2)	Purchase of new weigh station scale and related improvements in the town of Greenwich	\$1,260,000
Sec. 2(g)(3)	Development of a master plan for deep-water ports	\$500,000
Sec. 2(g)(4)	Harbor Improvement Fund	\$5,000,000
	Subtotal	\$7,390,280
New GO Bond Increases		\$99,135,280

The Out Years

The ongoing fiscal impact for the \$99.1 million in GO bonds is the General Fund debt service payments over 20 years.

The out year General Fund costs for various state projects receiving bond authorizations are noted above. The timing of the impact will depend on when the bonds are allocated through the State Bond Commission and when the projects are completed.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 27****AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER PURPOSES.****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes a total of \$99,135,280 in new state general obligation bonding for FY 09. Of this amount, \$42,935,280 in authorizations are for state agency capital projects, \$35.6 million is for state agency grants for local and regional projects and purposes, and \$20.6 million is for increases in prior FY 09 authorizations.

The bill also changes the purposes of three prior bond authorizations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2008

§§ 1-7 — STATE AGENCY CAPITAL PROJECTS

The bill authorizes up to \$42,935,280 in bonding for the state agency capital projects listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Authorizations for State Agency Capital Projects

§	Agency	For	Authorization
2(a)	Office of Policy and Management	Criminal justice information system - development and implementation	\$8,000,000
2(b)	Public Works	61 Woodland Street, Hartford - alterations, renovations, and improvements	5,000,000
2(c)	Military	Regional training institute at Camp Rell - construction	4,000,000
2(d)	Environmental Protection	State parks and forests stewardship program	15,000,000
2(e)	Commission on Fire Prevention & Control	Buildings and grounds - alterations and improvements	250,000
2(f)	Developmental Services	New group home in Putnam - alterations, renovations, or new construction	1,295,000

2(g)	Transportation	Acquire existing freight rail lines in Thompson	630,280
		Greenwich - Buy new weigh station scale and related improvements	1,260,000
		Develop master plan for deep water ports	500,000
		Harbor Improvement Fund	5,000,000
2(h)	Charter Oak State College	New building - planning and design	2,000,000

§§ 8-15 — GRANTS FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL PROJECTS AND PURPOSES

The bill authorizes up to \$35.6 million bonding for grants by specified state agencies for local, regional, and other projects and purposes listed in Table 2.

Table 2: Authorizations for Local and Regional Projects and Purposes

§	Agency	Grantee(s)	For	Authorization
9(a)	Veterans' Affairs	Towns	Veterans memorials, monuments, and visitors centers	\$2,000,000
9(b)	Agriculture	Dairy farmers	Purchase of machinery, equipment, and related items needed to operate dairy farms	6,500,000
9(c)	Environmental Protection	Municipalities or nonprofit organizations	Matching funds for Long Island Sound Stewardship Act program	800,000
9(d)	Culture and Tourism	Arts and cultural organizations, tourist attractions, and historic structures or museums that are cultural treasures of regional significance	Up to 20% of the cost of a capital improvement project	20,000,000
		Lebanon	Lebanon green historic preservation project	600,000
9(e)	Economic and Community Development	Public and independent colleges and universities	Centers of Nanoscience - equipment purchase	5,000,000

		Conference of Churches	Collin Bennett Building, Hartford - acquisition and renovation	700,000
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§§ 19-23 — INCREASED AUTHORIZATIONS

The bill increases four FY 09 authorizations adopted in PA 07-7, June Special Session as shown in Table 3. The proposed changes increase that act’s FY 09 bond authorizations by a total of \$20.6 million.

Table 3: Increases in Previous Authorizations for FY 09

§	Agency	For	Current	Proposed	Change
20	Public Works	State-owned buildings - repairs, improvements, and preservation of unoccupied buildings	\$6,000,000	\$7,700,000	\$1,700,000
21	CT. Agricultural Experiment Station	Jenkins Laboratory - alterations, improvements, renovations, and additions	9,000,000	11,900,000	2,900,000
22	Mental Health & Addiction Services	Regional facilities - fire, safety, and environmental improvements for client and staff needs	6,000,000	11,000,000	5,000,000
23	Children & Families	Buildings and grounds - alterations, renovations, and improvements	2,415,000	13,415,000	11,000,000

§§ 16-18 — LANGUAGE CHANGES FOR PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS

The bill changes the purposes for which three previous bond authorizations must be used as shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Language Changes for Previous Authorizations

§	Amount Authorized	Agency/Grantee	Current	Proposed
16	\$15,000,000	Environmental Protection	State parks and other recreation facilities - alterations, renovations, and new construction	Include alterations and improvements to noncasino tribal reservations

17	800,000	Public Safety/Montville	Convert old town hall to a police station	Development and new construction for a new police station
18	150,000	Social Services/New Britain	Acquire building associated with a food pantry	Design, construct, renovate or buy a building for a food pantry

BACKGROUND

State Parks and Forests Stewardship Program

sSB 24, reported by the Environment and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees, requires the environmental protection commissioner to establish and maintain a state parks and forests stewardship program to (1) provide for proper management of state parks and forests and (2) allow for the repair, maintenance, or improvement of any building, facility, or other structure that allows or enhances public access to, or enjoyment of, state parks and forests.

Cultural Treasures Account

HB 5024, (File 461) reported by the Commerce Committee, establishes a separate, nonlapsing General Fund account to fund arts and cultural activities. The Connecticut Commission on Cultural and Tourism (CCCT) may use the account to grant funds to people, institutions, and organizations for creating, preserving, promoting, and expanding arts and cultural activities sponsored by nonprofit organizations.

Harbor Improvement Fund

Although this bill authorizes \$5 million in bonding to the Transportation Department for a Harbor Improvement Fund, it does not establish the fund.

sSB 302 (File 363), reported by the Environment Committee, created a separate, non-lapsing harbor improvement account within the General Fund and required the environmental protection commissioner to use it to fund harbor improvement projects she initiated and for federal dredging projects. The Senate referred the bill to the Transportation Committee on April 3, but that committee took

no action on it.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 53 Nay 0 (04/01/2008)