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Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

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**AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY
THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study and make recommendations for a long-term solution to
3 address the state's unfunded liability for nonpension post-employment
4 benefits for state employees and teachers.

5 (b) The task force shall:

6 (1) Review and assess the state's unfunded liability for its current
7 and future retirees for nonpension post-employment benefits,
8 including, but not limited to, health insurance and prescription drug
9 benefits;

10 (2) Assess the causes for such unfunded liability, explore fiscally
11 responsible funding options and mechanisms for meeting such
12 liability, including, but not limited to, the issuance of bonds, creation
13 of trust instruments and any other appropriate funding vehicles; and

14 (3) Develop options and make recommendations based on the
15 conclusions reached by the task force.

16 (c) The task force shall consist of the following members:

17 (1) The State Treasurer, or the State Treasurer's designee;

18 (2) The State Comptroller, or the State Comptroller's designee;

19 (3) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
20 secretary's designee;

21 (4) Four members appointed by the Governor who shall have
22 experience in actuarial science, pension and benefits planning or
23 another relevant area of state finance; and

24 (5) Two bargaining unit representatives with experience in actuarial
25 science, pension and benefits planning or another relevant area of state
26 finance, one each appointed by the speaker of the House of
27 Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate.

28 (d) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall serve
29 as chairperson of the task force and shall convene the initial meeting of
30 the task force not later than October 1, 2008.

31 (e) Not later than January 1, 2009, the task force shall submit its
32 report to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the
33 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
34 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and finance, revenue
35 and bonding, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.
36 The task force shall terminate upon submission of the report.

37 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 20-280 of the general statutes is
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
39 *1, 2008*):

40 (e) The board, subject to the provisions of chapter 67, may employ
41 an executive director and such other personnel as may be necessary to

42 carry out the provisions of sections 20-279b to 20-281m, inclusive. The
 43 board may enter into such contractual agreements as may be necessary
 44 for the discharge of its duties, within the limit of its appropriated
 45 funds and in accordance with established procedures, as it deems
 46 necessary in its administration and enforcement of said sections. It
 47 may appoint committees or persons to advise or assist the board in
 48 such administration and enforcement as it may see fit. [Said board
 49 shall be within the Office of Policy and Management for administrative
 50 purposes only.]

51 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 13b-61a of the 2008 supplement to
 52 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 53 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

54 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 13b-61, for calendar
 55 quarters ending on or after September 30, 2006, the Comptroller shall
 56 deposit into the Special Transportation Fund an annual amount in
 57 accordance with the following schedule, from such funds received by
 58 the state from the tax imposed under said section 12-587 of the 2008
 59 supplement to the general statutes on the gross earnings from the sales
 60 of petroleum products. Such transfers shall be made in quarterly
 61 installments.

T1	Fiscal Year	Annual Transfer
T2	2007	\$141,000,000
T3	2008	\$127,800,000
T4	2009	[\$141,900,000] <u>\$161,900,000</u>
T5	2010	[\$141,900,000] <u>\$161,900,000</u>
T6	2011	[\$165,300,000] <u>\$185,300,000</u>
T7	2012	[\$165,300,000] <u>\$185,300,000</u>
T8	2013	[\$165,300,000] <u>\$185,300,000</u>
T9	2014 and thereafter	[\$179,200,000] <u>\$199,200,000</u>

62 Sec. 4. Subsection (g) of section 32-657 of the general statutes is
63 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
64 *passage*):

65 (g) The Stadium Facility Enterprise Fund, the revenue account, the
66 operating expense account and any other account holding state
67 moneys associated with the stadium facility shall be subject to the
68 provisions of sections 3-112, 3-114, 4-32 and 4-33, except to the extent
69 inconsistent with express provisions of this section, and shall be
70 audited on a comprehensive annual basis by [an independent auditing
71 firm in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards,
72 selected by the secretary from a list of at least four firms supplied by
73 the Comptroller. The cost of such audit shall be treated as an expense
74 of stadium facility operations. In addition, between August 8, 2003,
75 and November 30, 2003, the Auditors of Public Accounts shall conduct
76 an audit of internal controls of stadium facility operations] the
77 Auditors of Public Accounts. Such [audit] audits shall be conducted at
78 the sole expense of the Auditors of Public Accounts and with advance
79 notice to the secretary.

80 Sec. 5. Section 32-669 of the general statutes is repealed and the
81 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

82 (a) On or before February 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, until five
83 years after the opening of the convention center, the Secretary of the
84 Office of Policy and Management shall prepare a report regarding the
85 status of the Adriaen's Landing project and [The University of
86 Connecticut football] the Rentschler Field stadium project. Such report
87 shall be made, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to
88 the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
89 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader
90 of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and
91 the minority leader of the House of Representatives and to the joint
92 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
93 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding. The report to said

94 committee shall be presented at a meeting of said committee held
95 during the regular session of the calendar year in which such report is
96 due.

97 (b) Such report shall be separated into a section on the Adriaen's
98 Landing project and a section on [The University of Connecticut
99 football] the Rentschler Field stadium project and shall contain the
100 following information: (1) A detailed estimated budget for the overall
101 project; (2) the current timeline for the entire project, with significant
102 milestone events, from inception to projected completion date; (3) for
103 each project component, including, but not limited to, the science
104 center, (A) a description of the component, (B) its current budget in
105 detail, comparing it to the budget presented to the General Assembly
106 prior to May 2, 2000, (C) projected completion date, (D) any change
107 made in the course of planning and execution over the prior calendar
108 year and reasons for such change, and (E) status at the end of such
109 calendar year; (4) problems encountered in the prior calendar year and
110 potential problems in the future; (5) status of the project's compliance
111 with the provisions of section 32-605, including, but not limited to, (A)
112 a description of each contract entered into during the prior calendar
113 year, (B) whether any contractor is a woman-owned business
114 enterprise, a minority business enterprise or a small business
115 enterprise, as those terms are defined in section 4a-60g of the 2008
116 supplement to the general statutes, (C) the value of such contract, (D)
117 any subcontractors under such contract, the value of the subcontract
118 and whether any subcontractor is a woman-owned business
119 enterprise, a minority business enterprise or a small business
120 enterprise, as those terms are defined in section 4a-60g of the 2008
121 supplement to the general statutes, (E) the number of jobs associated
122 with such contract, including the number of jobs held by residents of
123 Hartford and East Hartford and the number of jobs held by women
124 and minorities, and (F) any steps being taken for affirmative action and
125 corrective measures for any deficiencies; (6) [a detailed projected
126 annual operating budget for each facility, including information
127 regarding how much funding the state will be required to provide and

128 how much the municipality will be required to provide; (7) a timeline
 129 showing when operating expenses may be incurred prior to the
 130 project's completion, including how much of such expenses will be
 131 provided by the state in each year and how much will be provided by
 132 the host municipality; (8)] current estimates for funding from all state
 133 and private sources for each component of the project for each fiscal
 134 year in which the funding is made available; [(9)] and (7) a summary
 135 of the total funding for the project from each of the following sources:
 136 (A) General obligation bonds, (B) funding from the General Fund
 137 operating surplus, (C) revenue bonds issued by the Capital City
 138 Economic Development Authority, with the associated General Fund
 139 costs, including, but not limited to, General Fund debt service
 140 reimbursement for the parking garage and utility plant, (D) tax
 141 exemptions or credits granted to any part of the project, (E) payments
 142 in lieu of taxes made to any municipality for any component of the
 143 project, (F) the operating subsidy for [the convention center and] the
 144 science center, (G) private investments, and (H) any other sources. [;
 145 and (10) detailed financial information regarding the income and
 146 expenses of any public entities operating at Adriaen's Landing.]

147 Sec. 6. Subsection (f) of section 32-606 of the general statutes is
 148 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 149 *passage*):

150 (f) The powers and duties granted to the authority pursuant to this
 151 section shall terminate July 1, [2008] 2013.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2008	20-280(e)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2008	13b-61a(b)
Sec. 4	from passage	32-657(g)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2008	32-669
Sec. 6	from passage	32-606(f)

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]