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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5734

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING NEW AND EXPANDED BUS  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES THROUGHOUT CONNECTICUT."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) There is established, within  
4 available budgetary resources, the "Buses for 21st Century Mobility"  
5 program which shall be administered by the Department of  
6 Transportation. Commencing July 1, 2008, the Department of  
7 Transportation shall accept applications from publicly-funded  
8 transportation providers and nonprofit community transportation  
9 service providers for funding to provide new and expanded bus  
10 transportation services as part of the Buses for 21st Century Mobility  
11 program. Such new and expanded bus transportation service  
12 programs shall include, but not be limited to: (1) Expansion of existing  
13 services where a demonstrated need has been shown, including, but

14 not limited to, weekend and evening service and increased frequency  
15 of service; (2) establishment of new services where a demonstrated  
16 need has been shown; (3) new rail shuttle services; (4) express bus  
17 commuter services; (5) greater coordination of marketing and web-trip  
18 planning of transit services; and (6) other bus transportation programs  
19 designed to increase bus ridership opportunities for Connecticut  
20 residents.

21 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 13b-79p of the 2008 supplement to  
22 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
23 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

24 (a) The Commissioner of Transportation shall implement the  
25 following strategic transportation projects and initiatives:

26 (1) Restoring commuter rail service on the New Haven-Hartford-  
27 Springfield line, including providing shuttle bus service between the  
28 rail line and Bradley International Airport;

29 (2) Implementing the New Britain-Hartford busway, subject to the  
30 availability of federal funds;

31 (3) Rehabilitating rail passenger coaches for use on Shore Line East,  
32 the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield line and the branch lines;

33 (4) Developing a new commuter rail station in West Haven;

34 (5) Meeting the costs of capital improvements on the branch lines,  
35 not to exceed forty-five million dollars;

36 (6) Meeting the capital costs of parking and rail station  
37 improvements on the New Haven Line, Shore Line East and the  
38 branch lines, not to exceed sixty million dollars;

39 (7) Funding the local share of the Southeast Area Transit federal  
40 pilot project;

41 (8) Completing the Norwich Intermodal Transit Hub Roadway

42 improvements;

43 (9) Conducting environmental planning and assessment for the  
44 expansion of Interstate 95 between Branford and the Rhode Island  
45 border;

46 (10) Completing preliminary design and engineering for Interstate  
47 84 widening between Waterbury and Danbury;

48 (11) Funding the Commercial Vehicle Information System Network,  
49 including weigh-in motion and electronic preclearance of safe truck  
50 operators for fixed scale operations on Interstate 91 and Interstate 95,  
51 not to exceed four million dollars;

52 (12) Funding the capital costs of the greater Hartford highway  
53 infrastructure improvements in support of economic development;

54 (13) Completing a rail link to the port of New Haven;

55 (14) Purchasing not more than thirty-eight electric rail cars for use  
56 on the New Haven Line and Shore Line East commuter rail services;

57 (15) Purchasing of equipment and facilities to support Shore Line  
58 East commuter rail expansion, including implementation of phases I  
59 and II, as recommended in the report submitted pursuant to  
60 subsection (d) of this section;

61 (16) Improving bicycle access to and storage facilities at  
62 transportation centers;

63 (17) Developing a new commuter rail station in Orange;

64 (18) Funding the Waterbury Intermodal Transportation Center, not  
65 to exceed eighteen million dollars;

66 (19) Improving bus connectivity and service, not to exceed twenty  
67 million dollars for capital costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.  
68 The funds shall be used to (A) construct bus maintenance and storage  
69 facilities for the Windham and Torrington regional transit districts, not

70 to exceed fourteen million dollars, (B) purchase [and install clean  
 71 diesel bus retrofits, not to exceed five million dollars] vehicles for the  
 72 Buses for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mobility program, and (C) purchase vehicles for  
 73 elderly and disabled demand responsive transportation programs for  
 74 use by municipalities that participate in the state matching grant  
 75 program established under section 13b-38bb, not to exceed one million  
 76 dollars;

77 (20) Funding the state share of Tweed Airport's runway safety area,  
 78 not to exceed one million fifty-five thousand dollars; and

79 (21) Evaluating the purchase of rolling stock for direct commuter  
 80 rail service connecting Connecticut to New Jersey via Pennsylvania  
 81 Station in New York, New York by the initiation of ongoing formal  
 82 discussions by the state of Connecticut, acting through the Governor or  
 83 the Governor's designee, with the states of New York and New Jersey  
 84 and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Amtrak regarding  
 85 the extension of rail service from Pennsylvania Station to points in this  
 86 state."

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>from passage</i>	13b-79p(a)