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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING FUEL CELLS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) The Department of
2 Transportation shall establish a fuel cell program. Said program shall
3 include, but not be limited to, contracting with a Connecticut business
4 to produce transit buses powered by fuel cells.

5 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) For the purposes described in
6 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
7 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
8 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
9 the aggregate ____ dollars each year for the next four years.

10 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
11 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
12 Department of Transportation for the purpose of implementing the
13 fuel cell program established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

14 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
15 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not

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

38 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) For the purposes described in
39 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
40 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
41 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
42 the aggregate five hundred thousand dollars.

43 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
44 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
45 Office of Legislative Management for the purpose of performing an
46 engineering study and develop plans to install fuel cells at the Capitol
47 complex.

48 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
 49 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
 50 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
 51 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
 52 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
 53 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
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 55 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
 56 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
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 58 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
 59 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
 60 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
 61 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
 62 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
 63 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
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 65 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
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 69 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
 70 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
 71 due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2009	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2009	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2009	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To create a fuel cell program permitting the state to contract with a business in the state to produce transit buses powered by fuel cells and

to acquire stationary fuel cells for the State Capitol building and grounds.

[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.]

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