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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:  
(PS)

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENT  
CRIME.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) For the purposes described in  
2 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
3 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
4 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
5 the aggregate two million dollars.

6 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
7 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
8 Office of Policy and Management for the purpose of providing a grant-  
9 in-aid to municipalities for new police equipment, including, but not  
10 limited to, cameras, weapons, computers, lighting improvements and  
11 motion detectors.

12 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the  
13 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not  
14 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and

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

36       Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2009*) The sum of thirteen million dollars is  
37 appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management, from the  
38 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, for the purpose  
39 of funding grants to municipalities to prevent violent crime in such  
40 municipalities. Such grants shall be distributed as follows: (1) Eight  
41 million dollars among four or more cities with the highest population  
42 in the state, with the grant amount to each city in proportion to the  
43 number of violent crimes that occurred during the last five years in  
44 such city, of which: (A) Five million dollars shall be used for matching  
45 grants for hiring new police officers, investigators, forensic specialists  
46 and community workers, (B) two million dollars for grants for  
47 anticrime youth and community programs, and (C) one million dollars  
48 for competitive grants for innovative anticrime programs; and (2) five

49 million dollars to municipalities other than those described in  
50 subdivision (1) of this section to fund anticrime programs, with each  
51 grant amount in proportion to the number of violent crimes that  
52 occurred during the last five years in such municipality.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To appropriate funds and authorize bonds of the state to provide funding to certain high crime areas in order to help eliminate violent crime.

*[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.]*