



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 327

January Session, 2009

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE SAVINGS PLAN FOR RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES WHO WORK IN CONNECTICUT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) The State Treasurer, in
2 consultation with the Commissioner of Revenue Services, shall
3 establish a first-time homebuyer savings program whereby any
4 individual who graduates from a public or independent institution of
5 higher education in the state on or after January 1, 2010, may elect,
6 within one year of such graduation, to have up to five thousand
7 dollars of the taxes paid with respect to the Connecticut taxable income
8 of such individual pursuant to chapter 229 of the general statutes in
9 each taxable year segregated by the Commissioner of Revenue Services
10 and deposited into the Connecticut First-Time Homebuyers Fund
11 established in section 2 of this act for the purpose of purchasing the
12 first home to be owned by such graduate, provided such graduate
13 shall reside in Connecticut prior to payment from the State Treasurer
14 for such purchase. Such taxes shall be segregated for taxable years
15 commencing on or after January 1, 2010. Enrollment in the program
16 shall begin on January 1, 2010.

17 (b) Not later than October 1, 2009, the State Treasurer, in
18 consultation with the Commissioner of Revenue Services, shall adopt
19 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
20 general statutes, to carry out the provisions of this section and section
21 2 of this act.

22 (c) Not later than January 1, 2011, and annually thereafter, the State
 23 Treasurer shall submit a report to the joint standing committee on
 24 government administration and elections, in accordance with the
 25 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the program
 26 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such report shall
 27 review the utilization of the program and may include
 28 recommendations for legislation.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) There is created a "Connecticut
 30 First-Time Homebuyers Fund". Moneys segregated by the
 31 Commissioner of Revenue Services pursuant to section 1 of this act
 32 shall be deposited into the fund. Amounts deposited into the fund
 33 shall be available to the State Treasurer for payments to participants in
 34 the first-time home buyer program established pursuant to section 1 of
 35 this act. The State Treasurer shall invest the proceeds of the fund and
 36 investment earnings shall be credited to and become part of the
 37 General Fund. Any balance remaining in the Connecticut First-Time
 38 Homebuyers Fund at the end of each fiscal year shall be carried
 39 forward in the fund for the succeeding fiscal year. Any funds
 40 segregated for a participant in the program that are not used for the
 41 purchase of a home shall be transferred to the General Fund. Any costs
 42 incurred by the State Treasurer in administering the fund shall be paid
 43 from the fund.

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 Legislative Commissioners:

In subsection (a) of section 1, "with respect to the Connecticut taxable income of such individual" was substituted for "on the gross income" for accuracy and clarity, "taxable" was substituted for "calendar" for consistency, and the "first home of such graduate" was replaced by "first home to be owned by such graduate". In subsection (b) of section 1, the reference to section 2 was added for statutory consistency.

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