



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 969**

LCO No. 3575

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:

(CE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING BROWNFIELDS FUNDING.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 4-66aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 There is established, within the General Fund, a separate,  
4 nonlapsing account to be known as the "land protection, affordable  
5 housing and historic preservation account". The account shall contain  
6 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. The funds  
7 in the account shall be distributed every three months as follows: (1)  
8 [Twenty-five] Twenty per cent to the Connecticut Commission on  
9 Culture and Tourism to use as follows: (A) Two hundred thousand  
10 dollars, annually, to supplement the technical assistance and  
11 preservation activities of the Connecticut Trust for Historic  
12 Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-93, and (B) the  
13 remainder to supplement historic preservation activities as provided in  
14 sections 10-409 to 10-415, inclusive; (2) [twenty-five] twenty per cent to  
15 the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority to supplement new or  
16 existing affordable housing programs; (3) [twenty-five] twenty per cent

17 to the Department of Environmental Protection for municipal open  
18 space grants; [and] (4) [twenty-five] twenty per cent to the Department  
19 of Agriculture to use as follows: (A) Five hundred thousand dollars  
20 annually for the agricultural viability grant program established  
21 pursuant to section 22-26j; (B) five hundred thousand dollars, annually  
22 for the farm transition program established pursuant to section 22-26k;  
23 (C) one hundred thousand dollars annually to encourage the sale of  
24 Connecticut Grown food to schools, restaurants, retailers, and other  
25 institutions and businesses in the state; (D) seventy-five thousand  
26 dollars annually for the Connecticut farm link program established  
27 pursuant to section 22-26l; and (E) the remainder for farmland  
28 preservation programs pursuant to chapter 422. Each agency receiving  
29 funds under this section may use not more than ten per cent of such  
30 funds for administration of the programs for which the funds were  
31 provided; and (5) twenty per cent to the Department of Economic and  
32 Community Development to use for brownfields development  
33 projects.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	4-66aa

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make more existing funds available for brownfields development.

*[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.]*