AN ACT CONCERNING AN ADDITIONAL STATE FIRE SCHOOL.

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

Section 1. Section 7-323p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2011):

(a) The Office of State Fire Administration shall maintain and operate [a] two state fire [school] schools which shall serve as the training and education arm of the Commission on Fire Prevention and Control. The use of any hazardous material, as defined in section 29-307a, except a virgin fuel, is prohibited in the simulation of any fire. The office shall fix fees for training and education programs and sessions and for such other purposes deemed necessary for the operation and support of the [school] schools, subject to the approval of the commission. Such fees shall be used solely for training and education purposes.

(b) The commission may establish and maintain a state fire school training and education extension account, which shall be a separate account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. The account...
may be used for the operation of such training and education extension programs and sessions as the Office of State Fire Administration may establish, for the purchase of such equipment as is required for use in the operation of such programs and sessions, and for (1) reimbursement to municipalities and municipal fire departments for one-half of the costs of Firefighter I certification and recruit training of municipal volunteer and paid fire service personnel, and (2) reimbursement to state agencies for one-half of the costs of Firefighter I certification and recruit training of state agency fire service personnel. All proceeds derived from the operation of the training and education extension programs and sessions shall be deposited in the General Fund and shall be credited to and become a part of the resources of the account. All direct expenses incurred in the conduct of the training, certification and education programs and sessions shall be charged, and any payments of interest and principal of bonds or any sums transferable to any fund for the payment of interest and principal of bonds and any cost of equipment for such operations may be charged, against the account on order of the State Comptroller. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in the account to be used for its training and education programs and sessions, and for the acquisition, as provided by section 4b-21, alteration and repairs of real property for educational facilities, except such sums as may be required to be transferred from time to time to any fund for the redemption of bonds and payment of interest on bonds, provided repairs, alterations or additions to educational facilities costing fifty thousand dollars or less shall require the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works, and capital projects costing over fifty thousand dollars shall require the approval of the General Assembly or, when the General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee.

(c) The commission may establish and maintain a state fire school auxiliary services account, which shall be a separate account within the General Fund. The account shall be used for the operation, maintenance and repair of auxiliary service facilities and for such other
auxiliary activities of the state fire schools as the Office of State Fire Administration determines. The proceeds of such activities shall be deposited in the General Fund and shall be credited to and become a part of the resources of the account. All direct expenses of operation, maintenance and repair of facilities, food services and other auxiliary activities shall be charged, and any payments of interest and principal of bonds or any sums transferable to any fund for the payment of interest and principal of bonds and any cost of equipment for such operations may be charged, against the account on order of the State Comptroller. Any balance of receipts above expenditures shall remain in the account to be used for the improvement and extension of such activities, except such sums as may be required to be transferred from time to time to any fund for the redemption of bonds and payment of interest on bonds, provided repairs, alterations or additions to auxiliary service facilities costing fifty thousand dollars or less shall require the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works, and capital projects costing over fifty thousand dollars shall require the approval of the General Assembly or, when the General Assembly is not in session, of the Finance Advisory Committee. The commission, with the approval of the Finance Advisory Committee, may borrow from the resources of the General Fund at any time such sum or sums as it deems advisable, to establish or continue auxiliary services activities, such sums to be repaid in accordance with such schedule as the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall establish.

Sec. 2. (Effective October 1, 2011) One of the state fire schools established in accordance with section 7-323p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall be located at the fire training facility located at Plumtrees Road in the city of Danbury.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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