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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF URBAN YOUTH DELINQUENCY AND VIOLENCE AND THE CRIMINAL LIABILITY OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WHO ILLEGALLY POSSESS FIREARMS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Court Support Services
2 Division within the Judicial Branch shall collaborate, within available
3 resources, with one or more private providers in the city of Hartford
4 that provide community-based services for children and families, in
5 order to (1) inventory programs and services within the city of
6 Hartford designed to promote positive youth development and reduce
7 the number of youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice
8 system, and (2) design a process for identifying at-risk youth for
9 referral to such programs. Such inventory shall indicate the types of
10 services provided in such programs, including, but not limited to,
11 screening and assessment, crisis intervention, family mediation,
12 educational evaluations and advocacy, mental health treatment and
13 services, including gender specific trauma treatment and services,
14 resiliency skills building, access to positive social activities, short-term
15 respite care and access to services available to children in the juvenile
16 justice system. Such private provider may be a community-based
17 service center that provides services for children and families pursuant
18 to section 46b-149e of the general statutes. Not later than February 1,
19 2012, the Chief Court Administrator shall submit a report, in

20 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
21 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
22 matters relating to the judiciary, specifying the programs inventoried
23 and the process designed under this section.

24 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) Any parent or guardian of a
25 minor child who, knowing that such child possesses a firearm, as
26 defined in section 53a-3 of the general statutes, and is ineligible to
27 possess such firearm, fails to cause such child to relinquish such
28 firearm shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or
29 imprisoned not more than one year, or both, except that, if such child
30 causes the injury or death of another person with such firearm, such
31 parent or guardian shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars
32 or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

33 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2011*) (a) For the purposes described in
34 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
35 the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
36 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
37 the aggregate one million five hundred thousand dollars.

38 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
39 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section and to the extent
40 hereinafter stated, shall be used by the Department of Economic and
41 Community Development for the following purposes:

42 (1) Grants-in-aid to the Metropolitan Economic Development
43 Commission for construction, improvements, repairs, renovations and
44 land acquisition for the purpose of creating elderly housing, not
45 exceeding five hundred thousand dollars;

46 (2) Grants-in-aid to the John E. Rogers African American Cultural
47 Center for construction, improvements, repairs, renovations and land
48 acquisition for the purpose of converting the former Northwest-Jones
49 School to a cultural center, not exceeding five hundred thousand
50 dollars; and

51 (3) Grants-in-aid to Catholic Charities of Hartford for construction,
52 improvements, repairs and renovations for the purpose of creating
53 affordable housing with supportive services, not exceeding five
54 hundred thousand dollars.

55 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
56 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
57 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
58 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
59 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
60 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
61 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
62 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
63 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
64 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
65 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
66 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
67 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
68 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
69 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
70 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
71 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
72 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
73 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
74 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
75 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
76 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
77 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
78 due.

79 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2012*) (a) The Commissioner of
80 Economic and Community Development shall, within available
81 appropriations, establish a Connecticut Young Adult Conservation
82 Corps program, similar to the former federal Young Adult
83 Conservation Corps program (29 USC 991 et seq.), for the purpose of
84 employing youth and young adults at facilities described in subsection

85 (b) of section 3 of this act that are operational and that have received
 86 proceeds from bonds pursuant to section 3 of this act. Under the
 87 program, the head of the organization that operates such facility shall
 88 set aside at least ten per cent of all employment positions at such
 89 facility for employable youth and young adults. Such set-aside shall
 90 commence in the fiscal year after the fiscal year when such proceeds
 91 are first received by the organization pursuant to section 3 of this act,
 92 and shall continue each fiscal year thereafter for a total of five fiscal
 93 years, except that the commissioner may grant an extension of time for
 94 the organization to comply with the requirements of this section, for
 95 good cause shown.

96 (b) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
 97 may conduct an audit of the financial, corporate and business records
 98 of such organization and conduct an investigation of such organization
 99 for the purpose of determining compliance with the requirements of
 100 this section.

101 (c) The commissioner, through the Attorney General, may bring an
 102 action on behalf of the state against any organization that fails to set
 103 aside employment positions in accordance with this section to seek
 104 compliance with this section or recovery of the reasonable amount of
 105 wages that would have been paid to employable youths and young
 106 adults by the organization had the organization complied with the
 107 requirements of this section.

108 (d) For the purposes of this section, "youth" has the meaning set
 109 forth in section 46b-120 of the general statutes, and "young adult"
 110 means an individual eighteen to twenty-five years of age, inclusive.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	New section

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