



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 568**

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House Bill No. 5358

*House of Representatives, April 23, 2012*

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through REP. WIDLITZ of the 98th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Construction  
2 Services, having reviewed applications for state grants for public  
3 school building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of the  
4 general statutes on the basis of priorities for such projects and  
5 standards for school construction established by the State Board of  
6 Education, and having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects  
7 ranked in order of priority, including a separate schedule of previously  
8 authorized projects which have changed substantially in scope or cost,  
9 as determined by the Commissioner of Construction Services together  
10 with the amount of the estimated grant with respect to each eligible  
11 project, and having submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to  
12 December 15, 2011, to a committee of the General Assembly  
13 established under section 10-283a of the general statutes for the  
14 purpose of reviewing such listing, is hereby authorized to enter into

15 grant commitments on behalf of the state in accordance with said  
 16 section 10-283 with respect to the priority listing of such projects and in  
 17 such estimated amounts as approved by said committee prior to  
 18 February 1, 2012, as follows:

19 (1) Estimated Grant Commitments.

T1	School District	Estimated	Estimated
T2	School	Project Costs	Grant
T3	Project Number		
T4			
T5	BERLIN		
T6	Berlin High School		
T7	0065 EA/RR	\$69,950,000	\$32,974,430
T8			
T9	HARTFORD		
T10	West Middle School		
T11	0303 EA/RR	54,600,000	43,680,000
T12			
T13	HARTFORD		
T14	Hartford Magnet Middle School		
T15	0304 MAG/EA	29,440,000	23,552,000
T16			
T17	WATERBURY		
T18	Bucks Hill School		
T19	0283 CV	500,000	394,650
T20			
T21	WATERBURY		
T22	Cross School		
T23	0284 CV	450,000	355,185
T24			
T25	BROOKLYN		
T26	Brooklyn Middle School		
T27	0027 EA	1,700,000	1,250,690
T28			
T29	GUILFORD		
T30	(New) Guilford High School		
T31	0100 N	92,220,800	28,653,003
T32			
T33	HARTFORD		
T34	Burns Academy for Latino Studies		
T35	0302 A	700,000	557,480

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T36			
T37	MERIDEN		
T38	Francis T. Maloney High School		
T39	0092 EA/RR	107,500,000	82,925,500
T40			
T41	MERIDEN		
T42	Orville H. Platt High School		
T43	0093 EA/RR	111,800,000	86,242,520
T44			
T45	MIDDLETOWN		
T46	Middletown Vo-Ag Center		
T47	0113 VE	50,000	47,500
T48			
T49	SOUTHINGTON		
T50	Carl M. Small Regional Vo-Ag		
T51	0126 VE	259,753	246,765
T52			
T53	STRATFORD		
T54	Stratford High School		
T55	0097 EA/RR	56,115,586	28,057,793
T56			
T57	VERNON		
T58	Rockville High School (Vo-Ag)		
T59	0134 VE	154,095	146,390
T60			
T61	WATERBURY		
T62	Wallace Middle/Crosby High		
T63	0285 EA	15,758,000	12,381,061
T64			
T65	REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 6		
T66	Wamogo Regional High School (Vo-Ag)		
T67	0048 VE	309,800	294,310
T68			
T69	REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 14		
T70	Nonnewaug High School (Vo-Ag)		
T71	0091 VA/VE	246,101	233,796
T72			
T73	REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 14		
T74	Nonnewaug High School (Vo-Ag)		
T75	0092 VE	246,508	234,183
T76			
T77	DANBURY		

T78	Danbury High School		
T79	0137 EC	4,073,767	2,196,983
T80			
T81	EASTFORD		
T82	Eastford Elementary School		
T83	0012 EC	150,000	90,000

20 (2) Previously Authorized Projects That Have Changed  
 21 Substantially in Scope or Cost which are Seeking First Reauthorization.

		Authorized	Requested
T84	School District		
T85	School		
T86	Project Number		
T87			
T88	GRISWOLD		
T89	Griswold Middle School		
T90	058-0034 EA/RR		
T91			
T92	Estimated...		
T93	Total Project Costs	\$34,000,000	\$30,697,319
T94	Total Grant	25,013,800	22,584,018
T95			
T96	MILFORD		
T97	Jonathan Law High School		
T98	084-0177 EA/EC		
T99			
T100	Estimated...		
T101	Total Project Costs	\$5,500,000	\$4,163,471
T102	Total Grant	2,141,150	1,620,839
T103			
T104	CREC		
T105	Medical Professions & Teacher		
T106	Preparation Magnet School		
T107	241-0096 MAG/N/PS		
T108			
T109	Estimated...		
T110	Total Project Costs	\$52,115,425	\$64,507,200
T111	Total Grant	49,509,654	61,281,840

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**ED**      *Joint Favorable C/R*      FIN  
**FIN**      *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 13 \$ and beyond
Construction Services, Dept.	GOBonds - Cost	353.3 million
Treasurer, Debt Serv.	GF - Cost	185.5 million

Note: GOBonds=General Obligation Bonds; GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 13 \$ and beyond
Local and Regional School Districts	Revenue Gain	353.3 million

**Explanation**

The bill approves state grant commitments for school construction projects on the education commissioner's project priority list. This authorizes \$344.5 million in state grant commitments for 20 new school construction projects of various types. It also reauthorizes a total of three previously authorized projects. These projects have changed substantially (more than 10%) in cost or scope. The reauthorizations increase state grant commitments by a net \$8.8 million from the amounts previously authorized for these projects. The total cost of the state's share of the priority list is anticipated to be approximately \$538.8 million; this includes \$353.3 million in principal payments, and \$185.5 million in interest payments. The state cost of \$353.3 million in GO bonds represents a revenue gain to various municipalities whose projects are included on the priority list.

**The Out Years**

The priority list is one-time in nature. However, the construction and reimbursement of the various projects will take place over a number of years. The entire cost and revenue gain will not be

completely realized in FY 13, but over the course of several years, depending on the construction schedule and progress of the various projects.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference  
Yea 33 Nay 0 (03/26/2012)

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable  
Yea 50 Nay 0 (04/03/2012)