



General Assembly

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF URBAN YOUTH
DELINQUENCY AND VIOLENCE.**

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 2013, 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. (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) For the purposes described in
25 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
26 the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
27 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
28 the aggregate one million five hundred thousand dollars.

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

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

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

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

46 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
47 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
48 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
49 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
50 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
51 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized

52 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
53 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
54 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
55 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
56 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
57 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
58 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
59 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
60 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
61 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
62 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
63 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
64 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
65 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
66 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
67 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
68 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
69 due.

70 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2013*) (a) The Commissioner of
71 Economic and Community Development shall, within available
72 appropriations, establish a Connecticut Young Adult Conservation
73 Corps program, similar to the former federal Young Adult
74 Conservation Corps program, 29 USC 991 et seq., for the purpose of
75 employing youth and young adults at facilities described in subsection
76 (b) of section 2 of this act that are operational and that have received
77 proceeds from bonds pursuant to section 2 of this act. Under the
78 program, the head of the organization that operates such facility shall
79 set aside at least ten per cent of all employment positions at such
80 facility for employable youth and young adults. Such set-aside shall
81 commence in the fiscal year after the fiscal year when such proceeds
82 are first received by the organization pursuant to section 2 of this act,
83 and shall continue each fiscal year thereafter for a total of five fiscal
84 years, except that the commissioner may grant an extension of time for
85 the organization to comply with the requirements of this section, for

86 good cause shown.

87 (b) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
 88 may conduct an audit of the financial, corporate and business records
 89 of such organization and conduct an investigation of such organization
 90 for the purpose of determining compliance with the requirements of
 91 this section.

92 (c) The commissioner, through the Attorney General, may bring an
 93 action on behalf of the state against any organization that fails to set
 94 aside employment positions in accordance with this section to seek
 95 compliance with this section or recovery of the reasonable amount of
 96 wages that would have been paid to employable youths and young
 97 adults by the organization had the organization complied with the
 98 requirements of this section.

99 (d) Not later than December first after the fiscal year in which
 100 proceeds are first received by an organization pursuant to section 2 of
 101 this act, and each December first thereafter for the next four fiscal
 102 years, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
 103 shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with
 104 section 11-4a of the general statutes, that includes an assessment and
 105 evaluation of the program established under this section.

106 (e) For the purposes of this section, "youth" has the meaning
 107 provided in section 46b-120 of the general statutes, and "young adult"
 108 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>July 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2013</i>	New section

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