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

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
4 section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the
5 State Board of Education or the Department of Construction Services
6 pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants
7 using the state standard space specifications, the town of Griswold
8 shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the
9 purpose of the calculation of the grant for the new construction project
10 at the Griswold Elementary School (Project Number 058-0035 N).

11 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
12 section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
13 State Board of Education or the Department of Construction Services
14 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30,

15 2012, or subsection (d) of said section 10-283, or any regulation
16 adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of
17 Construction Services requiring local funding authorization for the
18 local share of project costs prior to application, for the school
19 construction priority list to be considered by the General Assembly in
20 the 2013 regular legislative session, the Commissioner of Education
21 shall give review and the Commissioner of Construction Services shall
22 give review and approval priority to a project for the renovation and
23 expansion of the William J. Johnston Middle School in the town of
24 Colchester, provided a complete grant application with funding
25 authorization for the local share of the project costs and a complete
26 application is filed on or before November 30, 2012.

27 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
28 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general
29 statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or
30 the Department of Construction Services concerning projected
31 enrollment for a school building project for purposes of calculating
32 eligible costs for a school building project grant, the town of Bethel
33 may use one thousand one hundred forty as its projected enrollment
34 figure for the extension and alteration project (Project Number 009-
35 0057 EA) at Bethel High School.

36 Sec. 504. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
37 of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by
38 the State Board of Education or the Department of Construction
39 Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description
40 of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of
41 application for a school building project grant or the provisions of
42 subdivision (18) of section 10-282 of the general statutes, or any
43 regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department
44 of Construction Services pursuant to said section 10-282, the town of
45 Meriden may change the description of the extension and alteration
46 project (Project Number 080-0092 EA/RR) at Francis T. Maloney High
47 School and the extension and alteration project (Project Number 080-
48 0093 EA/RR) at Orville H. Platt High School to renovation projects and

49 subsequently qualify as renovation projects, as defined in subdivision
50 (18) of said section 10-282.

51 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general
52 statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or
53 the Department of Construction Services setting square footage
54 specifications for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school
55 building project grant, the town of Meriden may use two hundred
56 eighty thousand square feet eligible as the maximum square footage
57 for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project
58 Number 080-0092 EA/RR) at Francis T. Maloney High School and two
59 hundred sixty thousand square feet eligible as the maximum square
60 footage for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project
61 (Project Number 080-0093 EA/RR) at Orville H. Platt High School.

62 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (3) of subsection
63 (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted
64 by the State Board of Education or the Department of Construction
65 Services limiting reimbursement to one-half of the eligible percentage
66 of the net eligible cost of construction to a town for construction,
67 extension or major alteration of a natatorium or auditorium, the town
68 of Meriden shall receive full reimbursement of the eligible percentage
69 of the net eligible cost of the extension and alteration and roof
70 replacement project (Project Number 080-0092 EA/RR) at Francis T.
71 Maloney High School and the extension and alteration and roof
72 replacement project (Project Number 080-0093 EA/RR) at Orville H.
73 Platt High School.

74 Sec. 505. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
75 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
76 State Board of Education or the Department of Construction Services
77 requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have
78 been approved by the Department of Construction Services' bureau of
79 school facilities, the town of North Branford may let out for bid on and
80 commence a project for code violations (Project Number TMP-099-
81 WVD) at North Branford High School and shall be eligible to

82 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,
83 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
84 Department of Construction Services' bureau of school facilities.

85 Sec. 506. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
86 section 10-286d of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by
87 the State Board of Education or the Department of Construction
88 Services requiring that a site-acquisition grant be used for site-
89 acquisition costs, the town of Windham may use previously
90 authorized site-acquisition grant funds for other construction costs for
91 the new magnet school construction project (project Number 163-0071
92 MAG/N) at the Windham Magnet School.

93 Sec. 507. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
94 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
95 State Board of Education or the Department of Construction Services
96 requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have
97 been approved by the Department of Construction Services' bureau of
98 school facilities, the town of West Hartford may let out for bid on and
99 commence a project for a roof replacement (Project Number 155-0232
100 RR) at Aiken Elementary School and shall be eligible to subsequently
101 be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans
102 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
103 Construction Services' bureau of school facilities.

104 Sec. 508. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
105 section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the
106 State Board of Education, the Department of Construction Services
107 requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have
108 been approved by the Department of Construction Services' bureau of
109 school facilities, the town of West Hartford may let out for bid on and
110 commence a project for relocatable classrooms (Project Number 155-
111 0233 RE) at Bugbee Elementary School and shall be eligible to
112 subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state,
113 provided plans and specifications have been approved by the
114 Department of Construction Services' bureau of school facilities.

115 Sec. 509. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
116 chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under
117 said chapter, the town of West Hartford is authorized to illuminate the
118 athletic fields at Conard High School in an amount not to exceed two
119 hundred fifty thousand dollars and shall be subsequently eligible for
120 school construction grant assistance, provided a completed grant
121 application is submitted to the Department of Construction Services
122 prior to June 30, 2013. The full cost of the illumination project shall be
123 deemed eligible costs for the purpose of grant calculation. The grant
124 for construction assistance shall be calculated using the same rate of
125 reimbursement as assigned to school building projects for the town of
126 West Hartford.

127 Sec. 510. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
128 chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under
129 said chapter, the town of West Hartford is authorized to illuminate the
130 athletic fields at Hall High School in an amount not to exceed two
131 hundred fifty thousand dollars and shall be subsequently eligible for
132 school construction grant assistance provided a completed grant
133 application is submitted to the Department of Construction Services
134 prior to June 30, 2013. The full cost of the illumination project shall be
135 deemed eligible costs for the purpose of grant calculation. The grant
136 for construction assistance shall be calculated using the same rate of
137 reimbursement as assigned to school building projects for the town of
138 West Hartford.

139 Sec. 511. Section 10-286h of the 2012 supplement to the general
140 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
141 (*Effective from passage*):

142 (a) (1) The Department of Construction Services, in consultation
143 with the Department of Education, shall provide a school building
144 project grant in accordance with the provisions of this chapter for a
145 diversity school for any local or regional board of education that has
146 one or more schools under the jurisdiction of such board where the
147 proportion of pupils of racial minorities in all grades of the school is

148 greater than twenty-five per cent of the proportion of pupils of racial
149 minorities in the public schools in all of the same grades of the school
150 district in which said school is situated taken together, and (2) such
151 board has demonstrated evidence of a good-faith effort to correct the
152 existing disparity in the proportion of pupils of racial minorities in the
153 district, as determined by the Commissioner of Education. Such
154 diversity school shall be open to resident students of the school district
155 for the purpose of correcting the existing disparity in the proportion of
156 pupils of racial minorities in the district not later than five years after
157 the opening of the diversity school. For purposes of this section,
158 "pupils of racial minorities" means those whose race is defined as other
159 than white, or whose ethnicity is defined as Hispanic or Latino by the
160 federal Office of Management and Budget for use by the Bureau of
161 Census of the United States Department of Commerce.

162 (b) An eligible local or regional board of education shall apply to the
163 Commissioner of Construction Services, in accordance with the
164 provisions of this chapter, for a school building project grant pursuant
165 to this section. Such application shall include (1) evidence that the local
166 or regional board of education is developing policies to make residents
167 of the district aware that enrollment in the diversity school is open to
168 all eligible resident students, and (2) a plan for correcting the existing
169 disparity in the proportion of pupils of racial minorities in the district.
170 The Commissioner of Construction Services shall approve only
171 applications for reimbursement under this section that the
172 Commissioner of Education finds will assist eligible local and regional
173 boards of education in correcting the existing disparity in the
174 proportion of pupils of racial minorities in the district.

175 (c) Eligible local or regional boards of education, for purposes of a
176 diversity school, shall be eligible for reimbursement of eighty per cent
177 of the reasonable cost of any capital expenditure for the purchase,
178 construction, extension, replacement, leasing or major alteration of
179 diversity school facilities, including any expenditure for the purchase
180 of equipment, in accordance with this section. To be eligible for
181 reimbursement under this section, a diversity school construction

182 project shall meet the requirements for a school building project
183 established in this chapter, except that the Commissioner of
184 Construction Services may waive any requirement in this chapter for
185 good cause.

186 [(d) (1) The Commissioner of Education shall conduct a
187 programmatic audit five years after the opening of a diversity school
188 to examine whether the local or regional board of education has
189 corrected the disparity in the proportion of pupils of racial minorities
190 in the district. If the Commissioner of Education determines that the
191 local or regional board of education has not made significant progress
192 in correcting the existing disparity in the proportion of pupils of racial
193 minorities in the district, the Commissioner of Education shall provide
194 notice that such board may be responsible for repaying the
195 Department of Construction Services in accordance with the
196 provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection if significant progress is
197 not made in correcting the existing disparity in the proportion of
198 pupils of racial minorities in the district one year following the audit
199 conducted pursuant to this subsection.

200 (2) If the Commissioner of Education determines a local or regional
201 board of education has not made significant progress in correcting the
202 existing disparity in the proportion of pupils of racial minorities in the
203 district one year following the notice provided in subdivision (1) of
204 this subsection, such board shall be responsible for repaying the cost of
205 capital expenditures for such diversity school in an amount to be
206 calculated by the Department of Construction Services pursuant to this
207 subdivision and that is the difference between the reimbursement
208 percentage received pursuant to subsection (d) of this section and the
209 reimbursement percentage calculated in accordance with the
210 provisions of section 10-285a. The department shall (A) compute the
211 local share of the project cost in accordance with the provisions of this
212 chapter, (B) determine a repayment schedule of the local share based
213 on twenty equal annual principal payments, (C) apply a fixed rate of
214 interest, as determined by the State Treasurer, over the life of the
215 repayment period, and (D) determine a schedule of interest payments

216 due from the town where the diversity school is located based on the
217 outstanding principal at the time each principal payment is made.]

218 Sec. 512. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
219 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general
220 statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or
221 the Department of Construction Services concerning projected
222 enrollment for a school building project for purposes of calculating
223 eligible costs for a school building project grant, the town of Stamford
224 may use one thousand four hundred as its projected enrollment figure
225 for the alteration and code violation project (Project Number 135-0203
226 A/CV) at Rippowam Middle School.

227 Sec. 513. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
228 subdivision (1) of section 501 of this act and section 10-264h of the
229 general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of
230 Education or the Department of Construction Services concerning the
231 reimbursement rate for the construction of interdistrict magnet
232 schools, the town of Hartford may use ninety-five per cent as the
233 reimbursement rate for the extension and alteration project of an
234 interdistrict magnet facility (Project Number 064-0304 MAG/EA) at
235 the Hartford Magnet Middle School.

236 Sec. 514. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
237 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general
238 statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or
239 the Department of Construction Services concerning projected
240 enrollment for a school building project for purposes of calculating
241 eligible costs for a school building project grant, the board of education
242 for Regional School District 14 may use seven hundred twenty-seven
243 as its projected enrollment figure and a grade range of grades six to
244 eight, inclusive, for the extension and alteration project (Project
245 Number 214-0073 EA) at Woodbury Middle School.

246 Sec. 515. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
247 section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the

248 State Board of Education or the Department of Construction Services
249 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30,
250 2012, or subsection (d) of section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any
251 regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department
252 of Construction Services requiring local funding authorization for the
253 local share of project costs prior to application, for the school
254 construction priority list to be considered by the General Assembly in
255 the 2013 regular legislative session, the Commissioner of Education
256 shall give review and the Commissioner of Construction Services shall
257 give review and approval priority to a project for the renovation and
258 expansion of the New London High School in the town of New
259 London, provided a complete grant application with funding
260 authorization for the local share of the project costs and a complete
261 application is filed on or before November 1, 2012.

262 Sec. 516. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
263 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general
264 statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or
265 the Department of Construction Services concerning projected
266 enrollment for a school building project for purposes of calculating
267 eligible costs for a school building project grant, the town of
268 Middletown may use four hundred seventy-five as its projected
269 enrollment figure for the alteration and roof replacement project
270 (Project Number 083-0105 A/RR) at Lawrence Elementary School.

271 Sec. 517. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
272 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general
273 statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or
274 the Department of Construction Services concerning projected
275 enrollment for a school building project for purposes of calculating
276 eligible costs for a school building project grant, the town of
277 Middletown may use four hundred fifty as its projected enrollment
278 figure for the extension and alteration project (Project Number 083-
279 0106 EA) at Wesley Elementary School.

280 Sec. 518. Section 30 of public act 07-249, as amended by section 23 of

281 public act 07-3 of the June special session and section 104 of public act
282 11-57, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
283 (*Effective from passage*):

284 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of title 10 of the general statutes,
285 a local or regional school district that is a (1) district for a town (A)
286 with a population greater than twenty thousand, but not more than
287 thirty thousand, and (B) that is less than six square miles in area, in
288 which at least fifty per cent of the property is exempt from taxation
289 pursuant to chapter 203 of the general statutes, and (2) priority school
290 district pursuant to section 10-266p of the general statutes shall qualify
291 as an interdistrict magnet district.

292 (b) (1) The Commissioner of Education may designate as many as
293 two schools under the jurisdiction of such district as interdistrict
294 magnet schools for the purposes of section 10-264h of the general
295 statutes, provided the district submits a plan to the commissioner
296 detailing how the district will meet the enrollment requirements
297 provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection and the
298 commissioner deems such plan reasonable. The total grant amount for
299 projects for both schools shall not be more than ten million dollars
300 more than the grant amount such district would have otherwise
301 received for such projects pursuant to the provisions of section 10-286
302 of the general statutes. No school in such district shall be eligible to
303 receive a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-264l of the
304 general statutes, unless such school operates as an "interdistrict
305 magnet school program", as defined in subsection (a) of said section
306 10-264l, and meets the district-wide enrollment requirements pursuant
307 to subdivision (2) of this subsection.

308 (2) Not later than three years after the reopening of the schools of
309 the interdistrict magnet school district following school construction
310 projects for such schools, reimbursed at the rate provided for in section
311 10-264h of the general statutes, the local or regional board of education
312 of such district shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
313 of the general statutes, report to the joint standing committee of the

314 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
315 on the progress of such district in enrolling students from other school
316 districts. If such district does not, on or before June 30, 2015, enroll
317 students from other districts at a rate that is at least fifteen per cent of
318 its total district-wide enrollment, such district shall be liable to the
319 state for repayment of the amount representing the difference between
320 the school building project grant received pursuant to this section and
321 section 10-264h of the general statutes, and the grant such district
322 would have otherwise received for such projects pursuant to the
323 provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes.

324 (3) For purposes of this subsection, "district-wide enrollment" means
325 the total number of students enrolled in the New London public
326 schools.

327 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general
328 statutes, as amended by [this act] public act 07-249, or any regulation
329 adopted by the State Board of Education requiring a completed grant
330 application be submitted prior to June 30, 2006, or subsection (d) of
331 section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
332 board requiring local funding authorization for the local share of
333 project costs prior to application, the projects for the local or regional
334 school district that qualifies as an interdistrict magnet school district
335 under subsection (a) of this section shall be included in subdivision (1)
336 of section 1 of [this act] public act 07-249, provided the school district
337 secures the funding authorization for the local share and files a
338 completed grant application prior to June 30, 2008, and meets all other
339 provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation
340 adopted by the State Board of Education, except as provided for in this
341 section.

342 (d) Any school so designated by the commissioner as a magnet
343 school under this section that enrolls less than twenty-five per cent of
344 the school's students from a town outside of the school district in
345 which such school is located shall be eligible to receive a per pupil
346 grant, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-264l of the general

347 statutes, for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the town in
348 which such school is located.

349 Sec. 519. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
350 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 10-283
351 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted pursuant to said
352 section 10-283 requiring any town or regional school district to refund
353 the unamortized balance of a school construction grant if the town or
354 regional school district abandons, sells, leases, demolishes or otherwise
355 redirects the use of a school building to other than a public school, the
356 town of Guilford shall not be required to refund up to six hundred
357 fifteen thousand dollars in total if portions of Guilford Public High
358 School are redirected for another use prior to June 30, 2015.

359 Sec. 520. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
360 of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by
361 the State Board of Education or the Department of Construction
362 Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description
363 of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of
364 application for a school building project grant and the provisions of
365 subdivision (18) of section 10-282 of the general statutes, or any
366 regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department
367 of Construction Services pursuant to said section 10-282 concerning the
368 definition of renovation, the town of Waterford may change the
369 description of the extension and alteration project (Project Number
370 152-0102 EA) at Waterford High School to a renovation project and
371 subsequently qualify as a renovation, as defined in subdivision (18) of
372 said section 10-282 and qualify for waivers as defined in subdivision
373 (8) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes.

374 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general
375 statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education of
376 the Department of Construction Services pursuant to said section 10-
377 283 limiting the number of times a project may be submitted to the
378 legislature for authorization due to a change in cost or score, or
379 requiring that no such project that has changed in scope or cost to the

380 degree determined by the commissioner shall be eligible for
381 reimbursement under this chapter unless it appears on such list, the
382 change in cost and scope identified above shall be deemed to have
383 been authorized by the legislature and shall not be considered when
384 determining the number of times the project is submitted for
385 authorization by either the Department of Education or the
386 Department of Construction Services.

387 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general
388 statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or
389 the Department of Construction Services requiring that a bid not be let
390 out until plans and specifications have been approved by the
391 Department of Construction Services' bureau of school facilities, the
392 town of Waterford may let out for bid on and commence a project for
393 the renovation (Project Number 152-0102 RENO) of Waterford High
394 School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant
395 commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have
396 been approved by the Department of Construction Services' bureau of
397 school facilities.

398 Sec. 521. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
399 of subdivision (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general
400 statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or
401 the Department of Construction Services regarding eligible costs for
402 roof replacement projects, the town of Fairfield may replace the roof at
403 Warde High School (Project Number 051-BWQX) and be eligible to
404 receive a grant based on the eligible percentages determined pursuant
405 to subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of said section 10-286 of the
406 eligible project costs.

407 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection
408 (b) of section 10-291 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted
409 by the State Board of Education or the Department of Construction
410 Services requiring that the total replacement of an existing roof have a
411 minimum roof pitch of one-half inch per foot, the town of Fairfield
412 may use a roof pitch that is less than one-half inch per foot for the roof

413 replacement project (Project Number 051-BWQX) at Warde High
414 School and shall be eligible to be considered for a grant commitment
415 from the state.

416 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general
417 statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or
418 the Department of Construction Services requiring that a bid not be let
419 out until plans and specifications have been approved by the
420 Department of Construction Service's bureau of school facilities, the
421 town of Fairfield may let out for bid on and commence a project for
422 roof replacement (Project Number 051-BWQX) at Warde High School
423 and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant
424 commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have
425 been approved by the Department of Construction Service's bureau of
426 school facilities.

427 Sec. 522. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
428 of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by
429 the State Board of Education or the Department of Construction
430 Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description
431 of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of
432 application for a school building project grant or the provisions of
433 section 10-282 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
434 State Board of Education pursuant to said section 10-282, the town of
435 Bridgeport may change the description of the extension and alteration
436 project (Project Number 015-0167 EA) at Longfellow School to a new
437 project (Project Number 015-0167 N) and subsequently qualify as a
438 new project, provided the increase in the grant commitment due to
439 such change from an extension and alteration project to a new
440 construction project shall not exceed twenty-three million two
441 hundred thousand dollars.

442 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-284 of the general
443 statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or
444 the Department of Construction Services requiring that a town or
445 regional school district begin construction on a project not later than

446 two years after the effective date of the act of the General Assembly
447 authorizing the Commissioner of Education to enter into grant
448 commitments for such project, the town of Bridgeport shall have until
449 June 30, 2014, to begin construction on a new construction project
450 (Project Number 015-0167 N) at Longfellow School.

451 Sec. 523. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
452 chapter 173 of the general statutes authorizing the Commissioner of
453 Construction Services to enter into grant commitments for school
454 building projects and the amount of grants approved by the
455 commissioner under said chapter, the town of Bridgeport may receive
456 an increase to the project budget in an amount not to exceed one
457 million five hundred thousand dollars for the extension and alteration
458 project (Project Number 015-0164 EA) at Columbus School in order to
459 cover the costs associated with polychlorinated biphenyl
460 contamination, provided the town of Bridgeport seeks recovery of
461 damages at law or equity for such polychlorinated biphenyl
462 contamination and any award of damages arising out of litigation or
463 settlement of claims for such polychlorinated biphenyl contamination
464 shall be applied against the school building project grant awarded
465 under chapter 173 of the general statutes for such extension and
466 alteration project.

467 Sec. 524. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
468 section 10-284 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the
469 State Board of Education or the Department of Construction Services
470 requiring that a town or regional school district begin construction on
471 a project not later than two years after the effective date of the act of
472 the General Assembly authorizing the Commissioner of Construction
473 Services to enter into grant commitments for such project, the town of
474 New Haven shall have until June 30, 2014, to begin construction on a
475 new interdistrict magnet school (Project Number 093-0357
476 MAG/NEW) known as the Engineering and Science University
477 Magnet School near the University of New Haven in West Haven.

478 Sec. 525. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of

479 section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
480 State Board of Education or the Department of Construction Services
481 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30,
482 2011, and the provisions of section 10-66bb of the general statutes
483 concerning limitations on enrollment, a purchase of site and new
484 construction project for Achievement First Amistad High School in
485 New Haven with costs not to exceed thirty-five million dollars shall be
486 included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act, provided a complete
487 grant application is submitted prior to June 30, 2013. Such building
488 project shall be eligible for a reimbursement rate of sixty-eight and
489 ninety-three hundredths per cent. All final calculations completed by
490 the Department of Construction Services for such school building
491 project shall include a computation of the state grant for the school
492 building project amortized on a straight line basis over a twenty year
493 period. If such building ceases to be used as Achievement First
494 Amistad High School during such amortization period, the governing
495 authority of Achievement First Amistad High School shall refund to
496 the state the unamortized balance of the state grant remaining as of the
497 date the alternate use for the building project initially occurs. The
498 amortization period for a project shall begin on the date the project
499 was accepted as complete by the governing authority.

500 Sec. 526. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
501 of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by
502 the State Board of Education or the Department of Construction
503 Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description
504 of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of
505 application for a school building project grant, the Capitol Region
506 Education Council may change the description and scope of the
507 following projects to a facility purchase and extension and alteration
508 and roof replacement project: Academy of Aerospace (Project Number
509 241-0099), Discovery Academy (Project Number 241-0100) and
510 Museum Academy (Project Number 241-0101).

511 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10-283 and 10-286d
512 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of

513 Education or the Department of Construction Services pursuant to said
514 section 10-283 requiring that the estimated total project costs be made
515 at the time of application for a school building project grant, the
516 Capitol Region Education Council may increase the costs associated
517 with site or site and facility acquisition such that the total estimated
518 project costs are increased as follows for the following projects: Reggio
519 Magnet School of the Arts (Project Number 241-0095) to thirty-one
520 million four hundred sixty-nine thousand five hundred dollars,
521 International Magnet School for Global Citizenship (Project Number
522 241-0098) to twenty-six million five hundred sixty-four thousand three
523 hundred five dollars, Academy of Aerospace (Project Number 241-
524 0099) to seventy-two million nine hundred ninety-three thousand
525 dollars and Discovery Academy (Project Number 241-0100) thirty-five
526 million six hundred seventy-five thousand dollars.

527 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general
528 statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or
529 the Department of Construction Services pursuant to said section 10-
530 283 limiting the number of times a project may be submitted to the
531 legislature for authorization due to a change in cost or scope, or
532 requiring that no such project that has changed in scope or cost to the
533 degree determined by the commissioner shall be eligible for
534 reimbursement under this chapter unless it appears on such list, the
535 change in cost and scope identified in subsections (a) and (b) of this
536 section shall be deemed to have been authorized by the legislature and
537 shall not be considered when determining the number of times the
538 project is submitted for authorization by either the Department of
539 Education or the Department of Construction Services.

540 Sec. 527. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
541 section 10-264h or chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation
542 adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of
543 Construction Services pursuant to said section 10-264h or chapter 173
544 concerning eligible costs for school building project grant
545 reimbursement, reasonable costs as determined by the Commissioner
546 of Education associated with short-term or temporary financing costs,

547 including interest, necessary for the construction of the interdistrict
548 magnet schools described in this section, shall be considered eligible
549 for grant assistance for each of the following projects authorized for
550 the Capitol Region Education Council: Reggio Magnet School of the
551 Arts (Project Number 241-0095), International Magnet School for
552 Global Citizenship (Project Number 241-0098), Public Safety Academy
553 (Project Number 241-0097), Medical Professions and Teacher
554 Preparation Academy (Project Number 241-0096), Academy of
555 Aerospace (Project Number 241-0099), Discovery Academy (Project
556 Number 241-0100) and Museum Academy (Project Number 241-0101).

557 Sec. 528. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
558 section 10-283 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the
559 State Board of Education or the Department of Construction Services
560 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30,
561 2011, and the provisions of section 10-66bb of the general statutes
562 concerning limitations on enrollment, an extension and alteration
563 project for Common Ground High School in New Haven with costs
564 not to exceed four million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1)
565 of section 1 of this act, provided a complete grant application is
566 submitted prior to June 30, 2013. Such building project shall be eligible
567 for a reimbursement rate of seventy-eight and ninety-three hundredths
568 per cent. All final calculations completed by the Department of
569 Construction Services for such school building project shall include a
570 computation of the state grant for the school building project
571 amortized on a straight line basis over a twenty year period. If such
572 building ceases to be used as Common Ground High School during
573 such amortization period, the governing authority of Common
574 Ground High School shall refund to the state the unamortized balance
575 of the state grant remaining as of the date the alternate use for the
576 building project initially occurs. The amortization period for a project
577 shall begin on the date the project was accepted as complete by the
578 governing authority.

579 Sec. 529. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
580 chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under

581 said chapter 173, the town of Hartford is authorized to construct a
 582 connector road and rail crossing between Weaver High School and the
 583 University of Hartford in an amount not to exceed two million one
 584 hundred thousand dollars and shall be eligible to subsequently be
 585 considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided a
 586 completed grant application is submitted to the Department of
 587 Construction Services prior to June 30, 2013, provided further plans
 588 and specifications have been approved by the Department of
 589 Construction Service's bureau of school facilities and provided further
 590 an audit is conducted pursuant to section 10-287 of the general statutes
 591 prior to final payment of such grant commitment. The full cost of the
 592 connector road and rail crossing project shall be deemed eligible costs
 593 for the purpose of grant calculation. The grant for construction
 594 assistance shall be calculated using the same rate of reimbursement as
 595 assigned to school building projects for the town of Hartford."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Sec. 510	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 511	<i>from passage</i>	10-286h
Sec. 512	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Sec. 517	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 518	<i>from passage</i>	PA 07-249, Sec. 30
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