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"AN ACT CONCERNING JOBS AND THE ECONOMY."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 32-7g of the 2012 supplement to the general
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective from passage*):

6 (a) There is established within the Department of Economic and
7 Community Development the Small Business Express program. Said

8 program shall provide small businesses with various forms of financial
9 assistance, using a streamlined application process to expedite the
10 delivery of such assistance. The Commissioner of Economic and
11 Community Development, at his or her discretion, may partner with
12 the lenders in the Connecticut Credit Consortium, established
13 pursuant to section 32-9yy, in order to fulfill the requirements of this
14 section. A small business eligible for assistance through said program
15 shall, as of [October 27, 2011] the effective date of this section, (1)
16 employ, on at least fifty per cent of its working days during the
17 preceding twelve months, not more than [fifty] one hundred
18 employees, (2) [be a Connecticut-based business with] have operations
19 in Connecticut, (3) have been registered to conduct business [in this
20 state] for not less than twelve months, and (4) be in good standing with
21 the payment of all state and local taxes and with all state agencies.

22 (b) The Small Business Express program shall consist of various
23 components, including (1) a revolving loan fund, as described in
24 subsection (d) of this section, to support small business growth, (2) a
25 job creation incentive component, as described in subsection (e) of this
26 section, to support hiring, and (3) a matching grant component, as
27 described in subsection (f) of this section, to provide capital to small
28 businesses that can match the state grant amount. The Commissioner
29 of Economic and Community Development shall work with eligible
30 small business applicants to provide a package of assistance using [not
31 only] the financial assistance provided by the Small Business Express
32 program [but also] and may refer small business applicants to the
33 Subsidized Training and Employment program established pursuant
34 to section 31-3pp and any other appropriate state program.
35 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 32-5a regarding relocation
36 limits, the department may require, as a condition of receiving
37 financial assistance pursuant to this section, that a small business
38 receiving such assistance shall not relocate, as defined in said section
39 32-5a, for five years after receiving such assistance or during the term
40 of the loan, whichever is longer. All other conditions and penalties
41 imposed pursuant to said section 32-5a shall continue to apply to such

42 small business.

43 (c) The commissioner shall establish a streamlined application
44 process for the Small Business Express program. The small business
45 applicant may receive assistance pursuant to said program not later
46 than thirty days after submitting a completed application to the
47 department. Any small business meeting the eligibility criteria in
48 subsection (a) of this section may apply to said program. The
49 commissioner shall give priority for available funding to (1) small
50 businesses creating jobs, and (2) economic base industries, as defined
51 in subsection (d) of section 32-222, including, but not limited to, those
52 in the fields of precision manufacturing, business services, green and
53 sustainable technology, bioscience and information technology.

54 (d) (1) There is established as part of the Small Business Express
55 program a revolving loan fund to provide loans to eligible small
56 businesses. Such loans shall be used for acquisition or purchase of
57 machinery and equipment, construction or leasehold improvements,
58 relocation expenses, working capital or other business-related
59 expenses, as authorized by the commissioner.

60 (2) Loans from the revolving loan fund may be in amounts from ten
61 thousand dollars to a maximum of one hundred thousand dollars,
62 shall carry a maximum repayment rate of four per cent and shall be for
63 a term of not more than [five] ten years. The department shall review
64 and approve loan terms, conditions and collateral requirements in a
65 manner that prioritizes job growth and retention.

66 (3) Any eligible small business meeting the eligibility criteria in
67 subsection (a) of this section may apply for assistance from the
68 revolving loan fund, but the commissioner shall give priority to
69 applicants that, as part of their business plan, are creating new jobs
70 that will be maintained for not less than twelve consecutive months.

71 (e) (1) There is established as part of the Small Business Express
72 program a job creation incentive component to provide loans for job
73 creation to small businesses meeting the eligibility criteria in

74 subsection (a) of this section, with the option of loan forgiveness based
75 on the maintenance of an increased number of jobs for not less than
76 twelve consecutive months. Such loans may be used for training,
77 marketing, working capital or other expenses, as approved by the
78 commissioner, that support job creation.

79 (2) Loans under the job creation incentive component may be in
80 amounts from ten thousand dollars to a maximum of [two hundred
81 fifty] three hundred thousand dollars, shall carry a maximum
82 repayment rate of four per cent and shall be for a term of not more
83 than ten years. Payments on such loans may be deferred, and all or
84 part of such loan may be forgiven, based upon the commissioner's
85 assessment of the small business's attainment of job creation goals. The
86 department shall review and approve loan terms, conditions and
87 collateral requirements in a manner that prioritizes job creation.

88 (f) (1) There is established as part of the Small Business Express
89 program a matching grant component to provide grants for capital to
90 small businesses meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this
91 section. Such small businesses shall match any state funds awarded
92 under this program. Grant funds may be used for ongoing or new
93 training, working capital, acquisition or purchase of machinery and
94 equipment, construction or leasehold improvements, relocation within
95 the state or other business-related expenses authorized by the
96 commissioner.

97 (2) Matching grants provided under the matching grant component
98 may be in amounts from ten thousand dollars to a maximum of one
99 hundred thousand dollars. The commissioner shall prioritize
100 applicants for matching grants based upon the likelihood that such
101 grants will assist applicants in maintaining job growth.

102 (g) Not later than June 30, 2012, and every six months thereafter, the
103 commissioner shall provide a report, in accordance with the provisions
104 of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General
105 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue

106 and bonding, appropriations, commerce and labor. Such report shall
107 include available data on (1) the number of small businesses that
108 applied to the Small Business Express program, (2) the number of
109 small businesses that received assistance under said program and the
110 general categories of such businesses, (3) the amounts and types of
111 assistance provided, (4) the total number of jobs on the date of
112 application and the number proposed to be created or retained, and (5)
113 the most recent employment figures of the small businesses receiving
114 assistance. The contents of such report shall also be included in the
115 department's annual report.

116 Sec. 2. Section 2 of public act 11-1 of the October special session is
117 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
118 *passage*):

119 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
120 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to
121 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
122 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred
123 million dollars, provided fifty million dollars of said authorization
124 shall be effective July 1, 2012.

125 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
126 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
127 Department of Economic and Community Development for the
128 purpose of the Small Business Express program established pursuant
129 to section [1 of this act] 32-7g of the general statutes, as amended by
130 this act, provided (1) [twenty] ten million dollars of the amount stated
131 in subsection (a) of this section may be used, in each of fiscal years
132 2012 and 2013, for the revolving loan fund established pursuant to
133 subsection (d) of section [1 of this act] 32-7g of the general statutes, as
134 amended by this act, (2) [ten] twenty million dollars of the amount
135 stated in subsection (a) of this section may be used, in each of fiscal
136 years 2012 and 2013, for the job creation incentive component
137 established pursuant to subsection (e) of section [1 of this act] 32-7g of
138 the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (3) twenty million

139 dollars of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section may be
140 used, in each of fiscal years 2012 and 2013, for the matching grant
141 component established pursuant to subsection (f) of section [1 of this
142 act] 32-7g of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Any time at
143 which an amount in subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection is used
144 for a component of the Small Business Express program other than that
145 specified in said subdivision (1), (2) or (3), the Commissioner of
146 Economic and Community Development shall report, in accordance
147 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
148 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
149 matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding, commerce and labor,
150 detailing the amount of the proceeds of the sale of said bonds that was
151 so used and how such amount was divided among said components.

152 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
153 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
154 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
155 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
156 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
157 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
158 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
159 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
160 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
161 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
162 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
163 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
164 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
165 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
166 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
167 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
168 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
169 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
170 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
171 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
172 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual

173 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
174 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
175 due.

176 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an
177 account to be known as the "small business express assistance account"
178 which will be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund.
179 The account shall contain any money required by law to be deposited
180 in the account. Repayment of principal and interest on loans shall be
181 credited to such fund and shall become part of the assets of the fund.
182 Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Department of
183 Economic and Community Development for the purposes of the Small
184 Business Express program established pursuant to section 32-7g of the
185 general statutes, as amended by this act. All moneys received for the
186 purposes of the Small Business Express program and payments of
187 principal and interest on any loans given under said program shall be
188 credited to the account.

189 (b) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
190 may provide for the payment of any administrative expenses or other
191 costs incurred by the department or its lender partners in carrying out
192 the purposes of the Small Business Express program not to exceed four
193 per cent of funding from this program from the account established
194 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

195 Sec. 4. Section 31-3pp of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes
196 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
197 *from passage*):

198 (a) For purposes of this section:

199 (1) "Department" means the Labor Department;

200 (2) "Eligible small business" means a business that (A) employed not
201 more than [fifty] one hundred full-time employees on at least fifty per
202 cent of its working days during the preceding twelve months, (B) [is a
203 Connecticut-based business with] has operations in Connecticut, (C)

204 has been registered to conduct business [in this state] for not less than
205 twelve months, and (D) is in good standing with the payment of all
206 state and local taxes; [. "Eligible small business" does not include a
207 retailer, as defined in section 42-371;]

208 (3) "Control", with respect to a corporation, means ownership,
209 directly or indirectly, of stock possessing fifty per cent or more of the
210 total combined voting power of all classes of the stock of such
211 corporation entitled to vote. "Control", with respect to a trust, means
212 ownership, directly or indirectly, of fifty per cent or more of the
213 beneficial interest in the principal or income of such trust. The
214 ownership of stock in a corporation, of a capital or profits interest in a
215 partnership, limited liability company or association or of a beneficial
216 interest in a trust shall be determined in accordance with the rules for
217 constructive ownership of stock provided in Section 267(c) of the
218 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
219 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
220 amended, other than paragraph (3) of said Section 267(c);

221 (4) "Related person" means (A) a corporation, limited liability
222 company, partnership, association or trust controlled by the eligible
223 small business, (B) an individual, corporation, limited liability
224 company, partnership, association or trust that is in control of the
225 eligible small business, (C) a corporation, limited liability company,
226 partnership, association or trust controlled by an individual,
227 corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association or trust
228 that is in control of the eligible small business, or (D) a member of the
229 same controlled group as the eligible small business;

230 (5) "Eligible small manufacturer" means an eligible small business
231 described in sectors 31 to 33, inclusive, of the North American Industry
232 Classification System, that employed not more than [fifty] one
233 hundred employees on at least fifty per cent of its working days
234 during the preceding twelve months.

235 (b) (1) There is established within the Labor Department a

236 Subsidized Training and Employment program for eligible small
237 businesses and eligible small manufacturers. Said program shall
238 provide grants to such businesses and manufacturers to subsidize, for
239 the first [six months] one hundred eighty calendar days after a person
240 is hired, a part of the cost of employment, including any costs related
241 to training. No such business or manufacturer receiving a grant under
242 this section with respect to a new employee or newly hired person may
243 receive a second grant under this section with respect to the same new
244 employee or newly hired person.

245 (2) [The] At the discretion of the Labor Commissioner, the
246 department may use up to four per cent of any funds allocated
247 pursuant to section 5 of public act 11-1 of the October special session,
248 as amended by this act, for the purpose of retaining outside
249 consultants [to administer] or the Workforce Investment Boards to
250 operate the Subsidized Training and Employment program.

251 (3) In fiscal year 2013, the department may use up to four per cent of
252 any funds allocated pursuant to section 5 of public act 11-1 of the
253 October special session, as amended by this act, in said fiscal year for
254 the purpose of the marketing and operation of the Subsidized Training
255 and Employment program.

256 (c) (1) An eligible small business may apply to the department for a
257 grant to subsidize on-the-job training and compensation for a new
258 employee, where "new employee" means a person who (A) was
259 unemployed immediately prior to employment, regardless of whether
260 such person collected unemployment compensation benefits as a result
261 of such unemployment, (B) is a resident of a municipality that has (i)
262 an unemployment rate that is equal to or higher than the state
263 unemployment rate as of September 1, 2011, or (ii) a population of
264 eighty thousand or more, and (C) has a family income equal to or less
265 than two hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty level, adjusted
266 for family size. "New employee" does not include a person who was
267 employed in this state by a related person with respect to the eligible
268 small business during the prior twelve months or a person employed

269 on a temporary or seasonal basis by a retailer, as defined in section 42-
270 371.

271 (2) Grants to eligible small businesses under the Subsidized
272 Training and Employment program shall be in the following amounts:
273 (A) For the first [full calendar month] thirty calendar days a new
274 employee is employed, one hundred per cent of an amount
275 representing the hourly wage of such new employee, exclusive of any
276 benefits, but in no event shall such amount exceed twenty dollars per
277 hour; (B) for the [second and third full calendar months] thirty-first to
278 ninetieth, inclusive, calendar days, seventy-five per cent of such
279 amount; (C) for the [fourth and fifth full calendar months] ninety-first
280 to one hundred fiftieth, inclusive, calendar days, fifty per cent of such
281 amount; and (D) for the [sixth full calendar month] one hundred fifty-
282 first to one hundred eightieth, inclusive, calendar days, twenty-five per
283 cent of such amount. Grants shall be cancelled as of the date the new
284 employee leaves employment with the eligible small business.

285 (d) (1) An eligible small manufacturer may apply to the department
286 for a grant to be used to train and compensate persons newly hired by
287 such manufacturer. Any training shall be provided by such
288 manufacturer, and take place on such manufacturer's premises, but no
289 existing formal training program shall be required. The [department]
290 Labor Commissioner, or said commissioner's designee, shall review
291 and approve such manufacturer's description of the proposed training
292 as part of the application.

293 (2) Grants awarded to an eligible small manufacturer pursuant to
294 this subsection shall subsidize the costs of training and compensating
295 each person newly hired by such manufacturer. In no event shall a
296 grant exceed the salary of the newly hired person. Maximum amounts
297 of each grant are: For the first full calendar month a newly hired
298 person is employed, up to two thousand five hundred dollars; for the
299 second month, up to two thousand four hundred dollars; for the third
300 month, up to two thousand two hundred dollars; for the fourth month,
301 up to two thousand dollars; for the fifth month, up to one thousand

302 eight hundred dollars; and for the sixth month, up to one thousand six
303 hundred dollars. No grant shall exceed a total amount of twelve
304 thousand five hundred dollars per newly hired person. A grant may be
305 cancelled as of the date such person leaves employment with the
306 eligible small manufacturer.

307 (e) Not later than ~~[June 30, 2012, and every six months]~~ July 15, 2012,
308 and annually thereafter, and January 15, 2013, and annually thereafter,
309 the Labor Commissioner shall provide a report, in accordance with the
310 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the
311 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance,
312 revenue and bonding, appropriations, commerce and labor. Said
313 report shall include available data, for the six-month period ending on
314 the last day of the calendar month preceding such report, on (1) the
315 number of small businesses that participated in the Subsidized
316 Training and Employment program established pursuant to subsection
317 (c) of this section, and the general categories of such businesses, (2) the
318 number of small manufacturers that participated in the Subsidized
319 Training and Employment program established pursuant to subsection
320 (d) of this section, and the general categories of such manufacturers, (3)
321 the number of individuals that received employment, and (4) the most
322 recent estimate of the number of jobs created or maintained.

323 (f) The Labor Commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance
324 with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of this
325 section.

326 Sec. 5. Section 5 of public act 11-1 of the October special session is
327 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
328 *passage*):

329 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
330 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to
331 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
332 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate twenty million
333 dollars, provided ten million dollars of said authorization shall be

334 effective July 1, 2012.

335 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
336 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
337 Labor Department for the purpose of the Subsidized Training and
338 Employment program established pursuant to section [4 of this act] 31-
339 3pp of the general statutes, as amended by this act, provided (1) [five]
340 ten million dollars of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section
341 shall be used in [each of] fiscal years 2012, [and] 2013 and 2014 for the
342 small business program established pursuant to [subsection (c) of
343 section 4 of this act] section 31-3pp of the general statutes, as amended
344 by this act, and (2) [five] ten million dollars of the amount stated in
345 subsection (a) of this section shall be used in [each of] fiscal years 2012,
346 [and] 2013 and 2014 for the small manufacturer program established
347 pursuant to [subsection (d) of section 4 of this act] section 31-3pp of the
348 general statutes, as amended by this act.

349 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
350 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
351 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
352 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
353 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
354 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
355 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
356 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
357 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
358 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
359 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
360 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
361 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
362 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
363 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
364 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
365 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
366 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
367 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and

368 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
369 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
370 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
371 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
372 due.

373 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For purposes of this section:

374 (1) "Department" means the Labor Department;

375 (2) "Eligible business" means a business that (A) has operations in
376 Connecticut, (B) has been registered to conduct business for not less
377 than twelve months, and (C) is in good standing with the payment of
378 all state and local taxes;

379 (3) "Control", with respect to a corporation, means ownership,
380 directly or indirectly, of stock possessing fifty per cent or more of the
381 total combined voting power of all classes of the stock of such
382 corporation entitled to vote. "Control", with respect to a trust, means
383 ownership, directly or indirectly, of fifty per cent or more of the
384 beneficial interest in the principal or income of such trust. The
385 ownership of stock in a corporation, of a capital or profits interest in a
386 partnership, limited liability company or association or of a beneficial
387 interest in a trust shall be determined in accordance with the rules for
388 constructive ownership of stock provided in Section 267(c) of the
389 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
390 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
391 amended, other than paragraph (3) of said Section 267(c);

392 (4) "Related person" means (A) a corporation, limited liability
393 company, partnership, association or trust controlled by an eligible
394 business, (B) an individual, corporation, limited liability company,
395 partnership, association or trust that is in control of an eligible
396 business, (C) a corporation, limited liability company, partnership,
397 association or trust controlled by an individual, corporation, limited
398 liability company, partnership, association or trust that is in control of
399 an eligible business, or (D) a member of the same controlled group as

400 an eligible business;

401 (5) "New employee" means a person who (A) was unemployed prior
402 to employment with an eligible business, regardless of whether such
403 person collected unemployment compensation benefits as a result of
404 such unemployment, (B) was a member of the armed forces and was
405 called to active service in support of (i) Operation Enduring Freedom,
406 or (ii) military operations that were authorized by the President of the
407 United States that entail military action against Iraq, and (C) was
408 honorably discharged after not less than ninety days of service in an
409 area designated by the President of the United States by executive
410 order as a combat zone, as indicated on a military discharge document,
411 as defined in section 1-219 of the general statutes, unless separated
412 from service earlier because of a service-connected disability rated by
413 the Veterans' Administration. "New employee" does not include a
414 person who was employed in this state by a related person of such
415 eligible business during any of the twelve months prior to employment
416 with the eligible business;

417 (6) "On-the-job training" means training provided by an eligible
418 business on such business' premise; and

419 (7) "Armed Forces" means the United States Army, Navy, Marine
420 Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force and any reserve component thereof,
421 including a state National Guard performing duty as provided in Title
422 32 of the United States Code.

423 (b) (1) There is established within the Labor Department an
424 Unemployed Armed Forces Member Subsidized Training and
425 Employment program for eligible businesses. Said program shall
426 provide grants to eligible businesses to subsidize, for the first one
427 hundred eighty calendar days after a new employee is hired, part of
428 the cost of on-the-job training and compensation for such new
429 employee, in accordance with subsection (c) of this section. No
430 business receiving a grant under this section with respect to a new
431 employee may receive a second grant under this section or a grant

432 under section 31-3pp of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
433 with respect to the same new employee.

434 (2) At the discretion of the Labor Commissioner, the department
435 may use up to four per cent of any funds allocated pursuant to section
436 7 of this act, for the purpose of retaining outside consultants or the
437 Workforce Investment Boards to operate the Unemployed Armed
438 Forces Member Subsidized Training and Employment program.

439 (3) In fiscal year 2013, the department may use up to four per cent of
440 any funds allocated pursuant to section 7 of this act in said fiscal year
441 for the purpose of the marketing and operation of the Unemployed
442 Armed Forces Member Subsidized Training and Employment
443 program.

444 (c) (1) An eligible business may apply to the department for a grant
445 to subsidize on-the-job training and compensation for a new employee
446 hired by such business. The Labor Commissioner, or said
447 commissioner's designee, shall review and approve such business'
448 description of the proposed on-the-job training as part of the grant
449 application.

450 (2) A grant awarded to an eligible business pursuant to this
451 subsection shall be in the following amount: (A) For the first thirty
452 calendar days a new employee is employed, one hundred per cent of
453 the wage of such new employee, exclusive of any benefits, not to
454 exceed twenty dollars per hour; (B) for the thirty-first to ninetieth,
455 inclusive, calendar days, seventy-five per cent of such amount; (C) for
456 the ninety-first to one hundred fiftieth, inclusive, calendar days, fifty
457 per cent of such amount; and (D) for the one hundred fifty-first to one
458 hundred eightieth, inclusive, calendar days, twenty-five per cent of
459 such amount. A grant shall be cancelled as of the date the new
460 employee leaves employment with the eligible business.

461 (d) Not later than July 15, 2013, and annually thereafter, and January
462 15, 2014, and annually thereafter, the Labor Commissioner shall
463 provide a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of

464 the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
465 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue
466 and bonding, appropriations, commerce, veterans and labor. Said
467 report shall include available data, for the six-month period ending on
468 the last day of the calendar month preceding such report, on (1) the
469 number of businesses that participated in the Unemployed Armed
470 Forces Member Subsidized Training and Employment program
471 established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and the general
472 categories of such businesses, and (2) the number of individuals that
473 received employment under said program.

474 (e) The Labor Commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance
475 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to carry out
476 the provisions of this section.

477 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the purposes described
478 in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
479 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
480 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
481 the aggregate ten million dollars, provided five million dollars of said
482 authorization shall be effective July 1, 2013.

483 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
484 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
485 Labor Department for the purposes of the Unemployed Armed Forces
486 Member Subsidized Training and Employment program established
487 pursuant to section 6 of this act.

488 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
489 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
490 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
491 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
492 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
493 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
494 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
495 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not

496 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
497 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
498 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
499 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
500 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
501 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
502 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
503 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
504 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and
505 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
506 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
507 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
508 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
509 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
510 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
511 due.

512 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) The Commissioner of
513 Economic and Community Development shall establish and
514 administer a program to promote the marketing of products produced
515 in Connecticut for the purpose of encouraging the development of
516 manufacturing and production in the state. The commissioner may,
517 within available appropriations, provide a grant-in-aid to any person,
518 firm, partnership or corporation engaged in the promotion and
519 marketing of such products, provided the words "CONNECTICUT-
520 MADE" or "CT-Made" are clearly incorporated in such promotional
521 and marketing activities. The commissioner shall (1) provide for the
522 design, plan and implementation of a multiyear, state-wide marketing
523 and advertising campaign, including, but not limited to, television and
524 radio advertisements, promoting the availability of, and advantages of
525 purchasing, Connecticut-made products, (2) establish and
526 continuously update a web site connected with such advertising
527 campaign that includes, but is not limited to, a comprehensive listing
528 of Connecticut manufacturers, Connecticut-made products and
529 Connecticut retailers selling Connecticut-made products, (3) direct

530 Connecticut manufacturers and producers of Connecticut-made
531 products in need of assistance to the appropriate economic
532 development entity or state agency, and (4) conduct efforts to promote
533 interaction and business relationships between Connecticut
534 manufacturers and producers of Connecticut-made products and
535 retailers, marketers, chambers of commerce, regional tourism districts
536 and other potential institutional purchasers of Connecticut-made
537 products, including, but not limited to, (A) linking Connecticut
538 manufacturers and producers of Connecticut-made products with
539 potential purchasers through a separate feature of the web site
540 established pursuant to this section, and (B) organizing state-wide or
541 regional events promoting Connecticut manufacturers and producers
542 of Connecticut-made products, where such manufacturers, producers
543 and institutional purchasers are invited to participate. The
544 commissioner shall use his or her best efforts to solicit cooperation and
545 participation from Connecticut manufacturers, producers of
546 Connecticut-made products, retailers, marketers, chambers of
547 commerce and regional tourism districts in such advertising, Internet-
548 related and event planning efforts, including, but not limited to,
549 soliciting private sector matching funds. The commissioner shall
550 administer this program within available appropriations. On or before
551 January 1, 2013, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall report
552 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
553 cognizance of matters relating to commerce on issues with respect to
554 efforts undertaken pursuant to the requirements of this section,
555 including, but not limited to, the amount of private matching funds
556 received and expended by the department. The commissioner may
557 adopt such regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general
558 statutes, as he or she deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this
559 section.

560 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before October 1, 2012,
561 the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in
562 consultation with the Culture and Tourism Advisory Committee, shall
563 develop a program to designate locations in the state with cultural,

564 educational or historical significance as "Connecticut Treasures". Such
565 program shall promote locations designated as Connecticut Treasures
566 or state-owned and operated museums, and shall integrate existing
567 programs of the Department of Economic and Community
568 Development and Culture and Tourism Advisory Committee in the
569 promotion of such locations to adults and children. Such program shall
570 include a "Connecticut Treasures Passport", which shall provide free or
571 reduced admission to locations designated as Connecticut Treasures
572 and all state-owned and operated museums for children younger than
573 eighteen years of age who are accompanied by an adult.

574 Sec. 10. Section 4-66h of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes
575 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
576 *from passage*):

577 (a) There is established an account to be known as the "Main Street
578 Investment Fund account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
579 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any
580 moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the
581 account shall be expended by the Office of Policy and Management for
582 the purposes of providing grants not to exceed five hundred thousand
583 dollars to municipalities with populations of not more than thirty
584 thousand or municipalities eligible for the small town economic
585 assistance program pursuant to section 4-66g for eligible projects as
586 defined in subsection (d) of this section. Municipalities shall apply for
587 such grants in a manner to be determined by the Secretary of the Office
588 of Policy and Management. Said secretary may contract with a
589 nonprofit entity to implement the provisions of this section.

590 (b) In awarding such grants, the secretary shall determine that an
591 eligible project advances the municipality's approved plan pursuant to
592 subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of this section. Such advancements
593 may include, but not be limited to, facade or awning improvements;
594 sidewalk improvements or construction; street lighting; building
595 renovations, including mixed use of residential and commercial;
596 landscaping and development of recreational areas and greenspace;

597 bicycle paths; and other improvements or renovations deemed by the
598 secretary to contribute to the economic success of the municipality.

599 (c) A grant received pursuant to this section shall be used for
600 improvements to property owned by the municipality, except the
601 municipality may use a portion of the proceeds of such grant to
602 provide a one-time reimbursement to owners of commercial private
603 property for eligible expenditures that directly support and enhance an
604 eligible project. The maximum allowable reimbursement for such
605 eligible expenditures to any such owner shall be fifty thousand dollars,
606 to be provided at the following rates: (1) Expenditures equal to or less
607 than fifty thousand dollars shall be reimbursed at a rate of fifty per
608 cent, and (2) any additional expenditures greater than fifty thousand
609 dollars but less than or equal to one hundred fifty thousand dollars
610 shall be reimbursed at a rate of twenty-five per cent.

611 (d) For the purposes of this section:

612 (1) "Eligible expenditures" include expenses for cosmetic and
613 structural exterior building improvements, signage, lighting and
614 landscaping that is visible from the street, including, but not limited to,
615 exterior painting or surface treatment, decorative awnings, window
616 and door replacements or modifications, storefront enhancements,
617 irrigation, streetscape, outdoor patios and decks, exterior wall lighting,
618 decorative post lighting and architectural features, but do not include
619 (A) any renovations that are solely the result of ordinary repair and
620 maintenance, (B) improvements that are required to remedy a health,
621 housing or safety code violation, or (C) nonpermanent structures,
622 furnishings, movable equipment or other nonpermanent amenities.
623 Eligible expenditures also include reasonable administrative expenses
624 incurred by a nonprofit entity contracted with by the Office of Policy
625 and Management to implement the provisions of this section.

626 (2) "Eligible projects" means projects that are part of a plan
627 previously approved by the governing body of the municipality to
628 develop or improve town commercial centers to attract small

629 businesses, promote commercial viability, and improve aesthetics and
630 pedestrian access.

631 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 32-41 of the 2012 supplement to the
632 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
633 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

634 (a) (1) The Department of Economic and Community Development
635 shall establish a first five plus program to encourage business
636 expansion and job creation. As part of said program, the department
637 may provide substantial financial assistance to up to [ten eligible
638 business development projects in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012,
639 and up to five] fifteen eligible business development projects [in the
640 fiscal year ending] by June 30, 2013.

641 (2) A business development project eligible for financial assistance
642 under the first five plus program shall commit, in the manner
643 prescribed by the Commissioner of Economic and Community
644 Development, to (A) create not less than two hundred new jobs within
645 twenty-four months from the date such application is approved; or (B)
646 invest not less than twenty-five million dollars and create not less than
647 two hundred new jobs [within] not later than five years [from] after the
648 date such application is approved.

649 (3) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
650 may give preference to a business development project that (A)
651 involves the relocation of an out-of-state or international manufacturer
652 or corporate headquarters, (B) involves the relocation of jobs that are
653 outside the United States to the state, or [(B)] (C) is a redevelopment
654 project if the commissioner believes such redevelopment project will
655 create jobs sooner than the schedule set forth in subdivision (2) of this
656 subsection.

657 (4) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
658 may, in awarding financial assistance to an eligible business
659 development project, work with the Connecticut Development
660 Authority and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, to secure

661 financing for such project.

662 (5) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development
663 shall certify to the Governor for his or her approval that a business
664 development project applicant has satisfied all the eligibility criteria in
665 the program. Financial assistance awarded through the first five plus
666 program shall be with the written consent of the Governor.

667 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 32-235 of the 2012 supplement to
668 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
669 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

670 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
671 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to
672 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
673 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate one billion fifteen
674 million three hundred thousand dollars, provided one hundred forty
675 million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2011, and
676 twenty million dollars of said authorization shall be made available for
677 small business development. Two hundred eighty million dollars of
678 said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2012, and forty million
679 dollars of said authorization shall be made available for small business
680 development and not more than twenty million dollars of said
681 authorization may be made available for businesses that commit to
682 relocating one hundred or more jobs that are outside of the United
683 States to the state. Any amount of said authorizations that are
684 [required to be] made available for small business development or
685 businesses that commit to relocating one hundred or more jobs that are
686 outside of the United States to the state but are not exhausted for such
687 purpose by the first day of the fiscal year subsequent to the fiscal year
688 in which such amount was made available shall be used for the
689 purposes described in subsection (b) of this section. For purposes of
690 this subsection, a "small business" is one employing not more than
691 [fifty] one hundred employees."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	32-7g
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	PA 11-1 of the October Sp. Sess., Sec. 2
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	31-3pp
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	PA 11-1 of the October Sp. Sess., Sec. 5
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	4-66h
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	32-41(a)
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	32-235(a)