



Senate Bill No. 1163

Public Act No. 13-268

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:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Court Support Services Division within the Judicial Branch shall collaborate, within available resources, with one or more private providers in the city of Hartford that provide community-based services for children and families, in order to (1) inventory programs and services within the city of Hartford designed to promote positive youth development and reduce the number of youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system, and (2) design a process for identifying at-risk youth for referral to such programs. Such inventory shall indicate the types of services provided in such programs, including, but not limited to, screening and assessment, crisis intervention, family mediation, educational evaluations and advocacy, mental health treatment and services, including gender specific trauma treatment and services, resiliency skills building, access to positive social activities, short-term respite care and access to services available to children in the juvenile justice system. Such private provider may be a community-based service center that provides services for children and families pursuant to section 46b-149e of the general statutes. Not later than February 1, 2014, the Chief Court Administrator shall submit a report, in

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

Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate one million five hundred thousand dollars.

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

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

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

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

(c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and

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shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2014*) (a) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall, within available appropriations, establish a Connecticut Young Adult Conservation Corps program, similar to the former federal Young Adult Conservation Corps program, 29 USC 991 et seq., for the purpose of employing youth and young adults at facilities described in subsection (b) of section 2 of this act that are operational and that have received proceeds from bonds pursuant to section 2 of this act. Under the program, the head of the organization that operates such facility shall set aside at least ten per cent of all employment positions at such facility for employable youth and young adults. Such set-aside shall

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commence in the fiscal year after the fiscal year when such proceeds are first received by the organization pursuant to section 2 of this act, and shall continue each fiscal year thereafter for a total of five fiscal years, except that the commissioner may grant an extension of time for the organization to comply with the requirements of this section, for good cause shown.

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

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

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

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

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