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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT
ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING
THE COMPTROLLER.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 3-115e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The State Comptroller shall report [, on an annual basis] not later
4 than October 1, 2013, and every two years thereafter, to the Governor
5 and the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of
6 section 11-4a, on the CORE-CT system. Such reports shall include, but
7 not be limited to, the status of [the implementation of] the system, [the
8 anticipated completion date,] the total cost to date and projected costs
9 for the next three fiscal years, other required software or hardware,
10 [necessary for successful implementation and any associated costs,] the
11 date and costs of future upgrades, the level of cooperation from
12 vendors and state agencies [, any administrative or legislative obstacles
13 to implementation,] and any other issues surrounding the CORE-CT
14 system.

15 Sec. 2. Section 4-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the

16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

17 Each state agency shall establish and keep an inventory account in
18 the form prescribed by the Comptroller, and shall, annually, on or
19 before October first, transmit to the Comptroller a detailed inventory,
20 as of June thirtieth, of all of the following property owned by the state
21 and in the custody of such agency: (1) Real property, and (2) personal
22 property having a value of [one] five thousand dollars or more. For
23 audit purposes, each state agency shall establish and keep a list of
24 personal property having a value of less than [one] five thousand
25 dollars and defined as "controllable property" in the property control
26 manual published by the Comptroller.

27 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 4-158 of the general statutes is
28 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
29 *1, 2013*):

30 (d) If the Claims Commissioner orders immediate payment of a just
31 claim in an amount not exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars
32 pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section and a
33 request for review is not timely filed pursuant to subsection (b) of this
34 section, the Office of the Claims Commissioner shall deliver to the
35 [Comptroller] Department of Administrative Services a certified copy
36 of the Claims Commissioner's order and the [Comptroller] Department
37 of Administrative Services shall make payment from such
38 appropriation as the General Assembly may have made for the
39 payment of claims or, in the case of contractual claims for goods or
40 services furnished or for property leased, from the appropriation of the
41 agency [which] that received such goods or services or occupied such
42 property.

43 Sec. 4. Section 4a-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the
44 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

45 The State Insurance and Risk Management Board shall determine
46 the method by which the state shall insure itself against losses by the

47 purchase of insurance governed by the provisions of title 38a to obtain
48 the broadest coverage at the most reasonable cost. It shall direct the
49 negotiations for purchase of such insurance and determine whether
50 deductible or other risk retention provisions should be included in the
51 insurance contract. Wherever appropriate it shall determine that the
52 state shall act as a self-insurer and may request funds from the
53 contingency fund to establish reserves and carry out such practices as
54 are necessary to safeguard the self-insurance activity. Said board may
55 develop and implement risk management and loss prevention
56 programs related to insurance plans established pursuant to the
57 provisions of sections 4a-19 to 4a-21, inclusive, and may recommend to
58 the Governor and the General Assembly the enactment of policies
59 designed to reduce risks and hazards that may result in state liability
60 for tortious conduct. It shall designate the agent or agents of record
61 and shall select the companies from whom insurance coverage and
62 surety bonds shall be purchased. Notwithstanding any other provision
63 of the general statutes, including without limitation sections 38a-707
64 and 38a-825, it shall have full authority to negotiate either a
65 commission or fee structure to compensate the agent or agents of
66 record for services performed. It shall also have full authority to retain
67 consulting firms and to negotiate their fee compensation for services
68 performed. Any refund, dividend or other payment from any
69 insurance company in connection with insurance for the state shall be
70 returned to the [Comptroller] Department of Administrative Services
71 for deposit in the General Fund. The board shall establish
72 specifications for each contract of insurance and shall request bids for
73 each such contract through the agent of record. Each such contract
74 shall be for a specified period of time.

75 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 5-155a of the general statutes is
76 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
77 *passage*):

78 (a) The general administration and responsibility for the proper
79 operation of the state employees retirement system is vested in a single

80 board of trustees to be known as the Connecticut State Employees
81 Retirement Commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-
82 9a, the Retirement Commission shall consist of the following: (1) The
83 Treasurer or a designee, who shall be a nonvoting, ex-officio member;
84 (2) the Comptroller or a designee, who shall be a nonvoting, ex-officio
85 member; (3) six trustees representing employees who shall serve three-
86 year terms and be appointed by the bargaining agents in accordance
87 with the provisions of applicable collective bargaining agreements.
88 The trustees representing employees shall not be members of the same
89 bargaining unit; [. The trustees representing employees shall serve
90 three-year terms; (3)] (4) six management trustees who are members of
91 the state employees retirement system, who shall serve three-year
92 terms [. The management trustees shall] and be appointed by the
93 Governor; [(4)] (5) two actuarial trustees who are enrolled actuaries
94 and Fellows of the Society of Actuaries. One actuarial trustee shall be
95 nominated by the management trustees and one shall be nominated by
96 the trustees representing employees. The Governor shall appoint the
97 actuarial trustees for three-year terms; and [(5)] (6) one neutral trustee
98 who shall be chairman of the State Employees Retirement
99 Commission. Such neutral trustee shall be enrolled in the National
100 Academy of Arbitrators and shall be nominated by the employee and
101 management trustees and appointed by the Governor. The neutral
102 trustee shall serve a two-year term. If a vacancy occurs in the office of a
103 trustee, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same
104 manner as the office was previously filled. The trustees, with the
105 exception of the chairman and the actuarial trustees, shall serve
106 without compensation but shall be reimbursed in accordance with the
107 standard travel regulations for all necessary expenses that they may
108 incur through service on the commission. The chairman and the
109 actuarial trustees shall be compensated at their normal and usual per
110 diem fee, plus travel expenses, from the funds of the retirement system
111 for each day of service to the commission. Each trustee shall, within
112 ten days after appointment or election, take an oath of office that so far
113 as it devolves upon the trustee, the trustee will diligently and honestly
114 administer the affairs of the commission, and will not knowingly

115 violate or willingly permit to be violated any of the provisions of law
116 applicable to the state retirement system. Each trustee's term shall
117 begin from the date the trustee takes such an oath. The trustees shall
118 appoint a representative from among the municipalities that have
119 accepted the provisions of part II of chapter 113, who shall serve as a
120 municipal liaison to the commission, at the commission's pleasure and
121 under such terms and conditions as the commission may prescribe.
122 Each trustee shall be entitled to one vote on the commission. A
123 majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the
124 transaction of any business, the exercise of any power or the
125 performance of any duty authorized or imposed by law. The
126 Retirement Commission shall be within the Retirement Division of the
127 office of the Comptroller for administrative purposes only. The
128 Comptroller [, ex officio,] shall be the [nonvoting] secretary of the
129 commission and shall provide secretariat support to the commission.

130 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 32-6 of the general statutes is
131 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
132 *1, 2013*):

133 (a) The management and control of the operation and affairs of the
134 Connecticut building at the Eastern States Exposition at West
135 Springfield shall be in the charge of the Department of Economic and
136 Community Development. Maintenance of the land and building shall
137 be the responsibility of the Department of Administrative Services.
138 Coverage by fire and casualty insurance shall be the responsibility of
139 the [Comptroller] State Insurance and Risk Management Board in
140 accordance with the provisions of section 4a-20, as amended by this
141 act. The building and land shall be used by the Department of
142 Economic and Community Development, in cooperation with public
143 and private agencies, to conduct an educational exhibit which will
144 promote the agricultural, industrial, recreational and other physical
145 and natural resources of this state.

146 Sec. 7. Subsection (c) of section 3-123h of the general statutes is
147 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*

148 1, 2013):

149 (c) On or before [March 30, 2012] April 30, 2014, and annually
 150 thereafter, the State Comptroller shall report, in accordance with the
 151 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
 152 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 153 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and the Secretary of
 154 the Office of Policy and Management on the status of the flexible
 155 spending account programs. Each such report shall include, but not be
 156 limited to: (1) The number of employees enrolled in such programs, (2)
 157 the administrative costs of such programs, (3) the amount of forfeitures
 158 in such programs, and (4) the effect of the transfers permitted under
 159 subsections (a) and (b) of this section on the Employers Social Security
 160 Tax account.

161 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 4a-71 of the general statutes is
 162 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
 163 *passage*):

164 (a) Except as provided in section [4a-73] 4a-72, each state
 165 department and agency shall pay interest at a rate equal to the
 166 monthly effective yield for the Short Term Investment Fund
 167 administered by the Treasurer pursuant to sections 3-27a to 3-27f,
 168 inclusive, on amounts due on written contracts for public works,
 169 personal services, goods and services, equipment and travel, whenever
 170 such department or agency fails to make timely payment.

171 Sec. 9. Section 3-115d of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
 172 *from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	3-115e
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	4-36
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	4-158(d)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	4a-20

Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	5-155a(a)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	32-6(a)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	3-123h(c)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	4a-71(a)
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

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