



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 942**

LCO No. 3357



Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:  
(CE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CAPS ON STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FOR BUSINESS PROJECTS AND THE URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL  
SITE TAX CREDIT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 32-462 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Agency" means the Department of Economic and Community  
5 Development or Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

6 (2) "Financial assistance" means grants, loans, loan guarantees,  
7 contracts of insurance, investments, or combinations thereof, which are  
8 provided from the proceeds of bonds, notes or other obligations of the  
9 state or an agency which constitute a debt or liability of the state or  
10 which are secured by a special capital reserve fund payable from  
11 amounts appropriated or deemed appropriated from the General  
12 Fund.

13 (3) "Applicant" means any eligible applicant seeking financial  
14 assistance from an agency for a business project. The term "applicant"  
15 shall not include any political subdivision of the state.

16 (4) "Business project" means a business proposal undertaken by one  
17 or more applicants, but does not include housing unless undertaken in  
18 combination with another unrelated type of business.

19 (5) "Biotechnology business project" means any commercial project  
20 to be used or occupied by any person to conduct laboratory activity  
21 relating to, or the research, development or manufacture of,  
22 biologically active molecules or devices that apply to, affect or analyze  
23 biological processes.

24 (b) (1) No agency or agencies may award more than a total of [ten]  
25 twenty million dollars of financial assistance during any two-year  
26 period to an applicant or for a business project unless such financial  
27 assistance is specifically authorized by an act of the General Assembly  
28 which has been enacted before, on or after July 1, 1994. (2) The  
29 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to any  
30 awards funded or to be funded by bonds authorized to be issued by  
31 the State Bond Commission before July 1, 1994.

32 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,  
33 no agency or agencies may award more than [twenty] forty million  
34 dollars of financial assistance for a biotechnology business project  
35 during any two-year period unless such financial assistance is  
36 specifically authorized by an act of the General Assembly which has  
37 been enacted before, on or after July 1, 2001.

38 Sec. 2. Subsection (q) of section 32-9t of the general statutes is  
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
40 *1, 2013*):

41 (q) (1) Any tax credits approved under this section that would  
42 constitute in excess of [twenty] forty million dollars in total for a single

43 investment shall be submitted by the Commissioner of Economic and  
44 Community Development to the joint standing committee of the  
45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance,  
46 revenue and bonding prior to the issuance of a certificate of eligibility  
47 for such investment. Said committee shall have thirty days from the  
48 date such project is submitted to convene a meeting to recommend  
49 approval or disapproval of such investment. If such submittal is  
50 withdrawn, altered, amended or otherwise changed, and resubmitted,  
51 said committee shall have thirty days from the date of such resubmittal  
52 to convene a meeting to recommend approval or disapproval of such  
53 investment. If said committee does not act on a submittal or  
54 resubmittal, as the case may be, within that time, the investment shall  
55 be deemed to be approved by said committee.

56 (2) While the General Assembly is in session, the House of  
57 Representatives or the Senate, or both, may meet not later than thirty  
58 days following the date said committee makes a recommendation  
59 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. If such submission is not  
60 disapproved by the House of Representatives or the Senate, or both,  
61 within such time, the commissioner may issue such certificate.

62 (3) While the General Assembly is not in regular session, the House  
63 of Representatives or the Senate, or both, may meet not later than  
64 thirty days following the date said committee makes a  
65 recommendation pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. If such  
66 submission is not disapproved by the House of Representatives, the  
67 Senate, or both, within such time, the commissioner may issue such  
68 certificate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	32-462
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	32-9t(q)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To raise the caps on financial assistance that does not require approval by the General Assembly in order to avoid the delays associated with such approval.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*