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Raised Bill No. 271

LCO No. 1644



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE
AND TO RECEIVE DONATIONS OF REAL PROPERTY.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 4b-22 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 Upon approval of the Governor and the Secretary of the Office of
4 Policy and Management, the state, through the Department of
5 Administrative Services, may accept by gift, devise or exchange, real
6 property, interests in real property, and other rights in land or water or
7 interest in any such right. Except as provided in section 3-33, no [land]
8 real property, interest in real property or other right in land or water or
9 interest in any such right shall be acquired by the state by gift, devise
10 or exchange except with the [approval of the Governor and the] review
11 of the Attorney General for legal sufficiency. [When the Governor and
12 the Attorney General accept land which has been given to the state for
13 any purpose, proper acknowledgment of the gift shall be made to the
14 donor.] The Governor shall provide written acknowledgement of any

15 such gift to the state to the donor.

16 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4b-21 of the 2014 supplement to the
17 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
18 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

19 [(a) When the General Assembly is not in session, the trustees of any
20 state institution, the State Board of Education or the Commissioner of
21 Correction may, subject to the provisions of section 4b-23, purchase or
22 acquire for the state, through the Commissioner of Administrative
23 Services, any land or interest therein if such action seems advisable to
24 protect the state's interest or to effect a needed economy, and may,
25 subject to the provisions of said section, contract through the
26 Commissioner of Administrative Services for the sale or exchange of
27 any land or interest therein belonging to the state, except that The
28 University of Connecticut may purchase or acquire for the state and
29 may dispose of or exchange any land or interest therein directly. When
30 the General Assembly is not in session, the]

31 (a) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
32 Commissioner of Administrative Services may purchase or acquire
33 real property, interests in real property, and other rights in land or
34 water or interest in any such right, on behalf of any state agency that
35 does not otherwise possess the statutory authority to make such
36 purchase or acquisition. Any such purchase or acquisition shall be
37 subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
38 Management, the State Properties Review Board and the Attorney
39 General.

40 (2) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, with the approval
41 of the State Properties Review Board, may give or obtain an option
42 upon any land or interest therein which is not under the control of the
43 trustees of any state institution, the State Board of Education or the
44 Commissioner of Correction when such action seems advisable.], and
45 such option shall remain in force until the fifteenth day of August

46 following the next session of the General Assembly.]

47 (3) The University of Connecticut may purchase or acquire for the
48 state and may dispose of or exchange any land or interest therein
49 directly.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4b-22
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4b-21(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify the state's authority to receive donations of real property or other interests in property and to permit the Department of Administrative Services to purchase or acquire property on behalf of state agencies lacking the authority to make such purchase or acquisition.

[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.]