



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 475**

LCO No. 2395



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:  
(ED)

**AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of  
2 Administrative Services, having reviewed applications for state grants  
3 for public school building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of  
4 the general statutes on the basis of priorities for such projects and  
5 standards for school construction established by the State Board of  
6 Education, and having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects  
7 ranked in order of priority, including a separate schedule of previously  
8 authorized projects which have changed substantially in scope or cost,  
9 as determined by said commissioner together with the amount of the  
10 estimated grant with respect to each eligible project, and having  
11 submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to December 15, 2013,  
12 to a committee of the General Assembly established under section  
13 10-283a of the general statutes for the purpose of reviewing such  
14 listing, is hereby authorized to enter into grant commitments on behalf

15 of the state in accordance with said section 10-283 with respect to the  
16 priority listing of such projects and in such estimated amounts as  
17 approved by said committee prior to February 1, 2014, as follows:

18 (1) Estimated Grant Commitments.

T1	School District	Estimated	Estimated
T2	School	Project Costs	Grant
T3	Project Number		
T4			
T5	DANBURY		
T6	Mill Ridge Intermediate School		
T7	034-0138 EA/RR	\$18,608,903	\$11,762,688
T8			
T9	DANBURY		
T10	Park Avenue School		
T11	034-0139 EA	12,217,578	7,722,731
T12			
T13	DANBURY		
T14	Shelter Rock School		
T15	034-0140 EA	5,650,019	3,571,377
T16			
T17	DANBURY		
T18	Stadley Rough School		
T19	034-0141 EA	5,367,422	3,392,747
T20			
T21	FAIRFIELD		
T22	Riverfield School		
T23	051-0125 EA	14,485,766	3,828,588
T24			
T25	FAIRFIELD		
T26	Fairfield Ludlowe High School		
T27	051-0127 EA/EC/RR	11,630,700	3,073,994
T28			
T29	NEW BRITAIN		
T30	Gaffney School		
T31	089-0167 EA	30,000,000	23,787,000
T32			
T33	WEST HARTFORD		
T34	Charter Oak International Academy		

T35	155-0239 DV/N	43,274,807	34,619,846
T36			
T37	EAST HAMPTON		
T38	East Hampton High School		
T39	042-0041 EA/RR	51,695,000	27,139,875
T40			
T41	NEWINGTON		
T42	Martin Kellogg Middle School		
T43	094-0101 A	1,000,000	589,300
T44			
T45	NEWINGTON		
T46	John Wallace Middle School		
T47	094-0102 A	1,000,000	589,300
T48			
T49	NEWINGTON		
T50	Newington High School		
T51	094-0103 EA	1,500,000	883,950
T52			
T53	PUTNAM		
T54	Putnam High School		
T55	116-0019 EA/RR	33,421,159	24,467,631
T56			
T57	STAMFORD		
T58	Northeast School		
T59	135-0273 A/EC	3,500,000	987,350
T60			
T61	REGIONAL DISTRICT 14		
T62	Nonnewaug High School		
T63	214-0093 EA	63,820,605	30,544,542
T64			
T65	FAIRFIELD		
T66	Osborn Hill School		
T67	051-0126 EA/EC	3,374,400	891,854
T68			
T69	PUTNAM		
T70	Central Administration (Putnam		
T71	H.S.)		
T72	116-0020 BE/ A/RR	3,188,841	1,167,275
T73			
T74	STAMFORD		
T75	Toquam School		

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T76	135-0274 A/RR	2,550,000	719,355
T77			
T78	STAMFORD		
T79	Westhill High School		
T80	135-0275 A/EC	2,075,000	585,358
T81			
T82	TORRINGTON		
T83	Forbes School		
T84	143-0070 EC	300,000	225,000
T85			
T86	WETHERSFIELD		
T87	Central Administration		
T88	(Wethersfield H.S.)		
T89	159-0102 BE/ A/RNV	652,065	165,331
T90			

19 (2) Previously Authorized Projects That Have Changed  
 20 Substantially in Scope or Cost which are Seeking First Reauthorization.

		Authorized	Requested
T91	School District		
T92	School		
T93	Project Number		
T94			
T95	BERLIN		
T96	Berlin High School		
T97	007-0065 RNV/E		
T98			
T99	Estimated...		
T100	Total Project Costs	\$69,950,000	\$83,464,987
T101	Total Grant	\$32,974,430	\$39,345,395
T102			
T103	BRIDGEPORT		
T104	Dunbar School		
T105	015-0171 A/EC		
T106			
T107	Estimated...		
T108	Total Project Costs	\$8,807,099	\$8,807,099
T109	Total Grant	\$6,888,032	\$6,888,032
T110			
T111	NEW HAVEN		

T112	UNH Science & Engineering Magnet		
T113	093-0357 MAG/N/PS		
T114			
T115	Estimated...		
T116	Total Project Costs	\$59,500,000	\$85,500,000
T117	Total Grant	\$56,525,000	\$81,255,000
T118			
T119	WESTON		
T120	Weston Middle School		
T121	157-0053 EC		
T122			
T123	Estimated...		
T124	Total Project Costs	\$1,395,150	\$2,458,375
T125	Total Grant	\$298,981	\$526,830
T126			
T127	REGIONAL DISTRICT 18		
T128	Mile Creek School		
T129	218-0037 EC		
T130			
T131	Estimated...		
T132	Total Project Costs	\$597,900	\$965,550
T133	Total Grant	\$209,265	\$337,943
T134			
T135	CREC		
T136	Academy of Aerospace		
T137	241-0099 MAG/PF/EA		
T138			
T139	Estimated...		
T140	Total Project Costs	\$72,993,000	\$81,873,481
T141	Total Grant	\$69,343,350	\$77,779,807

21 (3) Previously Authorized Project For The Technical High School  
 22 System That Has Changed Substantially in Scope or Cost which is  
 23 Seeking Reauthorization.

T142	School District	Authorized	Requested
T143	School		
T144	Project Number		
T145			

T146	CTHSS (ANSONIA)		
T147	Emmett O'Brien		
T148	900-0012 VT/EA		
T149			
T150	Estimated...		
T151	Total Project Costs	\$ 77,746,501	\$ 94,315,00
T152	Total Grant	\$ 77,746,501	\$ 94,315,000
T153			
T154	CTHSS (MILFORD)		
T155	Platt		
T156	900-0013 VT/EA		
T157			
T158	Estimated...		
T159	Total Projects Costs	\$57,886,000	\$124,566,000
T160	Total Grant	\$57,886,000	\$124,566,000
T161			
T162	CTHSS (GROTON)		
T163	Ella T. Grasso		
T164	900-0014 VT/EA		
T165			
T166	Estimated...		
T167	Total Projects Costs	\$61,479,000	\$134,913,000
T168	Total Grant	\$61,479,000	\$134,913,000

24       Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-292r of the 2014 supplement to  
 25       the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
 26       thereof (*Effective from passage*):

27       (a) There is established a School Safety Infrastructure Council. The  
 28       council shall consist of: (1) The Commissioner of Administrative  
 29       Services, or the commissioner's designee; (2) the Commissioner of  
 30       Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the commissioner's  
 31       designee; (3) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's  
 32       designee; (4) one appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
 33       Senate, who shall be a person with expertise in building security,  
 34       preferably school building security; (5) one appointed by the speaker  
 35       of the House of Representatives, who shall be a licensed professional  
 36       engineer who is a structural engineer; (6) one appointed by the

37 majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a public school  
38 administrator certified by the State Board of Education; (7) one  
39 appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who  
40 shall be a firefighter, emergency medical technician or a paramedic; (8)  
41 one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a  
42 school resource officer; [and] (9) one appointed by the minority leader  
43 of the House of Representatives, who shall be a public school teacher  
44 certified by the State Board of Education; and (10) one appointed by  
45 the Governor, who shall be a licensed building official. The  
46 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall serve as the  
47 chairperson of the council. The administrative staff of the Department  
48 of Administrative Services shall serve as staff for the council and assist  
49 with all ministerial duties.

50 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 10-284 of the 2014 supplement to the  
51 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
52 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

53 (a) The Commissioner of Education shall have authority to receive  
54 and review applications for state grants under this chapter, and the  
55 Commissioner of Administrative Services shall have authority to  
56 review and approve any such application, or to disapprove any such  
57 application if (1) it does not comply with the requirements of the State  
58 Fire Marshal or the Department of Public Health, (2) it is not  
59 accompanied by a life-cycle cost analysis approved by the  
60 Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to section 16a-38,  
61 (3) it does not comply with the provisions of sections 10-290d and 10-  
62 291, (4) it does not meet (A) the standards or requirements established  
63 in regulations adopted in accordance with section 10-287c, or (B)  
64 school building categorization requirements described in section 10-  
65 283, (5) the estimated construction cost exceeds the per square foot cost  
66 for schools established in regulations adopted by the Commissioner of  
67 Administrative Services for the county in which the project is proposed  
68 to be located, (6) on and after July 1, 2014, the application does not  
69 comply with the school safety infrastructure standards developed by

70 the School Safety Infrastructure Council, pursuant to section 10-292r,  
 71 as amended by this act, except the Commissioner of Administrative  
 72 Services may waive any of the provisions of the school safety  
 73 infrastructure standards if the commissioner determines that the  
 74 application demonstrates that the applicant has made a good faith  
 75 effort to address such standards and that compliance with such  
 76 standards would be infeasible, unreasonable or excessively expensive,  
 77 or (7) the Commissioner of Education determines that the proposed  
 78 educational specifications for or theme of the project for which the  
 79 applicant requests a state grant duplicates a program offered by a  
 80 technical high school or an interdistrict magnet school in the same  
 81 region.

82 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Commissioner of  
 83 Administrative Services may require any town or regional board of  
 84 education applying for a school building project grant, pursuant to  
 85 chapter 173 of the general statutes, to conduct a safety assessment of its  
 86 school building project to measure compliance with the school safety  
 87 infrastructure standards, established pursuant to section 10-292r of the  
 88 general statutes, as amended by this act. Such town or regional board  
 89 of education shall use an assessment tool designated by the  
 90 commissioner or an alternative assessment tool that provides a  
 91 comparable safety and security assessment of the project, as  
 92 determined by the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-292r(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-284(a)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To authorize state grant commitments for school building projects and to make revisions to the statutes regarding the school safety infrastructure standards.

*[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.]*