



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 475

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**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.

		Estimated Project Costs	Estimated Grant
T1	School District		
T2	School		
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		
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

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

		Authorized	Requested
T90	School District		
T91	School		
T92	Project Number		
T93			
T94	BERLIN		
T95	Berlin High School		
T96	007-0065 RNV/E		
T97			
T98	Estimated...		
T99	Total Project Costs	\$69,950,000	\$83,464,987
T100	Total Grant	\$32,974,430	\$39,345,395
T101			
T102	BRIDGEPORT		
T103	Dunbar School		
T104	015-0171 A/EC		
T105			
T106	Estimated...		
T107	Total Project Costs	\$8,807,099	\$8,807,099
T108	Total Grant	\$6,888,032	\$6,888,032
T109			
T110	NEW HAVEN		
T111	UNH Science & Engineering Magnet		
T112	093-0357 MAG/N/PS		
T113			
T114	Estimated...		
T115	Total Project Costs	\$59,500,000	\$85,500,000
T116	Total Grant	\$56,525,000	\$81,255,000
T117			

T118	WESTON		
T119	Weston Middle School		
T120	157-0053 EC		
T121			
T122	Estimated...		
T123	Total Project Costs	\$1,395,150	\$2,458,375
T124	Total Grant	\$298,981	\$526,830
T125			
T126	REGIONAL DISTRICT 18		
T127	Mile Creek School		
T128	218-0037 EC		
T129			
T130	Estimated...		
T131	Total Project Costs	\$597,900	\$965,550
T132	Total Grant	\$209,265	\$337,943
T133			
T134	CREC		
T135	Academy of Aerospace		
T136	241-0099 MAG/PF/EA		
T137			
T138	Estimated...		
T139	Total Project Costs	\$72,993,000	\$81,873,481
T140	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.

T141	School District	Authorized	Requested
T142	School		
T143	Project Number		
T144			
T145	CTHSS (ANSONIA)		
T146	Emmett O'Brien		
T147	900-0012 VT/EA		
T148			
T149	Estimated...		
T150	Total Project Costs	\$ 77,746,501	\$ 94,315,000
T151	Total Grant	\$ 77,746,501	\$ 94,315,000
T152			

T153	CTHSS (MILFORD)		
T154	Platt		
T155	900-0013 VT/EA		
T156			
T157	Estimated...		
T158	Total Projects Costs	\$57,886,000	\$124,566,000
T159	Total Grant	\$57,886,000	\$124,566,000
T160			
T161	CTHSS (GROTON)		
T162	Ella T. Grasso		
T163	900-0014 VT/EA		
T164			
T165	Estimated...		
T166	Total Projects Costs	\$61,479,000	\$134,913,000
T167	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 grant for a school building project, pursuant
 85 to chapter 173 of the general statutes, to conduct a safety assessment of
 86 the school building project to measure compliance with the school
 87 safety infrastructure standards, established pursuant to section 10-292r
 88 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Such town or regional
 89 board 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

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