



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6747

January Session, 2015



AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING THE STATE 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 Section 3-115e of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2015, 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 Section 4a-20 of the general statutes is repealed and the
16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

17 The State Insurance and Risk Management Board shall determine
18 the method by which the state shall insure itself against losses by the
19 purchase of insurance governed by the provisions of title 38a to obtain

20 the broadest coverage at the most reasonable cost. It shall direct the
21 negotiations for purchase of such insurance and determine whether
22 deductible or other risk retention provisions should be included in the
23 insurance contract. Wherever appropriate it shall determine that the
24 state shall act as a self-insurer and may request funds from the
25 contingency fund to establish reserves and carry out such practices as
26 are necessary to safeguard the self-insurance activity. Said board may
27 develop and implement risk management and loss prevention
28 programs related to insurance plans established pursuant to the
29 provisions of sections 4a-19 to 4a-21, inclusive, and may recommend to
30 the Governor and the General Assembly the enactment of policies
31 designed to reduce risks and hazards that may result in state liability
32 for tortious conduct. It shall designate the agent or agents of record
33 and shall select the companies from whom insurance coverage and
34 surety bonds shall be purchased. Notwithstanding any other provision
35 of the general statutes, including without limitation sections 38a-707
36 and 38a-825, it shall have full authority to negotiate either a
37 commission or fee structure to compensate the agent or agents of
38 record for services performed. It shall also have full authority to retain
39 consulting firms and to negotiate their fee compensation for services
40 performed. Any refund, dividend or other payment from any
41 insurance company in connection with insurance for the state shall be
42 returned to the [Comptroller] Department of Administrative Services
43 for deposit in the General Fund. The board shall establish
44 specifications for each contract of insurance and shall request bids for
45 each such contract through the agent of record. Each such contract
46 shall be for a specified period of time.

47 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 5-155a of the general statutes is
48 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
49 *passage*):

50 (a) The general administration and responsibility for the proper
51 operation of the state employees retirement system is vested in a single
52 board of trustees to be known as the Connecticut State Employees

53 Retirement Commission. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4-
54 9a, the Retirement Commission shall consist of the following: (1) The
55 Treasurer or a designee, who shall be a nonvoting, ex-officio member;
56 (2) the Comptroller or a designee, who shall be a nonvoting, ex-officio
57 member; (3) six trustees representing employees who shall (A) be
58 appointed by the bargaining agents in accordance with the provisions
59 of applicable collective bargaining agreements, [. The trustees
60 representing employees shall] (B) serve three-year terms, and (C) not
61 be members of the same bargaining unit; [. The trustees representing
62 employees shall serve three-year terms; (3)] (4) six management
63 trustees who [are] shall (A) be members of the state employees
64 retirement system, [who shall] (B) serve three-year terms, [. The
65 management trustees shall] and (C) be appointed by the Governor;
66 [(4)] (5) two actuarial trustees who [are] shall (A) be enrolled actuaries
67 and Fellows of the Society of Actuaries, (B) serve three-year terms, and
68 (C) be appointed by the Governor. One actuarial trustee shall be
69 nominated by the management trustees and one shall be nominated by
70 the trustees representing employees; [. The Governor shall appoint the
71 actuarial trustees for three-year terms;] and [(5)] (6) one neutral trustee
72 who shall be chairman of the [State Employees Retirement
73 Commission. Such neutral trustee shall] commission and who shall (A)
74 be enrolled in the National Academy of Arbitrators, [and shall be
75 nominated by the employee and management trustees and appointed
76 by the Governor. The neutral trustee shall] (B) serve a two-year term,
77 and (C) be nominated by the employee and management trustees and
78 appointed by the Governor. If a vacancy occurs in the office of a
79 trustee, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same
80 manner as the office was previously filled. The trustees, with the
81 exception of the chairman and the actuarial trustees, shall serve
82 without compensation but shall be reimbursed in accordance with the
83 standard travel regulations for all necessary expenses that they may
84 incur through service on the commission. The chairman and the
85 actuarial trustees shall be compensated at their normal and usual per
86 diem fee, plus travel expenses, from the funds of the retirement system
87 for each day of service to the commission. Each trustee shall, within

88 ten days after appointment or election, take an oath of office that so far
89 as it devolves upon the trustee, the trustee will diligently and honestly
90 administer the affairs of the commission, and will not knowingly
91 violate or willingly permit to be violated any of the provisions of law
92 applicable to the state retirement system. Each trustee's term shall
93 begin from the date the trustee takes such an oath. The trustees shall
94 appoint a representative from among the municipalities that have
95 accepted the provisions of part II of chapter 113, who shall serve as a
96 municipal liaison to the commission, at the commission's pleasure and
97 under such terms and conditions as the commission may prescribe.
98 Each trustee shall be entitled to one vote on the commission. A
99 majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the
100 transaction of any business, the exercise of any power or the
101 performance of any duty authorized or imposed by law. The State
102 Employee Retirement Commission shall be within the Retirement
103 Division of the office of the Comptroller for administrative purposes
104 only. The Comptroller [, ex officio,] shall be the [nonvoting] secretary
105 of the commission and shall provide secretariat support to the
106 commission.

107 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 32-6 of the general statutes is
108 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
109 *1, 2015*):

110 (a) The management and control of the operation and affairs of the
111 Connecticut building at the Eastern States Exposition at West
112 Springfield shall be in the charge of the Department of Economic and
113 Community Development. Maintenance of the land and building shall
114 be the responsibility of the Department of Administrative Services.
115 Coverage by fire and casualty insurance shall be the responsibility of
116 the [Comptroller] State Insurance and Risk Management Board in
117 accordance with the provisions of section 4a-20, as amended by this
118 act. The building and land shall be used by the Department of
119 Economic and Community Development, in cooperation with public
120 and private agencies, to conduct an educational exhibit which will

121 promote the agricultural, industrial, recreational and other physical
122 and natural resources of this state.

123 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 3-123h of the general statutes is
124 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
125 *1, 2015*):

126 (c) On or before [March 30, 2012] April 30, 2016, and annually
127 thereafter, the State Comptroller shall report, in accordance with the
128 provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
129 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
130 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and the Secretary of
131 the Office of Policy and Management on the status of the flexible
132 spending account programs. Each such report shall include, but not be
133 limited to: (1) The number of employees enrolled in such programs, (2)
134 the administrative costs of such programs, (3) the amount of forfeitures
135 in such programs, and (4) the effect of the transfers permitted under
136 subsections (a) and (b) of this section on the Employers Social Security
137 Tax account.

138 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 4a-71 of the general statutes is
139 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
140 *passage*):

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

148 Sec. 7. Section 3-115d of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*
149 *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>from passage</i>	4a-20
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	5-155a(a)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	32-6(a)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	3-123h(c)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	4a-71(a)
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the first sentence of Section 1, the opening bracket was moved from before to after the first comma and the second comma was deleted for technical revisions. In Section 3(a)(4), "be" was moved from before to after "(A)" for proper grammar, and "and" was moved from before the opening bracket to after the closing bracket for a technical revision, and in Section 3(a)(6), "commission and who shall (A)" was moved from before the opening bracket to after the closing bracket for a technical revision.

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