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**Governor's Bill No. 6840**

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Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

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**AN ACT CONCERNING INVESTMENTS IN CONNECTICUT'S  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The State Bond Commission shall  
2 have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and  
3 sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, to authorize the issuance of special  
4 tax obligation bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal  
5 amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding \$2,783,050,000, provided: (1)  
6 \$274,850,000 shall be effective July 1, 2015, (2) \$520,200,000 shall be  
7 effective July 1, 2016, (3) \$547,200,000 shall be effective July 1, 2017, (4)  
8 \$749,800,000 shall be effective July 1, 2018, and (5) \$691,000,000 shall be  
9 effective July 1, 2019.

10 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The proceeds of the sale of bonds  
11 described in sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act, to the extent

12 hereinafter stated, shall be used for the purpose of payment of the  
13 transportation costs, as defined in subdivision (6) of section 13b-75 of  
14 the general statutes, with respect to the projects and uses hereinafter  
15 described, which projects and uses are hereby found and determined  
16 to be in furtherance of one or more of the authorized purposes for the  
17 issuance of special tax obligation bonds set forth in section 13b-74 of  
18 the general statutes. For the Department of Transportation:

19 (a) For the Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations:

20 (1) Design and engineering for Interstate 84 widening between exits  
21 3 and 8;

22 (2) Design and engineering for Interstate 84 viaduct replacement in  
23 Hartford;

24 (3) Operational lanes for Interstate 84 interchange 40 to 42 in West  
25 Hartford;

26 (4) Design and engineering for Interstate 84 and Route 8 interchange  
27 improvements in Waterbury;

28 (5) Design and engineering for Interstate 91, Interstate 691 and  
29 Route 15 interchange improvements;

30 (6) Design and engineering for Interstate 95 widening between  
31 Bridgeport and Stamford;

32 (7) Design and engineering, including rights-of-way for Interstate 95  
33 widening between the Baldwin Bridge and the Gold Star Bridge;

34 (8) Relocation and reconfiguration for the Interstate 91 interchange  
35 29 in Hartford;

36 (9) Rehabilitation and repair for the Interstate 95 Gold Star Bridge;

37 (10) Reconfiguration for Route 7 and Route 15 interchange in  
38 Norwalk;

39 (11) Design and engineering for Route 9 improvements in  
40 Middletown;

41 (12) Urban bikeway, pedestrian connectivity, trails and alternative  
42 mobility programs;

43 (13) Rehabilitation for Route 15 West Rock Tunnel and interchange  
44 59; and

45 (14) Implementation of Innovative Bridge Delivery and  
46 Construction Program.

47 (b) For the Bureau of Public Transportation:

48 (1) Bus rolling stock for service expansions;

49 (2) State-wide rail rolling stock replacement program, including café  
50 cars on the New Haven Line;

51 (3) Continued expansion, rolling stock and development of stations  
52 on the Hartford Line;

53 (4) Extension of the CTfastrak bus rapid transit corridor east to  
54 Manchester;

55 (5) Implementation of a bus rapid transit corridor for Route 1  
56 between Norwalk and Stamford;

57 (6) New signal system on the Waterbury branch line;

58 (7) Interim repairs to the SAGA moveable and Cos Cob bridges on  
59 the New Haven Line;

60 (8) Design, engineering and construction of a new dock yard on the  
61 Danbury branch line;

62 (9) Design and construction of the Orange, Barnum and Merritt 7  
63 stations on the New Haven Line and Danbury branch line;

64 (10) Development of a Madison station and parking garage on  
65 Shoreline East;

66 (11) Study for an East Lyme (Niantic) station on Shoreline East;

67 (12) Design and construction of a parking deck and pedestrian  
68 bridge in New Haven on the New Haven Line;

69 (13) Design and construction of a pedestrian bridge in Stamford on  
70 the New Haven Line;

71 (14) Implementation of a real-time location and bus information  
72 system state wide;

73 (15) Implementation of a real-time audio and video system on the  
74 New Haven Line;

75 (16) Development of a plan to upgrade capacity and speed on the  
76 New Haven Line; and

77 (17) Study for centralized paratransit service coordination state  
78 wide.

79 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) None of the bonds described in sections  
80 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act, shall be authorized except upon a finding  
81 by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it (1) a  
82 request for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the  
83 Office of Policy and Management or by or on behalf of such state  
84 officer, department or agency and stating such terms and conditions as  
85 said commission, in its discretion, may require, and (2) any capital  
86 development impact statement and any human services facility  
87 colocation statement required to be filed with the Secretary of the  
88 Office of Policy and Management pursuant to section 4b-31 of the  
89 general statutes, any advisory report regarding the state conservation  
90 and development policies plan required pursuant to section 16a-31 of  
91 the general statutes, and any statement regarding farm land required  
92 pursuant to subsection (g) of section 3-20 of the general statutes and

93 section 22-6 of the general statutes, provided the State Bond  
94 Commission may authorize said bonds without a finding that the  
95 reports and statements required by subdivision (2) of this section have  
96 been filed with it if said commission authorizes the secretary of said  
97 commission to accept such reports and statements on its behalf. No  
98 funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized by said commission  
99 without a finding that the reports and statements required by  
100 subdivision (2) of this section have been filed with it shall be allotted  
101 by the Governor for any project until the reports and statements  
102 required by subdivision (2) of this section, with respect to such project,  
103 have been filed with the secretary of said commission.

104 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) For the purposes of sections 1 to 6,  
105 inclusive, of this act, each request filed, as provided in section 3 of this  
106 act, for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for which  
107 the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and expended  
108 and, in addition to any terms and conditions required pursuant to said  
109 section 3, include the recommendation of the person signing such  
110 request as to the extent to which federal, private or other moneys then  
111 available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with  
112 any such project should be added to the state moneys available or  
113 becoming available from the proceeds of bonds and temporary notes  
114 issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of bonds. If the  
115 request includes a recommendation that some amount of such federal,  
116 private or other moneys should be added to such state moneys, then, if  
117 and to the extent directed by the State Bond Commission at the time of  
118 authorization of such bonds, such amount of such federal, private or  
119 other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for  
120 costs in connection with such project shall be added to such state  
121 moneys.

122 Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Any balance of proceeds of the sale of  
123 bonds authorized for the projects or purposes of section 2 of this act, in  
124 excess of the aggregate costs of all the projects so authorized, shall be  
125 used in the manner set forth in sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of

126 the general statutes, and in the proceedings of the State Bond  
 127 Commission respecting the issuance and sale of said bonds.

128       Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Bonds issued pursuant to sections 1 to  
 129 6, inclusive, of this act shall be special obligations of the state and shall  
 130 not be payable from or charged upon any funds other than revenues of  
 131 the state pledged therefor in subsection (b) of section 13b-61 of the  
 132 general statutes and section 13b-61a of the general statutes, or such  
 133 other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged therefor. Said  
 134 bonds shall not be payable from or charged upon any funds other than  
 135 such pledged revenues or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may  
 136 be pledged therefor, nor shall the state or any political subdivision  
 137 thereof be subject to any liability thereon, except to the extent of such  
 138 pledged revenues or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be  
 139 pledged therefor. Said bonds shall be issued under and in accordance  
 140 with the provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the  
 141 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

*[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.]*