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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT PROVIDING CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S RECREATION TRAILS PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. Section 23-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
4 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to
5 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
6 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate two million
7 dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

8 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
9 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
10 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the purpose
11 of establishing a Connecticut bikeway, pedestrian walkway and
12 greenway grant program. [for municipal grants.] For the purposes of
13 this section, "bikeway" means any road, street, path or way which is

14 specifically designated for bicycle travel, even if such road, street, path
15 or way is shared with other modes of transportation.

16 (c) Such grants shall be used for planning, design, land acquisition,
17 construction, construction administration, [and] publications,
18 equipment and trail amenities, including, but not limited to, parking
19 lots, toilet buildings, signs and benches for bikeways, pedestrian
20 walkways, greenways and multiuse [paths] trails. Eligible projects may
21 include: (1) Bicycle trails that complete sections of the Connecticut
22 portion of the East Coast Greenway, (2) bikeways that connect to the
23 East Coast Greenway, [and] (3) bikeways or other multiuse paths
24 established within the State Recreational Trails Plan, and (4) other
25 locally supported trails and trail systems.

26 (d) Eligibility criteria for such grants shall include, but not be
27 limited to: (1) A local match of twenty per cent, such match may be
28 provided by municipal, federal, other state, nonprofit or private funds,
29 in-kind services, and for applications [including] for trails in more than
30 one municipality, the match requirement shall be ten per cent, (2)
31 [municipal] responsibility for maintenance of such bikeways or other
32 trails, (3) public input, and (4) for bikeways, designs that comply with
33 the 1999 American Association of State Highway Transportation
34 Official's "Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities". Such grant
35 money may be used to match federal funds being used for the
36 purposes listed in subsection (c) of this section.

37 (e) The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection may
38 use not more than [two] five per cent of the total allocation for
39 administrative purposes. [An] The advisory committee [shall be]
40 established [to] under section 23-102 shall advise on the allocation of
41 such funds. [Membership of such committee shall be comprised of trail
42 users and advocates, who shall be determined by the commissioner.]
43 The Department of Transportation shall, in accordance with the
44 provisions of title 13a, work with the Department of Energy and
45 Environmental Protection in furtherance of such program.

46 (f) All provisions of section 3-20, or the exercise of any right or
47 power granted thereby, which are not inconsistent with the provisions
48 of this section are hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds
49 authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and
50 temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the
51 sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with
52 said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall
53 mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their
54 respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or
55 resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds.
56 None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the
57 State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for
58 such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of
59 the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and
60 conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may require. Said
61 bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the
62 state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are
63 pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds
64 as the same become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of
65 the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts
66 necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is
67 hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and
68 interest as the same become due.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	23-103

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for the continued funding of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's recreation trails grant program with the use of previously authorized bond funds.

[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.]