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June Special Session, Public Act No. 15-3

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:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, having reviewed applications for state grants for public school building projects in accordance with section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, on the basis of priorities for such projects and standards for school construction established by the State Board of Education, and having prepared a listing of all such eligible projects ranked in order of priority, including a separate schedule of previously authorized projects which have changed substantially in scope or cost, as determined by said commissioner together with the amount of the estimated grant with respect to each eligible project, and having submitted such listing of eligible projects, prior to December 15, 2014, to a committee of the General Assembly established under section 10-283a of the general statutes for the purpose of reviewing such listing, is hereby authorized to enter into grant commitments on behalf of the state in accordance with said section 10-283 with respect to the priority listing of such projects and in such estimated amounts as approved by said committee prior to

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February 1, 2015, as follows:

(1) Estimated Grant Commitments.

School District School Project Number	Estimated Project Costs	Estimated Grant
SOUTH WINDSOR Orchard Hill Elementary School 132-0083 N	\$33,521,724	\$11,611,925
STAMFORD Rogers Interdistrict Magnet Extension 135-0277 MAG/PF	77,312,385	61,849,908
CREC Aerospace Elementary 241-0105 MAG/N/PS	61,572,181	49,257,745
GOODWIN COLLEGE Goodwin College Early Childhood Magnet School 542-0005 MAG/N	19,935,061	15,948,049
NORTH HAVEN North Haven Middle School 101-0047 EA/RR	69,814,452	27,674,449
SIMSBURY Squadron Line School 128-0105 A	1,050,000	345,030
SIMSBURY Henry James Memorial School 128-0106 A/CV	1,055,000	346,673
REGION 1 Housatonic Valley Regional High		

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School 201-0044 A	318,198	137,493
CLINTON Jared Eliot School 027-0062 A/EC	600,000	267,840
NEW CANAAN South School 090-0046 A/EC	2,533,367	515,794
NEW LONDON Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School 095-0089 EC	1,989,963	1,549,385
OLD SAYBROOK Kathleen E. Goodwin School 106-0039 EC	1,610,243	454,250
WINDHAM W. B. Sweeney School 163-0074 EC	100,000	79,290
WINDHAM Windham Middle School 163-0075 EC	1,720,000	1,363,788
WINDSOR LOCKS Windsor Locks High School 165-0079 EC	7,555,000	4,101,610
WOODBIDGE Beecher Road School 167-0025 A/RR/EC	13,345,000	3,717,917
ACES ACES Village School 244-0038 SP/EC	1,231,748	985,398

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ACES

ACES Mill Road School

244-0039 SP/EC

1,223,678

978,942

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

School District School Project Number	Authorized	Requested
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BRIDGEPORT

New Harding High School

015-0173 N

Estimated...

Total Project Costs

\$78,254,163

\$106,629,000

Total Grant

\$61,202,581

\$83,394,541

BRIDGEPORT

Central High School

015-0174 EA/RR

Estimated...

Total Project Costs

\$73,418,940

\$86,419,000

Total Grant

\$57,420,953

\$67,588,300

NAUGATUCK

Naugatuck High School

088-0067 RNV/E

Estimated...

Total Project Costs

\$77,967,900

\$79,100,000

Total Grant

\$58,475,925

\$59,325,000

NAUGATUCK

Central Administration

088-0068 BE/RNV

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Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$3,032,100	\$1,900,000
Total Grant	\$1,137,038	\$712,500

CREC
CREC Discovery Academy
241-0100 MAG/PF/EA

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$35,675,000	\$52,046,374
Total Grant	\$33,891,250	\$49,444,055

ACES
Educational Center for the Arts-Little
Theatre
244-0037 MAG/EA

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$6,986,129	\$8,959,583
Total Grant	\$6,636,823	\$8,511,604

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

School District	Authorized	Requested
School		
Project Number		

CTHSS (BRIDGEPORT)
Bullard-Havens
900-0015 VT/EA

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$ 27,331,000	\$ 60,383,000
Total Grant	\$ 27,331,000	\$ 60,383,000

CTHSS (WINDHAM)

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Windham
900-0016 VT/EA

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$42,051,000	\$151,294,981
Total Grant	\$42,051,000	\$151,294,981

CTHSS (MIDDLETOWN)
Vinal
900-0017 VT/EA

Estimated...		
Total Project Costs	\$51,076,000	\$156,825,315
Total Grant	\$51,076,000	\$156,825,315

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2015, the Department of Administrative Services shall develop a standard checklist for construction projects of school buildings. Such checklist shall include, but need not be limited to, testing for polychlorinated biphenyls and asbestos.

(b) On and after October 1, 2015, the Department of Administrative Services shall conduct an assessment of any construction project of a school building receiving state funding for compliance with the standard checklist developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) The Department of Administrative Services shall establish a school building project clearinghouse for the collection and distribution of school building project designs, plans and specifications. Such clearinghouse shall consist of a publicly accessible database for the collection and storage of relevant publications and school building project designs, plans and specifications that have been approved by the department pursuant to chapter 173 of the general statutes.

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(b) Any architect or professional engineer who is registered or licensed to practice such person's profession in accordance with the applicable provisions of the general statutes may submit school building project designs, plans and specifications for posting in the school building project clearinghouse. The licensed architect of record or professional engineer of record shall retain ownership and liability for any such design, plan or specifications submitted to the school building project clearinghouse.

Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 10-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

(d) No [application for a] school building project shall be [accepted by the Commissioner of Education or] added to the list prepared by the Commissioner of Administrative Services [on or after July 1, 2002] pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, unless the applicant, prior to submitting an application, has (1) secured funding authorization for the local share of the project costs [prior to application] and such authorization has become effective pursuant to the general statutes and local ordinance or charter, or (2) scheduled and prepared a referendum, if required, the results of which shall be submitted on or before the fifteenth day of November in the year of application. The reimbursement percentage for a project covered by this subsection shall reflect the rates in effect during the fiscal year in which such local funding authorization is secured.

Sec. 5. Section 10-292r of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

(a) There is established a School Safety Infrastructure Council. The council shall consist of: (1) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or the commissioner's designee; (2) the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, or the commissioner's

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designee; (3) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee; (4) one appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be a person with expertise in building security, preferably school building security; (5) one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall be a licensed professional engineer who is a structural engineer; (6) one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a public school administrator certified by the State Board of Education; (7) one appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a firefighter, emergency medical technician or a paramedic; (8) one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a school resource officer; (9) one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, who shall be a public school teacher certified by the State Board of Education; and (10) ~~one~~ two appointed by the Governor, ~~[who]~~ one of whom shall be a licensed building official and one of whom shall be a licensed architect. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall serve as the chairperson of the council. The administrative staff of the Department of Administrative Services shall serve as staff for the council and assist with all ministerial duties.

(b) The School Safety Infrastructure Council shall develop school safety infrastructure ~~[standards]~~ criteria for school building projects ~~[under]~~ awarded grants pursuant to this chapter and ~~[projects receiving reimbursement as part of]~~ the school security infrastructure competitive grant program, pursuant to section 84 of public act 13-3. Such school safety infrastructure ~~[standards]~~ criteria shall conform to industry standards for school building safety infrastructure and shall ~~[include,]~~ address areas including, but not be limited to, ~~[standards regarding]~~ (1) entryways to school buildings and classrooms, such as, reinforcement of entryways, ballistic glass, solid core doors, double door access, computer-controlled electronic locks, remote locks on all entrance and exits and buzzer systems, (2) the use of cameras

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throughout the school building and at all entrances and exits, including the use of closed-circuit television monitoring, (3) penetration resistant vestibules, and (4) other security infrastructure improvements and devices as they become industry standards. The council shall meet at least annually to review and update, if necessary, the school safety infrastructure [standards] criteria and make such [standards] criteria available to local and regional boards of education.

(c) Not later than January 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the School Safety Infrastructure Council shall submit the school safety infrastructure [standards] criteria to the Commissioners of Emergency Services and Public Protection and Education, the School Building Projects Advisory Council, established pursuant to section 10-292q, and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety and education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a.

Sec. 6. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by section 2 of public act 15-63, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

(a) (1) Each town or regional school district shall be eligible to apply for and accept grants for a school building project as provided in this chapter. Any town desiring a grant for a public school building project may, by vote of its legislative body, authorize the board of education of such town to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject such grant for the town. Any regional school board may vote to authorize the supervising agent of the regional school district to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for and to accept or reject such grant for the district. Applications for such grants under this chapter shall be made by the superintendent of schools of such town or regional school district on the form provided and in the manner prescribed by the Commissioner

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of Administrative Services. The application form shall require the superintendent of schools to affirm that the school district considered the maximization of natural light, the use and feasibility of wireless connectivity technology and, on and after July 1, 2014, the school safety infrastructure [standards] criteria, developed by the School Safety Infrastructure Council, pursuant to section 10-292r, as amended by this act, in projects for new construction and alteration or renovation of a school building. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall review each grant application for a school building project for compliance with educational requirements and on the basis of categories for building projects established by the Commissioner of Administrative Services in accordance with this section. The Commissioner of Education shall evaluate, if appropriate, whether the project will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall consult with the Commissioner of Education in reviewing grant applications submitted for purposes of subsection (a) of section 10-65 or section 10-76e on the basis of the educational needs of the applicant. The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall review each grant application for a school building project for compliance with standards for school building projects pursuant to regulations, adopted in accordance with section 10-287c, and, on and after July 1, 2014, the school safety infrastructure [standards] criteria, developed by the School Safety Infrastructure Council pursuant to section 10-292r, as amended by this act. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College and Three Rivers Community College and the following entities that will operate an interdistrict magnet school that will assist the state in meeting the goals of the 2008 stipulation and order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as extended, or the goals of the 2013 stipulation and

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order for Milo Sheff, et al. v. William A. O'Neill, et al., as determined by the Commissioner of Education, may apply for and shall be eligible to receive grants for school building projects pursuant to section 10-264h for such a school: (A) The Board of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional community-technical college, (B) the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (C) the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the university, (D) the board of governors for an independent institution of higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of higher education, (E) cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a, and (F) any other third-party not-for-profit corporation approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 10-284 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

(a) The Commissioner of Administrative Services shall have authority to receive and review applications for state grants under this chapter, and to approve any such application, or to disapprove any such application if (1) it does not comply with the requirements of the State Fire Marshal or the Department of Public Health, (2) it is not accompanied by a life-cycle cost analysis approved by the Commissioner of Administrative Services pursuant to section 16a-38, (3) it does not comply with the provisions of sections 10-290d and 10-291, (4) it does not meet (A) the standards or requirements established in regulations adopted in accordance with section 10-287c, or (B) school building categorization requirements described in section 10-283, (5) the estimated construction cost exceeds the per square foot cost for schools established in regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the county in which the project is proposed

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to be located, (6) on and after July 1, 2014, the application does not comply with the school safety infrastructure [standards] criteria developed by the School Safety Infrastructure Council, pursuant to section 10-292r, as amended by this act, except the Commissioner of Administrative Services may waive any of the provisions of the school safety infrastructure [standards] criteria if the commissioner determines that the application demonstrates that the applicant has made a good faith effort to address such [standards] criteria and that compliance with such [standards] criteria would be infeasible, unreasonable or excessively expensive, or (7) the Commissioner of Education determines that the proposed educational specifications for or theme of the project for which the applicant requests a state grant duplicates a program offered by a technical high school or an interdistrict magnet school in the same region.

Sec. 8. Subsection (b) of section 10-292q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

(b) The School Building Projects Advisory Council shall (1) develop model blueprints for new school building projects that are in accordance with industry standards for school buildings and the school safety infrastructure [standards] criteria, developed pursuant to section 10-292r, as amended by this act, (2) conduct studies, research and analyses, and (3) make recommendations for improvements to the school building projects processes to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, education and finance, revenue and bonding.

Sec. 9. Section 10-292s of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

The Commissioner of Administrative Services may require any

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town or regional board of education applying for a grant for a school building project, pursuant to this chapter, to conduct a safety assessment of the school building project to measure compliance with the school safety infrastructure [standards] criteria, established pursuant to section 10-292r, as amended by this act. Such town or regional board of education shall use an assessment tool designated by the commissioner or an alternative assessment tool that provides a comparable safety and security assessment of the project, as determined by the commissioner.

Sec. 10. Section 29 of public act 12-179, as amended by section 5 of public act 13-243, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2011, and the provisions of section 10-66bb of the general statutes concerning limitations on enrollment, an extension and alteration project for Common Ground High School in New Haven with costs not to exceed [seven million four hundred fifty thousand] nine million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of public act 12-179, provided a complete grant application is submitted prior to June 30, 2014, and a lease meeting the terms and conditions of section 10-282 of the general statutes has been approved by the Commissioner of Construction Services in consultation with the Commissioner of Education. Such building project shall be eligible for a reimbursement rate of seventy-eight and ninety-three hundredths per cent. All final calculations completed by the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services for such school building project shall include a computation of the state grant for the school building project amortized on a straight

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line basis over a twenty-year period. If such building ceases to be used as Common Ground High School during such amortization period, the governing authority of Common Ground High School shall refund to the state the unamortized balance of the state grant remaining as of the date the alternate use for the building project initially occurs. The amortization period for a project shall begin on the date the project was accepted as complete by the governing authority.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 limiting the number of times a project may be submitted to the legislature for authorization due to a change in cost or scope, or requiring that no such project that has changed in scope or cost to the degree determined by the commissioner shall be eligible for reimbursement under this chapter unless it appears on such list, the change in cost and scope identified in subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed to have been authorized by the legislature and shall not be considered when determining the number of times the project is submitted for authorization by the Department of Administrative Services, provided plans and specifications have been submitted to the Department of Administrative Services.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter, the town of New Haven may use any private, federal or state funds, other than grants received under said chapter, for the purpose of the extension and alteration project described in subsection (a) of this section, provided the reimbursement received from such other private, federal or state funds shall not be deducted from the total project costs eligible for grant assistance under said chapter. If the total amount of any such private, federal or state funds received for the purpose of

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such project exceeds the local share of project costs, then such excess funds shall be used for educational purposes associated with Common Ground High School.

Sec. 11. Section 226 of public act 12-1 of the June special session, as amended by section 20 of public act 14-90, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services under said chapter 173 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2011, and prohibiting reimbursement for costs associated with the construction of outdoor athletic facilities, a new construction project for Bowen Field in New Haven with costs not to exceed eleven million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of public act 12-179, provided a complete grant application is submitted prior to June 30, 2013. Such building project may include the installation of synthetic surfaces on the site of a formerly contaminated area and shall be eligible for a reimbursement rate of sixty-eight and ninety-three-hundredths per cent.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under said chapter, the town of New Haven is authorized to illuminate the athletic fields at Bowen Field in an amount not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars and shall be subsequently eligible for school construction grant assistance provided a completed grant application is submitted to the Department of Administrative Services prior to June 30, 2013. The full cost of the illumination project shall be deemed eligible costs for the purpose of grant calculation. The grant for construction assistance shall be calculated using the same rate of reimbursement as assigned to school building projects for the town of New Haven.

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(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter, the town of New Haven may use any private, federal or state funds, other than grants received under said chapter, for the purpose of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) removal, demolition and any other supplemental purposes for the projects described in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, provided the reimbursement received from such other grants related to such removal of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB), demolition and any other supplemental purposes shall not be deducted from the total project costs eligible for grant assistance under said chapter.

Sec. 12. Section 34 of public act 13-243 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2012, or subsection (d) of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services requiring local funding authorization for the local share of project costs prior to application, a new construction project for Helene Grant School [(Project Number TMP-093-PQQG)] (Project Number 093-0365) in the town of New Haven with costs not to exceed [forty-one] forty-eight million six hundred thousand dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of [this act] public act 13-243 and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of New Haven files an application for a school building project prior to June 30, 2014, meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general

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statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

Sec. 13. Section 35 of public act 13-243 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2012, or subsection (d) of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services requiring local funding authorization for the local share of project costs prior to application, a new construction project for central administration offices [(Project Number TMP-093-PQDF)] (Project Number 093-0366) in the town of New Haven with costs not to exceed [one] two million four hundred thousand dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of [this act] public act 13-243 and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of New Haven files an application for a school building project prior to June 30, 2014, meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

Sec. 14. Section 36 of public act 13-243 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general

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statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2012, or subsection (d) of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services requiring local funding authorization for the local share of project costs prior to application, an alteration project for New Haven Academy [(Project Number TMP-093-SLNZ)] (Project Number 093-0364) in the town of New Haven with costs not to exceed [forty] forty-four million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of [this act] public act 13-243 and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of New Haven files an application for a school building project prior to June 30, 2014, meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of [Construction] Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

Sec. 15. Section 21 of public act 14-90 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by [this act] public act 14-90, requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2013, a new construction project for the Strong 21st Century Communications Magnet School and Laboratory in the town of New Haven with costs not to exceed forty-five million dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of [this act] public act 14-90 and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the

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state with a reimbursement percentage of seventy-nine and twenty-nine hundredths, provided the town of New Haven files an application for a school building project prior to June 30, [2015] 2016, meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to chapter 173 of the general statutes.

Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-287 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-287, requiring a competitive bidding process for orders and contracts for school building projects receiving state assistance under chapter 173 of the general statutes, the town of New Haven shall be permitted to submit the public advertisements for each subcontract and a signed affidavit from the construction manager as evidence that all contracts were publicly bid and awarded to the lowest qualified bidder for the alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 093-0340 A/RR) at Worthington Hooker School.

Sec. 17. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of application for a school building project grant and the provisions of subdivision (18) of section 10-282 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-282 concerning the definition of renovation, the town of New Britain may change the description of the extension and alteration project (Project Number 089-0167 EA) at the Gaffney School to a renovation project and subsequently qualify as a renovation, as defined in subdivision (18) of said section 10-282.

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Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 requiring all change orders or other change directives issued on or after July 1, 2008, to be submitted not later than six months after the date of such issuance, the town of Hartford may submit change orders issued after such six-month time limit for the project at the Sport and Medical Sciences Academy (Project Number 064-0279 MAG/N) for reimbursement of eligible costs from the state, provided change orders have been reviewed and approved the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 19. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 requiring all change orders or other change directives issued on or after July 1, 2008, to be submitted not later than six months after the date of such issuance, the town of Hartford may submit change orders issued after such six-month time limit for the project at the University High School of Science and Engineering (Project Number 064-0287 MAG/N) for reimbursement of eligible costs from the state, provided change orders have been reviewed and approved the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 20. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Hartford shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of calculation of the grant for the extension and alteration and

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roof replacement project (Project Number 064-0298 EA/RR) at the Asian Studies Academy at Bellizzi School.

Sec. 21. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Hartford shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of calculation of the grant for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 064-0296 EA/RR) at the Journalism and Media Academy Magnet School.

Sec. 22. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Hartford shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of calculation of the grant for the alteration and energy conservation project (Project Number 064-0294 A/EC) at the Global Communications Academy IB.

Sec. 23. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2014, the energy conservation project (Project Number 005-0016 EC) at Barkhamsted Elementary School in the town of Barkhamsted with costs not to exceed seven hundred fifty-nine thousand eight hundred ten dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Barkhamsted files an application for such

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school building project prior to June 30, 2015, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

Sec. 24. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Watertown shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the renovation project (Project Number 153-0048 RNV) at Swift Middle School.

Sec. 25. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2014, the energy conservation project (Project Number 073-0016 EC) at Lisbon Central School in the town of Lisbon with costs not to exceed two hundred thirty-five thousand two hundred dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Lisbon files an application for such school building project prior to November 30, 2015, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or

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the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Lisbon shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of calculation of the grant for the energy conservation project (Project Number 073-0016 EC) at Lisbon Central School.

Sec. 26. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Administrative Services, the town of Woodbridge may let out for bid on and commence a project for alteration, roof replacement and energy conservation (Project Number 167-0025 A/RR/EC) at Beecher Road School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Administrative Services.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Woodbridge shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of calculation of the grant for the alteration, roof replacement and energy conservation project (Project Number 167-0025 A/RR/EC) at Beecher Road School.

Sec. 27. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Bloomfield shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the

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purpose of the calculation of the grant for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project at Bloomfield High School (Project Number 011-0077 EA/RR).

Sec. 28. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Bloomfield shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the alteration and roof replacement project at Carmen Arace Middle School (Project Number 011-0075 A/RR).

Sec. 29. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Bloomfield shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the extension and alteration at Metacomet Elementary School (Project Number 011-0078 EA).

Sec. 30. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Windsor Locks shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the energy conservation project at Windsor Locks High School (Project Number 165-0079 EC).

Sec. 31. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any

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regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that no project that has changed in scope or cost to the degree determined by the commissioner shall be eligible for reimbursement under this chapter unless it appears on the school construction priority list to be considered by the General Assembly in the 2015 regular legislative session, project costs for alteration project at Broad Brook Elementary School (Project Number 047-0035 E/EC) in the town of East Windsor may be increased to six million five hundred thousand dollars and shall be deemed to have been authorized by the legislature.

Sec. 32. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services concerning projected enrollment for a school building project for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project grant, the town of Danbury may use five hundred ninety-six as its projected enrollment figure for the extension and alteration project (Project Number 034-0139 EA) at Park Avenue School.

Sec. 33. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2014, the facility purchase and alteration project for a central office facility (Project Number 035-0111 BE/PF/A) in the town of Darien with costs not to exceed six million five hundred fifty-five thousand two hundred five dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Darien files an application for such school building project prior to June 30, 2015, and meets all other provisions

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of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

Sec. 34. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2014, the new construction project (Project Number TMP-095-FHKN) at New London High School in the town of New London with costs not to exceed ninety-eight million twenty-six thousand dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of New London (1) files an application for such school building project prior to June 30, 2015, (2) the Commissioner of Education has deemed reasonable the plan submitted pursuant to section 37 of public act 14-90, and (3) meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

Sec. 35. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Administrative Services, the town of Litchfield may let out for bid on and commence a project for code violation at Litchfield Center School (Project Number TMP-074-ZKFX) and at Litchfield Intermediate School (Project Number TMP-074-PWMX) and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a

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grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 36. Section 30 of public act 07-249, as amended by section 23 of public act 07-3 of the June special session, section 104 of public act 11-57, section 19 of public act 12-179 and section 37 of public act 14-90, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of title 10 of the general statutes, a local or regional school district that is a (1) district for a town (A) with a population greater than twenty thousand, but not more than thirty thousand, and (B) that is less than six square miles in area, in which at least fifty per cent of the property is exempt from taxation pursuant to chapter 203 of the general statutes, and (2) priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p of the general statutes shall qualify as an interdistrict magnet district.

(b) (1) The Commissioner of Education may designate schools under the jurisdiction of such district as interdistrict magnet schools for the purposes of section 10-264h of the general statutes, provided the district submits a plan to the commissioner detailing how the district will meet the enrollment requirements provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection and the commissioner deems such plan reasonable. No school in such district shall be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-264l of the general statutes, unless such school operates as an "interdistrict magnet school program", as defined in subsection (a) of said section 10-264l, and meets the district-wide enrollment requirements pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection.

(2) Not later than three years after the reopening of the schools of the interdistrict magnet school district following school construction projects for such schools, reimbursed at the rate provided for in section 10-264h of the general statutes, the local or regional board of education

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of such district shall, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education on the progress of such district in enrolling students from other school districts. If such district does not, on or before June 30, 2017, enroll students from other districts at a rate that is at least fifteen per cent of its total district-wide enrollment, such district shall be liable to the state for repayment of the amount representing the difference between the school building project grant received pursuant to this section and section 10-264h of the general statutes, and the grant such district would have otherwise received for such projects pursuant to the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes. [, as amended by this act.]

(3) For purposes of this subsection, "district-wide enrollment" means the total number of students enrolled in the New London public schools.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by [this act] public act 14-90 and this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2006, or subsection (d) of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by [this act] public act 14-90 and this act, or any regulation adopted by the board requiring local funding authorization for the local share of project costs prior to application, the projects for the local or regional school district that qualifies as an interdistrict magnet school district under subsection (a) of this section shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of public act 07-249, provided the school district secures the funding authorization for the local share and files a completed grant application prior to June 30, [2008] 2016, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education, except as provided for in this

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section.

(d) Any school so designated by the commissioner as a magnet school under this section that enrolls less than twenty-five per cent of the school's students from a town outside of the school district in which such school is located shall be eligible to receive a per pupil grant, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-264~~l~~ of the general statutes, for each enrolled student who is not a resident of the town in which such school is located.

Sec. 37. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Stratford may use two hundred thirty-five thousand square feet as the maximum square footage for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 138-0101 EA/RR) at Stratford High School for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project grant.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services, costs associated with the alterations to the gymnasium, athletic rooms and technical education classrooms shall be reimbursed as eligible project costs for the extension, alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 138-0101 EA/RR) at Stratford High School.

Sec. 38. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description of a project type for a school building project be

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made at the time of application for a school building project grant and the provisions of subdivision (18) of section 10-282 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-282 concerning the definition of renovation, the town of East Hampton may change the description of the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 042-0041 EA/RR) at East Hampton High School to a renovation project and subsequently qualify as a renovation, as defined in subdivision (18) of said section 10-282.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of East Hampton may use one hundred nineteen thousand square feet as the maximum square footage for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 042-0041 EA/RR) at East Hampton High School for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project grant.

Sec. 39. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 requiring all change orders or other change directives issued on or after July 1, 2008, to be submitted not later than six months after the date of such issuance, the town of Fairfield may submit change orders issued after such six-month time limit for the project at Fairfield Woods Middle School (Project Number 051-0122 EA) for reimbursement of eligible costs from the state, provided change orders have been reviewed and approved the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 40. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of

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section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2014, the energy conservation and code violation project (Project Number 144-0103 EC/CV) at Middlebrook Elementary School in the town of Trumbull with costs not to exceed one million five hundred thirty-four thousand dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Trumbull files an application for such school building project prior to June 30, 2015, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-292 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services requiring that a bid not be let out until plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Administrative Services, the town of Trumbull may let out for bid on and commence a project for energy conservation and code violation (Project Number 144-0103 EC/CV) at Middlebrook Elementary School and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided plans and specifications have been approved by the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 41. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Newington

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shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the alteration project (Project Number 094-0101 A) at Martin Kellogg Middle School.

Sec. 42. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Newington shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the alteration project (Project Number 094-0102 A) at John Wallace Middle School.

Sec. 43. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of North Haven may use one hundred thirty-five thousand eight hundred forty-seven square feet as the maximum square footage for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 101-0047 EA/RR) at North Haven Middle School for purposes of calculating eligible costs for a school building project grant.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services, costs associated with the alterations to the gymnasiums, cafeteria, auditorium and storage areas shall be reimbursed as eligible project costs for the extension, alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 101-0047 EA/RR) at North Haven Middle School, provided such costs shall not exceed two million fifty-two thousand thirty-six dollars.

Sec. 44. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of

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section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2015, or subsection (d) of said section 10-283, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services requiring local funding authorization for the local share of project costs prior to application, for the school construction priority list to be considered by the General Assembly in the 2016 regular legislative session, the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall give review and approval priority to a school building project for the Shepaug Valley School in Region 12, provided a complete grant application that includes the highest projected enrollment and with funding authorization for the local share of the project costs is filed on or before November 15, 2015, and further provided that such project is approved by the agricultural science and technology education center for Region 12.

Sec. 45. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2014, the extension and alteration project (Project Number 007-0234 EA) at Bennet Middle School in the town of Manchester with costs not to exceed seventeen million nine hundred sixty-one thousand eight hundred twenty-six dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Manchester files an application for such school building project prior to June 30, 2015, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

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(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description of a school building project be made at the time of application for a school building project grant, the town of Manchester may expand the description of the extension and alteration project (Project Number 077-0234 EA) at Bennet Middle School to include improvements to the former Cheney School and boiler plant buildings at 39/41 School Street, including roof replacement, connecting said buildings to the Bennet Middle School via a second-story pedestrian connector and a grade level restricted access, gated courtyard to integrate the campus; alterations to the Bennet Academy art and music instructional and custodial areas; and site improvements to create a cohesive campus encompassing all school buildings with enhanced parking, traffic circulation, landscaping, fencing and recreational areas.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of application for a school building project grant or the provisions of subdivision (18) of section 10-282 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-282, the town of Manchester may change the description of the extension and alteration project (Project Number 007-0234 EA) at Bennet Middle School to a renovation project and subsequently qualify as a renovation project, as defined in subdivision (18) of section 10-282 of the general statutes.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or

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the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Manchester shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of calculation of the grant for the extension and alteration project at Bennet Middle School (Project Number 077-0234 EA).

Sec. 46. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 requiring all change orders or other change directives issued on or after July 1, 2008, to be submitted not later than six months after the date of such issuance, the town of Waterbury may submit change orders issued after such six-month time limit for the project at Duggan Elementary School (Project Number 151-0252 RNV/E) for reimbursement of eligible costs from the state, provided change orders have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 47. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 requiring all change orders or other change directives issued on or after July 1, 2008, to be submitted not later than six months after the date of such issuance, the town of Waterbury may submit change orders issued after such six-month time limit for the project at the Reed School (Project Number 151-0253 N/PS) for reimbursement of eligible costs from the state, provided change orders have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 48. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department

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of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2014, the extension and alteration project at Alice Peck Elementary School in the town of Hamden with costs not to exceed two million five hundred forty thousand four hundred dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Hamden files an application for such school building project prior to September 30, 2015, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

Sec. 49. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of Southington shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 131-0110 EA/RR) at Thalberg Elementary School.

Sec. 50. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services limiting the amount of grant assistance for a project when the total eligible construction change orders or other change directives exceed five per cent of the authorized total project cost, the town of Southington shall be reimbursed at the project's reimbursement rate for the full eligible costs of construction change orders or other change directives in an amount not to exceed eight per cent of the authorized total project cost

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for the extension and alteration, roof replacement and purchase of site project (Project Number 131-0127 EA/RR/PS) at Joseph A. DePaolo Middle School.

Sec. 51. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services limiting the amount of grant assistance for a project when the total eligible construction change orders or other change directives exceed five per cent of the authorized total project cost, the town of Southington shall be reimbursed at the project's reimbursement rate for the full eligible costs of construction change orders or other change directives in an amount not to exceed eight per cent of the authorized total project cost for the extension and alteration, roof replacement and purchase of site project (Project Number 131-0128 EA/RR/PS) at John F. Kennedy Middle School.

Sec. 52. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of application for a school building project grant and the provisions of subdivision (18) of section 10-282 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-282 concerning the definition of renovation, the town of West Haven may change the description of the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 156-0138 EA/RR) at West Haven High School to a renovation project and subsequently qualify as a renovation, as defined in subdivision (18) of said section 10-282.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general

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statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the town of West Haven shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the extension and alteration and roof replacement project (Project Number 156-0138 EA/RR) at West Haven High School.

Sec. 53. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2014, the new construction project (Project Number TMP-119-JCRM) at the Intermediate School in the town of Rocky Hill with costs not to exceed thirty-one million seven hundred ninety-two thousand one hundred eighty-two dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the town of Rocky Hill files an application for such school building project prior to June 30, 2015, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-285a of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-285a concerning the reimbursement percentage that a local board of education may be eligible to receive for a school building project, the town of Rocky Hill may increase the reimbursement percentage by fifteen per cent for the new construction project (Project Number TMP-119-JCRM) at the Intermediate School. For purposes of this section,

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such fifteen per cent increase reflects the amount at which the costs to the state associated with increasing the reimbursement percentage for the town of Rocky Hill is equal to the amount of the savings achieved by the state for the costs associated with increasing the enrollment of students in the open choice program, pursuant to section 10-266aa of the general statutes, at the Intermediate School in Rocky Hill in lieu of participation in the interdistrict magnet school program, pursuant to section 10-264l of the general statutes.

Sec. 54. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of application for a school building project grant and the provisions of subdivision (18) of section 10-282 of the general statutes, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-282 concerning the definition of renovation, the town of Putnam may change the description for all projects that appear on the school construction priority list considered by the General Assembly during the 2014 regular legislative session to renovation projects and subsequently qualify as renovations, as defined in subdivision (18) of said section 10-282.

Sec. 55. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of application for a school building project grant, the Capitol Region Education Council may change the description and scope of the project (Project Number 241-0101) at Museum Academy to

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a new construction and site acquisition project.

Sec. 56. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the Capitol Region Education Council shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the new construction project (Project Number 241-0097 MAG/N) at Public Safety Academy.

Sec. 57. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the Capitol Region Education Council shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the new construction project (Project Number 241-0100 MAG/N) at Discovery Academy.

Sec. 58. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the Capitol Region Education Council shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the new construction project (Project Number 241-0099 MAG/N) at Academy of Aerospace.

Sec. 59. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-286 of the general statutes or any regulations adopted by the

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State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-286 concerning the calculation of grants using the state standard space specifications, the Capitol Region Education Council shall be exempt from the state standard space specifications for the purpose of the calculation of the grant for the new construction project (Project Number 241-0096 MAG/N) at Medical Professions and Teacher Preparation Academy.

Sec. 60. Section 35 of public act 14-90 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by [this act] public act 14-90, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring that the description of a project type for a school building project be made at the time of application for a school building project grant, the town of Plainville may expand the description of the extension and alteration project (Project Number 110-0057 EA) at Linden Street School to include demolition costs, abatement and site restoration and improvements limited to site access, parking and refurbishment of connective areas to the new school, with costs not to exceed [two] three million [four hundred thousand] dollars, provided the description shall not further expand in scope or cost after the effective date of this section, and provided further that the town council for the town of Plainville shall approve such additional appropriation.

Sec. 61. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services under said chapter, the town of Bridgeport may use any unexpended site acquisition funds for the extension and alteration and purchase of site project (Project Number 015-0172 EA/PS) at Black Rock School for the purpose of any other authorized project costs and such funds may

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be included as part of the local share of such other authorized project costs.

Sec. 62. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said section 10-283 requiring a completed grant application be submitted prior to June 30, 2014, the school building project at Oliver Wolcott Technical High School located in the town of Torrington with costs not to exceed one hundred fifty-three million three hundred forty-five thousand seven hundred dollars shall be included in subdivision (1) of section 1 of this act and shall subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided an application for such school building project is filed prior to September 1, 2015, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes or any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education or the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to said chapter 173 and is eligible for grant assistance pursuant to said chapter 173.

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