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To: Senate Bill No. 1502

"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNium ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES."

1 In line 39, strike "four", and insert "two" in lieu thereof

2 Strike lines 1848 to 1860, inclusive, and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"(9) Intensive, home-based services designed to address specific mental or nervous conditions in a child; while remediating problematic parenting practices and addressing other family and educational challenges that affect the child's and family's ability to function;

(10) Intensive, family-based and community-based treatment programs that focus on addressing environmental systems that impact
chronic and violent juvenile offenders;]

[(11)] (10) Evidence-based family-focused therapy that specializes in the treatment of juvenile substance use disorders; [and delinquency;]

[(12)] (11) Short-term family therapy intervention; [and juvenile diversion programs that target at-risk children to address adolescent behavior problems, conduct disorders, substance use disorders and delinquency;"

Strike lines 1914 to 1923, inclusive, and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"(9) Intensive, home-based services designed to address specific mental or nervous conditions in a child;

(10) Evidence-based family-focused therapy that specializes in the treatment of juvenile substance use disorders;

(11) Short-term family therapy intervention;"

Strike lines 1978 to 1990, inclusive, in their entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"(9) Intensive, home-based services designed to address specific mental or nervous conditions in a child; [while remediating problematic parenting practices and addressing other family and educational challenges that affect the child's and family's ability to function;

(10) Intensive, family-based and community-based treatment programs that focus on addressing environmental systems that impact chronic and violent juvenile offenders;]

[(11)] (10) Evidence-based family-focused therapy that specializes in the treatment of juvenile substance use disorders; [and delinquency;]

[(12)] (11) Short-term family therapy intervention; [and juvenile
diversion programs that target at-risk children to address adolescent behavior problems, conduct disorders, substance use disorders and delinquency; J"

Strike lines 2044 to 2053, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(9) Intensive, home-based services designed to address specific mental or nervous conditions in a child;

(10) Evidence-based family-focused therapy that specializes in the treatment of juvenile substance use disorders;

(11) Short-term family therapy intervention;"

In line 1884, strike "44" and insert "43" in lieu thereof

In line 2014, strike "46" and insert "45" in lieu thereof

In line 4120, strike "$40,000 to Compass"

In line 4121, strike "Youth Collaborative Peacebuilders Program" and insert in lieu thereof: "$20,000 to OPMAD, Inc.; $20,000 to Samuel V. Arroyo Center, Hartford; $20,000 to Wakeman Boys and Girls Club, Southport"

In line 4354, after "contract", insert the following: " , and that are performed or rendered at the Legislative Office Building, the State Capitol or the Old State House;"

In line 4371, after "agreement", insert the following: " , and that are performed or rendered at the Legislative Office Building, the State Capitol or the Old State House;"

In line 4401, after "contract", insert the following: " , and that are performed or rendered at the Legislative Office Building, the State Capitol or the Old State House;"
Strike section 122 and renumber sections and internal references accordingly

Strike section 131 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 131. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 172 of public act 15-244 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2015):

(b) (1) For each calendar quarter commencing on or after October 1, 2015, there is hereby imposed a tax on each ambulatory surgical center in this state to be paid each calendar quarter. The tax imposed by this section shall be at the rate of six per cent of the gross receipts of each ambulatory surgical center, except that such tax shall not be imposed on any amount of such gross receipts that constitutes either (A) the first million dollars of gross receipts of the ambulatory surgical center in the applicable fiscal year, or (B) net patient revenue of a hospital that is subject to the tax imposed under chapter 211a of the general statutes. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an ambulatory surgical center from seeking remuneration for the tax imposed by this section."

In line 5323, strike "section 2" and substitute "section 134" in lieu thereof

Strike section 160 and renumber the remaining sections and internal references accordingly

Strike section 228 and renumber the remaining sections and internal references accordingly

In line 8947, bracket "September" and after the closing bracket insert "October"

Strike section 330 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:
"Sec. 330. Section 10-262u of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2015):

(a) As used in this section and section 10-262i:

(1) "Alliance district" means a school district that is in a town that is among the towns with the lowest [district performance indices] accountability index scores.

(2) "District performance index" means the sum of the district subject performance indices for mathematics, reading, writing and science.

(3) "District subject performance index for mathematics" means thirty per cent multiplied by the sum of the mastery test data of record, as defined in section 10-262f, for a district for mathematics weighted as follows: (A) Zero for the percentage of students scoring below basic, (B) twenty-five per cent for the percentage of students scoring at basic, (C) fifty per cent for the percentage of students scoring at proficient, (D) seventy-five per cent for the percentage of students scoring at goal, and (E) one hundred per cent for the percentage of students scoring at advanced.

(4) "District subject performance index for reading" means thirty per cent multiplied by the sum of the mastery test data of record, as defined in section 10-262f, for a district for reading weighted as follows: (A) Zero for the percentage of students scoring below basic, (B) twenty-five per cent for the percentage of students scoring at basic, (C) fifty per cent for the percentage of students scoring at proficient, (D) seventy-five per cent for the percentage of students scoring at goal, and (E) one hundred per cent for the percentage of students scoring at advanced.

(5) "District subject performance index for writing" means thirty per cent multiplied by the sum of the mastery test data of record, as defined in section 10-262f, for a district for writing weighted as follows: (A) Zero for the percentage of students scoring below basic,
(B) twenty-five per cent for the percentage of students scoring at basic,
(C) fifty per cent for the percentage of students scoring at proficient,
(D) seventy-five per cent for the percentage of students scoring at goal,
and (E) one hundred per cent for the percentage of students scoring at
advanced.

(6) "District subject performance index for science" means ten per
cent multiplied by the sum of the mastery test data of record, as
defined in section 10-262f, for a district for science weighted as follows:
(A) Zero for the percentage of students scoring below basic, (B)
twenty-five per cent for the percentage of students scoring at basic, (C)
fifty per cent for the percentage of students scoring at proficient, (D)
seventy-five per cent for the percentage of students scoring at goal,
and (E) one hundred per cent for the percentage of students scoring at
advanced.]

(2) "Accountability index" has the same meaning as provided in
section 10-223e, as amended by this act.

(3) "Mastery test data of record" has the same meaning as provided
in section 10-262f, as amended by this act.

[(7)] (4) "Educational reform district" means a school district that is
in a town that is among the ten lowest [district performance indices]
accountability index scores when all towns are ranked highest to
lowest in [district performance indices] accountability index scores.

(b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Commissioner of
Education shall designate thirty school districts as alliance districts.
Any school district designated as an alliance district shall be so
designated for a period of five years. On or before June 30, 2016, the
Department of Education shall determine if there are any additional
alliance districts.

(c) (1) (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the Comptroller
shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any
increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the
prior fiscal year pursuant to section 10-262h. The Comptroller shall transfer such funds to the Commissioner of Education. (B) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, [and June 30, 2015] to June 30, 2017, inclusive, the Comptroller shall withhold from a town designated as an alliance district any increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-262i. The Comptroller shall transfer such funds to the Commissioner of Education.

(2) Upon receipt of an application pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the Commissioner of Education may pay such funds to the town designated as an alliance district and such town shall pay all such funds to the local or regional board of education for such town on the condition that such funds shall be expended in accordance with the plan described in subsection (d) of this section, the provisions of subsection (c) of section 10-262i, and any guidelines developed by the State Board of Education for such funds. Such funds shall be used to improve student achievement in such alliance district and to offset any other local education costs approved by the commissioner.

(d) The local or regional board of education for a town designated as an alliance district may apply to the Commissioner of Education, at such time and in such manner as the commissioner prescribes, to receive any increase in funds received over the amount the town received for the prior fiscal year pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-262i. Applications pursuant to this subsection shall include objectives and performance targets and a plan that may include, but not be limited to, the following: (1) A tiered system of interventions for the schools under the jurisdiction of such board based on the needs of such schools, (2) ways to strengthen the foundational programs in reading, through the intensive reading instruction program pursuant to section 10-14u, to ensure reading mastery in kindergarten to grade three, inclusive, with a focus on standards and instruction, proper use of data, intervention strategies, current information for teachers, parental engagement, and teacher professional development, (3)
additional learning time, including extended school day or school year programming administered by school personnel or external partners,

(4) a talent strategy that includes, but is not limited to, teacher and school leader recruitment and assignment, career ladder policies that draw upon guidelines for a model teacher evaluation program adopted by the State Board of Education, pursuant to section 10-151b, and adopted by each local or regional board of education. Such talent strategy may include provisions that demonstrate increased ability to attract, retain, promote and bolster the performance of staff in accordance with performance evaluation findings and, in the case of new personnel, other indicators of effectiveness, (5) training for school leaders and other staff on new teacher evaluation models, (6) provisions for the cooperation and coordination with early childhood education providers to ensure alignment with district expectations for student entry into kindergarten, including funding for an existing local Head Start program, (7) provisions for the cooperation and coordination with other governmental and community programs to ensure that students receive adequate support and wraparound services, including community school models, (8) provisions for implementing and furthering state-wide education standards adopted by the State Board of Education and all activities and initiatives associated with such standards, and (9) any additional categories or goals as determined by the commissioner. Such plan shall demonstrate collaboration with key stakeholders, as identified by the commissioner, with the goal of achieving efficiencies and the alignment of intent and practice of current programs with conditional programs identified in this subsection. The commissioner may (A) require changes in any plan submitted by a local or regional board of education before the commissioner approves an application under this subsection, and (B) permit a local or regional board of education, as part of such plan, to use a portion of any funds received under this section for the purposes of paying tuition charged to such board pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (k) of section 10-264l or subsection (b) of section 10-264o.

(e) The State Board of Education may develop guidelines and
criteria for the administration of such funds under this section.

(f) The commissioner may withhold such funds if the local or regional board of education fails to comply with the provisions of this section. The commissioner may renew such funding if the local or regional board of education provides evidence that the school district of such board is achieving the objectives and performance targets approved by the commissioner stated in the plan submitted under this section.

(g) Any local or regional board of education receiving funding under this section shall submit an annual expenditure report to the commissioner on such form and in such manner as requested by the commissioner. The commissioner shall determine if (1) the local or regional board of education shall repay any funds not expended in accordance with the approved application, or (2) such funding should be reduced in a subsequent fiscal year up to an amount equal to the amount that the commissioner determines is out of compliance with the provisions of this subsection.

(h) Any balance remaining for each local or regional board of education at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward for such local or regional board of education for the next fiscal year."

Strike sections 338 and 339 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 338. Subsection (i) of section 10-266p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2015):

(i) In addition to the amounts allocated in subsection (a) and subsections (c) to (h), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter, the State Board of Education shall allocate two million twenty thousand dollars to the town ranked sixth when all towns are ranked from highest to lowest in population, based on the most recent federal decennial census, except..."
that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the State Board of Education shall allocate two million two hundred thousand seventy dollars to said town.

Sec. 339. (Effective July 1, 2015) Up to $250,000 of the unexpended balance of funds appropriated to the Department of Education, for Priority School Districts, in section 1 of public act 13-247, as amended by section 1 of public act 14-47, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, shall not lapse on said date, and such funds shall continue to be available for a grant pursuant to subsection (i) of section 10-266p of the general statutes, as amended by this act, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016."

Strike sections 405 to 410, inclusive, in their entirety and renumber sections and internal references accordingly

In line 15751, strike "may" and insert "shall" in lieu thereof

In line 15761, strike "may" and insert "shall" in lieu thereof

In line 15782, strike "advised" and insert "overseen" in lieu thereof

In line 15961, strike "quality and acuity measures" and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"cost, volume and quality measures"

In line 17095, before "Director" insert "Director of Communications 1, Director of Communications 1 (Rc),"

In line 17265, strike "used" and insert "expended" in lieu thereof

In line 18082, after "subsections", insert an opening bracket, strike the opening bracket before the comma and after the closing bracket, insert "(e)"

Change the effective date of section 487 to "Effective October 1, 2015, and applicable to the renewal of a license or certificate that expires on
Strike section 489 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 489. Section 137 of public act 15-244 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2015)

(a) There is established an account to be known as the "professional assistance program account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be paid by the Commissioner of Public Health to the assistance program for health care professionals established pursuant to section 19a-12a of the general statutes for the provision of education, prevention, intervention, referral assistance, rehabilitation or support services to health care professionals who have a chemical dependency, emotional or behavioral disorder or physical or mental illness.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, up to $400,001 of the amount transferred to the professional assistance program account shall be available for use by the Department of Public Health to implement the provisions of section 490 of this act. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, up to $586,272 of the amount transferred to said account shall be available for use by the department to implement the provisions of section 490 of this act. Any remaining balance in said account shall be paid by the Commissioner of Public Health to the assistance program for health care professionals established pursuant to section 19a-12a of the general statutes for the provision of education, prevention, intervention, referral assistance, rehabilitation or support services to health care professionals who have a chemical dependency, emotional or behavioral disorder or physical or mental illness."

Change the effective date of section 491 to "Effective July 1, 2019"

Strike sections 493 and 494 in their entirety and renumber sections
and internal references accordingly

In line 19397, strike "eight hundred thousand dollars" and substitute "eight hundred fourteen thousand eight hundred ninety-one dollars" in lieu thereof

In lines 19864, 19866, 19874 and 19876, strike "on motor vehicles"

Strike section 496 and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 496. (Effective July 1, 2015) The sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars shall be made available for a grant to the city of Middletown, for general municipal purposes, by the Office of Policy and Management from the regional planning incentive account established pursuant to section 4-66k of the general statutes."

In line 19981, after "municipality" insert "that has received a grant pursuant to section 8-216 of the general statutes in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015,"

Strike sections 508 to 521, inclusive, and renumber remaining sections and internal references accordingly

In line 20489, strike "Sections 14-154a and" and insert the following in lieu thereof: "Section"

In line 20489, strike "are" and insert "is" in lieu thereof

After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:

"Sec. 601. (Effective July 1, 2015) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, two hundred fifty thousand dollars of the Department of Public Health's Other Expenses account shall be made available to the Connecticut Umbilical Cord Blood Collection Board for the purpose of deposit in the Umbilical Cord Blood Collection account as established in 19a-32t of the general statutes."
Sec. 602. (Effective July 1, 2015) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of subdivision (72) of section 12-81 of the general statutes, any person otherwise eligible for a 2014 grand list exemption pursuant to said subdivision (72) in the town of Milford, except that such person failed to file the required exemption application within the time period prescribed, shall be regarded as having filed said application in a timely manner if such person files said application not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section, and pays the late filing fee pursuant to section 12-81k of the general statutes. Upon confirmation of the receipt of such fee and verification of the exemption eligibility of the machinery and equipment included in such application, the assessor shall approve the exemption for such property. If taxes have been paid on the property for which such exemption is approved, the town of Milford shall reimburse such person in an amount equal to the amount by which such taxes exceed the taxes payable if the application had been filed in a timely manner.

Sec. 603. (Effective from passage) The food service kiosk located on the third floor of the Legislative Office Building shall be named the "First in Flight Café" to honor the first powered flight by Gustave Whitehead and to commemorate the Connecticut aviation and aerospace industry.

Sec. 604. Section 8-64a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

No housing authority that receives or has received any state financial assistance may sell, lease, transfer or destroy, or contract to sell, lease, transfer or destroy, any housing project or portion thereof in any case where such project or portion thereof would no longer be available for the purpose of low or moderate income rental housing as a result of such sale, lease, transfer or destruction, except the Commissioner of Housing may grant written approval for the sale, lease, transfer or destruction of a housing project if the commissioner finds, after a public hearing, that (1) the sale, lease, transfer or destruction is in the best interest of the state and the municipality in which the project is located, (2) an adequate supply of low or moderate
income rental housing exists in the municipality in which the project is located, (3) the housing authority has developed a plan for the sale, lease, transfer or destruction of such project in consultation with the residents of such project and representatives of the municipality in which such project is situated and has made adequate provision for said residents' and representatives' participation in such plan, and (4) any person who is displaced as a result of the sale, lease, transfer or destruction will be relocated to a comparable dwelling unit of public or subsidized housing in the same municipality or will receive a tenant-based rental subsidy and will receive relocation assistance under chapter 135. The commissioner shall consider the extent to which the housing units that are to be sold, leased, transferred or destroyed will be replaced in ways that may include, but need not be limited to, newly constructed housing, rehabilitation of housing that is abandoned or has been vacant for at least one year, or new federal, state or local tenant-based or project-based rental subsidies. The commissioner shall give the residents of the housing project or portion thereof that is to be sold, leased, transferred or destroyed written notice of said public hearing by first class mail not less than ninety days before the date of the hearing. Said written approval shall contain a statement of facts supporting the findings of the commissioner. This section shall not apply to the sale, lease, transfer or destruction of a housing project pursuant to the terms of any contract entered into before June 3, 1988. The commissioner shall not impose a one-for-one replacement requirement on King Court in East Hartford. This section shall not apply to phase I of Father Panik Village in Bridgeport, Elm Haven in New Haven, Pequonnock Gardens Project in Bridgeport, Evergreen Apartments in Bridgeport, Quinnipiac Terrace/Riverview in New Haven, Dutch Point in Hartford, William V. Begg Apartments in Waterbury, Southfield Village in Stamford, Marina Village in Bridgeport and, upon approval by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development of a HOPE VI revitalization application and a revitalization plan that includes at least the one-for-one replacement of low and moderate income units, Fairfield Court in Stamford.
Sec. 605. Subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of section 38a-1083 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

(a) For purposes of sections 38a-1080 to 38a-1091, inclusive, as amended by this act, "purposes of the exchange" means the purposes of and the pursuit of the goals of the exchange expressed in and pursuant to this section and the performance of the duties and responsibilities of the exchange set forth in sections 38a-1084 to 38a-1087, inclusive, which are hereby determined to be public purposes for which public funds may be expended. The powers enumerated in this section shall be interpreted broadly to effectuate the purposes of the exchange and shall not be construed as a limitation of powers.

(b) The goals of the exchange shall be to reduce the number of individuals without health insurance in this state and assist individuals and small employers in the procurement of health insurance by, among other services, offering easily comparable and understandable information about health insurance options.

(c) The exchange is authorized and empowered to:

(1) Have perpetual [successions] succession as a body politic and corporate and to adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;

(2) Adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;

(3) Maintain an office in the state at such place or places as it may designate;

(4) Employ such assistants, agents, managers and other employees as may be necessary or desirable;

(5) Acquire, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and dispose of real and personal property, and lease, convey or deal in or enter into agreements with respect to such property on any terms necessary or
incidental to the carrying out of these purposes, provided all such
acquisitions of real property for the exchange's own use with amounts
appropriated by this state to the exchange or with the proceeds of
bonds supported by the full faith and credit of this state shall be
subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
Management and the provisions of section 4b-23;

(6) Receive and accept, from any source, aid or contributions,
including money, property, labor and other things of value;

(7) Charge assessments or user fees to health carriers that are
capable of offering a qualified health plan through the exchange or
otherwise generate funding necessary to support the operations of the
exchange and impose interest and penalties on such health carriers for
delinquent payments of such assessments or fees;

(8) Procure insurance against loss in connection with its property
and other assets in such amounts and from such insurers as it deems
desirable;

(9) Invest any funds not needed for immediate use or disbursement
in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of America or
the state and in obligations that are legal investments for savings banks
in the state;

(10) Issue bonds, bond anticipation notes and other obligations of
the exchange for any of its corporate purposes, and to fund or refund
the same and provide for the rights of the holders thereof, and to
secure the same by pledge of revenues, notes and mortgages of others;

(11) Borrow money for the purpose of obtaining working capital;

(12) Account for and audit funds of the exchange and any recipients
of funds from the exchange;

(13) Make and enter into any contract or agreement necessary or
incidental to the performance of its duties and execution of its powers.
The contracts entered into by the exchange shall not be subject to the approval of any other state department, office or agency, provided copies of all contracts of the exchange shall be maintained by the exchange as public records, subject to the proprietary rights of any party to the contract;

(14) To the extent permitted under its contract with other persons, consent to any termination, modification, forgiveness or other change of any term of any contractual right, payment, royalty, contract or agreement of any kind to which the exchange is a party;

(15) Award grants to trained and certified individuals and institutions that will assist individuals, families and small employers and their employees in enrolling in appropriate coverage through the exchange. Applications for grants from the exchange shall be made on a form prescribed by the board;

(16) Limit the number of plans offered, and use selective criteria in determining which plans to offer, through the exchange, provided individuals and employers have an adequate number and selection of choices;

(17) Evaluate jointly with the SustiNet Health Care Cabinet the feasibility of implementing a basic health program option as set forth in Section 1331 of the Affordable Care Act;

(18) Establish one or more subsidiaries, in accordance with section 606 of this act, to further the purposes of the exchange;

(19) Make loans to each subsidiary established pursuant to section 606 of this act from the assets of the exchange and the proceeds of bonds, bond anticipation notes and other obligations issued by the exchange or assign or transfer to such subsidiary any of the rights, moneys or other assets of the exchange, provided such assignment or transfer is not in violation of state or federal law;

[(18)] (20) Sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded;
Adopt regular procedures that are not in conflict with other provisions of the general statutes, for exercising the power of the exchange; and

Do all acts and things necessary and convenient to carry out the purposes of the exchange, provided such acts or things shall not conflict with the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, regulations adopted thereunder or federal guidance issued pursuant to the Affordable Care Act.

Sec. 606. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) The exchange may establish one or more subsidiaries for such purposes as prescribed by resolution of the board of directors of the exchange, which purposes shall be consistent with the purposes of the exchange. Each subsidiary shall be deemed a quasi-public agency for the purposes of chapter 12 of the general statutes and shall have all the privileges, immunities, tax exemptions and other exemptions of the exchange. Any such subsidiary may be organized as a stock or nonstock corporation or a limited liability company.

(b) Each subsidiary shall have and may exercise the powers of the exchange and such additional powers as are set forth in such resolution, except the powers of the exchange set forth in subdivisions (7), (12), (15), (16), (17) and (21) of subsection (c) of section 38a-1083 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall be reserved to the exchange and shall not be exercisable by any subsidiary of the exchange.

(c) (1) Each subsidiary shall act through a board of directors, at least one-half of which shall be members of the board of directors of the exchange or their designees or officers or employees of the exchange. The provisions of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 38a-1081 and subdivisions (7) and (9) of subsection (c) of section 38a-1081 shall apply to each member of the board of directors of a subsidiary who is not a member of the board of directors of the exchange, an officer of the exchange or an employee of the exchange.
(2) The provisions of section 1-125 of the general statutes shall apply to any member of the board of directors of a subsidiary established under this section. Any such member shall not be personally liable for the debts, obligations or liabilities of any such subsidiary as provided in section 1-125 of the general statutes. Any such subsidiary shall, and the exchange may, save harmless and indemnify any such member as provided in section 1-125 of the general statutes.

(d) (1) Each subsidiary shall be subject to suit, provided its liability shall be limited solely to the assets, revenues and resources of such subsidiary and without recourse to the general funds, revenues or resources or any other assets of the exchange.

(2) Each subsidiary may convey or dispose of its assets and pledge its revenues to secure any borrowing, provided any such borrowing shall be a special obligation of the subsidiary and shall be payable solely from the assets, revenues and resources of the subsidiary.

(3) Each subsidiary or the exchange may take any action necessary to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time, to qualify and maintain any subsidiary as a corporation exempt from taxation under said code.

Sec. 607. Section 38a-1080 of the general statutes, as amended by section 60 of public act 15-118, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):

For purposes of sections 38a-1080 to [38a-1091] 38a-1092, inclusive, as amended by [this act] public act 15-118, and section 606 of this act:

(1) "Board" means the board of directors of the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange;

(2) "Commissioner" means the Insurance Commissioner;

(3) "Exchange" means the Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange
established pursuant to section 38a-1081, as amended by [this act]

public act 15-188;

(4) "Affordable Care Act" means the Patient Protection and
Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and
Education Reconciliation Act, P.L. 111-152, as both may be amended
from time to time, and regulations adopted thereunder;

(5) (A) "Health benefit plan" means an insurance policy or contract
offered, delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
continued in the state by a health carrier to provide, deliver, pay for or
reimburse any of the costs of health care services.

(B) "Health benefit plan" does not include:

(i) Coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (5), (6), (7), (8), (9),
(14), (15) and (16) of section 38a-469 or any combination thereof;

(ii) Coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance;

(iii) Liability insurance, including general liability insurance and
automobile liability insurance;

(iv) Workers' compensation insurance;

(v) Automobile medical payment insurance;

(vi) Credit insurance;

(vii) Coverage for on-site medical clinics; or

(viii) Other similar insurance coverage specified in regulations
issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability
Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, as amended from time to time, under which
benefits for health care services are secondary or incidental to other
insurance benefits.

(C) "Health benefit plan" does not include the following benefits if
they are provided under a separate insurance policy, certificate or contract or are otherwise not an integral part of the plan:

(i) Limited scope dental or vision benefits;

(ii) Benefits for long-term care, nursing home care, home health care, community-based care or any combination thereof; or

(iii) Other similar, limited benefits specified in regulations issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, as amended from time to time;

(iv) Other supplemental coverage, similar to coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (9) and (14) of section 38a-469, provided under a group health plan.

(D) "Health benefit plan" does not include coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (3) and (13) of section 38a-469 or other fixed indemnity insurance if (i) such coverage is provided under a separate insurance policy, certificate or contract, (ii) there is no coordination between the provision of the benefits and any exclusion of benefits under any group health plan maintained by the same plan sponsor, and (iii) the benefits are paid with respect to an event without regard to whether benefits were also provided under any group health plan maintained by the same plan sponsor;

(6) "Health care services" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-478, as amended by [this act] public act 15-118;

(7) "Health carrier" means an insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, health care center or other entity subject to the insurance laws and regulations of the state or the jurisdiction of the commissioner that contracts or offers to contract to provide, deliver, pay for or reimburse any of the costs of health care services;

(8) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of
1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time;

(9) "Person" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-1;

(10) "Qualified dental plan" means a limited scope dental plan that has been certified in accordance with subsection (e) of section 38a-1086;

(11) "Qualified employer" has the same meaning as provided in Section 1312 of the Affordable Care Act;

(12) "Qualified health plan" means a health benefit plan that has in effect a certification that the plan meets the criteria for certification described in Section 1311(c) of the Affordable Care Act and section 38a-1086;

(13) "Qualified individual" has the same meaning as provided in Section 1312 of the Affordable Care Act;

(14) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services;

(15) "Small employer" has the same meaning as provided in section 38a-564, as amended by [this act] public act 15-118.

Sec. 608. Section 19a-55 of the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 15-10 and section 49 of public act 15-242, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2015):

(a) The administrative officer or other person in charge of each institution caring for newborn infants shall cause to have administered to every such infant in its care an HIV-related test, as defined in section 19a-581, a test for phenylketonuria and other metabolic diseases, hypothyroidism, galactosemia, sickle cell disease, maple syrup urine disease, homocystinuria, biotinidase deficiency, congenital adrenal hyperplasia and such other tests for inborn errors of metabolism as
shall be prescribed by the Department of Public Health. The tests shall
be administered as soon after birth as is medically appropriate. If the
mother has had an HIV-related test pursuant to section 19a-90 or 19a-
593, the person responsible for testing under this section may omit an
HIV-related test. The Commissioner of Public Health shall (1)
administer the newborn screening program, (2) direct persons
identified through the screening program to appropriate specialty
centers for treatments, consistent with any applicable confidentiality
requirements, and (3) set the fees to be charged to institutions to cover
all expenses of the comprehensive screening program including
testing, tracking and treatment. The fees to be charged pursuant to
subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be set at a minimum of fifty-six
dollars. The Commissioner of Public Health shall publish a list of all
the abnormal conditions for which the department screens newborns
under the newborn screening program, which shall include screening
for amino acid disorders, organic acid disorders and fatty acid
oxidation disorders, including, but not limited to, long-chain 3-
hydroxyacyl CoA dehydrogenase (L-CHAD) and medium-chain acyl-
CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD).

(b) In addition to the testing requirements prescribed in subsection
(a) of this section, the administrative officer or other person in charge
of each institution caring for newborn infants shall cause to have
administered to (1) every such infant in its care a screening test for (A)
cystic fibrosis, (B) severe combined immunodeficiency disease, and (C)
critical congenital heart disease, and (2) any newborn infant who fails a
newborn hearing screening, as described in section 19a-59, a screening
test for cytomegalovirus, provided such screening test shall be
administered within available appropriations on and after January 1,
2016. Such screening tests shall be administered as soon after birth as is
medically appropriate.

[(c) On and after the occurrence of the following: (1) The
development and validation of a reliable methodology for screening
newborns for adrenoleukodystrophy using dried blood spots and

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quality assurance testing methodology for such test or the approval of a test for adrenoleukodystrophy using dried blood spots by the federal Food and Drug Administration; and (2) the availability of any necessary reagents for such test, the administrative officer or other person in charge of each institution caring for newborn infants shall cause to have administered to every such infant in its care a test for adrenoleukodystrophy.]

(c) On or before October 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Public Health shall execute an agreement with the New York State Department of Health to conduct a screening test of newborns for adrenoleukodystrophy using dried blood spots, as well as the development of a quality assurance testing methodology for such test. The commissioner may accept private grants and donations to defray the cost of purchasing equipment that is necessary to perform the testing described in this subsection.

(d) The administrative officer or other person in charge of each institution caring for newborn infants shall report any case of cytomegalovirus that is confirmed as a result of a screening test administered pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section to the Department of Public Health in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Health.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any infant whose parents object to the test or treatment as being in conflict with their religious tenets and practice. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

Sec. 609. (Effective July 1, 2016) Up to $100,000 of the amount appropriated in section 1 of public act 15-244, as amended by this act, to the Department of Public Health, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, shall be made available for said fiscal year for the purpose of conducting a screening test of newborns for adrenoleukodystrophy in accordance with subsection (c) of section
19a-55 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

Sec. 610. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2016) (a) For purposes of this section, "police officer", "certification" and "law enforcement unit" have the same meanings as provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes and "cost of certification" means the cost of training, equipment, uniforms, salary and fringe benefits and any cost related to the entry level requirements established by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council associated with the police officer, except that "cost of certification" does not include the cost of any equipment or uniforms that were returned by such officer.

(b) Whenever a police officer obtains certification while employed by a law enforcement unit and is subsequently hired by another law enforcement unit on or after the effective date of this section and within two years of such officer obtaining such certification, the law enforcement unit hiring the police officer shall reimburse the initial law enforcement unit fifty per cent of the total cost of certification. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a law enforcement unit that hires a police officer two years or more after such officer obtains certification.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect an agreement between a police officer or a collective bargaining unit and a law enforcement unit entered into prior to the effective date of this section that provides for the reimbursement of the cost of certification.

Sec. 611. (Effective July 1, 2015) The sum of $100,000 appropriated in section 1 of public act 13-247, as amended by public act 14-47, to the Military Department, for Veteran's Service Bonuses, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, shall not lapse on June 30, 2015, and such funds shall be carried forward and transferred to Honor Guards to be made available for such purpose as follows: $50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and $50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Sec. 612. Subsection (d) of section 9 of public act 12-189, as amended
by section 230 of senate bill 1501 of the current session, is amended to read as follows (Effective July 1, 2015):

For the Department of Public Health: Grants-in-aid to community health centers and primary care organizations for the purchase of equipment, renovations, improvements and expansion of facilities, including acquisition of land or buildings, not exceeding $30,000,000, provided up to $15,000,000 shall be made available to member centers affiliated with the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut, and up to $13,000,000 shall be made available to Community Health Center, Incorporated, and up to $2,000,000 shall be made available to either Community Health Center Association of Connecticut or Community Health Center, Incorporated, on the basis of competitive bids submitted by such association or center.

Sec. 613. Section 10-262j of the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public act 15-99 and section 19 of public act 15-215, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2015):

(a) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, plus any aid increase described in subsection (d) of section 10-262i, except that a town may reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, by one or more of the following:

(1) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations is equal to or greater than twenty per cent, and (B) a resident student count for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, that is lower than such district's resident student count for October 1, 2013, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, may reduce such district's budgeted
appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident students for such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current expenditures per resident student of such district, provided such reduction shall not exceed one and one-half per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, except that the Commissioner of Education may, following a review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount greater than one and one-half per cent if the board of education for such town has approved, by vote at a meeting duly called, such proposed reductions;

(2) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations is less than twenty per cent, and (B) a resident student count for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, that is lower than such district's resident student count for October 1, 2013, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident students for such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current expenditures per resident student of such district, provided such reduction shall not exceed three per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, except that the Commissioner of Education may, following a review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for education in an amount greater than three per cent if the board of education for such town has approved, by vote at a meeting duly called, such proposed reductions;

(3) Any district (A) that does not maintain a high school and pays tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident students to attend high school in another district, and (B) in which the number of resident students attending high school for such district for
October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, is lower than such district's number of resident students attending high school for October 1, 2013, using the data of record as of January 31, 2015, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident students attending high school for such years multiplied by the amount of tuition paid per student pursuant to section 10-33; or

(4) Any district that realizes new and documentable savings through increased district efficiencies approved by the Commissioner of Education or through regional collaboration or cooperative arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the amount of savings experienced as a result of such district efficiencies, regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

(b) Except as otherwise provided under the provisions of subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the budgeted appropriation for education shall be not less than the budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, plus any aid increase received pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-262i, except that a town may reduce its budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, by one or more of the following:

(1) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations is equal to or greater than twenty per cent, and (B) a resident student count for October 1, 2015, using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, that is lower than such district's resident student count for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education by the difference in the number of resident
students for such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current
expenditures per resident student of such district, provided such
reduction shall not exceed one and one-half per cent of the district's
budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
30, 2016, except that the Commissioner of Education may, following a
review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted appropriation
for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted appropriation for
education in an amount greater than one and one-half per cent if the
board of education for such town has approved, by vote at a meeting
duly called, such proposed reductions;

(2) Any district with (A) a resident student population in which the
number of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches
pursuant to federal law and regulations is less than twenty per cent,
and (B) a resident student count for October 1, 2015, using the data of
record as of January 31, 2016, that is lower than such district's resident
student count for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of
January 31, 2016, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation
for education by the difference in the number of resident students for
such years multiplied by fifty per cent of the net current expenditures
per resident student, as defined in subdivision (45) of section 10-262f of
such district, provided such reduction shall not exceed three per cent
of the district's budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 2016, except that the Commissioner of Education may,
following a review of a town's proposed reductions to its budgeted
appropriation for education, permit a town to reduce its budgeted
appropriation for education in an amount greater than three per cent if
the board of education for such town has approved, by vote at a
meeting duly called, such proposed reductions;

(3) Any district (A) that does not maintain a high school and pays
tuition to another school district pursuant to section 10-33 for resident
students to attend high school in another district, and (B) in which the
number of resident students attending high school for such district for
October 1, 2015, using the data of record as of January 31, 2016, is
lower than such district's number of resident students attending high
school for October 1, 2014, using the data of record as of January 31,
2016, may reduce such district's budgeted appropriation for education
by the difference in the number of resident students attending high
school for such years multiplied by the amount of tuition paid per
student pursuant to section 10-33; or

(4) Any district that realizes new and documentable savings
through increased district efficiencies approved by the Commissioner
of Education or through regional collaboration or cooperative
arrangements pursuant to section 10-158a may reduce such district's
budgeted appropriation for education in an amount equal to half of the
amount of savings experienced as a result of such district efficiencies,
regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement, provided such
reduction shall not exceed one-half of one per cent of the district's
budgeted appropriation for education for the fiscal year ending June
30, 2015.

(c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, the
Commissioner of Education may permit a town to reduce its budgeted
appropriation for education in an amount determined by the
commissioner if the school district in such town has permanently
ceased operations and closed one or more schools in the school district
due to declining enrollment at such closed school or schools in the
fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2016, inclusive.

(d) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, a
town currently designated as an alliance district, as defined in section
10-262u, or formerly designated as an alliance district shall not reduce
its budgeted appropriation for education pursuant to this section.

(e) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, the
provisions of this section shall not apply to any district that is in the
top ten per cent of school districts based on the district performance
index, as defined in section 10-262u.
(f) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the member towns of a regional school district during the first full fiscal year following the establishment of the regional school district, provided the budgeted appropriation for education for member towns of such regional school district for each subsequent fiscal year shall be determined in accordance with this section.

Sec. 614. Subparagraph (C) of subdivision (5) of section 12-412 of the general statutes, as amended by section 77 of public act 15-244, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2015):

(C) [For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2017, inclusive, the] The sales of tangible personal property or services to and by an acute care hospital, operating as a sole community hospital in this state for the exclusive purposes of such sole community hospital. For purposes of this subparagraph, "sole community hospital" has the same meaning as "sole community hospital", as described in 42 CFR 412.92, as amended from time to time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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