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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



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AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS

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Increases the state reimbursement rate for certain regional school district projects

§§ 1-17 & 195 — NEW BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FY 17

Authorizes up to \$307.7 million in new GO bonds and \$375,000 in new STO bonds for FY 17 for specified projects and grant programs

New General Obligation (GO) Bond Authorizations

The act authorizes up to \$302.7 million in new GO bonds for FY 17 for the state projects and grant programs listed in Table 1. The bonds are subject to standard issuance procedures and have a maximum term of 20 years.

The act includes a standard provision requiring that, as a condition of bond authorizations for grants to private entities, the granting agency include repayment provisions in its grant contract in case the facility for which the grant is made ceases to be used for the grant purposes within 10 years of the grantee receiving it. The requirement applies to grants issued by the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and Department of Housing (DOH).

Table 1: New GO Bond Authorizations for FY 17

§	AGENCY	FOR	FY 17
State Projects and Programs			
2(a)	Office of Policy and Management (OPM)	Transit-oriented development and predevelopment activities	\$8,000,000
		Improvements to the Trout Brook Canal area in West Hartford	1,200,000
2(b)	Department of	State Office Building and associated parking facilities in	181,000,000

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	Administrative Services (DAS)	Hartford: alteration, renovation, and improvements, including development, demolition, and air conditioning installation	
2(c)	Department of Correction (DOC)	York Correctional Institution, Niantic: design and construction for replacement of the central heating and cooling plant and underground distribution system	60,000,000
16	Department of Public Health (DPH)	Biomedical Research Trust Fund (see § 250)	5,000,000
Grants			
9(a)	OPM	Grants to Waterbury for property acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, or improvements for a Waterbury urban development project	7,000,000
		Grants to West Hartford for a wireless fidelity and broadband network initiative for West Hartford Center	500,000
9(b)	Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)	Grants to Glastonbury to acquire open space for conservation or municipal purposes	10,000,000
9(c)	DECD	Program to offer payments to holders of tax credit eligibility certificates under the urban and industrial sites reinvestment program to replace allowable credits under the certificates	10,000,000
9(d)	DOH	Grants to private nonprofit organizations for supportive housing for individuals with intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, or both (§ 227 cancels a similar \$20 million bond authorization for the Department of Developmental Services)	20,000,000

New Special Tax Obligation (STO) Bond Authorization (§ 17)

The act authorizes up to \$375,000 in new STO bonds for FY 17 for the Department of Transportation (DOT) to design roadway improvements for Lakeside Boulevard in Waterbury.

Increased Authorization for Technical High School System (§ 195)

The act increases, by \$5 million, an existing \$3.5 million authorization for the technical high school system. It earmarks the bonds for the State Department of Education (SDE) to provide grants to technical high schools to provide evening training programs in skilled trades, including manufacturing, masonry, electrical, plumbing, and carpentry, that prepare participants to earn a credential or degree recognized by employers or trade associations.

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The act cancels or reduces all or part of bond authorizations for the projects and grants shown in Table 2. It also changes the purposes of several existing authorizations as indicated below. Except where noted in the table, it also makes conforming changes to the bond supertotals that correspond to these authorizations.

Table 2: Bond Cancellations and Language Changes

§	FOR	PRIOR AUTHORIZATION	AMOUNT CANCELLED
Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR)			
23	Middlesex Community College: property acquisition	\$190,000	\$190,000
58	Southern Connecticut State University: alteration, renovation, and improvements to facilities, including energy conservation and code compliance improvements	3,208,000	778,000
58	Southern Connecticut State University: development of a new academic laboratory building and parking garage, including renovation to the former student center and demolition of Seabury Hall	5,684,000	250,000
114	Manchester Community College: Lowe building code improvements	2,229,911	672,152
119	Manchester Community College: campus improvements	3,413,468	214,207
120	Three Rivers Community College: renovation to existing buildings and additional facilities for a consolidated campus in accordance with the master plan; changed to design and construction of a new tutoring and academic success center, library modifications, and Student Service renovations	11,606,676	5,906,676
142	Tunxis Community College: implementation of master plan phase III	4,993,817	4,993,817
165	Tunxis Community College: feasibility study for acquiring property for creating a premanufacturing work space and relocating continuing education operations	250,000	250,000
176	Middlesex Community College: new academic building planning, design, and construction	39,200,000	4,000,000
200	Tunxis Community College: implementation of master plan phase III	3,000,000	3,000,000
215	All colleges and universities: new and replacement instruction, research, or laboratory equipment	12,000,000	5,000,000
215	All colleges and universities: consolidating and upgrading student and financial information technology systems	40,000,000	10,000,000
Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA)			
206	CRDA's statutory purposes and uses; earmarks \$500,000 for the Neighborhood Security Fellows program and \$2 million for Neighborhood Security projects (see § 260)	50,000,000	0
226	Tennis Foundation of Connecticut: capital improvements	1,500,000	500,000
Connecticut Innovations Inc. (CI)			
91	Recapitalize CI programs; eliminates \$1.5 million earmark for BioBus capital expenses	8,500,000	5,000,000
127	Recapitalize CI programs; earmarks \$750,000 for the Commission on Economic Competitiveness to implement the "Connecticut 500 Project"	125,000,000	20,000,000
184	Regenerative Medicine Research Fund	10,000,000	10,000,000
Connecticut Port Authority			
230	Grants for port, harbor, and marina improvements, including	17,500,000	4,000,000

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	dredging and navigational improvements		
Connecticut State Library			
90	Grants to public libraries in distressed municipalities for construction, renovation, expansion, energy conservation, and handicapped accessibility	5,000,000	15,771
110	Grants to public libraries not located in distressed municipalities for construction, renovation, expansion, energy conservation, and handicapped accessibility	3,500,000	322,868
111	Grants to public libraries in distressed municipalities for construction, renovation, expansion, energy conservation, and handicapped accessibility	5,000,000	3,000,000
172	Grants to public libraries not located in distressed municipalities for construction, renovation, expansion, energy conservation and handicapped accessibility	5,000,000	5,000,000
229	Grants to public libraries for construction, renovation, expansion, energy conservation, and handicapped accessibility	7,000,000	2,000,000
CT Green Bank			
249	Energy Conservation Loan Fund and Green Connecticut Loan Guaranty Fund	5,000,000	2,500,000
324	Renewable energy and efficient energy finance program	8,000,000	8,000,000
Department of Administrative Services			
130	Infrastructure repairs and improvements, including (1) fire, safety, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance improvements; (2) improvements to state-owned buildings and grounds; and (3) preservation of unoccupied buildings and grounds	12,500,000	226,410
140	Infrastructure repairs and improvements, including (1) fire, safety, and ADA compliance improvements; (2) improvements to state-owned buildings and grounds; and (3) preservation of unoccupied buildings and grounds	192,500,000	105,849
174	Infrastructure repairs and improvements, including (1) fire, safety, and ADA compliance improvements; (2) improvements to state-owned buildings and grounds; and (3) preservation of unoccupied buildings and grounds	25,000,000	10,000,000
187	Probate court offices: electronic filing system development and implementation, rather than building acquisition and renovation	3,000,000	0
188	Infrastructure improvements, including engineering and construction of an offsite storm water improvement related to the construction of a new courthouse in Torrington	800,000	800,000
198	Removal or encapsulation of asbestos and hazardous material in state-owned buildings	10,000,000	5,000,000
199	Probate court offices: electronic filing system development and implementation, rather than building acquisition and renovation	4,100,000	3,100,000
221	Grants to alliance districts for general school building improvements	50,000,000	20,000,000
Department of Agriculture			
65	State matching grants to farmers for environmental compliance, including waste management facilities; compost; soil and erosion control; and pesticide reduction, storage, and disposal	1,000,000	1,000,000
103	State matching grants to farmers for environmental compliance, including waste management facilities; compost;	2,000,000	2,000,000

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	soil and erosion control; and pesticide reduction, storage, and disposal		
251	Farmland preservation program	170,250,000	5,000,000
Department of Children and Families			
25	Grants for construction, alteration, repair, and improvements to residential facilities, group homes, shelters, and permanent family residences	1,500,000	69,396
28	Connecticut Children's Place: dining hall and kitchen expansion	750,000	587,000
34	Grants for construction, alteration, repair, and improvements to residential facilities, group homes, shelters, and permanent family residences; eliminates earmarks for residential facilities in Middlesex or Windham counties and the Klingberg Family Center in New Britain	4,500,000	1,442,738
51	Construction, alteration, repair, and improvements to residential facilities, group homes, shelters, and permanent family residences	1,500,000	109,105
52	Grants to private nonprofit children's mental health clinics for fire, safety, and environmental improvements	500,000	59,813
96	Alteration, renovation, and improvements to buildings and grounds	2,415,000	130,570
97	Reimbursement for environmental remediation at the former Long Lane School in Middletown	14,000,000	754,850
117	Grants to private, nonprofit organizations for construction or renovation for recreation or education purposes	20,000,000	8,000,000
135	Alteration, renovation, and improvements to buildings and grounds	1,751,000	81,000
Department of Consumer Protection			
191	Grants or reimbursement to municipalities of up to \$1,000 for the initial installation of a secure locked box for pharmaceuticals	100,000	100,000
Department of Correction			
216	(1) Alteration, renovation, and improvements to existing state-owned buildings for inmate housing, programming, staff training space, and additional inmate capacity; (2) support facilities; and (3) off-site improvements	15,000,000	2,000,000
Department of Developmental Services			
133	Fire, safety, and environmental improvements to regional facilities for client and staff needs	5,000,000	411,500
138	Grants to private, nonprofit organizations for alteration and improvements to nonresidential facilities	2,000,000	2,000,000
146	Grants to private, nonprofit organizations for alteration and improvements to nonresidential facilities	2,000,000	2,000,000
211	Fire, safety, and environmental improvements to regional facilities for client and staff needs	7,500,000	7,500,000
227	Grants to private nonprofit organizations for supportive housing (see § 9(d))	20,000,000	20,000,000
Department of Economic and Community Development			
20	East Hartford: road and infrastructure and improvements associated with Rentschler Field project (The act does not reduce the corresponding supertotal for this authorization.)	6,500,000	6,500,000
35	Grants to municipalities and nonprofit organizations for cultural and entertainment-related economic development projects	4,000,000	1,250,000
36	Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc.: construction of a	5,000,000	5,000,000

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	new facility in East Haddam		
37	West Haven: Front Avenue industrial development and Allintown Business District improvements	1,000,000	500,000
38	Stratford: Barnum Avenue streetscape project	350,000	350,000
42	Killingworth: Killingworth Old Town Hall restoration and renovation	250,000	250,000
53	Grants to municipalities and nonprofit organizations for cultural and entertainment-related economic development projects	4,000,000	625,000
54	Goodspeed Opera House Foundation, Inc.: construction of a new facility in East Haddam	5,000,000	5,000,000
73	Kidcity Children's Museum in Middletown: new building construction	1,000,000	1,000,000
74	Westport: new construction at the Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts	1,000,000	500,000
75	Gallery 53, Meriden: structural improvements	50,000	50,000
76	Barnum Museum Foundation, Inc., Bridgeport: Barnum Museum renovation	1,000,000	1,000,000
77	Willimantic: restore historic properties along Main Street	650,000	650,000
78	New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks: swing space storage building and education building construction	2,000,000	515,000
79	Middlesex County Revitalization Commission: revitalization projects	878,050	878,050
80	Stafford: downtown redevelopment	439,025	439,025
81	New Britain: property acquisition, design development, and construction of a downtown redevelopment plan	1,000,000	500,000
82	Bethel: downtown redevelopment and municipal parking improvements	500,000	500,000
83	Wethersfield: economic development and infrastructure improvements related to the Silas Deane Highway	1,000,000	1,000,000
106	East Haven: Phase III downtown development	1,000,000	1,000,000
107	Manchester: Broad Street streetscape project	2,000,000	1,000,000
125	Identifying, marketing, and remediating five state-owned brownfields	20,000,000	3,000,000
193	Grant to the Northeast Connecticut Economic Development Alliance	2,000,000	2,000,000
205	Brownfield Remediation and Revitalization program	20,000,000	4,000,000
223	Connecticut Manufacturing Innovation Fund	20,000,000	10,000,000
224	Small Business Express program	50,000,000	20,000,000
258	Manufacturing Assistance Act	100,000,000	10,000,000
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP)			
56	Upgrades to the statewide telecommunications system, including site development and related equipment	2,250,000	848,127
57	Department shooting range improvements	1,750,000	1,425,000
64	Litchfield: firehouse construction in Northfield	878,050	878,050
102	Allintown Fire District, West Haven: acquire land and construct a new fire and police substation	2,000,000	2,000,000
153	Design and construct (1) an emergency services facility, including canine training and vehicle impound areas, and (2) a fleet maintenance and administration facility, including property acquisition and related costs	5,256,985	5,256,985
162	Alteration, renovation, and improvements to the Forensic Science Laboratory in Meriden	1,500,000	1,500,000
175	Alteration, renovation, and improvements to buildings and	8,000,000	2,000,000

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	grounds, including utilities, mechanical systems, and energy conservation		
255	Buy-out program for storm-damaged properties	3,000,000	200,000
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection			
19	Municipal grants for incinerator and landfill improvements, including bulky waste landfills. (The act decreases, by \$7,040,000, the corresponding supertotal for this authorization, thus reducing the aggregate amount of bonds that may be issued for the state capital projects enumerated under the original act by more than the amount canceled.)	6,900,000	540,000
27	Flood control improvements and flood, erosion damage, and municipal dam repairs	3,500,000	675,000
30	Windham: feasibility study of a whitewater park in Willimantic	450,000	450,000
31	Ledyard: water main extension	1,000,000	1,000,000
32	Middletown: Crystal Lake watershed management	50,000	50,000
33	Cromwell: improvements to parks and fields at Watrous Park, Cromwell middle and high schools, and Pierson Park	350,000	100,000
46	Flood control improvements and flood, erosion damage, and municipal dam repairs; eliminates earmark for Meriden flood control project	3,000,000	900,000
48	Lyme: improvements to Lyme-Old Lyme recreational fields	150,000	150,000
49	Branford: Branford High School football field improvements	150,000	150,000
50	Bristol: Rockwell Park rehabilitation and renovation	500,000	500,000
66	Grants to towns to acquire open space for conservation or recreation purposes	1,750,000	500,000
67	Grants for improvements at the facilities and property located at latitude 41.5720414 and longitude -73.0401073 (i.e., Fulton Park in Waterbury)	487,805	487,805
68	Environmental Learning Center, Inc.: infrastructure projects at Indian Rock Nature Preserve in Bristol	200,000	200,000
69	Manchester: develop and construct the Manchester to Bolton segment of the East Coast Greenway	500,000	500,000
70	Norwalk: flood control system improvements	3,005,000	2,505,000
71	Fairfield: Rooster River flood control project	14,500,000	12,470,000
72	Portland: water main replacement	1,000,000	1,000,000
94	Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program: recreation, open space, resource protection, and resource management	7,500,000	750,000
104	Grants to municipalities for the Lakes Restoration Program	200,000	200,000
105	Grants to municipalities to provide potable water	2,500,000	2,258,707
116	Grants to (1) contain, remove, or mitigate identified hazardous waste disposal sites and to municipalities for new water mains to replace supply from contaminated wells; (2) identify, investigate, contain, remove, or mitigate industrial sites in urban areas; (3) municipalities to acquire land for public parks; recreational and water quality improvements; and water mains and water pollution control projects, including sewers; (4) municipalities for providing potable water; and (5) state agencies, regional planning agencies, and municipalities for water pollution control projects	16,000,000	11,350,820
126	Energy efficiency fuel oil furnace and boiler replacement, upgrade, and repair program	5,000,000	5,000,000
137	Grant for containing, removing, or mitigating identified hazardous waste disposal sites	10,000,000	10,000,000
145	Grants to municipalities for open space land acquisition and development for conservation or recreational purposes	5,000,000	2,500,000

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155	Study and assess feasible alternatives to plan, design, acquire, and construct structural and nonstructural improvements to mitigate flooding conditions that caused property damage due to weather events in 2011, including cost benefit and environmental impact analyses of the alternatives	2,000,000	1,700,000
156	Program to establish energy microgrids to support critical municipal infrastructure	25,000,000	4,900,000
163	Dam repairs, including state-owned dams	6,000,000	62,252
164	Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program: recreation, open space, and resource protection and management	5,000,000	5,000,000
168	Municipal grants for incinerator and landfill improvements, including bulky waste landfills	1,400,000	250,000
180	Municipal grants for incinerator and landfill improvements, including bulky waste landfills	1,000,000	400,000
181	Grants for identifying, investigating, containing, removing, or mitigating contaminated industrial sites in urban areas	5,000,000	5,000,000
182	Grants to municipalities for potable water	1,000,000	1,000,000
183	Program to establish energy microgrids to support critical municipal infrastructure	5,000,000	5,000,000
192	Grants or loans to municipalities to acquire land or public parks or make recreational and water quality improvements	20,000,000	2,000,000
203	Long Island Sound stewardship and resiliency program (1) to protect coastal marshes and other natural buffer areas and (2) for grants to increase the resiliency of wastewater treatment facilities	20,000,000	5,000,000
204	Grants to municipalities, in consultation with OPM, to encourage low-impact design of green municipal infrastructure to reduce nonpoint source pollution	20,000,000	10,000,000
210	Alteration, renovation, and new construction, including ADA improvements, at state parks and recreation facilities	25,000,000	2,000,000
222	Grants to municipalities for open space acquisition and development for conservation or recreational purposes	8,000,000	4,000,000
248	Energy services projects in state buildings	20,000,000	4,101,200
252	Clean Water Fund grants	1,652,625,976	22,500,000
254	Connecticut bikeway, pedestrian walkway, and greenway grant program	5,000,000	5,000,000
325	Buy-out program for storm-damaged properties	1,000,000	1,000,000
Department of Housing			
157	Grant to Connecticut Housing Finance Authority for the Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program	40,000,000	2,000,000
169	Grants to nursing homes for alteration, renovation, and improvements to convert to other uses in support of right-sizing	10,000,000	10,000,000
194	Shoreline Resiliency Fund	25,000,000	17,000,000
218	Housing development and rehabilitation, including improvements to various kinds of state-assisted affordable housing and housing-related financial assistance programs (The act does not reduce the corresponding supertotal for this authorization.)	135,000,000	15,000,000
225	Main Street Investment Fund	5,000,000	2,000,000
234	Homelessness prevention and response fund	15,000,000	4,000,000
Department of Labor			
256	Unemployed Armed Forces Member Subsidized Training and Employment program	10,000,000	2,000,000

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Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services			
95	Fire, safety, and environmental improvements to regional facilities for client and staff needs	6,000,000	200,835
212	Fire, safety, and environmental improvements to regional facilities for client and staff needs	5,000,000	5,000,000
Department of Public Health			
84	Grants for hospital-based emergency service facilities	5,878,050	5,878,050
158	Grants to community health centers and primary care organizations to purchase equipment and renovate, improve, and expand facilities, including acquiring land or buildings (The act does not adjust the corresponding earmarks for this authorization, which total \$30 million.) (§ 259 subjects these entities to standard grant repayment requirements.)	30,000,000	4,000,000
170	Stem Cell Research Fund	10,000,000	4,000,000
253	Public water system improvement program	50,000,000	30,000,000
Department of Social Services			
39	Martin House: facility expansion	500,000	500,000
40	4-H Center at Auer Farm, Bloomfield: building improvements, including classrooms and facilities for animals and handicapped accessibility	1,000,000	428,350
41	Greater Danbury AIDS Project: building purchases	1,000,000	525,000
85	Saugatuck Senior Cooperative, Westport: roof replacement	250,000	250,000
86	New London: asbestos remediation and siding replacement on a building for Alliance for Living, Inc.	100,000	100,000
87	Easton: senior center renovations	219,510	219,510
88	Hospice Southeastern Connecticut: new building in Norwich	600,000	600,000
89	Rivera Hughes Memorial Foundation: property acquisition in Waterbury	1,000,000	1,000,000
108	Martin House, Norwich: construct efficiency apartment units	750,000	750,000
147	Grants for neighborhood facilities, elderly centers, multipurpose human resource centers, and related facilities	10,000,000	4,526,254
Department of Transportation			
43	Middlefield: bridges, roads, and infrastructure	250,000	250,000
112	Pavement noise reduction pilot program (joint authorization with UConn Transportation Institute) (STO bonds)	1,500,000	1,500,000
151	Bureau of Public Transportation: construction of a catwalk over the railroad tracks separating the Columbus Circle area and McAuliffe Park in East Hartford (STO bonds)	230,000	230,000
236	Pothole repair assistance program	5,000,000	5,000,000
247	Commercial rail freight line competitive grant program	17,500,000	7,500,000
Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)			
45	Alteration and improvements to buildings and grounds according to current codes	900,000	18,565
93	Alteration and improvements to buildings and grounds, including security improvements	1,000,000	100,000
129	Boiler repairs and improvements in Rocky Hill	250,000	38,400
Judicial Department			
59	Development of a courthouse facility in Torrington, including land acquisition and parking	25,275,000	46,300
60	Development of a new courthouse facility in Bridgeport, including land acquisition and parking	5,000,000	5,000,000
61	Renovations and improvements to Lafayette Street parking garage in Hartford	4,000,000	1,220,880
98	Security improvements at various state-owned and	1,000,000	500,000

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	maintained facilities		
99	Alteration, renovation, and restoration of the courthouse at 121 Elm Street, New Haven	13,000,000	7,000,000
100	Development and land acquisition for a courthouse annex and parking near the Milford judicial district and geographical area courthouse	1,000,000	1,000,000
143	Alteration, renovation, and improvements to buildings and grounds at state-owned and maintained facilities	4,000,000	1,000,000
177	Alteration, renovation, and improvements to buildings and grounds at state-owned and maintained facilities; earmarks \$4.5 million for repairs, improvements, and acquisitions for a juvenile court in Waterford (effective upon passage)	7,500,000	0
178	Development of a juvenile court building in Meriden or Middletown	13,000,000	4,000,000
217	Alteration, renovation, and improvements to buildings and grounds at state-owned and -maintained facilities	7,500,000	7,500,000
Military Department			
131	Construct a readiness center for the Connecticut Army National Guard Civil Support Team in Windsor Locks	1,250,000	750,000
132	Construct a combined support maintenance shop for Connecticut National Guard equipment in Windsor Locks	4,000,000	200
Multiple Agencies			
122	Bridgeport economic development projects (for DECD or DEEP, as designated by the Bond Commission)	7,200,000	5,000,000
124	Bridgeport infrastructure projects and programs (for DECD, DEEP, DESPP, or DSS, as designated by the Bond Commission)	27,700,000	15,000,000
Office of Early Childhood			
109	Grants for minor capital improvements and wiring for technology for school readiness programs	1,500,000	1,500,000
160	Grants to sponsors of school readiness programs and state-funded day care centers for facility improvements and minor capital repairs to the portion of facilities that have such programs and centers	10,000,000	69,618
185	Grants to sponsors of school readiness programs and state-funded day care centers: facility improvements and minor capital repairs to the portion of facilities that house such programs and centers	15,000,000	10,000,000
242	Smart Start competitive grant program	15,000,000	5,000,000
Office of Legislative Management			
149	Capital equipment, information technology upgrades, and infrastructure repair and improvement projects	9,000,000	925,000
Office of Policy and Management (OPM)			
63	Responsible Growth Incentive Fund	5,000,000	5,000,000
167	Grants to municipalities for infrastructure projects and programs, including planning, property acquisition, site preparation, construction, and off-site improvements	50,000,000	2,300,000
202	Grants for purchasing body-worn recording equipment and digital data storage devices or services for law enforcement officers; reduces, from \$13 million to \$10 million, the amount earmarked for municipalities for local law enforcement officers	15,000,000	3,000,000
208	Information and technology capital investment program	76,000,000	25,000,000
235	Regional dog pound program	20,000,000	10,000,000
239	Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP)	20,000,000	20,000,000
240	Intertown Capital Equipment Purchase Incentive program	10,000,000	5,000,000

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241	Capital Equipment Purchase Fund	584,000,000	40,000,000
State Comptroller			
190	Grant to the Connecticut Public Broadcasting Network for transmission, broadcast, production, and information technology equipment	3,300,000	2,000,000
197	CORE financial system enhancements and upgrades	20,000,000	2,000,000
State Department of Education			
22	American School for the Deaf: alteration, renovation, and improvements to buildings and grounds, including new construction	9,405,709	5,000,000
134	Regional vocational-technical school system: alterations and improvements to buildings and grounds, including new and replacement equipment, tools and supplies necessary to update curricula, vehicles, and technology upgrades at all regional vocational-technical schools	28,000,000	160,958
141	Regional vocational-technical school system: alterations and improvements to buildings and grounds, including new and replacement equipment, tools and supplies necessary to update curricula, vehicles, and technology upgrades at all regional vocational-technical schools	28,000,000	567,131
159	Grants for expanding the availability of high-quality school models and assisting in implementing common CORE state standards and assessments: alteration, repair, improvements, technology, equipment, acquisition, and capital start-up costs	25,000,000	111,054
171	Grants to local or regional boards of education for capital costs related to enrollment expansion in the <i>Sheff</i> statewide interdistrict public school attendance program (i.e., Open Choice): building renovation, classroom expansion, and equipment, including computers, laboratory equipment, and classroom furniture	750,000	48,572
213	Regional vocational-technical school system: alterations and improvements to buildings and grounds, including new and replacement equipment, tools, and supplies necessary to update curricula, vehicles, and technology upgrades	12,000,000	12,000,000
228	Grants to targeted local and regional school districts for alterations, repairs, improvements, technology, and equipment in low-performing schools	10,000,000	10,000,000
State Treasurer			
237	Generally Accepted Accounting Principles deficit funding bonds	750,000,000	151,500,000

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016, except for the earmark for a juvenile court in Waterford (§ 177), which is effective upon passage.

§§ 209, 214, 220, 231-233 & 238 — INCREASED FY 17 AUTHORIZATIONS

Increases various FY 17 GO and STO bond authorizations enacted in 2015

The act increases FY 17 GO and STO bond authorizations enacted in 2015 (PA 15-1, June Special Session), as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Increased Bond Authorizations for FY 17

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§	AGENCY	FOR	PRIOR AUTH.	INCREASE	TOTAL AUTH.
GO BONDS					
209	DVA	Alteration, renovation, and improvements to buildings and grounds	\$550,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,550,000
214	BOR	All community colleges: deferred maintenance, code compliance, and infrastructure improvements	10,000,000	5,906,676	15,906,676
220	OPM	Grants to private, nonprofit, tax-exempt health and human service organizations for alteration, renovation, improvements, additions, and new construction, including (1) health, safety, ADA compliance, and energy conservation improvements; (2) information technology systems; (3) technology for independence; (4) vehicle purchases; and (5) property acquisition	10,000,000	15,000,000	25,000,000
238	OPM	Urban Act	50,000,000	25,000,000	75,000,000
STO BONDS					
232	DOT	Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations: state bridge improvement, rehabilitation, and replacement projects	33,000,000	10,000,000	43,000,000
233	DOT	Bureau of Public Transportation: bus and rail facilities and equipment, including rights-of-way, other property acquisition, and related projects	208,100,000	60,000,000	268,100,100

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

§§ 243-246 — CHANGES TO CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (CSCU) 2020 AND UCONN 2000

Defers, from FY 17 to FY 18, \$55 million in bonds under CSCU 2020 and \$26 million under UConn 2000; reallocates existing bond authorizations under CSCU 2020; renames an existing UConn 2000 project

Bond Caps

The act adjusts the annual bond caps under the CSCU 2020 and UConn 2000 infrastructure programs by canceling bonds for FY 17 and transferring them to FY 18, as shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Annual Bond Limits for CSCU 2020 and UConn 2000

BOND PROGRAM	FY	PRIOR LIMIT	CHANGE	NEW LIMIT
CSCU 2020	17	\$95,000,000	(\$55,000,000)	\$40,000,000
	18	95,000,000	55,000,000	150,000,000
UConn 2000	17	266,400,000	(26,000,000)	240,400,000
	18	269,500,000	26,000,000	295,500,000

CSCU 2020 Projects

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The act reallocates \$88,731,000 in existing bond authorizations under Phase III of the CSCU 2020 program. It adds one new project; expands an existing project; and increases and decreases existing authorizations, as shown in Table 5.

Table 5: CSCU 2020 Phase III Project Authorizations

<i>Project</i>	<i>Prior Authorization</i>	<i>Act's Authorization</i>	<i>Change</i>
Eastern			
Goddard Hall Renovation (design/construction) (expanded to include Communications Building)	\$0	\$11,048,000	\$11,048,000
Sports Center Addition and Renovation (design)	11,048,000	0	(11,048,000)
Southern			
Code Compliance/ Infrastructure Improvements	0	2,356,723	2,356,723
New School of Business Building (design/construction) (NEW)	0	52,476,933	52,476,933
Fine Arts Instructional Center	70,929,000	0	(70,929,000)
Health and Human Services Building	60,412,000	76,507,344	16,095,344
Western			
Code Compliance/ Infrastructure Improvements	0	5,054,000	5,054,000
Berkshire Hall Renovations (design)	4,797,000	0	(4,797,000)
University Police Department Building (construction)	0	1,700,000	1,700,000
Midtown Campus Mini-Chiller Plant	1,957,000	0	(1,957,000)

UConn 2000 Projects. The act renames an existing UConn 2000 project for “Deferred Maintenance/Code/ADA Renovation Lump Sum” as “Deferred Maintenance/Code Compliance/ADA Compliance/Infrastructure Improvements & Renovation Lump Sum.”

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

§ 250 — BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH TRUST FUND

Allows the fund to contain any money required or permitted by law to be deposited in the fund

The act allows the Biomedical Research Trust Fund to hold any money required or permitted by law to be deposited in the fund. Under existing law, the fund may accept transfers from the Tobacco Settlement Fund and apply for and accept public or private gifts, grants, and donations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

§ 257 — CONNECTICUT BIOSCIENCE INNOVATION FUND

Cancels a \$25 million authorization for FY 17 under the Connecticut Bioscience Innovation Fund program and defers it to FY 23

The act cancels a \$25 million bond authorization for the Connecticut Bioscience Innovation Fund for FY 17 and adds a new \$25 million authorization for FY 23, thus extending the program by one year.

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§ 260 — NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AND PROJECTS

Establishes (1) a fellowship program that recruits certain at-risk individuals and (2) requirements for certain public construction projects that employ such fellows

The act establishes the Neighborhood Security Fellowship Program, which is a pilot program designed to foster neighborhood safety in urban environments and serve as a blueprint to reduce neighborhood gun violence statewide. The program must, among other things, (1) identify and recruit certain at-risk individuals to participate as fellows, (2) coordinate training, and (3) assist in work placement.

The act also establishes requirements for Neighborhood Security projects, which are certain public construction projects awarded only to bidders that agree to hire nonprofit subcontractors that employ fellows.

Section 206 of the act earmarks, from the CRDA bond authorization, \$500,000 for the Neighborhood Security Fellows Program and \$2 million for the Neighborhood Security projects.

Selecting Municipality and Administering Nonprofit

The act requires the OPM secretary to select a municipality with between 124,000 and 125,000 people to participate in the pilot program (i.e., Hartford).

The municipality's chief elected official must select a nonprofit entity to administer the program, which must be funded by local, state, federal, and private money. The money must be used for administration and program costs, including (1) salaries, benefits, and other compensation for anyone the nonprofit hires to administer the program and (2) stipends to pay the fellows.

Identification and Recruitment of Fellowship Program Participants

Under the act, the program must identify and recruit into the program individuals between ages 18 and 24 who are most likely to be perpetrators or victims of gun violence. This must be accomplished with the assistance of any state agencies and departments (e.g., Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division) and organizations capable of providing such assistance and the relevant local or state police department, local board of education, and state's attorney. The identification and recruitment can be done only after executing all appropriate or necessary waivers, authorizations, and releases.

Fellowship Program Activities and Initiatives

The act requires the fellowship program to coordinate activities, services, and training in which the fellows will participate, including (1) anger management; (2) life skills training; (3) dispute and conflict resolution; (4) remedial education; (5) leadership development; (6) character building; (7) mentoring programs; and (8) pre-employment skills workshops, including career counseling, work-readiness,

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team building, customer service, and entrepreneurial training.

The program may coordinate and place fellows in worksite assignments, including (1) local, state, and federal government agencies and departments; (2) state-funded public construction projects within the selected municipality; (3) private businesses, particularly those receiving assistance from the Small Business Express program or the Subsidized Training and Employment program; and (4) nonprofit community-based organizations receiving state grants. The program may also coordinate training placements, including adult education courses, vocational training programs, higher education courses, and apprenticeship programs.

Neighborhood Security Projects

Under the act, the chief elected official of the selected municipality must, in conjunction with the CRDA, select public construction projects located in the federally designated Promise Zones as Neighborhood Security projects. A state or municipal contract for such a project must be awarded only to a bidder that agrees to hire a nonprofit subcontractor that employs fellows who will be assigned to work at the project worksite. The chief elected official must (1) determine, in conjunction with CRDA, any minimum number of fellows the nonprofit subcontractor must employ to be eligible to be hired for the project and (2) encourage the hiring of any such nonprofit subcontractor for any other municipal- or state-funded public construction project.

The act specifies that the state or the municipality, before awarding a contract for a Neighborhood Security project, must include in its notice of solicitation for competitive bids or request for proposals or qualifications that the bidder must comply with (1) relevant state nondiscrimination and affirmative action laws for contracts, (2) existing law's set-aside program for small contractors and minority business enterprises, and (3) the act's requirement to hire a nonprofit subcontractor that employs fellows to work on the project (see above). The state or municipality may inquire whether a bidder is a business enterprise that participates in the Neighborhood Security Fellowship Program and may award preference points to such a bidder.

Report

If the selected municipality received state funding for the program in the previous year, the act requires the OPM secretary and the municipality to jointly submit a report by January 1 to the Judiciary and Appropriations committees, with the first report due by 2018.

The report must include:

1. the number of program participants in the previous calendar year;
2. any change in the level of gun-related violent incidents in the municipality;
3. an evaluation of the program's activities, initiatives, and programs;
4. the program's cost, separated by state and private dollars; and
5. recommendations to expand the program to other municipalities.

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§ 261 — NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS AND CHANGES TO PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED PROJECTS

Authorizes 17 new state school construction grants totaling \$270.8 million and reauthorizes commitments for seven previously authorized projects with a total increased grant commitment of \$16.2 million

The act authorizes the DAS commissioner to enter into grant commitments on behalf of the state for 17 state school construction grants totaling \$270.8 million. (The total project costs are \$479.7 million.) It also reauthorizes and changes grant commitments, due to cost and scope changes, for seven previously authorized local projects, with a total increased grant commitment of \$16.2 million.

Under the state school construction grant program, the state reimburses towns and local districts for a percentage of eligible school construction costs (with less wealthy towns receiving a higher reimbursement percentage).

Table 6 shows the new school construction projects the act authorizes.

Table 6: New School Construction Projects Authorized

<i>District</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimated Project Costs</i>	<i>Estimated Grant</i>	<i>State Reimbursement %</i>
Newington	Newington High School	Extension and alteration	\$2,119,500	\$1,203,664	56.8%
Norwalk	Norwalk Early Childhood Center	Alteration, code violations	2,720,234	893,869	32.9
Stratford	Stratford High School	Extension, alteration, and roof replacement	125,966,646	76,033,468	60.4
Area Cooperative Educational Services	Whitney School	Regional special education, facility purchase, extension, and alteration	82,124,595	65,699,676	80.0
Goodwin College	Goodwin College CT River Academy	Magnet school, extension, site purchase	10,500,000	8,400,000	80.0
Colchester	William J. Johnston Middle School	Extension, alteration, and roof replacement	47,029,213	28,890,046	61.4
Colchester	Central Administration -William J. Johnston Middle School	Central administration facility, extension, alteration, and	1,627,500	499,887	30.7

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		roof replacement			
Danbury	Danbury High School	Extension, alteration, and roof replacement	50,250,000	31,763,025	63.2
Manchester	Waddell School	Extension and alteration	33,654,000	22,595,296	67.1
Stonington	Deans Mill School	Extension and alteration	35,918,548	11,289,200	31.4
Stonington	West Vine Street School	Extension, alteration, and roof replacement	31,587,675	9,928,006	31.4
Wilton	Miller/Driscoll Elementary School	Extension, alteration, and roof replacement	50,022,000	11,074,871	22.1
Regional District 6	Wamogo Regional High School (Vo-Ag)	Vocational agricultural equipment	47,471	37,977	80.0
Canton	Canton Jr. Sr. High School	Energy conservation	595,000	231,634	38.9
Glastonbury	Gideon Welles School	Alteration, energy conservation, and code violation	1,578,500	529,902	33.6
New Hartford	Ann Antolini School	Energy conservation and code violation	3,832,000	1,669,602	43.6
Sharon	Sharon Center School	Energy conservation and code violation	170,205	44,372	26.1
Total			479,743,087	270,784,495	

Table 7 lists changes in previously authorized school projects. In cases where the requested amount is the same, the new authorization is sought because of a change in the project scope that did not result in a higher cost.

Table 7: Previously Authorized School Construction Projects with Substantial Changes in Scope or Cost

District	School	Project	Previous Grant Authorization	Requested Grant Authorization	Change
Bridgeport	Aquaculture Center	Regional vocational agriculture, extension, and	\$29,925,000	\$29,925,000	\$0

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		alteration			
Greenwich	Greenwich High School	Extension and alteration	6,023,000	9,210,200	3,187,200
New Britain	Diloreto Magnet School	Extension and alteration	7,929,000	7,929,000	0
Stamford	Rogers Magnet Interdistrict Extension	Magnet school facility, purchase, extension, and alteration	61,849,908	61,849,908	0
West Haven*	Central Administration	Central administration facility, alteration	1,318,800	1,806,157	487,357
Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)	CREC Museum Academy	Magnet school, new construction, and site purchase	31,597,950	52,561,565	20,963,615
Goodwin College	Early Childhood Magnet School	Magnet school, new construction, and site purchase	15,948,049	7,548,049	(8,400,000)
Total			\$154,591,707	170,829,879	16,238,172

*Section 307 increases the reimbursement rate for this project to 77.14%.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

§ 262 – DELAYED ELIGIBILITY LIST PROJECTS

Requires that 10 projects that were on the project eligibility list, but are not authorized under this act, be placed on next year’s list with the option to keep this year’s reimbursement rate

The act requires that proposed school construction projects that were included on the DAS project eligibility list in December 2015, but not authorized by the General Assembly during the May special session, be added to the December list if they are otherwise eligible for inclusion. There are 10 projects included on the DAS eligibility list submitted to the General Assembly in December 2015 that are not included in the act.

The act also makes these delayed projects eligible for the greater of the reimbursement rate calculated for the project on this year’s eligibility list or the reimbursement rate calculated for the project on next year’s list. Reimbursement rates are determined each year and may increase or decrease depending on a town’s property wealth per capita in relation to all other towns in the state.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

§§ 263–309 & 311-321 – SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXEMPTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Exempts specified school construction projects from various requirements to allow them to become eligible for state grants or qualify for a larger grant

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The act exempts specified school construction projects from various statutory and regulatory requirements to allow them to, among other things, (1) qualify for state reimbursement grants, (2) qualify for additional grants through a higher level of reimbursement, (3) increase maximum project costs of previously approved projects, or (4) change the scope of previously approved projects.

These exemptions, referred to as “notwithstanding” provisions, are shown in Table 8 below.

Table 8: School Construction Project Exemptions and Modifications

§	<i>Municipality/ Grantee</i>	<i>School & Project</i>	<i>Exemption, Waiver, or Other Change</i>
263	Bridgeport	Multi-Magnet High School, new construction and site purchase	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
264	Bridgeport	Cross School, alteration and energy conservation	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
265	Bridgeport	Roosevelt School, new construction	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
266	Bridgeport	Longfellow School, new construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS • Makes eligible for state reimbursement the otherwise ineligible costs necessary to ensure the school's opening for the 2016-2017 school year, provided the costs do not exceed \$1.5 million and the project meets the other standard requirements
267	Bridgeport	Black Rock School, extension, alteration, and site purchase	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
268	Bridgeport	Central High School, extension, alteration, and roof replacement	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
269	Bridgeport	JFK Campus Administration, roof replacement	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
270	Bridgeport	Six to Six Magnet School, roof replacement	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
271	Bridgeport	Dunbar School, alteration and energy conservation	Waives the square-feet-per-pupil space standard

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272	Brookfield	Brookfield High School, extension, alteration, and roof replacement	Waives repayment of funds from the town back to the state
273	Colchester	William J. Johnston Middle School, extension, alteration, and roof replacement	Changes project designation to renovation, triggering a higher state reimbursement level
274	Danbury	Danbury High School, extension, alteration, and roof replacement	Allows the project to use an 80% reimbursement rate, provided the school includes a freshman academy that offers a unique and exceptional program
275	East Hartford	East Hartford-Glastonbury Magnet School, new construction	Waives repayment of funds from the town back to the state
276	East Hartford	East Hartford Middle School, alteration and energy conservation	Increases the project cost to \$8,256,000
277	Glastonbury	East Hartford-Glastonbury Elementary Magnet School, new construction and site purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waives repayment of grant up to \$1.5 million for site acquisition awarded to the town before June 3, 2016, that would otherwise be repayable based on a change order reported to DAS • DAS is not responsible for any further grant payments related to this project
278	Glastonbury	East Hartford-Glastonbury Elementary Magnet School, new construction and site purchase (this has a different project number than the one described in the section above)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waives repayment of grant for site acquisition awarded to the town before the June 3, 2016, that would otherwise be repayable based on a change order reported to DAS • DAS is not responsible for any further grant payments related to this project
279	Hamden	Project anticipated but yet to be specified	Extends, from June 30, 2016, to September 30, 2016, the deadline for an application to be submitted to DAS in order for a project to be considered for the 2017 legislative session construction project eligibility list, provided all other standard requirements are met
280	Hartford	Quirk Middle School, renovation and alteration	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
281	Hartford	Barbour School, extension, alteration, and roof replacement	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
282	Hartford	Bellizzi Middle School, extension, alteration, and roof replacement	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
283	Hartford	M.D. Fox Elementary School, renovation and alteration	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS

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284	Hartford	West Middle School, extension, alteration, and roof replacement	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
285	Hartford	Hartford Magnet Middle School, extension and alteration	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
286	Hartford	Weaver High School, renovation, extension, and alteration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permits cost reimbursement rate of 95%, provided a previously planned or approved magnet school is co-located with Weaver High School • Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
287	Meriden	Francis T. Maloney High School, renovation and extension	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
288	Meriden	Orville H. Platt High School, renovation and extension	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
289	Middletown	Woodrow Wilson Middle School, code violations	Waives the requirement that construction bid not be let out until DAS has approved the plans and specifications
290	Middletown	Middletown High School, new construction	<p>Authorizes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • change in cost to \$100,271,905 • increase in reimbursement rate to 65.07% • exemptions from square-feet-per pupil space standard
291	Milford	Various projects	Permits the town to use its 2016 reimbursement rate for school projects in which the application was submitted on or after July 1, 2015, and before June 3, 2016
292	New Haven	Augusta Lewis Troup Middle School, renovation and extension	Waives repayment of funds back to the state from the town
293	New London	Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School, alteration	Waives the square-feet-per-pupil space standard
294	New London	Relocatable classrooms project	Waives repayment of funds back to the state from the town
295	North Branford	North Branford High School, roof replacement	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017 and reviewed and approved by DAS
296	Norwalk	Side by Side Charter School, project yet to be specified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes project eligible for reimbursement provided an application is submitted by September 30, 2016 • Cost not to exceed \$2.5 million • Establishes reimbursement rate of 100% of

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> eligible costs If the building ceases to be used as Side by Side Charter School within 20 years after the school's governing authority accepts the project as complete, the governing authority must refund the grant's unamortized balance to the state
297	Norwich	Kelly Middle School, renovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases maximum project size to 137,444 square feet from 133,034 square feet Increases cost of project to \$43,194,516
298	Stonington	Deans Mill School, extension and alteration	Changes project designation renovation, triggering a higher state reimbursement level
299	Stonington	West Vine Street School, extension, alteration, and roof replacement	Changes project designation to renovation, triggering a higher state reimbursement level
300	Trumbull	Frenchtown Elementary School, new construction and site purchase	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
301	Trumbull	Trumbull High School, renovation and extension	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
302	Trumbull	Middlebrook School, energy conservation	Waives deadline for submitting change orders that would otherwise be late and not reimbursable, provided orders are submitted by January 1, 2017, and reviewed and approved by DAS
303	Waterbury	Various schools, renovation, code violations	Increases the costs for the code violation project by \$762,729
304	West Hartford	Bugbee Elementary School, project yet to be specified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extends, from June 30, 2017 to September 30, 2017, the deadline for an application to be submitted to DAS in order for a project to be considered for the 2018 legislative session construction project eligibility list, provided all other standard requirements are met For projects submitted under the above mentioned conditions, the town can use the reimbursement rate that is available for the town as of June 3, 2016 (the 2016 rate) Waives the square-feet-per-pupil space standard for the project submitted under the condition above
305	West Hartford	Sedgwick Middle School, project yet to be specified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extends, from June 30, 2017, to September 30, 2017, the deadline for an application to be submitted to DAS in order for a project to be considered for the 2018 legislative session construction project eligibility list, provided all other standard requirements are met For projects submitted under the above mentioned conditions, the town can use the reimbursement rate that is available for the town as of June 3, 2016 (the 2016 rate) Waives the square-feet-per-pupil space

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			standard for the project submitted under the condition above
306	West Hartford	William H. Hall High School, unspecified project for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics laboratory classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extends the deadline from June 30, 2016 to September 30, 2016 for an application to be submitted to DAS in order for a project to be considered for the 2017 legislative session construction project eligibility list, provided all other standard requirements are met • Waives reimbursement rate standards and instead authorizes a school building grant of \$8,120,000 for the laboratory classrooms • Waives the square-feet-per-pupil space standard for the project submitted under the condition above
307	West Haven	All projects on 2016 school construction eligibility list	Authorizes all projects on the 2016 school construction eligibility list to be reimbursed at 77.14%
308	West Haven	West Haven High School, renovation	Authorizes change of project description and scope
309	Wilton	Miller/Driscoll Elementary School, extension, alteration, and roof replacement	Waives the square-feet-per-pupil space standard
311	Durham	Francis E. Korn Elementary School, extension and alteration	Waives repayment of funds back to the state from the town if Durham redirects the school to other uses during the 20-year amortization period
312	Region 16	Region 16 pre-K through 5 th grade Elementary School, new construction	Adds site acquisition to project description
313	Region 16	Laurel Ledge School, extension, alteration, and roof replacement	Authorizes change in cost to \$10,583,313 due to the duration of the project and several changes in school district administrative personnel
314	CREC	Aerospace Elementary Magnet School, new construction and site purchase Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, extension, alteration, magnet construction, and roof replacement	Allows cost reimbursement rate of 95%
315	CREC	Aerospace Elementary Magnet School, new construction and site purchase Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, extension, alteration, magnet construction, and roof replacement	<p>Makes the following costs eligible for state reimbursement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • short-term or temporary construction financing • (1) prorated salary and benefits of staff providing project management services and (2) reasonable direct staff costs, only for the time preceding receipt of the certificate of occupancy, and subject to an audit

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316	CREC	Aerospace Elementary Magnet School, new construction and site purchase Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, extension, alteration, magnet construction, and roof replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State must pay the initial cost of CREC's local shares for these projects. ● After audit of completed projects, DAS must calculate the local share of each and determine a 20-year repayment schedule, including a fixed interest rate as determined by the state treasurer over the repayment period. ● SDE must withhold annual repayments from the interdistrict magnet school grants payable to CREC for operating the schools. ● SDE must transfer withheld amounts annually to the School Building Construction Fund.
317	Goodwin College	Connecticut River Academy, magnet school new construction and site purchase	Authorizes Goodwin College to use unexpended site acquisition funds for any other authorized project costs
318	Goodwin College	Early Childhood Magnet, magnet school new construction and site purchase	Authorizes Goodwin College to use unexpended site acquisition funds for any other authorized project costs
319	Goodwin College	Goodwin College Early Childhood Magnet School, magnet school new construction and site purchase	Authorizes Goodwin College to use a 95% reimbursement rate for the project
320	Goodwin College	Connecticut River Academy, magnet school new construction and site purchase	Authorizes Goodwin College to use a 95% reimbursement rate for the project
321	Goodwin College	Pathways Academy of Design & Technology, magnet school new construction and site purchase	Authorizes Goodwin College to use unexpended site acquisition funds for any other authorized project costs

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

§ 310—AUTHORITY TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Allows any town that received a school construction grant during the last 25 years to delay the implementation of the new high school graduation requirements by one year

Existing law establishes new high school graduation requirements beginning with the graduating class of 2021 (i.e., freshmen in the 2017-18 school year). The scheduled changes require students to, among other things, (1) earn 25 credits, rather than 20; (2) pass state exams for five specific courses; and (3) complete a senior project.

The act allows any town that has received a school construction grant from the

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state during the last 25 years (i.e., all towns) to delay implementing the new requirements until the 2018-19 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

§ 322 – INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND PRIVATE USE OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING

Requires any private college that operates a public magnet school to document whether private use of the publicly funded school outweighs the private college's benefits to the school

The act requires any independent college that operates an interdistrict magnet school that was built using public school construction grants and makes private use of any portion of the school to submit an annual report to the education commissioner. The report must show that the college provides an equal to or greater than in-kind or supplemental benefit of its facilities to the magnet school students that outweighs the private use of the school building. The act does not establish a reporting date.

Under the act, if the commissioner finds that the private use of the school building exceeds the in-kind or supplemental benefit to the magnet school students, the commissioner may require the college to refund to the state the unamortized balance of the state grant. School construction grants are amortized over a 20-year period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

§ 323 – INCREASED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROJECTS

Increases the state reimbursement rate for certain regional school district projects

Under existing law, the school construction reimbursement rate for regional school districts is determined by calculating a weighted average of the member towns' rates. The act permits any regional school board created or expanded on or after July 1, 2016, to receive the highest reimbursement rate from among the towns participating in the regional district and an additional 10%, provided the project application is submitted within 10 years of the district's expansion or establishment and relates to the expansion or establishment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

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