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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

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***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 12-18b of the 2016 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

4 (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in the event that the total
5 of grants payable to each municipality and district in accordance with
6 the provisions of subsection (b) of this section exceeds the amount
7 appropriated for the purposes of said subsection (b) for said fiscal year:
8 (1) The amount of the grant payable to each municipality for state,
9 municipal or tribal property and to each municipality or district for
10 college and hospital property shall be reduced proportionately; **[**
11 provided the percentage of the property taxes payable to a

12 municipality or district with respect to such property shall not be
13 lower than the percentage paid to the municipality or district for such
14 property for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015;] and (2) certain
15 municipalities and districts shall receive an additional payment in lieu
16 of taxes grant payable from the select payment in lieu of taxes account.
17 The total amount of the grant payment is as follows:

T1	Municipality/District	Grant Amount
T2	Ansonia	20,543
T3	Bridgeport	3,236,058
T4	Chaplin	11,177
T5	Danbury	620,540
T6	Deep River	1,961
T7	Derby	138,841
T8	East Granby	9,904
T9	East Hartford	214,997
T10	Hamden	620,903
T11	Hartford	12,422,113
T12	Killingly	46,615
T13	Ledyard	3,012
T14	Litchfield	13,907
T15	Mansfield	2,630,447
T16	Meriden	259,564
T17	Middletown	727,324
T18	Montville	26,217
T19	New Britain	2,085,537
T20	New Haven	15,246,372
T21	New London	1,356,780
T22	Newington	176,884
T23	North Canaan	4,393
T24	Norwich	259,862
T25	Plainfield	16,116
T26	Simsbury	21,671
T27	Stafford	43,057
T28	Stamford	552,292
T29	Suffield	53,767
T30	Wallingford	61,586

T31	Waterbury	3,284,145
T32	West Hartford	211,483
T33	West Haven	339,563
T34	Windham	1,248,096
T35	Windsor	9,660
T36	Windsor Locks	32,533
T37	Borough of Danielson (Killingly)	2,232
T38	Borough of Litchfield	143
T39	Middletown: South Fire District	1,172
T40	Plainfield - Plainfield Fire District	309
T41	West Haven First Center (D1)	1,187
T42	West Haven: Allingtown FD (D3)	53,053
T43	West Haven: West Shore FD (D2)	35,065

18 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-76d of the 2016 supplement to the
 19 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 20 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

21 (a) (1) In accordance with the regulations and procedures
 22 established by the Commissioner of Education and approved by the
 23 State Board of Education, each local or regional board of education
 24 shall provide the professional services requisite to identification of
 25 children requiring special education, identify each such child within its
 26 jurisdiction, determine the eligibility of such children for special
 27 education pursuant to sections 10-76a to 10-76h, inclusive, prescribe
 28 appropriate educational programs for eligible children, maintain a
 29 record thereof and make such reports as the commissioner may
 30 require. No child may be required to obtain a prescription for a
 31 substance covered by the Controlled Substances Act, 21 USC 801 et
 32 seq., as amended from time to time, as a condition of attending school,
 33 receiving an evaluation under section 10-76ff or receiving services
 34 pursuant to sections 10-76a to 10-76h, inclusive, or the Individuals with
 35 Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et seq., as amended from time
 36 to time.

37 (2) Not later than July 1, 2017, each local and regional board of

38 education shall (A) enroll as a provider in the state medical assistance
39 program, (B) participate in the Medicaid School Based Child Health
40 Program administered by the Department of Social Services, and (C)
41 submit billable service information electronically to the Department of
42 Social Services, or its billing agent.

43 [(2) Any] (3) Each local or regional board of education, through the
44 planning and placement team established in accordance with
45 regulations adopted by the State Board of Education under this
46 section, [may] shall determine a child's Medicaid enrollment status. In
47 determining Medicaid enrollment status, the planning and placement
48 team shall: (A) Inquire of the parents or guardians of each such child
49 whether the child is enrolled in or may be eligible for Medicaid; and
50 (B) if the child may be eligible for Medicaid, (i) request that the parent
51 or guardian of the child apply for Medicaid, and (ii) comply with
52 parental consent and written notification requirements under 34 CFR
53 300.154, as amended from time to time, prior to billing for services
54 under the Medicaid School Based Child Health Program administered
55 by the Department of Social Services. For the purpose of determining
56 Medicaid rates for Medicaid eligible special education and related
57 services based on a representative cost sampling method, the board of
58 education shall make available documentation of the provision and
59 costs of Medicaid eligible special education and related services for
60 any students receiving such services, regardless of an individual
61 student's Medicaid enrollment status, to the Commissioner of Social
62 Services or to the commissioner's authorized agent at such time and in
63 such manner as prescribed. For the purpose of determining Medicaid
64 rates for Medicaid eligible special education and related services based
65 on an actual cost method, the local or regional board of education shall
66 submit documentation of the costs and utilization of Medicaid eligible
67 special education and related services for all students receiving such
68 services to the Commissioner of Social Services or to the
69 commissioner's authorized agent at such time and in such manner as
70 prescribed. The commissioner or such agent may use information

71 received from local or regional boards of education for the purposes of
72 [(i)] (I) ascertaining students' Medicaid eligibility status, [(ii)] (II)
73 submitting Medicaid claims, [(iii)] (III) complying with state and
74 federal audit requirements, and [(iv)] (IV) determining Medicaid rates
75 for Medicaid eligible special education and related services. No child
76 shall be denied special education and related services in the event the
77 parent or guardian refuses to apply for Medicaid.

78 [(3)] (4) Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, the
79 Commissioner of Social Services shall make grant payments to local or
80 regional boards of education in amounts representing fifty per cent of
81 the federal portion of Medicaid claims processed for Medicaid eligible
82 special education and related services provided to Medicaid eligible
83 students in the school district. Beginning with the fiscal year ending
84 June 30, 2009, the commissioner shall exclude any enhanced federal
85 medical assistance percentages in calculating the federal portion of
86 such Medicaid claims processed. Such grant payments shall be made
87 on at least a quarterly basis and may represent estimates of amounts
88 due to local or regional boards of education. Any grant payments
89 made on an estimated basis, including payments made by the
90 Department of Education for the fiscal years prior to the fiscal year
91 ending June 30, 2000, shall be subsequently reconciled to grant
92 amounts due based upon filed and accepted Medicaid claims and
93 Medicaid rates. If, upon review, it is determined that a grant payment
94 or portion of a grant payment was made for ineligible or disallowed
95 Medicaid claims, the local or regional board of education shall
96 reimburse the Department of Social Services for any grant payment
97 amount received based upon ineligible or disallowed Medicaid claims.

98 [(4)] (5) Pursuant to federal law, the Commissioner of Social
99 Services, as the state's Medicaid agent, shall determine rates for
100 Medicaid eligible special education and related services pursuant to
101 subdivision (2) of this subsection. The Commissioner of Social Services
102 may request and the Commissioner of Education and towns and
103 regional school districts shall provide information as may be necessary

104 to set such rates.

105 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) Based on school district special education and related
106 services expenditures, the state's Medicaid agent shall report and
107 certify to the federal Medicaid authority the state match required by
108 federal law to obtain Medicaid reimbursement of eligible special
109 education and related services costs.

110 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) Payments received pursuant to this section shall be paid to
111 the local or regional board of education which has incurred such costs
112 in addition to the funds appropriated by the town to such board for
113 the current fiscal year.

114 ~~[(7)]~~ (8) The planning and placement team shall, in accordance with
115 the provisions of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20
116 USC 1400, et seq., as amended from time to time, develop and update
117 annually a statement of transition service needs for each child
118 requiring special education.

119 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) (A) Each local and regional board of education responsible
120 for providing special education and related services to a child or pupil
121 shall notify the parent or guardian of a child who requires or who may
122 require special education, a pupil if such pupil is an emancipated
123 minor or eighteen years of age or older who requires or who may
124 require special education or a surrogate parent appointed pursuant to
125 section 10-94g, in writing, at least five school days before such board
126 proposes to, or refuses to, initiate or change the child's or pupil's
127 identification, evaluation or educational placement or the provision of
128 a free appropriate public education to the child or pupil.

129 (B) Upon request by a parent, guardian, pupil or surrogate parent,
130 the responsible local or regional board of education shall provide such
131 parent, guardian, pupil or surrogate parent an opportunity to meet
132 with a member of the planning and placement team designated by
133 such board prior to the referral planning and placement team meeting
134 at which the assessments and evaluations of the child or pupil who

135 requires or may require special education is presented to such parent,
136 guardian, pupil or surrogate parent for the first time. Such meeting
137 shall be for the sole purpose of discussing the planning and placement
138 team process and any concerns such parent, guardian, pupil or
139 surrogate parent has regarding the child or pupil who requires or may
140 require special education.

141 (C) Such parent, guardian, pupil or surrogate parent shall (i) be
142 given at least five school days' prior notice of any planning and
143 placement team meeting conducted for such child or pupil, (ii) have
144 the right to be present at and participate in all portions of such meeting
145 at which an educational program for such child or pupil is developed,
146 reviewed or revised, and (iii) have the right to have advisors of such
147 person's own choosing and at such person's own expense, and to have
148 the school paraprofessional assigned to such child or pupil, if any, to
149 be present at and to participate in all portions of such meeting at which
150 an educational program for such child or pupil is developed, reviewed
151 or revised.

152 (D) Immediately upon the formal identification of any child as a
153 child requiring special education and at each planning and placement
154 team meeting for such child, the responsible local or regional board of
155 education shall inform the parent or guardian of such child or
156 surrogate parent or, in the case of a pupil who is an emancipated
157 minor or eighteen years of age or older, the pupil of (i) the laws
158 relating to special education, (ii) the rights of such parent, guardian,
159 surrogate parent or pupil under such laws and the regulations adopted
160 by the State Board of Education relating to special education, including
161 the right of a parent, guardian or surrogate parent to (I) withhold from
162 enrolling such child in kindergarten, in accordance with the provisions
163 of section 10-184, and (II) have advisors and the school
164 paraprofessional assigned to such child or pupil to be present at, and
165 to participate in, all portions of such meeting at which an educational
166 program for such child or pupil is developed, reviewed or revised, in
167 accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (C) of this

168 subdivision, and (iii) any relevant information and resources relating
169 to individualized education programs created by the Department of
170 Education, including, but not limited to, information relating to
171 transition resources and services for high school students. If such
172 parent, guardian, surrogate parent or pupil does not attend a planning
173 and placement team meeting, the responsible local or regional board of
174 education shall mail such information to such person.

175 (E) Each local and regional board of education shall have in effect at
176 the beginning of each school year an educational program for each
177 child or pupil who has been identified as eligible for special education.

178 (F) At each initial planning and placement team meeting for a child
179 or pupil, the responsible local or regional board of education shall
180 inform the parent, guardian, surrogate parent or pupil of the laws
181 relating to physical restraint and seclusion pursuant to section 10-236b
182 and the rights of such parent, guardian, surrogate parent or pupil
183 under such laws and the regulations adopted by the State Board of
184 Education relating to physical restraint and seclusion.

185 (G) Upon request by a parent, guardian, pupil or surrogate parent,
186 the responsible local or regional board of education shall provide the
187 results of the assessments and evaluations used in the determination of
188 eligibility for special education for a child or pupil to such parent,
189 guardian, surrogate parent or pupil at least three school days before
190 the referral planning and placement team meeting at which such
191 results of the assessments and evaluations will be discussed for the
192 first time.

193 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, for
194 purposes of Medicaid reimbursement, when recommended by the
195 planning and placement team and specified on the individualized
196 education program, a service eligible for reimbursement under the
197 Medicaid program shall be deemed to be authorized by a practitioner
198 of the healing arts under 42 CFR 440.130, provided such service is

199 recommended by an appropriately licensed or certified individual and
200 is within the individual's scope of practice. Certain items of durable
201 medical equipment, recommended pursuant to the provisions of this
202 subdivision, may be subject to prior authorization requirements
203 established by the Commissioner of Social Services. Diagnostic and
204 evaluation services eligible for reimbursement under the Medicaid
205 program and recommended by the planning and placement team shall
206 also be deemed to be authorized by a practitioner of the healing arts
207 under 42 CFR 440.130 provided such services are recommended by an
208 appropriately licensed or certified individual and are within the
209 individual's scope of practice.

210 [(10)] (11) The Commissioner of Social Services shall implement the
211 policies and procedures necessary for the purposes of this subsection
212 while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in
213 regulation form, provided notice of intent to adopt the regulations is
214 published in the Connecticut Law Journal within twenty days of
215 implementing the policies and procedures. Such policies and
216 procedures shall be valid until the time final regulations are effective.

217 Sec. 3. Subsection (d) of section 10-76d of the 2016 supplement to the
218 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
219 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

220 (d) To meet its obligations under sections 10-76a to 10-76g, inclusive,
221 any local or regional board of education may make agreements with
222 another such board or subject to the consent of the parent or guardian
223 of any child affected thereby, make agreements with any private
224 school or with any public or private agency or institution, including a
225 group home to provide the necessary programs or services, but no
226 expenditures made pursuant to a contract with a private school,
227 agency or institution for such special education shall be paid under the
228 provisions of section 10-76g, unless (1) such contract includes a
229 description of the educational program and other treatment the child is
230 to receive, a statement of minimal goals and objectives which it is

231 anticipated such child will achieve and an estimated time schedule for
232 returning the child to the community or transferring such child to
233 another appropriate facility, (2) subject to the provisions of this
234 subsection, the educational needs of the child for whom such special
235 education is being provided cannot be met by public school
236 arrangements in the opinion of the commissioner who, before granting
237 approval of such contract for purposes of payment, shall consider such
238 factors as the particular needs of the child, the appropriateness and
239 efficacy of the program offered by such private school, agency or
240 institution, and the economic feasibility of comparable alternatives,
241 and (3) commencing with the 1987-1988 school year and for each
242 school year thereafter, each such private school, agency or institution
243 has been approved for special education by the Commissioner of
244 Education or by the appropriate agency for facilities located out of
245 state, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section.
246 Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection or
247 any regulations adopted by the State Board of Education setting
248 placement priorities, placements pursuant to this section and
249 payments under section 10-76g may be made pursuant to such a
250 contract if the public arrangements are more costly than the private
251 school, institution or agency, provided the private school, institution or
252 agency meets the educational needs of the child and its program is
253 appropriate and efficacious. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
254 subsection to the contrary, nothing in this subsection shall (A) require
255 the removal of a child from a nonapproved facility if the child was
256 placed there prior to July 7, 1987, pursuant to the determination of a
257 planning and placement team that such a placement was appropriate
258 and such placement was approved by the Commissioner of Education,
259 or (B) prohibit the placement of a child at a nonapproved facility if a
260 planning and placement team determines prior to July 7, 1987, that the
261 child be placed in a nonapproved facility for the 1987-1988 school year.
262 Each child placed in a nonapproved facility as described in
263 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (3) of this subsection may
264 continue at the facility provided the planning and placement team or

265 hearing officer appointed pursuant to section 10-76h determines that
266 the placement is appropriate. Expenditures incurred by any local or
267 regional board of education to maintain children in nonapproved
268 facilities as described in said subparagraphs (A) and (B) shall be paid
269 pursuant to the provisions of section 10-76g. Any local or regional
270 board of education may enter into a contract with the owners or
271 operators of any sheltered workshop or rehabilitation center for
272 provision of an education occupational training program for children
273 requiring special education who are at least sixteen years of age,
274 provided such workshop or institution shall have been approved by
275 the appropriate state agency. Whenever any child is identified by a
276 local or regional board of education as a child requiring special
277 education and [said] such board of education determines that the
278 requirements for special education could be met by a program
279 provided within the district or by agreement with another board of
280 education except for the child's need for services other than
281 educational services such as medical, psychiatric or institutional care
282 or services, [said] such board of education may meet its obligation to
283 furnish special education for such child by paying the reasonable cost
284 of special education instruction in a private school, hospital or other
285 institution provided [said] such board of education or the
286 commissioner concurs that placement in such institution is necessary
287 and proper and no state institution is available to meet such child's
288 needs. Any such private school, hospital or other institution receiving
289 such reasonable cost of special education instruction by such board of
290 education shall submit all required documentation to such board of
291 education for purposes of submitting claims to the Medicaid School
292 Based Child Health Program administered by the Department of Social
293 Services.

294 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 10-76b of the 2016 supplement to the
295 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
296 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

297 (d) The State Board of Education shall ensure that local and regional

298 boards of education are providing the information described in
299 subparagraph (D) of subdivision [(8)] (9) of subsection (a) of section 10-
300 76d, as amended by this act, to the parent or guardian of a child
301 requiring special education or the surrogate parent appointed
302 pursuant to section 10-94g and, in the case of a pupil who is an
303 emancipated minor or eighteen years of age or older, the pupil.

304 Sec. 5. Section 17b-221b of the general statutes is repealed and the
305 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

306 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, and each fiscal year
307 thereafter, all federal matching funds received by the Department of
308 Social Services for special-education-related services rendered in
309 schools pursuant to section 10-76d, as amended by this act, shall be
310 deposited in the General Fund and credited to a nonlapsing account in
311 the Department of Social Services. Sixty per cent of such funds shall be
312 expended by the Department of Social Services for payment of grants
313 to towns pursuant to subdivision [(3)] (4) of subsection (a) of section
314 10-76d, as amended by this act, and the remaining funds shall be
315 available for expenditure by the Department of Social Services for the
316 payment of Medicaid claims.

317 Sec. 6. Section 10-66j of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes
318 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
319 *1, 2016*):

320 (a) The State Board of Education shall encourage the formation of a
321 state-wide system of regional educational service centers and shall
322 adopt regulations with respect to standards for review and approval of
323 regional education service centers in accordance with sections 10-66a
324 and 10-66h.

325 [(b) Each regional educational service center shall receive an annual
326 grant equal to the sum of the following:

327 (1) An amount equal to fifty per cent of the total amount

328 appropriated for purposes of this section divided by six;

329 (2) An amount equal to twenty-five per cent of such appropriation
330 multiplied by the ratio of the number of its member boards of
331 education to the total number of member boards of education state-
332 wide; and

333 (3) An amount equal to twenty-five per cent of such appropriation
334 multiplied by the ratio of the sum of state aid pursuant to section 10-
335 262h for all of its member boards of education to the total amount of
336 state aid pursuant to section 10-262h state-wide.

337 (c) Within the available appropriation, no regional educational
338 service center shall receive less aid pursuant to subsection (b) of this
339 section than it received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.
340 Amounts determined for regional educational service centers pursuant
341 to subsection (b) of this section in excess of the amounts received for
342 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, shall be reduced proportionately
343 to implement such provision if necessary.]

344 [(d)] (b) Each regional educational service center shall support
345 regional efforts to recruit and retain minority educators.

346 [(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, for the fiscal
347 years ending June 30, 2004, to June 30, 2017, inclusive, the amount of
348 grants payable to regional educational service centers shall be reduced
349 proportionately if the total of such grants in such year exceeds the
350 amount appropriated for such grants for such year.]

351 Sec. 7. Section 8-71 of the general statutes is repealed and the
352 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

353 (a) In lieu of real property taxes, special benefit assessments and
354 sewerage system use charges otherwise payable to such municipality,
355 except in such municipalities as, by special act or charter, on May 20,
356 1957, had a sewer use charge, an authority shall pay each year to the

357 municipality in which any of its moderate rental housing projects are
358 located a sum to be determined by the municipality, with the approval
359 of the Commissioner of Housing, not in excess of twelve and one-half
360 per cent of the shelter rent per annum for each occupied dwelling unit
361 in any such housing project; except that the amount of such payment
362 shall not be so limited in any case where funds are made available for
363 such payment by an agency or department of the United States
364 government, but no payment shall exceed the amount of taxes which
365 would be paid on the property were the property not exempt from
366 taxation.

367 (b) For the period commencing on the effective date of this section
368 and ending June 30, 2018, each municipality that received a grant-in-
369 aid pursuant to section 8-216 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015,
370 shall waive any payment that becomes payable during such period
371 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, except that no waiver shall be
372 required in any case where funds are made available for such payment
373 by an agency or department of the United States government.

374 Sec. 8. Section 31-98 of the general statutes is repealed and the
375 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

376 (a) The panel, or its single member if sitting in accordance with
377 section 31-93, may, in its discretion and with the consent of the parties,
378 issue an oral decision immediately upon conclusion of the
379 proceedings. If the decision is to be in writing, it shall be signed, within
380 fifteen days, by a majority of the members of the panel or by the single
381 member so sitting, and the decision shall state such details as will
382 clearly show the nature of the decision and the points disposed of by
383 the panel. Where the decision is in writing, one copy thereof shall be
384 filed by the panel in the office of the town clerk in the town where the
385 controversy arose and one copy shall be given to each of the parties to
386 the controversy. The panel or single member which has rendered an
387 oral decision immediately upon conclusion of the proceedings shall
388 submit a written copy of the decision to each party within fifteen days

389 from the issuance of such oral decision. In all cases where a decision is
390 rendered orally from the bench, the secretary shall cause such oral
391 decision to be transcribed, approved by the panel or single member as
392 applicable and filed with the records of the board proceedings.

393 (b) Upon the conclusion of the proceedings, each member of the
394 panel shall receive [one hundred seventy-five dollars, and on and after
395 July 1, 2006, two] three hundred twenty-five dollars and a panel
396 member who prepares a written decision shall receive an additional
397 [one hundred twenty-five dollars, and on and after July 1, 2006,] one
398 hundred seventy-five dollars, or the single member, if sitting in
399 accordance with section 31-93, shall receive [two hundred seventy-five
400 dollars, and on and after July 1, 2006,] three hundred twenty-five
401 dollars, provided if the proceedings extend beyond one day, each
402 member shall receive [one hundred dollars, and on and after July 1,
403 2006,] one hundred fifty dollars for each additional day beyond the
404 first day, and provided further no proceeding may be extended
405 beyond two days without the prior approval of the Labor
406 Commissioner for each such additional day.

407 (c) Upon the conclusion of an executive panel session, each member
408 of such panel shall receive [one hundred dollars, and on and after July
409 1, 2006,] one hundred fifty dollars.

410 Sec. 9. Section 17b-277a of the general statutes is repealed and the
411 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

412 The Commissioners of Public Health, [Social Services] Early
413 Childhood and Mental Health and Addiction Services shall jointly
414 establish a program to inform applicants to the Healthy Start program
415 about the availability of, and eligibility for, services provided by the
416 Nurturing Families Network established pursuant to section 17b-751b.

417 Sec. 10. Section 1-300 of the general statutes is repealed and the
418 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

419 (a) There is established the Office of Governmental Accountability.
420 The executive administrator of the office shall serve as the
421 administrative head of the office, who shall be appointed in
422 accordance with the provisions of section 1-301, as amended by this
423 act.

424 (b) The Office of Governmental Accountability shall provide
425 personnel, payroll, affirmative action and administrative and business
426 office functions and information technology associated with such
427 functions for the following: The Office of State Ethics established under
428 section 1-80, State Elections Enforcement Commission established
429 under section 9-7a, Freedom of Information Commission established
430 under section 1-205, Judicial Review Council established under section
431 51-51k, Judicial Selection Commission established under section 51-
432 44a, Board of Firearms Permit Examiners established under section 29-
433 32b, Office of the Child Advocate established under section 46a-13k,
434 Office of the Victim Advocate established under section 46a-13b,
435 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities established under
436 section 46a-52, as amended by this act, and State Contracting
437 Standards Board established under section 4e-2. The personnel,
438 payroll, affirmative action and administrative and business office
439 functions of said offices, commissions, council and boards shall be
440 merged and consolidated within the Office of Governmental
441 Accountability pursuant to the plan developed and implemented
442 under the provisions of section 1-302.

443 (c) The executive administrator may employ necessary staff to carry
444 out the administrative functions of the Office of Governmental
445 Accountability, within available appropriations. Such necessary staff of
446 the Office of Governmental Accountability shall be in classified
447 service.

448 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect or limit the
449 independent decision-making authority of the Office of State Ethics,
450 State Elections Enforcement Commission, [the] Freedom of

451 Information Commission, Judicial Review Council, Judicial Selection
452 Commission, Board of Firearms Permit Examiners, Office of the Child
453 Advocate, Office of the Victim Advocate, Commission on Human
454 Rights and Opportunities or [the] State Contracting Standards Board.
455 Such decision-making authority includes, but is not limited to,
456 decisions concerning budgetary issues and concerning the
457 employment of necessary staff to carry out the statutory duties of each
458 such office, commission, council or board.

459 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 1-301 of the general statutes is
460 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
461 *1, 2016*):

462 (a) (1) There shall be a Governmental Accountability Commission,
463 within the Office of Governmental Accountability established under
464 section 1-300, as amended by this act, that shall consist of [nine] ten
465 members as follows: (A) The chairperson of the Citizen's Ethics
466 Advisory Board established under section 1-80, or the chairperson's
467 designee; (B) the chairperson of the State Elections Enforcement
468 Commission established under section 9-7a, or the chairperson's
469 designee; (C) the chairperson of the Freedom of Information
470 Commission established under section 1-205, or the chairperson's
471 designee; (D) the executive director of the Judicial Review Council
472 established under section 51-51k, or the executive director's designee;
473 (E) the chairperson of the Judicial Selection Commission established
474 under section 51-44a, or the chairperson's designee; (F) the chairperson
475 of the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners established under section
476 29-32b, or the chairperson's designee; (G) the Child Advocate
477 appointed under section 46a-13k, or the advocate's designee; (H) the
478 Victim Advocate appointed under section 46a-13b, or the advocate's
479 designee; (I) the chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights and
480 Opportunities established under section 46a-52, as amended by this
481 act, or the chairperson's designee; and [(I)] (I) the chairperson of the
482 State Contracting Standards Board established under section 4e-2, or
483 the chairperson's designee, provided no person serving as a designee

484 under this subsection may be a state employee. The Governmental
485 Accountability Commission shall select a chairperson who shall
486 preside at meetings of the commission. Said commission shall meet for
487 the purpose of making recommendations to the Governor for
488 candidates for the executive administrator of the Office of
489 Governmental Accountability pursuant to the provisions of subsection
490 (b) of this section, or for the purpose of terminating the employment of
491 the executive administrator.

492 (2) The commission established under subdivision (1) of this
493 subsection shall not be construed to be a board or commission within
494 the meaning of section 4-9a.

495 Sec. 12. Section 46a-52 of the general statutes is repealed and the
496 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

497 (a) The commission shall be within the Office of Governmental
498 Accountability established under section 1-300, as amended by this act,
499 and shall consist of nine persons. On and after October 1, 2000, such
500 persons shall be appointed with the advice and consent of both houses
501 of the General Assembly. (1) On or before July 15, 1990, the Governor
502 shall appoint five members of the commission, three of whom shall
503 serve for terms of five years and two of whom shall serve for terms of
504 three years. Upon the expiration of such terms, and thereafter, the
505 Governor shall appoint either two or three members, as appropriate, to
506 serve for terms of five years. On or before July 14, 1990, the president
507 pro tempore of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the
508 speaker of the House of Representatives and the minority leader of the
509 House of Representatives shall each appoint one member to serve for a
510 term of three years. Upon the expiration of such terms, and thereafter,
511 members so appointed shall serve for terms of three years. (2) If any
512 vacancy occurs, the appointing authority making the initial
513 appointment shall appoint a person to serve for the remainder of the
514 unexpired term. The Governor shall select one of the members of the
515 commission to serve as chairperson for a term of one year. The

516 commission shall meet at least once during each two-month period
517 and at such other times as the chairperson deems necessary. Special
518 meetings shall be held on the request of a majority of the members of
519 the commission after notice in accordance with the provisions of
520 section 1-225.

521 (b) Except as provided in section 46a-57, the members of the
522 commission shall serve without pay, but their reasonable expenses,
523 including educational training expenses and expenses for necessary
524 stenographic and clerical help, shall be paid by the state upon
525 approval of the Commissioner of Administrative Services. Not later
526 than two months after appointment to the commission, each member
527 of the commission shall receive a minimum of ten hours of
528 introductory training prior to voting on any commission matter. Each
529 year following such introductory training, each member shall receive
530 five hours of follow-up training. Such introductory and follow-up
531 training shall consist of instruction on the laws governing
532 discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodation and
533 credit, affirmative action and the procedures of the commission. Such
534 training shall be organized by the managing director of the legal
535 division of the commission. Any member who fails to complete such
536 training shall not vote on any commission matter. Any member who
537 fails to comply with such introductory training requirement within six
538 months of appointment shall be deemed to have resigned from office.
539 Any member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who
540 fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar
541 year shall be deemed to have resigned from office.

542 (c) On or before July 15, 1989, the commission shall appoint an
543 executive director who shall be the chief executive officer of the
544 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities to serve for a term
545 expiring on July 14, 1990. Upon the expiration of such term and
546 thereafter, the executive director shall be appointed for a term of four
547 years. The executive director shall be supervised and annually
548 evaluated by the commission. The executive director shall serve at the

549 pleasure of the commission but no longer than four years from July
550 fifteenth in the year of his or her appointment unless reappointed
551 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection. The executive director
552 shall receive an annual salary within the salary range of a salary group
553 established by the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the
554 position. The executive director (1) shall conduct comprehensive
555 planning with respect to the functions of the commission; (2) shall
556 coordinate the activities of the commission; and (3) shall cause the
557 administrative organization of the commission to be examined with a
558 view to promoting economy and efficiency. In accordance with
559 established procedures, the executive director may enter into such
560 contractual agreements as may be necessary for the discharge of the
561 director's duties.

562 (d) The executive director may appoint no more than two deputy
563 directors with the approval of a majority of the members of the
564 commission. The deputy directors shall be supervised by the executive
565 director and shall assist the executive director in the administration of
566 the commission, the effectuation of its statutory responsibilities and
567 such other duties as may be assigned by the executive director. Deputy
568 directors shall serve at the pleasure of the executive director and
569 without tenure. The executive director may remove a deputy director
570 with the approval of a majority of the members of the commission.

571 [(e) The commission shall be within the Labor Department for
572 administrative purposes only.]

573 Sec. 13. Subdivisions (14) and (15) of subsection (a) of section 4a-60g
574 of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the
575 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

576 (14) "Municipal public works contract" means that portion of an
577 agreement entered into on or after [October 1, 2015] July 1, 2019,
578 between any individual, firm or corporation and a municipality for the
579 construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair

580 of a public building, highway or other changes or improvements in
581 real property, which is financed in whole or in part by the state,
582 including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans,
583 insurance or guarantees but excluding any project of an alliance
584 district, as defined in section 10-262u, financed by state funding in an
585 amount equal to fifty thousand dollars or less.

586 (15) "Quasi-public agency project" means the construction,
587 rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a building
588 or other changes or improvements in real property pursuant to a
589 contract entered into on or after [October 1, 2015] July 1, 2019, which is
590 financed in whole or in part by a quasi-public agency using state
591 funds, including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants,
592 loans, insurance or guarantees.

593 Sec. 14. Subdivisions (3) and (4) of subsection (b) of section 4a-60g of
594 the 2016 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the
595 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

596 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, and
597 except as provided in this section, on and after [October 1, 2015] July 1,
598 2019, each municipality when awarding a municipal public works
599 contract shall state in its notice of solicitation for competitive bids or
600 request for proposals or qualifications for such contract that the
601 general or trade contractor shall be required to comply with the
602 provisions of this section and the requirements concerning
603 nondiscrimination and affirmative action under sections 4a-60 and 4a-
604 60a. Any such contractor awarded a municipal public works contract
605 shall, on the basis of competitive bidding procedures, (A) set aside at
606 least twenty-five per cent of the total value of the state's financial
607 assistance for such contract for award to subcontractors who are small
608 contractors, and (B) of that portion to be set aside in accordance with
609 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, reserve a portion equivalent to
610 twenty-five per cent of the total value of the contract or portion thereof
611 to be set aside for awards to subcontractors who are minority business

612 enterprises. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any
613 municipality that has established a set-aside program pursuant to
614 section 7-148u where the percentage of contracts set aside for minority
615 business enterprises is equivalent to or exceeds the percentage set forth
616 in this subsection.

617 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, and
618 except as provided in this section, on and after [October 1, 2015] July 1,
619 2019, any individual, firm or corporation that enters into a contract for
620 a quasi-public agency project shall, prior to awarding such contract,
621 notify the contractor to be awarded such project of the requirements of
622 this section and the requirements concerning nondiscrimination and
623 affirmative action under sections 4a-60 and 4a-60a. Any such
624 contractor awarded a contract for a quasi-public agency project shall,
625 on the basis of competitive bidding procedures, (A) set aside at least
626 twenty-five per cent of the total value of the state's financial assistance
627 for such contract for award to subcontractors who are small
628 contractors, and (B) of that portion to be set aside in accordance with
629 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, reserve a portion equivalent to
630 twenty-five per cent of the total value of the contract or portions
631 thereof to be set aside for awards to subcontractors who are minority
632 business enterprises.

633 Sec. 15. Subsection (b) of section 4a-60h of the 2016 supplement to
634 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
635 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

636 (b) [The] On and after July 1, 2019, the Commission on Human
637 Rights and Opportunities shall be responsible for the administration of
638 the set-aside program for municipal public works contracts and
639 contracts for quasi-public agency projects, as described in subdivisions
640 (3) and (4) of subsection (b) of section 4a-60g, as amended by this act.
641 The commission shall conduct regular training sessions, as often as the
642 commission deems necessary, for municipalities, quasi-public agencies
643 and contractors to explain the municipal and quasi-public agency

644 project set-aside program. The commission may adopt regulations in
645 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes
646 of sections 4a-60g to 4a-60j, inclusive, as amended by this act, in regard
647 to the municipal and quasi-public agency project set-aside program.

648 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) For the purposes of sections
649 4a-60, 4a-60a and 4a-62 of the general statutes:

650 (1) "Public works contract" means any agreement between any
651 individual, firm or corporation and the state or any political
652 subdivision of the state other than a municipality for construction,
653 rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a public
654 building, highway or other changes or improvements in real property,
655 or which is financed in whole or in part by the state, including, but not
656 limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or
657 guarantees.

658 (2) "Municipal public works contract" has the same meaning as
659 provided in section 4a-60g, as amended by this act.

660 (3) "Quasi-public agency project" has the same meaning as provided
661 in section 4a-60g, as amended by this act.

662 (4) "Awarding agency" has the same meaning as provided in section
663 4a-60g, as amended by this act.

664 Sec. 17. Section 46a-68b of the 2016 supplement to the general
665 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
666 (*Effective from passage*):

667 As used in [this section and] sections [4a-60, 4a-60a, 4a-62,] 46a-56
668 and 46a-68c to 46a-68k, inclusive: "Public works contract" means any
669 agreement between any individual, firm or corporation and the state
670 or any political subdivision of the state other than a municipality for
671 construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair
672 of a public building, highway or other changes or improvements in

673 real property, or which is financed in whole or in part by the state,
674 including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans,
675 insurance or guarantees and "municipal public works contract", "quasi-
676 public agency project" and "awarding agency" have the same meanings
677 as provided in section 4a-60g, as amended by this act.

678 Sec. 18. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
679 section 16 of this act and sections 4a-60g and 4a-60h of the general
680 statutes, as amended by this act, any contract (1) for a quasi-public
681 agency project or any municipal public works contract, as such terms
682 were defined in section 4a-60g of the general statutes, as in effect on
683 January 1, 2016, and (2) entered into on or after October 1, 2015, and
684 until the effective date of this section, shall not be affected by the
685 provisions of section 16 of this act and sections 4a-60g and 4a-60h of
686 the general statutes, as amended by this act, and the contracting parties
687 shall comply with the applicable provisions of chapters 58 and 814c of
688 the general statutes, as said chapters were in effect on January 1, 2016.

689 Sec. 19. Section 12-129d of the general statutes is amended by
690 adding subsection (c) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

691 (NEW) (c) The amount of state payment to each municipality as
692 reimbursement for the revenue loss related to the tax relief given to
693 individuals pursuant to 12-129b shall be reduced proportionately in
694 the event that the total amount payable to all municipalities for this
695 program exceeds the amount appropriated.

696 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 12-170f of the general statutes is
697 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
698 *1, 2016*):

699 (a) Any renter, believing himself or herself to be entitled to a grant
700 under section 12-170d for any calendar year, shall apply for such grant
701 to the assessor of the municipality in which the renter resides or to the
702 duly authorized agent of such assessor or municipality on or after
703 April first and not later than October first of each year with respect to

704 such grant for the calendar year preceding each such year, on a form
705 prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
706 Management to the assessor. A renter may apply to the secretary prior
707 to December fifteenth of the claim year for an extension of the
708 application period. The secretary may grant such extension in the case
709 of extenuating circumstance due to illness or incapacitation as
710 evidenced by a certificate signed by a physician or an advanced
711 practice registered nurse to that extent, or if the secretary determines
712 there is good cause for doing so. A renter making such application
713 shall present to such assessor or agent, in substantiation of the renter's
714 application, a copy of the renter's federal income tax return, and if not
715 required to file a federal income tax return, such other evidence of
716 qualifying income, receipts for money received, or cancelled checks, or
717 copies thereof, and any other evidence the assessor or such agent may
718 require. When the assessor or agent is satisfied that the applying renter
719 is entitled to a grant, such assessor or agent shall issue a certificate of
720 grant, in triplicate, in such form as the secretary may prescribe and
721 supply showing the amount of the grant due. The assessor or agent
722 shall forward the original copy and attached application to the
723 secretary not later than the last day of the month following the month
724 in which the renter has made application. Any municipality that
725 neglects to transmit to the secretary the claim and supporting
726 applications as required by this section shall forfeit two hundred fifty
727 dollars to the state, provided the secretary may waive such forfeiture
728 in accordance with procedures and standards adopted by regulation in
729 accordance with chapter 54. A duplicate of such certificate with a copy
730 of the application attached shall be delivered to the renter and the
731 assessor or agent shall keep the third copy of such certificate and a
732 copy of the application. After the secretary's review of each claim,
733 pursuant to section 12-120b, and verification of the amount of the
734 grant, the secretary shall make a determination of any per cent
735 reduction to all claims that will be necessary to keep within available
736 appropriations and, not later than September thirtieth of each year
737 prepare a list of certificates approved for payment, and shall thereafter

738 supplement such list monthly. Such list and any supplements thereto
739 shall be approved for payment by the secretary and shall be forwarded
740 by the secretary to the Comptroller, along with a notice of any
741 necessary per cent reduction in claim amounts, not later than one
742 hundred twenty days after receipt of such applications and certificates
743 of grant from the assessor or agent, and the Comptroller shall draw an
744 order on the Treasurer, not later than fifteen days following, in favor of
745 each person on such list and on supplements to such list in the amount
746 of such person's claim, minus any per cent reduction noticed by the
747 secretary pursuant to this subsection, and the Treasurer shall pay such
748 amount to such person, not later than fifteen days following. If the
749 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management determines a renter
750 was overpaid for such grant, the amount of any subsequent grant paid
751 to the renter under section 12-170d after such determination shall be
752 reduced by the amount of overpayment until the overpayment has
753 been recouped. Any claimant aggrieved by the results of the
754 secretary's review or determination shall have the rights of appeal as
755 set forth in section 12-120b. Applications filed under this section shall
756 not be open for public inspection. Any person who, for the purpose of
757 obtaining a grant under section 12-170d, wilfully fails to disclose all
758 matters related thereto or with intent to defraud makes false statement
759 shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

760 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 12-19a of the 2016 supplement to
761 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
762 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

763 (a) Until the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, on or before
764 January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
765 Management shall determine the amount due, as a state grant in lieu of
766 taxes, to each town in this state wherein state-owned real property,
767 reservation land held in trust by the state for an Indian tribe, [or] a
768 municipally owned airport, or any airport owned by the Connecticut
769 Airport Authority, other than Bradley International Airport, except
770 that which was acquired and used for highways and bridges, but not

771 excepting property acquired and used for highway administration or
772 maintenance purposes, is located. The grant payable to any town
773 under the provisions of this section in the state fiscal year commencing
774 July 1, 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be equal to the total of
775 (1) (A) one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have
776 been paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner
777 of Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a
778 correctional facility administered under the auspices of the
779 Department of Correction or a juvenile detention center under
780 direction of the Department of Children and Families that was used for
781 incarcerative purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list
782 containing the name and location of such designated facilities and
783 information concerning their use for purposes of incarceration during
784 the preceding fiscal year is not available from the Secretary of the State
785 on the first day of August of any year, said commissioner shall, on said
786 first day of August, certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
787 Management a list containing such information, (B) one hundred per
788 cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to
789 that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital located at The University of
790 Connecticut Health Center in Farmington that is used as a permanent
791 medical ward for prisoners under the custody of the Department of
792 Correction. Nothing in this section shall be construed as designating
793 any portion of The University of Connecticut Health Center John
794 Dempsey Hospital as a correctional facility, and (C) in the state fiscal
795 year commencing July 1, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, one
796 hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid
797 on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement boundary and
798 taken into trust by the federal government for the Mashantucket
799 Pequot Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999, (2) subject to the
800 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, sixty-five per cent of the
801 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to the
802 buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut Valley Hospital in
803 Middletown. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning
804 July 1, 2000, and continuing each year thereafter, (3) notwithstanding

805 the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, with respect to
806 any town in which more than fifty per cent of the property is state-
807 owned real property, one hundred per cent of the property taxes
808 which would have been paid with respect to such state-owned
809 property. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning
810 July 1, 1997, and continuing each year thereafter, (4) subject to the
811 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, forty-five per cent of the
812 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to all other
813 state-owned real property, (5) forty-five per cent of the property taxes
814 which would have been paid with respect to all municipally owned
815 airports [;] or any airport owned by the Connecticut Airport Authority,
816 other than Bradley International Airport, except for the exemption
817 applicable to such property, on the assessment list in such town for the
818 assessment date two years prior to the commencement of the state
819 fiscal year in which such grant is payable. The grant provided
820 pursuant to this section for any municipally owned airport or any
821 airport owned by the Connecticut Airport Authority, other than
822 Bradley International Airport, shall be paid to any municipality in
823 which the airport is located, except that the grant applicable to
824 Sikorsky Airport shall be paid half to the town of Stratford and half to
825 the city of Bridgeport, and (6) forty-five per cent of the property taxes
826 which would have been paid with respect to any land designated
827 within the 1983 Settlement boundary and taken into trust by the
828 federal government for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation prior
829 to June 8, 1999, or taken into trust by the federal government for the
830 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, provided (A) the real
831 property subject to this subdivision shall be the land only, and shall
832 not include the assessed value of any structures, buildings or other
833 improvements on such land, and (B) said forty-five per cent grant shall
834 be phased in as follows: (i) In the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012,
835 an amount equal to ten per cent of said forty-five per cent grant, (ii) in
836 the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013, thirty-five per cent of said
837 forty-five per cent grant, (iii) in the fiscal year commencing July 1,
838 2014, sixty per cent of said forty-five per cent grant, (iv) in the fiscal

839 year commencing July 1, 2015, eighty-five per cent of said forty-five
840 per cent grant, and (v) in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, one
841 hundred per cent of said forty-five per cent grant.

842 Sec. 22. Section 46a-68 of the general statutes is repealed and the
843 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

844 (a) [Each] Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, each
845 state agency, department, board and commission with twenty-five, or
846 more, full-time employees shall develop and implement, in
847 cooperation with the Commission on Human Rights and
848 Opportunities, an affirmative action plan that commits the agency,
849 department, board or commission to a program of affirmative action in
850 all aspects of personnel and administration. Such plan shall be
851 developed pursuant to regulations adopted by the Commission on
852 Human Rights and Opportunities in accordance with chapter 54 to
853 ensure that affirmative action is undertaken as required by state and
854 federal law to provide equal employment opportunities and to comply
855 with all responsibilities under the provisions of sections 4-61u to 4-
856 61w, inclusive, sections 46a-54 to 46a-64, inclusive, section 46a-64c and
857 sections 46a-70 to 46a-78, inclusive. The executive head of each such
858 agency, department, board or commission shall be directly responsible
859 for the development, filing and implementation of such affirmative
860 action plan. The Metropolitan District of Hartford County shall be
861 deemed to be a state agency for purposes of this section and sections
862 4a-60, 4a-60a and 4a-60g, as amended by this act.

863 (b) (1) Each state agency, department, board or commission shall
864 designate a full-time or part-time equal employment opportunity
865 officer. If such equal employment opportunity officer is an employee
866 of the agency, department, board or commission, the executive head of
867 the agency, department, board or commission shall be directly
868 responsible for the supervision of the officer.

869 (2) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities shall

870 provide training and technical assistance to equal employment
871 opportunity officers in plan development and implementation.

872 (3) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and the
873 Permanent Commission on the Status of Women shall provide training
874 concerning state and federal discrimination laws and techniques for
875 conducting investigations of discrimination complaints to persons
876 designated by state agencies, departments, boards or commissions as
877 equal employment opportunity officers and persons designated by the
878 Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee to represent such
879 agencies, departments, boards or commissions pursuant to subdivision
880 (5) of this subsection. On or after October 1, 2011, such training shall be
881 provided for a minimum of five hours during the first year of service
882 or designation, and a minimum of three hours every two years
883 thereafter.

884 (4) (A) Each person designated by a state agency, department, board
885 or commission as an equal employment opportunity officer shall (i) be
886 responsible for mitigating any discriminatory conduct within the
887 agency, department, board or commission, (ii) investigate all
888 complaints of discrimination made against the state agency,
889 department, board or commission, except if any such complaint has
890 been filed with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities
891 or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the state agency,
892 department, board or commission may rely upon the process of the
893 applicable commission, as applicable, in lieu of such investigation, and
894 (iii) report all findings and recommendations upon the conclusion of
895 an investigation to the commissioner or director of the state agency,
896 department, board or commission for proper action.

897 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (A)(i), (A)(ii)
898 and (A)(iii) of this subdivision, if a discrimination complaint is made
899 against the executive head of a state agency or department, any
900 member of a state board or commission or any equal employment
901 opportunity officer alleging that the executive head, member or officer

902 directly or personally engaged in discriminatory conduct, or if a
903 complaint of discrimination is made by the executive head of a state
904 agency, any member of a state board or commission or any equal
905 employment opportunity officer, the complaint shall be referred to the
906 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities for review and, if
907 appropriate, investigation by the Department of Administrative
908 Services, except if any such complaint has been filed with the Equal
909 Employment Opportunity Commission or the Commission on Human
910 Rights and Opportunities, the Commission on Human Rights and
911 Opportunities or Department of Administrative Services may rely
912 upon the process of the applicable commission in lieu of such
913 investigation. If the discrimination complaint is made by or against the
914 executive head, any member or the equal employment opportunity
915 officer of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities
916 alleging that the executive head, member or officer directly or
917 personally engaged in discriminatory conduct, the commission shall
918 refer the complaint to the Department of Administrative Services for
919 review and, if appropriate, investigation. If the complaint is by or
920 against the executive head or equal employment opportunity officer of
921 the Department of Administrative Services, the complaint shall be
922 referred to the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities for
923 review and, if appropriate, investigation. Each person who conducts
924 an investigation pursuant to this subparagraph shall report all findings
925 and recommendations upon the conclusion of such investigation to the
926 appointing authority of the individual who was the subject of the
927 complaint for proper action. The provisions of this subparagraph shall
928 apply to any such complaint pending on or after July 5, 2007.

929 (5) Each person designated by a state agency, department, board or
930 commission as an equal employment opportunity officer, and each
931 person designated by the Attorney General or the Attorney General's
932 designee to represent an agency pursuant to subdivision (6) of this
933 subsection, shall complete training provided by the Commission on
934 Human Rights and Opportunities and the Permanent Commission on

935 the Status of Women pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection.

936 (6) No person designated by a state agency, department, board or
937 commission as an equal employment opportunity officer shall
938 represent such agency, department, board or commission before the
939 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities or the Equal
940 Employment Opportunity Commission concerning a discrimination
941 complaint. If a discrimination complaint is filed with the Commission
942 on Human Rights and Opportunities or the Equal Employment
943 Opportunity Commission against a state agency, department, board or
944 commission, the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee,
945 other than the equal employment opportunity officer for such agency,
946 department, board or commission, shall represent the state agency,
947 department, board or commission before the Commission on Human
948 Rights and Opportunities or the Equal Employment Opportunity
949 Commission. In the case of a discrimination complaint filed against the
950 Metropolitan District of Hartford County, the Attorney General, or the
951 Attorney General's designee, shall not represent such district before
952 the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities or the Equal
953 Employment Opportunity Commission.

954 (c) [Each] Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, each
955 state agency, department, board and commission that employs two
956 hundred fifty or more full-time employees shall file an affirmative
957 action plan developed in accordance with subsection (a) of this section,
958 with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities,
959 semiannually, except that any state agency, department, board or
960 commission which has an affirmative action plan approved by the
961 commission may be permitted to file its plan on an annual basis in a
962 manner prescribed by the commission and any state agency,
963 department, board or commission that employs twenty-five or more
964 employees but fewer than two hundred fifty full-time employees shall
965 file its affirmative action plan biennially, unless the commission
966 disapproves the most recent submission of the plan, in which case the
967 commission may require the resubmission of such plan by a time

968 chosen by the commission, until the plan is approved. All affirmative
969 action plans shall be filed electronically, if practicable.

970 (d) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities shall
971 review and formally approve, conditionally approve or disapprove the
972 content of such affirmative action plans within ninety days of the
973 submission of each plan to the commission. If the commissioners, by a
974 majority vote of those present and voting, fail to approve,
975 conditionally approve or disapprove a plan within such period, the
976 plan shall be deemed to be approved. Any plan that is filed more than
977 ninety days after the date such plan is due to be filed in accordance
978 with the schedule established pursuant to subsection [(g)] (h) of this
979 section shall be deemed disapproved.

980 (e) The Commissioner of Administrative Services and the Secretary
981 of the Office of Policy and Management shall cooperate with the
982 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities to insure that the
983 State Personnel Act and personnel regulations are administered, and
984 that the process of collective bargaining is conducted by all parties in a
985 manner consistent with the affirmative action responsibilities of the
986 state.

987 (f) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities shall
988 monitor the activity of such plans within each state agency,
989 department, board and commission and report to the Governor and
990 the General Assembly on or before April first of each year concerning
991 the results of such plans.

992 (g) (1) Any state agency, department, board or commission that has
993 an approved federal equal employment opportunity plan may submit
994 such equal employment opportunity plan to the Commission on
995 Human Rights and Opportunities in lieu of the affirmative action plan
996 required pursuant to subsection (a) or (c) of this section along with the
997 letter from the relevant federal agency approving such equal
998 employment opportunity plan. Upon receipt of such federal plan and

999 approval letter, such plan shall be deemed approved by the
1000 commission for the duration that such plan has been approved by the
1001 relevant federal agency.

1002 (2) Any state agency, department, board or commission may submit
1003 an affirmative action plan to the Commission on Human Rights and
1004 Opportunities in a form prescribed by the United States Department of
1005 Justice for a federal equal employment opportunity plan. Such
1006 affirmative action plan shall be subject to review and approval by the
1007 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities in accordance with
1008 subsection (d) of this section as to the plan's compliance with the
1009 requirements of the United States Department of Justice.

1010 [(g)] (h) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities shall
1011 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the
1012 requirements of this section. The executive director shall establish a
1013 schedule for semiannual, annual and biennial filing of plans.

1014 Sec. 23. Section 16-2a of the 2016 supplement to the general statutes
1015 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1016 *1, 2016*):

1017 (a) There shall be an independent Office of Consumer Counsel,
1018 within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, for
1019 administrative purposes only, to act as the advocate for consumer
1020 interests in all matters which may affect Connecticut consumers with
1021 respect to public service companies, electric suppliers and certified
1022 telecommunications providers, including, but not limited to, rates and
1023 related issues, ratepayer-funded programs and matters concerning the
1024 reliability, maintenance, operations, infrastructure and quality of
1025 service of such companies, suppliers and providers. The Office of
1026 Consumer Counsel is authorized to appear in and participate in any
1027 regulatory or judicial proceedings, federal or state, in which such
1028 interests of Connecticut consumers may be involved, or in which
1029 matters affecting utility services rendered or to be rendered in this

1030 state may be involved. The Office of Consumer Counsel shall be a
1031 party to each contested case before the Public Utilities Regulatory
1032 Authority and shall participate in such proceedings to the extent it
1033 deems necessary. Said Office of Consumer Counsel may appeal from a
1034 decision, order or authorization in any such state regulatory
1035 proceeding notwithstanding its failure to appear or participate in said
1036 proceeding.

1037 (b) Except as prohibited by the provisions of section 4-181, the
1038 Office of Consumer Counsel shall have access to the records of the
1039 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and shall be entitled to call upon
1040 the assistance of the authority's and the department's experts, and shall
1041 have the benefit of all other facilities or information of the authority or
1042 department in carrying out the duties of the Office of Consumer
1043 Counsel, except for such internal documents, information or data as
1044 are not available to parties to the authority's proceedings. The
1045 department shall provide such space as necessary within the
1046 department's quarters for the operation of the Office of Consumer
1047 Counsel, and the department shall be empowered to set regulations
1048 providing for adequate compensation for the provision of such office
1049 space.

1050 [(c) There shall be established an Office of State Broadband within
1051 the Office of Consumer Counsel. The Office of State Broadband shall
1052 work to facilitate the availability of broadband access to every state
1053 citizen and to increase access to and the adoption of ultra-high-speed
1054 gigabit capable broadband networks. The Office of Consumer Counsel
1055 may work in collaboration with public and nonprofit entities and state
1056 agencies, and may provide advisory assistance to municipalities, local
1057 authorities and private corporations for the purpose of maximizing
1058 opportunities for the expansion of broadband access in the state and
1059 fostering innovative approaches to broadband in the state, including
1060 the procurement of grants for such purpose. The Office of State
1061 Broadband shall include a Broadband Policy Coordinator and such
1062 other staff as the Consumer Counsel deems necessary to perform the

1063 duties of the Office of State Broadband.]

1064 [(d)] (c) The Office of Consumer Counsel shall be under the
1065 direction of a Consumer Counsel, who shall be appointed by the
1066 Governor with the advice and consent of either house of the General
1067 Assembly. The Consumer Counsel shall be an elector of this state and
1068 shall have demonstrated a strong commitment and involvement in
1069 efforts to safeguard the rights of the public. The Consumer Counsel
1070 shall serve for a term of five years unless removed pursuant to section
1071 16-5. The salary of the Consumer Counsel shall be equal to that
1072 established for management pay plan salary group seventy-one by the
1073 Commissioner of Administrative Services. No Consumer Counsel
1074 shall, for a period of one year following the termination of service as
1075 Consumer Counsel, accept employment by a public service company,
1076 a certified telecommunications provider or an electric supplier. No
1077 Consumer Counsel who is also an attorney shall in any capacity,
1078 appear or participate in any matter, or accept any compensation
1079 regarding a matter, before the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority,
1080 for a period of one year following the termination of service as
1081 Consumer Counsel.

1082 [(e)] (d) The Consumer Counsel shall hire such staff as necessary to
1083 perform the duties of said Office of Consumer Counsel and may
1084 employ from time to time outside consultants knowledgeable in the
1085 utility regulation field including, but not limited to, economists, capital
1086 cost experts and rate design experts. The salaries and qualifications of
1087 the individuals so hired shall be determined by the Commissioner of
1088 Administrative Services pursuant to section 4-40.

1089 [(f)] (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any
1090 party interested in such proceeding or action from appearing in person
1091 or from being represented by counsel therein.

1092 [(g)] (f) As used in this section, "consumer" means any person, city,
1093 borough or town that receives service from any public service

1094 company, electric supplier or from any certified telecommunications
1095 provider in this state whether or not such person, city, borough or
1096 town is financially responsible for such service.

1097 [(h)] (g) The Office of Consumer Counsel shall not be required to
1098 post a bond as a condition to presenting an appeal from any state
1099 regulatory decision, order or authorization.

1100 [(i)] (h) The expenses of the Office of Consumer Counsel shall be
1101 assessed in accordance with the provisions of section 16-49.

1102 Sec. 24. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Comptroller, in
1103 collaboration with the Commissioner of Economic and Community
1104 Development, the Commissioner of Education and the Labor
1105 Commissioner, shall develop an annual grant program for each of the
1106 following areas: (1) Arts, (2) tourism, (3) community development, (4)
1107 workforce development, and (5) youth development. The Comptroller
1108 shall administer such grant programs in collaboration with the Joint
1109 Committee on Legislative Management. Such grant programs shall be
1110 developed and administered within available appropriations.

1111 (b) Applicants for funding from any of the grant programs
1112 established pursuant to subsection (a) shall submit to the Comptroller,
1113 on forms developed by the Comptroller, information including, but
1114 not limited to: (1) A description of the applicant's organization, (2) the
1115 applicant's programming that the grant funds will support, (3)
1116 expected outcomes resulting from the funding of such programming,
1117 and (4) proposed measures for demonstrating progress toward such
1118 outcomes and evaluating whether such outcomes have been achieved.
1119 The Joint Committee on Legislative Management shall establish a
1120 timeline for the annual application process for each grant program.
1121 The Comptroller shall submit all completed applications to said
1122 committee, which shall review such applications and provide to the
1123 Comptroller a list of the applicants that shall receive grant funding, the
1124 amounts that shall be granted to each grantee, and any additional

1125 measures required to be reported by grantees. Grantees shall provide
1126 updates on outcome measures to the Office of the Comptroller on a
1127 schedule determined by the Comptroller.

1128 (c) The Comptroller shall report annually on such outcome
1129 measures as directed by the Joint Committee on Legislative
1130 Management. The Comptroller shall submit such report, in accordance
1131 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the Joint
1132 Committee on Legislative Management, the Governor and the
1133 Auditors of Public Accounts.

1134 Sec. 25. Section 20-280 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1135 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1136 (a) There shall be a State Board of Accountancy which shall consist
1137 of nine members, to be appointed by the Governor, all of whom shall
1138 be residents of this state, five of whom shall hold current, valid
1139 licenses to practice public accountancy and four of whom shall be
1140 public members. Any persons serving on the board prior to October 1,
1141 1992, shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed. Whenever
1142 an appointment of a licensee to the state board is to be made, the
1143 Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants shall submit to the
1144 Governor the names of five persons qualified for membership on the
1145 board and the Governor shall appoint one of such persons to said
1146 board, subject to the provisions of section 4-10. The Governor shall
1147 select a chairperson pursuant to section 4-9a. The term of each member
1148 of the board shall be coterminous with that of the Governor. Vacancies
1149 occurring during a term shall be filled by appointment by the
1150 Governor for the unexpired portion of the term. Upon the expiration of
1151 a member's term of office, such member shall continue to serve until
1152 his successor has been appointed. Any member of the board whose
1153 license under section 20-281d is revoked or suspended shall
1154 automatically cease to be a member of the board. No person who has
1155 served two successive complete terms shall be eligible for
1156 reappointment to the board. Appointment to fill an unexpired term

1157 shall not be considered to be a complete term. Any member who,
1158 without just cause, fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings held
1159 during any calendar year shall not be eligible for reappointment.

1160 (b) The board shall meet at such times and places as may be fixed by
1161 the board and shall meet at least once in every quarter of a calendar
1162 year. A majority of the board members then serving shall constitute a
1163 quorum at any meeting duly called. The board shall have a seal which
1164 shall be judicially noticed. The board shall maintain a registry of the
1165 names and addresses of all licensees and registrants under sections 20-
1166 279b to 20-281m, inclusive, and shall have responsibility for the
1167 administration and enforcement of said sections.

1168 (c) [Each member of the board shall be reimbursed for his actual and
1169 necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of his official duties.] The
1170 Department of Consumer Protection shall provide office space for the
1171 board. Members shall not be compensated for their services and,
1172 notwithstanding the provisions of section 21a-7, shall not be
1173 reimbursed for necessary expenses.

1174 (d) The board shall annually cause to be printed a directory which
1175 shall contain the names, arranged alphabetically, of all licensees and
1176 registrants under sections 20-279b to 20-281m, inclusive.

1177 (e) [The board may recommend and the Secretary of the State may
1178 employ, subject to the provisions of chapter 67, such personnel as may
1179 be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 20-279b to 20-281m,
1180 inclusive. The board may enter into such contractual agreements as
1181 may be necessary for the discharge of its duties, within the limit of its
1182 appropriated funds and in accordance with established procedures, as
1183 it deems necessary in its administration and enforcement of said
1184 sections. It may appoint committees or persons to advise or assist the
1185 board in such administration and enforcement as it may see fit.] Said
1186 board shall be within the [office of the Secretary of the State]
1187 Department of Consumer Protection.

1188 (f) The board shall have the power to take all action that is necessary
1189 and proper to effectuate the purposes of sections 20-279b to 20-281m,
1190 inclusive, including the power to issue subpoenas to compel the
1191 attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; to
1192 administer oaths; to take testimony and to receive evidence concerning
1193 all matters within its jurisdiction. In case of disobedience of a
1194 subpoena, the board may invoke the aid of any court of this state in
1195 requiring the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the
1196 production of documentary evidence. The board, its members, and its
1197 agents shall be immune from personal liability for actions taken in
1198 good faith in the discharge of the board's responsibilities, and the state
1199 shall indemnify and hold harmless the board, its members, and its
1200 agents from all costs, damages, and attorneys' fees arising from claims
1201 and suits against them with respect to matters to which such immunity
1202 applies.

1203 (g) The board may adopt [rules] regulations, in accordance with
1204 chapter 54, governing its administration and enforcement of sections
1205 20-279b to 20-281m, inclusive, and the conduct of licensees and
1206 registrants, including, but not limited to:

1207 (1) Regulations governing the board's meetings and the conduct of
1208 its business;

1209 (2) Regulations concerning procedures governing the conduct of
1210 investigations and hearings by the board;

1211 (3) Regulations specifying the educational qualifications required
1212 for the issuance of certificates under section 20-281c, the experience
1213 required for initial issuance of certificates under section 20-281c and
1214 the continuing professional education required for renewal of licenses
1215 under subsection (e) of section 20-281d;

1216 (4) Regulations concerning professional conduct directed to
1217 controlling the quality and probity of the practice of public
1218 accountancy by licensees, and dealing among other things with

1219 independence, integrity, objectivity, competence, technical standards,
1220 responsibilities to the public and responsibilities to clients;

1221 (5) Regulations specifying actions and circumstances that shall be
1222 deemed to constitute holding oneself out as a licensee in connection
1223 with the practice of public accountancy;

1224 (6) Regulations governing the manner and circumstances of use by
1225 holders of certificates who do not also hold licenses under sections 20-
1226 279b to 20-281m, inclusive, of the titles "certified public accountant"
1227 and "CPA";

1228 (7) Regulations regarding quality reviews that may be required to
1229 be performed under the provisions of sections 20-279b to 20-281m,
1230 inclusive;

1231 (8) Regulations implementing the provisions of section 20-281l,
1232 including, but not limited to, specifying the terms of any disclosure
1233 required by subsection (d) of said section 20-281l, the manner in which
1234 such disclosure is made and any other requirements the board imposes
1235 with regard to such disclosure. Such regulations shall require that any
1236 disclosure: (A) Be in writing and signed by the recipient of the product
1237 or service; (B) be clear and conspicuous; (C) state the amount of the
1238 commission or the basis on which the commission will be calculated;
1239 (D) identify the source of the payment of the commission and the
1240 relationship between such source and the person receiving payment;
1241 and (E) be presented to the client at or prior to the time the
1242 recommendation of the product or service is made;

1243 (9) Regulations establishing the due date for any fee charged
1244 pursuant to sections 20-281c, 20-281d and 20-281e. Such regulations
1245 may establish the amount and due date of a late fee charged for the
1246 failure to remit payment of any fee charged pursuant to sections 20-
1247 281c, 20-281d and 20-281e; and

1248 (10) Such other regulations as the board may deem necessary or

1249 appropriate for implementing the provisions and the purposes of
1250 sections 20-279b to 20-281m, inclusive.

1251 Sec. 26. Section 21a-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1252 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1253 The following boards shall be within the Department of Consumer
1254 Protection:

1255 (1) The Architectural Licensing Board established under chapter
1256 390;

1257 (2) Repealed by P.A. 93-151, S. 3, 4;

1258 (3) The examining boards for electrical work; plumbing and piping
1259 work; heating, piping, cooling and sheet metal work; elevator
1260 installation, repair and maintenance work; fire protection sprinkler
1261 systems work and automotive [glasswork] glass work and flat glass
1262 work established under chapter 393;

1263 (4) [The State Board of Television and Radio Service Examiners
1264 established under chapter 394] Repealed by P.A. 99-73, S. 10;

1265 (5) The Commission of Pharmacy established under chapter 400j;

1266 (6) The State Board of Landscape Architects established under
1267 chapter 396;

1268 (7) Deleted by P.A. 98-229;

1269 (8) The State Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and
1270 Land Surveyors established under chapter 391;

1271 (9) Repealed by P.A. 80-484, S. 175, 176;

1272 (10) The Connecticut Real Estate Commission established under
1273 chapter 392;

1274 (11) The Connecticut Real Estate Appraisal Commission established
1275 under chapter 400g;

1276 (12) The State Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters
1277 established under chapter 400l;

1278 (13) The Liquor Control Commission established under chapter 545;

1279 (14) Repealed by P.A. 06-187, S. 99, effective October 1, 2006;

1280 (15) The Home Inspection Licensing Board established under
1281 section 20-490a; and

1282 (16) The State Board of Accountancy established under section 20-
1283 280, as amended by this act.

1284 Sec. 27. Subsection (b) of section 38a-488a of the 2016 supplement to
1285 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1286 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1287 (b) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
1288 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section
1289 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued
1290 in this state shall provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of
1291 mental or nervous conditions. Benefits payable include, but need not
1292 be limited to:

1293 (1) General inpatient hospitalization, including in state-operated
1294 facilities;

1295 (2) Medically necessary acute treatment services and medically
1296 necessary clinical stabilization services;

1297 (3) General hospital outpatient services, including at state-operated
1298 facilities;

1299 (4) Psychiatric inpatient hospitalization, including in state-operated
1300 facilities;

1301 (5) Psychiatric outpatient hospital services, including at state-
1302 operated facilities;

1303 (6) Intensive outpatient services, including at state-operated
1304 facilities;

1305 (7) Partial hospitalization, including at state-operated facilities;

1306 [(8) Evidence-based maternal, infant and early childhood home
1307 visitation services, as described in Section 2951 of the Patient
1308 Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from
1309 time to time, that are designed to improve health outcomes for
1310 pregnant women, postpartum mothers and newborns and children,
1311 including, but not limited to, for maternal substance use disorders or
1312 depression and relationship-focused interventions for children with
1313 mental or nervous conditions or substance use disorders;]

1314 [(9)] (8) Intensive, home-based services designed to address specific
1315 mental or nervous conditions in a child;

1316 [(10)] (9) Evidence-based family-focused therapy that specializes in
1317 the treatment of juvenile substance use disorders;

1318 [(11)] (10) Short-term family therapy intervention;

1319 [(12)] (11) Nonhospital inpatient detoxification;

1320 [(13)] (12) Medically monitored detoxification;

1321 [(14)] (13) Ambulatory detoxification;

1322 [(15)] (14) Inpatient services at psychiatric residential treatment
1323 facilities;

1324 [(16)] (15) Rehabilitation services provided in residential treatment
1325 facilities, general hospitals, psychiatric hospitals or psychiatric
1326 facilities;

1327 [(17)] (16) Observation beds in acute hospital settings;

1328 [(18)] (17) Psychological and neuropsychological testing conducted
1329 by an appropriately licensed health care provider;

1330 [(19)] (18) Trauma screening conducted by a licensed behavioral
1331 health professional;

1332 [(20)] (19) Depression screening, including maternal depression
1333 screening, conducted by a licensed behavioral health professional; and

1334 [(21)] (20) Substance use screening conducted by a licensed
1335 behavioral health professional.

1336 Sec. 28. Subsection (b) of section 38a-514 of the 2016 supplement to
1337 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1338 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

1339 (b) Except as provided in subsection (j) of this section, each group
1340 health insurance policy, providing coverage of the type specified in
1341 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469, delivered,
1342 issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state shall
1343 provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of mental or nervous
1344 conditions. Benefits payable include, but need not be limited to:

1345 (1) General inpatient hospitalization, including in state-operated
1346 facilities;

1347 (2) Medically necessary acute treatment services and medically
1348 necessary clinical stabilization services;

1349 (3) General hospital outpatient services, including at state-operated
1350 facilities;

1351 (4) Psychiatric inpatient hospitalization, including in state-operated
1352 facilities;

1353 (5) Psychiatric outpatient hospital services, including at state-

1354 operated facilities;

1355 (6) Intensive outpatient services, including at state-operated
1356 facilities;

1357 (7) Partial hospitalization, including at state-operated facilities;

1358 [(8) Evidence-based maternal, infant and early childhood home
1359 visitation services, as described in Section 2951 of the Patient
1360 Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from
1361 time to time, that are designed to improve health outcomes for
1362 pregnant women, postpartum mothers and newborns and children,
1363 including, but not limited to, for maternal substance use disorders or
1364 depression and relationship-focused interventions for children with
1365 mental or nervous conditions or substance use disorders;]

1366 [(9)] (8) Intensive, home-based services designed to address specific
1367 mental or nervous conditions in a child;

1368 [(10)] (9) Evidence-based family-focused therapy that specializes in
1369 the treatment of juvenile substance use disorders;

1370 [(11)] (10) Short-term family therapy intervention;

1371 [(12)] (11) Nonhospital inpatient detoxification;

1372 [(13)] (12) Medically monitored detoxification;

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1375 facilities;

1376 [(16)] (15) Rehabilitation services provided in residential treatment
1377 facilities, general hospitals, psychiatric hospitals or psychiatric
1378 facilities;

1379 [(17)] (16) Observation beds in acute hospital settings;

1380 [(18)] ~~(17)~~ Psychological and neuropsychological testing conducted
1381 by an appropriately licensed health care provider;

1382 [(19)] ~~(18)~~ Trauma screening conducted by a licensed behavioral
1383 health professional;

1384 [(20)] ~~(19)~~ Depression screening, including maternal depression
1385 screening, conducted by a licensed behavioral health professional; and

1386 [(21)] ~~(20)~~ Substance use screening conducted by a licensed
1387 behavioral health professional.

1388 Sec. 29. Section 4-71 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1389 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

1390 Not later than the first session day following the third day of
1391 February in each odd-numbered year, the Governor shall transmit to
1392 the General Assembly a budget document setting forth his financial
1393 program for the ensuing biennium with a separate budget for each of
1394 the two fiscal years and having the character and scope hereinafter set
1395 forth, and a report which sets forth estimated revenues and
1396 expenditures for the three fiscal years next ensuing the biennium to
1397 which the budget document relates. If the Governor has been elected
1398 or succeeded to the office of Governor since the submission of the last-
1399 preceding budget document, he shall transmit such document and
1400 report to the General Assembly not later than the first session day
1401 following the fourteenth day of February. In the even-numbered years,
1402 on the day on which the General Assembly first convenes, the
1403 Governor shall transmit a report on the status of the budget enacted in
1404 the previous year with any recommendations for adjustments and
1405 revisions, and a report, with revisions, if any, which sets forth
1406 estimated revenues and expenditures for the three fiscal years next
1407 ensuing the biennium in progress. The budget document shall consist
1408 of four parts, the nature and contents of which are set forth in sections
1409 4-72, 4-73, 4-74 and 4-74a and shall be accompanied by the statement of
1410 grants to towns compiled pursuant to the provisions of section 4-71a.

1411 [and by the computation of the cost of an indexed increase in
 1412 assistance payments made pursuant to section 4-71c.] The report which
 1413 sets forth estimated revenues and expenditures for the three fiscal
 1414 years next ensuing the biennium shall contain, for each such year,
 1415 estimated revenues, itemized by major source, and estimated
 1416 expenditures for each budgeted agency for personal services, other
 1417 expenses, other current expenses, equipment, payments to local
 1418 governments, and other than payments to local governments. Such
 1419 report transmitted in the even-numbered years shall contain the
 1420 assumptions on which the estimated revenues and expenditures for
 1421 the fiscal year next ensuing are based and shall set forth estimated
 1422 revenues and expenditures in the same detail contained in the budget
 1423 document.

1424 Sec. 30. Sections 7-127d to 7-127g, inclusive, of the general statutes
 1425 are repealed. *(Effective from passage)*

1426 Sec. 31. Sections 44 and 46 of public act 15-5 of the June special
 1427 session are repealed. *(Effective from passage)*

1428 Sec. 32. Sections 4-71c, 4-85d, 4-95b, 10a-19g and 10a-19h of the
 1429 general statutes are repealed. *(Effective July 1, 2016)*

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	12-18b(d)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10-76d(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10-76d(d)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10-76b(d)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-221b
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10-66j
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	8-71
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	31-98
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-277a
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	1-300
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	1-301(a)

Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	46a-52
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	4a-60g(a)(14) and (15)
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	4a-60g(b)(3) and (4)
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	4a-60h(b)
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	46a-68b
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	12-129d
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	12-170f(a)
Sec. 21	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	12-19a(a)
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	46a-68
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	16-2a
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	20-280
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	21a-6
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	38a-488a(b)
Sec. 28	<i>from passage</i>	38a-514(b)
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	4-71
Sec. 30	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 31	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section
Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]