



General Assembly

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 Section 8-71 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

3 (a) In lieu of real property taxes, special benefit assessments and
4 sewerage system use charges otherwise payable to such municipality,
5 except in such municipalities as, by special act or charter, on May 20,
6 1957, had a sewer use charge, an authority shall pay each year to the
7 municipality in which any of its moderate rental housing projects are
8 located a sum to be determined by the municipality, with the approval
9 of the Commissioner of Housing, not in excess of twelve and one-half
10 per cent of the shelter rent per annum for each occupied dwelling unit
11 in any such housing project; except that the amount of such payment
12 shall not be so limited in any case where funds are made available for
13 such payment by an agency or department of the United States
14 government, but no payment shall exceed the amount of taxes which
15 would be paid on the property were the property not exempt from
16 taxation.

17 (b) For the period commencing on the effective date of this section
18 and ending June 30, 2017, each municipality that received a grant-in-

19 aid pursuant to section 8-216 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015,
20 shall waive any payment that becomes payable during such period
21 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, except that no waiver shall be
22 required in any case where funds are made available for such payment
23 by an agency or department of the United States government.

24 Sec. 2. Section 31-98 of the general statutes is repealed and the
25 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

26 (a) The panel, or its single member if sitting in accordance with
27 section 31-93, may, in its discretion and with the consent of the parties,
28 issue an oral decision immediately upon conclusion of the
29 proceedings. If the decision is to be in writing, it shall be signed, within
30 fifteen days, by a majority of the members of the panel or by the single
31 member so sitting, and the decision shall state such details as will
32 clearly show the nature of the decision and the points disposed of by
33 the panel. Where the decision is in writing, one copy thereof shall be
34 filed by the panel in the office of the town clerk in the town where the
35 controversy arose and one copy shall be given to each of the parties to
36 the controversy. The panel or single member which has rendered an
37 oral decision immediately upon conclusion of the proceedings shall
38 submit a written copy of the decision to each party within fifteen days
39 from the issuance of such oral decision. In all cases where a decision is
40 rendered orally from the bench, the secretary shall cause such oral
41 decision to be transcribed, approved by the panel or single member as
42 applicable and filed with the records of the board proceedings.

43 (b) Upon the conclusion of the proceedings, each member of the
44 panel shall receive [one hundred seventy-five dollars, and on and after
45 July 1, 2006, two] three hundred twenty-five dollars and a panel
46 member who prepares a written decision shall receive an additional
47 [one hundred twenty-five dollars, and on and after July 1, 2006,] one
48 hundred seventy-five dollars, or the single member, if sitting in
49 accordance with section 31-93, shall receive [two hundred seventy-five
50 dollars, and on and after July 1, 2006,] three hundred twenty-five
51 dollars, provided if the proceedings extend beyond one day, each

52 member shall receive [one hundred dollars, and on and after July 1,
53 2006,] one hundred fifty dollars for each additional day beyond the
54 first day, and provided further no proceeding may be extended
55 beyond two days without the prior approval of the Labor
56 Commissioner for each such additional day.

57 (c) Upon the conclusion of an executive panel session, each member
58 of such panel shall receive [one hundred dollars, and on and after July
59 1, 2006,] one hundred fifty dollars.

60 Sec. 3. Section 17b-277a of the general statutes is repealed and the
61 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

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

67 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 12-170f of the general statutes is
68 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
69 *1, 2016*):

70 (a) Any renter, believing himself or herself to be entitled to a grant
71 under section 12-170d for any calendar year, shall apply for such grant
72 to the assessor of the municipality in which the renter resides or to the
73 duly authorized agent of such assessor or municipality on or after
74 April first and not later than October first of each year with respect to
75 such grant for the calendar year preceding each such year, on a form
76 prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
77 Management to the assessor. A renter may apply to the secretary prior
78 to December fifteenth of the claim year for an extension of the
79 application period. The secretary may grant such extension in the case
80 of extenuating circumstance due to illness or incapacitation as
81 evidenced by a certificate signed by a physician or an advanced
82 practice registered nurse to that extent, or if the secretary determines

83 there is good cause for doing so. A renter making such application
84 shall present to such assessor or agent, in substantiation of the renter's
85 application, a copy of the renter's federal income tax return, and if not
86 required to file a federal income tax return, such other evidence of
87 qualifying income, receipts for money received, or cancelled checks, or
88 copies thereof, and any other evidence the assessor or such agent may
89 require. When the assessor or agent is satisfied that the applying renter
90 is entitled to a grant, such assessor or agent shall issue a certificate of
91 grant, in triplicate, in such form as the secretary may prescribe and
92 supply showing the amount of the grant due. The assessor or agent
93 shall forward the original copy and attached application to the
94 secretary not later than the last day of the month following the month
95 in which the renter has made application. Any municipality that
96 neglects to transmit to the secretary the claim and supporting
97 applications as required by this section shall forfeit two hundred fifty
98 dollars to the state, provided the secretary may waive such forfeiture
99 in accordance with procedures and standards adopted by regulation in
100 accordance with chapter 54. A duplicate of such certificate with a copy
101 of the application attached shall be delivered to the renter and the
102 assessor or agent shall keep the third copy of such certificate and a
103 copy of the application. After the secretary's review of each claim,
104 pursuant to section 12-120b, and verification of the amount of the
105 grant, the secretary shall make a determination of any per cent
106 reduction to all claims that will be necessary to keep within available
107 appropriations and, not later than September thirtieth of each year
108 prepare a list of certificates approved for payment, and shall thereafter
109 supplement such list monthly. Such list and any supplements thereto
110 shall be approved for payment by the secretary and shall be forwarded
111 by the secretary to the Comptroller, along with a notice of any
112 necessary per cent reduction in claim amounts, not later than one
113 hundred twenty days after receipt of such applications and certificates
114 of grant from the assessor or agent, and the Comptroller shall draw an
115 order on the Treasurer, not later than fifteen days following, in favor of
116 each person on such list and on supplements to such list in the amount
117 of such person's claim, minus any per cent reduction noticed by the

118 secretary pursuant to this subsection, and the Treasurer shall pay such
119 amount to such person, not later than fifteen days following. If the
120 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management determines a renter
121 was overpaid for such grant, the amount of any subsequent grant paid
122 to the renter under section 12-170d after such determination shall be
123 reduced by the amount of overpayment until the overpayment has
124 been recouped. Any claimant aggrieved by the results of the
125 secretary's review or determination shall have the rights of appeal as
126 set forth in section 12-120b. Applications filed under this section shall
127 not be open for public inspection. Any person who, for the purpose of
128 obtaining a grant under section 12-170d, wilfully fails to disclose all
129 matters related thereto or with intent to defraud makes false statement
130 shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

131 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 12-19a of the 2016 supplement to the
132 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
133 thereof (*Effective January 1, 2015*):

134 (a) Until the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, on or before
135 January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
136 Management shall determine the amount due, as a state grant in lieu of
137 taxes, to each town in this state wherein state-owned real property,
138 reservation land held in trust by the state for an Indian tribe, [or] a
139 municipally owned airport, or any airport owned by the Connecticut
140 Airport Authority, other than Bradley International Airport, except
141 that which was acquired and used for highways and bridges, but not
142 excepting property acquired and used for highway administration or
143 maintenance purposes, is located. The grant payable to any town
144 under the provisions of this section in the state fiscal year commencing
145 July 1, 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be equal to the total of
146 (1) (A) one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have
147 been paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner
148 of Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a
149 correctional facility administered under the auspices of the
150 Department of Correction or a juvenile detention center under

151 direction of the Department of Children and Families that was used for
152 incarcerative purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list
153 containing the name and location of such designated facilities and
154 information concerning their use for purposes of incarceration during
155 the preceding fiscal year is not available from the Secretary of the State
156 on the first day of August of any year, said commissioner shall, on said
157 first day of August, certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
158 Management a list containing such information, (B) one hundred per
159 cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to
160 that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital located at The University of
161 Connecticut Health Center in Farmington that is used as a permanent
162 medical ward for prisoners under the custody of the Department of
163 Correction. Nothing in this section shall be construed as designating
164 any portion of The University of Connecticut Health Center John
165 Dempsey Hospital as a correctional facility, and (C) in the state fiscal
166 year commencing July 1, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, one
167 hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid
168 on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement boundary and
169 taken into trust by the federal government for the Mashantucket
170 Pequot Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999, (2) subject to the
171 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, sixty-five per cent of the
172 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to the
173 buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut Valley Hospital in
174 Middletown. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning
175 July 1, 2000, and continuing each year thereafter, (3) notwithstanding
176 the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, with respect to
177 any town in which more than fifty per cent of the property is state-
178 owned real property, one hundred per cent of the property taxes
179 which would have been paid with respect to such state-owned
180 property. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year beginning
181 July 1, 1997, and continuing each year thereafter, (4) subject to the
182 provisions of subsection (c) of this section, forty-five per cent of the
183 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to all other
184 state-owned real property, (5) forty-five per cent of the property taxes
185 which would have been paid with respect to all municipally owned

186 airports [;] or any airport owned by the Connecticut Airport Authority,
187 other than Bradley International Airport, except for the exemption
188 applicable to such property, on the assessment list in such town for the
189 assessment date two years prior to the commencement of the state
190 fiscal year in which such grant is payable. The grant provided
191 pursuant to this section for any municipally owned airport or any
192 airport owned by the Connecticut Airport Authority, other than
193 Bradley International Airport, shall be paid to any municipality in
194 which the airport is located, except that the grant applicable to
195 Sikorsky Airport shall be paid half to the town of Stratford and half to
196 the city of Bridgeport, and (6) forty-five per cent of the property taxes
197 which would have been paid with respect to any land designated
198 within the 1983 Settlement boundary and taken into trust by the
199 federal government for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation prior
200 to June 8, 1999, or taken into trust by the federal government for the
201 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, provided (A) the real
202 property subject to this subdivision shall be the land only, and shall
203 not include the assessed value of any structures, buildings or other
204 improvements on such land, and (B) said forty-five per cent grant shall
205 be phased in as follows: (i) In the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012,
206 an amount equal to ten per cent of said forty-five per cent grant, (ii) in
207 the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013, thirty-five per cent of said
208 forty-five per cent grant, (iii) in the fiscal year commencing July 1,
209 2014, sixty per cent of said forty-five per cent grant, (iv) in the fiscal
210 year commencing July 1, 2015, eighty-five per cent of said forty-five
211 per cent grant, and (v) in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016, one
212 hundred per cent of said forty-five per cent grant.

213 Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 38a-488a of the 2016 supplement to
214 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
215 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

216 (b) Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of
217 the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section
218 38a-469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued

219 in this state shall provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of
220 mental or nervous conditions. Benefits payable include, but need not
221 be limited to:

222 (1) General inpatient hospitalization, including in state-operated
223 facilities;

224 (2) Medically necessary acute treatment services and medically
225 necessary clinical stabilization services;

226 (3) General hospital outpatient services, including at state-operated
227 facilities;

228 (4) Psychiatric inpatient hospitalization, including in state-operated
229 facilities;

230 (5) Psychiatric outpatient hospital services, including at state-
231 operated facilities;

232 (6) Intensive outpatient services, including at state-operated
233 facilities;

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

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

243 [(9)] (8) Intensive, home-based services designed to address specific
244 mental or nervous conditions in a child;

245 [(10)] (9) Evidence-based family-focused therapy that specializes in
246 the treatment of juvenile substance use disorders;

- 247 [(11)] (10) Short-term family therapy intervention;
- 248 [(12)] (11) Nonhospital inpatient detoxification;
- 249 [(13)] (12) Medically monitored detoxification;
- 250 [(14)] (13) Ambulatory detoxification;
- 251 [(15)] (14) Inpatient services at psychiatric residential treatment
252 facilities;
- 253 [(16)] (15) Rehabilitation services provided in residential treatment
254 facilities, general hospitals, psychiatric hospitals or psychiatric
255 facilities;
- 256 [(17)] (16) Observation beds in acute hospital settings;
- 257 [(18)] (17) Psychological and neuropsychological testing conducted
258 by an appropriately licensed health care provider;
- 259 [(19)] (18) Trauma screening conducted by a licensed behavioral
260 health professional;
- 261 [(20)] (19) Depression screening, including maternal depression
262 screening, conducted by a licensed behavioral health professional; and
- 263 [(21)] (20) Substance use screening conducted by a licensed
264 behavioral health professional.

265 Sec. 7. Subsection (b) of section 38a-514 of the 2016 supplement to
266 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
267 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

268 (b) Except as provided in subsection (j) of this section, each group
269 health insurance policy, providing coverage of the type specified in
270 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469, delivered,
271 issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this state shall
272 provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of mental or nervous

273 conditions. Benefits payable include, but need not be limited to:

274 (1) General inpatient hospitalization, including in state-operated
275 facilities;

276 (2) Medically necessary acute treatment services and medically
277 necessary clinical stabilization services;

278 (3) General hospital outpatient services, including at state-operated
279 facilities;

280 (4) Psychiatric inpatient hospitalization, including in state-operated
281 facilities;

282 (5) Psychiatric outpatient hospital services, including at state-
283 operated facilities;

284 (6) Intensive outpatient services, including at state-operated
285 facilities;

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

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

295 [(9)] (8) Intensive, home-based services designed to address specific
296 mental or nervous conditions in a child;

297 [(10)] (9) Evidence-based family-focused therapy that specializes in
298 the treatment of juvenile substance use disorders;

299 [(11)] (10) Short-term family therapy intervention;

- 300 [(12)] (11) Nonhospital inpatient detoxification;
- 301 [(13)] (12) Medically monitored detoxification;
- 302 [(14)] (13) Ambulatory detoxification;
- 303 [(15)] (14) Inpatient services at psychiatric residential treatment
304 facilities;
- 305 [(16)] (15) Rehabilitation services provided in residential treatment
306 facilities, general hospitals, psychiatric hospitals or psychiatric
307 facilities;
- 308 [(17)] (16) Observation beds in acute hospital settings;
- 309 [(18)] (17) Psychological and neuropsychological testing conducted
310 by an appropriately licensed health care provider;
- 311 [(19)] (18) Trauma screening conducted by a licensed behavioral
312 health professional;
- 313 [(20)] (19) Depression screening, including maternal depression
314 screening, conducted by a licensed behavioral health professional; and
- 315 [(21)] (20) Substance use screening conducted by a licensed
316 behavioral health professional.
- 317 Sec. 8. Sections 44 and 46 of public act 15-5 of the June special
318 session are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	8-71
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	31-98
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	17b-277a
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	12-170f(a)
Sec. 5	<i>January 1, 2015</i>	12-19a(a)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	38a-488a(b)

Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	38a-514(b)
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*